

# Union Calendar No. 259

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4403

**[Report No. 118–320]**

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Additional sponsor: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 “Securing the Cities  
5 Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STC PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY, METRICS, AND CON-**  
7 **GRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.**

8       Section 1928 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
9 (6 U.S.C. 596b) is amended—

10           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “high-risk  
11 urban areas” and inserting “jurisdictions designated  
12 under subsection (c)”;

13           (2) by amending paragraph (7) of subsection  
14 (b) to read as follows:

15           “(7) establish performance metrics and mile-  
16 stones for the STC program, monitor expenditures  
17 for the program, and track the performance against  
18 program metrics and milestones; and”;

19           (3) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “from  
20 among high-risk urban areas under section 2003”  
21 and inserting “based on the capability and capacity  
22 of the jurisdiction relating to preparedness and re-  
23 sponse, as well as the relative threat to such juris-  
24 diction, vulnerability of such jurisdiction, and con-  
25 sequences for such jurisdiction, regarding terrorist

1 attacks and other high-consequence events utilizing  
2 nuclear or other radiological materials”; and

3 (4) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
4 lows:

5 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the  
6 date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary  
7 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of  
8 the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
9 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-  
10 ate a report regarding participation in the STC program,  
11 the establishment of metrics and milestones for the STC  
12 program, performance against such metrics and mile-  
13 stones, and plans for any changes to the STC program.”.



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