

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1372

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## AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Homeland Security  
3 for Children Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR**  
5 **STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PLANS.**

6 Paragraph (6) of section 709(c) of the Homeland Se-  
7 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 349(c)) is amended by insert-  
8 ing “, including feedback from organizations representing  
9 the needs of children,” after “stakeholder feedback”.

10 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL EXPERT AUTHORIZED.**

11 Paragraph (2) of section 503(b) of the Homeland Se-  
12 curity Act (6 U.S.C. 313(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “and” at  
14 the end;

15 (2) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period  
16 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 paragraph:

19 “(I) identify and integrate the needs of  
20 children into activities to prepare for, protect  
21 against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate  
22 against the risk of natural disasters, acts of ter-  
23 rorism, and other manmade disasters, including  
24 catastrophic incidents, including by appointing  
25 a technical expert, who may consult with rel-  
26 evant outside organizations and experts, as nec-

1           essary, to coordinate such integration, as nec-  
2           essary.”.

3 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

4       Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
5       ment of this Act and annually thereafter for five years,  
6       the Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans of the  
7       Department of Homeland Security shall submit to the  
8       Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-  
9       resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security  
10      and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report describ-  
11      ing the efforts the Department has undertaken to review  
12      and incorporate feedback from organizations representing  
13      the needs of children into Department policy in accordance  
14      with paragraph (6) of section 709(c) of the Homeland Se-  
15      curity Act of 2002 (as added by section 2 of this Act),  
16      including information on the following:

17           (1) The designation of any individual respon-  
18           sible for carrying out such paragraph (6).

19           (2) Any review, formal or informal, of Depart-  
20           ment policies, programs, or activities to assess the  
21           suitability of such policies, programs, or activities  
22           for children and where feedback from organizations  
23           representing the needs of children should be re-  
24           viewed and incorporated.

1           (3) Any review, change, modification, or pro-  
2           mulgation of Department policies, programs, or ac-  
3           tivities to ensure that such policies, programs, or ac-  
4           tivities are appropriate for children.

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

Passed the House of Representatives April 25, 2017.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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