

Union Calendar No. 52

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1372

[Report No. 115–92, Part I]

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2017

Mr. PAYNE (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on 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

APRIL 24, 2017

Additional sponsor: Mr. DONOVAN

APRIL 24, 2017

Reported from the Committee on Homeland Security with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

APRIL 24, 2017

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 6, 2017]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Homeland Security for*
5 *Children Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR**
7 **STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PLANS.**

8 *Paragraph (6) of section 709(c) of the Homeland Secu-*
9 *rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 349(c)) is amended by inserting*
10 *“, including feedback from organizations representing the*
11 *needs of children,” after “stakeholder feedback”.*

12 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL EXPERT AUTHORIZED.**

13 *Paragraph (2) of section 503(b) of the Homeland Secu-*
14 *rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 313(b)) is amended—*

15 *(1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “and” at*
16 *the end;*

17 *(2) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period*
18 *at the end and inserting “; and”; and*

19 *(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-*
20 *paragraph:*

21 *“(I) identify and integrate the needs of chil-*
22 *dren into activities to prepare for, protect*
23 *against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate*
24 *against the risk of natural disasters, acts of ter-*
25 *rorism, and other manmade disasters, including*

1 *catastrophic incidents, including by appointing*
2 *a technical expert, who may consult with rel-*
3 *evant outside organizations and experts, as nec-*
4 *essary, to coordinate such integration, as nec-*
5 *essary.”.*

6 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

7 *Not later than one year after the date of the enactment*
8 *of this Act and annually thereafter for five years, the Under*
9 *Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans of the Depart-*
10 *ment of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee*
11 *on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and*
12 *the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental*
13 *Affairs of the Senate a report describing the efforts the De-*
14 *partment has undertaken to review and incorporate feed-*
15 *back from organizations representing the needs of children*
16 *into Department policy in accordance with paragraph (6)*
17 *of section 709(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (as*
18 *added by section 2 of this Act), including information on*
19 *the following:*

20 (1) *The designation of any individual respon-*
21 *sible for carrying out such paragraph (6).*

22 (2) *Any review, formal or informal, of Depart-*
23 *ment policies, programs, or activities to assess the*
24 *suitability of such policies, programs, or activities for*
25 *children and where feedback from organizations rep-*

1 *resenting the needs of children should be reviewed and*
2 *incorporated.*

3 *(3) Any review, change, modification, or promul-*
4 *gation of Department policies, programs, or activities*
5 *to ensure that such policies, programs, or activities*
6 *are appropriate for children.*

7 *(4) Coordination with organizations or experts*
8 *outside the Department pursuant to such paragraph*
9 *(6) conducted to inform any such review, change,*
10 *modification, or promulgation of such policies, pro-*
11 *grams, or activities.*

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