

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 3493, With an
Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a
new text)**

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3493

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

Mr. DONOVAN (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Securing the Cities
3 Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XIX of the Homeland Secu-
6 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 591 et seq.) is amended by
7 adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 1908. SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM.**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director for Domestic
10 Nuclear Detection shall establish the ‘Securing the Cities’
11 (‘STC’) program to enhance the ability of the United
12 States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other
13 high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radio-
14 logical materials that pose a high risk to homeland secu-
15 rity in high-risk urban areas. Through such program the
16 Director shall—

17 “(1) assist State, local, tribal, and territorial
18 governments in designing and implementing, or en-
19 hancing existing, architectures for coordinated and
20 integrated detection and interdiction of nuclear or
21 other radiological materials that are out of regu-
22 latory control;

23 “(2) support the development of a region-wide
24 operating capability to detect and report on nuclear
25 and other radioactive materials out of operational
26 control;

1 “(3) provide resources to enhance detection,
2 analysis, communication, and coordination to better
3 integrate State, local, tribal, and territorial assets
4 into Federal operations;

5 “(4) facilitate alarm adjudication and provide
6 subject matter expertise and technical assistance on
7 concepts of operations, training, exercises, and alarm
8 response protocols;

9 “(5) communicate with, and promote sharing of
10 information about the presence or detection of nu-
11 clear or other radiological materials among appro-
12 priate Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial
13 governments, in a manner that ensures transparency
14 with the jurisdictions served by such program; and

15 “(6) provide any other assistance the Director
16 determines appropriate.

17 “(b) DESIGNATION OF JURISDICTIONS.—In carrying
18 out the program under subsection (a), the Director shall
19 designate jurisdictions from among high-risk urban areas
20 under section 2003, and other cities and regions, as appro-
21 priate.

22 “(c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The Director
23 shall notify the Committee on Homeland Security and the
24 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
25 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-

1 ernmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations
2 of the Senate not later than three days before the designa-
3 tion of new jurisdictions under subsection (b) or other
4 changes to participating jurisdictions.

5 “(d) GAO REPORT.—Not later than one year after
6 the date of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller
7 General of the United States shall submit to the congres-
8 sional committees specified in subsection (c) an assess-
9 ment, including an evaluation of the effectiveness, of the
10 STC program under this section.

11 “(e) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—No
12 funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
13 section. This section shall be carried out using amounts
14 otherwise appropriated or made available for such pur-
15 pose.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
17 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
18 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
19 1907 the following new item:

“Sec. 1908. Securing the Cities program.”.

20 **SEC. 3. MODEL EXERCISES.**

21 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act, the Director for Domestic Nuclear De-
23 tection of the Department of Homeland Security shall re-
24 port to the Committee on Homeland Security and the
25 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-

1 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
2 ernmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations
3 of the Senate on the feasibility of the Director developing
4 model exercises to test the preparedness of jurisdictions
5 participating in the Securing the Cities program under
6 section 1908 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (as
7 added by section 2 of this Act) in meeting the challenges
8 that may be posed by a range of nuclear and radiological
9 threats.