

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1372
OFFERED BY MR. PAYNE OF NEW JERSEY**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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:

1 “(I) identify and integrate the needs of
2 children into activities to prepare for, protect
3 against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate
4 against the risk of natural disasters, acts of ter-
5 rorism, and other manmade disasters, including
6 catastrophic incidents, including by appointing
7 a technical expert, who may consult with rel-
8 evant outside organizations and experts, as nec-
9 essary, to coordinate such integration, as nec-
10 essary.”.

11 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

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

1 (1) The designation of any individual respon-
2 sible for carrying out such paragraph (4).

3 (2) Any review, formal or informal, of any poli-
4 cies, programs, or activities of the Department
5 under such paragraph (4) to assess the suitability of
6 such policies, programs, or activities for children.

7 (3) Any such review, change, modification, or
8 promulgation of any such policies, programs, or ac-
9 tivities to ensure that such policies, programs, or ac-
10 tivities are appropriate for children.

11 (4) Coordination with organizations or experts
12 outside the Department pursuant to such paragraph
13 (4) conducted to inform any such review, change,
14 modification, or promulgation of such policies, pro-
15 grams, or activities.

