

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 3503, With an
Amendment**

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new text)**

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3503

To require an assessment of fusion center personnel needs, and for other
purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. KING of New York, Mr.
LOUDERMILK, and Mr. BARLETTA) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Home-
5 land Security Support to Fusion Centers Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. FUSION CENTER PERSONNEL NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**

2 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
4 States shall conduct an assessment of Department of
5 Homeland Security personnel assigned to fusion centers
6 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 210A of the Home-
7 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h), including an
8 assessment of whether deploying additional Department
9 personnel to such fusion centers would enhance the De-
10 partment's mission under section 101(b) of such Act and
11 the National Network of Fusion Centers. The assessment
12 required under this subsection shall include the following:

13 (1) Information on the current deployment of
14 the Department's personnel to each fusion center.

15 (2) Information on the roles and responsibilities
16 of the Department's Office of Intelligence and Anal-
17 ysis' intelligence officers, intelligence analysts, senior
18 reports officers, reports officers, and regional direc-
19 tors deployed to fusion centers.

20 (3) Information on Federal resources, in addi-
21 tion to personnel, provided to each fusion center.

22 (4) An analysis of the optimal number of per-
23 sonnel the Office of Intelligence and Analysis should
24 deploy to fusion centers, including a cost-benefit
25 analysis comparing deployed personnel with techno-
26 logical solutions to support information sharing.

1 (5) An assessment of fusion centers located in
2 jurisdictions along land and maritime borders of the
3 United States, and the degree to which deploying
4 personnel, as appropriate, from the U.S. Customs
5 and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs
6 Enforcement, and the Coast Guard to such fu-
7 sion centers would enhance the integrity and secu-
8 rity at such borders by helping Federal, State, local,
9 and tribal law enforcement authorities to identify,
10 investigate, and interdict persons, weapons, and re-
11 lated contraband that pose a threat to homeland se-
12 curity.

13 (6) An assessment of fusion centers located in
14 jurisdictions with large and medium hub airports,
15 and the degree to which deploying, as appropriate,
16 personnel from the Transportation Security Admin-
17 istration to such fusion centers would enhance the
18 integrity and security of aviation security.

19 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM FOR STATE AND LOCAL ANALYST CLEAR-**
20 **ANCES.**

21 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
22 gress that any program established by the Under Sec-
23 retary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of
24 Homeland Security to provide eligibility for access to in-
25 formation classified as Top Secret for State and local ana-

1 lysts located in fusion centers shall be consistent with the
2 need to know requirements pursuant to Executive Order
3 13526 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note).

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Intel-
6 ligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Se-
7 curity, in consultation with the Director of National Intel-
8 ligence, shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-
9 rity and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
10 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
11 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Se-
12 lect Committee on Intelligence of the Senate a report on
13 the following:

14 (1) The process by which the Under Secretary
15 of Intelligence and Analysis determines a need to
16 know pursuant to Executive Order 13526 to sponsor
17 Top Secret clearances for appropriate State and
18 local analysts located in fusion centers.

19 (2) The effects of such Top Secret clearances
20 on enhancing information sharing with State, local,
21 tribal, and territorial partners.

22 (3) The cost for providing such Top Secret
23 clearances for State and local analysts located in fu-
24 sion centers, including training and background in-
25 vestigations.

1 (4) The operational security protocols, training,
2 management, and risks associated with providing
3 such Top Secret clearances for State and local ana-
4 lysts located in fusion centers.

5 **SEC. 4. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT.**

6 The Under Secretary of Intelligence and Analysis of
7 the Department of Homeland Security, in collaboration
8 with the Chief Information Officer of the Department and
9 representatives from the National Network of Fusion Cen-
10 ters, shall conduct an assessment of information systems
11 (as such term is defined in section 3502 of title 44, United
12 States Code) used to share homeland security information
13 between the Department and fusion centers in the Na-
14 tional Network of Fusion Centers and make upgrades to
15 such systems, as appropriate. Such assessment shall in-
16 clude the following:

17 (1) An evaluation of the accessibility and ease
18 of use of such systems by fusion centers in the Na-
19 tional Network of Fusion Centers.

20 (2) A review to determine how to establish im-
21 proved interoperability of departmental information
22 systems with existing information systems used by
23 fusion centers in the National Network of Fusion
24 Centers.

1 (3) An evaluation of participation levels of de-
2 partmental components and offices of information
3 systems used to share homeland security information
4 with fusion centers in the National Network of Fu-
5 sion Centers.

6 **SEC. 5. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

7 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Intelligence and
9 Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security shall
10 enter into a memorandum of understanding with each fu-
11 sion center in the National Network of Fusion Centers re-
12 garding the type of information fusion centers will provide
13 to the Department and whether such information may be
14 subject to public disclosure.

15 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this Act:

17 (1) **FUSION CENTER.**—The term “fusion cen-
18 ter” has the meaning given such term in subsection
19 (j) of section 210A of the Homeland Security Act of
20 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124h).

21 (2) **NATIONAL NETWORK OF FUSION CEN-**
22 **TERS.**—The term “National Network of Fusion Cen-
23 ters” means a decentralized arrangement of fusion
24 centers intended to enhance individual State and
25 urban area fusion centers’ ability to leverage the ca-

1 pabilities and expertise of all such fusion centers for
2 the purpose of enhancing analysis and homeland se-
3 curity information sharing nationally.