

HR 4357

DHS Reform Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability. (Jul 7, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 7, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 6, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 6, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 408	Related bill	Dec 5, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 584.
117 HR 6871	Related bill	May 18, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Jul 6, 2021)

Department of Homeland Security Reform Act of 2021 or the DHS Reform Act of 2021

This bill makes extensive changes to the structure of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and to the responsibilities of DHS components.

Specifically, the bill, among other things

- creates a new Associate Secretary responsible for overseeing DHS's law enforcement functions;
- modifies the responsibilities of the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, including to require engagement with individuals and communities whose civil rights and liberties may be affected by DHS programs and activities;
- establishes within DHS's Office of Intelligence and Analysis an analytic unit to serve as a focal point for intelligence and analysis of domestic terrorism threats;
- directs DHS to establish an employee engagement steering committee to identify factors that have a negative impact on employee engagement, morale, and communications within DHS;
- establishes within DHS a school security coordinating council;
- directs DHS to develop and disseminate a strategy with respect to biometric technology and identity management enterprise pilot programs and programs;
- requires DHS to develop, disseminate, and implement a DHS-wide directive to update or replace the strategic framework relating to countering terrorism and targeted violence;
- requires that DHS's use-of-force policy be updated to emphasize de-escalation; and
- requires DHS to issue a DHS-wide strategy to enhance partnerships with historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutes that includes yearly goals.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 7, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- Jul 6, 2021: Introduced in House
- Jul 6, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- Jul 6, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- Jul 6, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.