

HR 1374

Securing the Cities Improvement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 11, 2025 |
| Homeland Security Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 14, 2025 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Securing the Cities Improvement Act

This bill makes changes to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office's (CWMD's) Securing the Cities program, which seeks to detect nuclear or radiological materials to prevent terrorist attacks and other events posing a risk to cities in the United States.

Specifically, the bill requires the CWMD to establish performance metrics and milestones for the program and to track performance against them.

Also, under current law, in carrying out the Securing the Cities program, the CWMD may only partner with cities that are *high-risk urban areas*, which are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency under a different program. Instead, the bill requires the CWMD to designate the jurisdictions it may partner with for the program, and the designations must be based on the capability and capacity of the jurisdiction relating to preparedness and response, as well as the relative threat to, vulnerability of, and consequences for, such jurisdiction regarding terrorist attacks and other high-consequence events utilizing nuclear or radiological materials.

Additionally, within two years of enactment of the bill, the CWMD must submit a report to Congress regarding participation in the Securing the Cities program, the establishment of metrics and milestones, performance against such metrics and milestones, and plans for any changes to the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 11, 2025:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Mar 10, 2025:** Mr. Green (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 10, 2025:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1056-1057)
- **Mar 10, 2025:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1374.
- **Mar 10, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1056)
- **Mar 10, 2025:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1056)
- **Mar 10, 2025:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 14, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2025:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology.
- **Feb 14, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

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