

115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 1372

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

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
- 5 for Children Act".

1	SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR
2	STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PLANS.
3	Subsection (c) of section 709 of the Homeland Secu-
4	rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 349) is amended—
5	(1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
6	(7) as paragraphs (5) through (8), respectively; and
7	(2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
8	lowing new paragraph:
9	"(4) lead, conduct, and coordinate Department-
10	wide identification and integration of the needs of
11	children into the Department's policies, programs,
12	and activities, in coordination with relevant outside
13	organizations and experts, as necessary.".
14	SEC. 3. TECHNICAL EXPERT AUTHORIZED.
15	Paragraph (2) of section 503(b) of the Homeland Se-
16	curity Act (6 U.S.C. 313(b)) is amended—
17	(1) in subparagraph (G), by striking "and" at
18	the end;
19	(2) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period
20	at the end and inserting "; and; and
21	(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22	paragraph:
23	"(I) identify and integrate the needs of
24	shildren into activities to manage for protect
	children into activities to prepare for, protect
25	against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate

rorism, and other manmade disasters, including
catastrophic incidents, including by appointing
a technical expert, who may consult with relevant outside organizations and experts, as necessary, to coordinate such integration, as necessary.".

7 SEC. 4. REPORT.

8 Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter for five years, 10 the Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans of the Department of Homeland Security shall submit to the 12 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report describ-14 15 ing the efforts the Department has undertaken to identify and integrate the needs of children into the Department's 16 17 policies, programs, and activities in accordance with paragraph (4) of section 709(c) of the Homeland Security Act 18 of 2002 (as added by section 2 of this Act), including in-19 formation on the following: 20

- 21 (1) The designation of any individual respon-22 sible for carrying out such paragraph (4).
- 23 (2) Any review, formal or informal, of any poli-24 cies, programs, or activities of the Department

- under such paragraph (4) to assess the suitability of
 such policies, programs, or activities for children.
 - (3) Any such review, change, modification, or promulgation of any such policies, programs, or activities to ensure that such policies, programs, or activities are appropriate for children.
 - (4) Coordination with organizations or experts outside the Department pursuant to such paragraph (4) conducted to inform any such review, change, modification, or promulgation of such policies, programs, or activities.

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