

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 4426  
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 SECRETARY OF HOMELAND  
5 SECURITY.**

6 Section 102 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
7 (6 U.S.C. 112) is amended by adding at the end of the  
8 following new subsection:

9 “(h) PLANNING REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary  
10 shall ensure the head of each office and component of the  
11 Department takes into account the needs of children, in-  
12 cluding children within under-served communities, in mis-  
13 sion planning and mission execution. In furtherance of  
14 this subsection, the Secretary shall require each such head  
15 to seek, to the extent practicable, advice and feedback  
16 from organizations representing the needs of children. The  
17 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not

1 apply whenever such advice or feedback is sought in ac-  
2 cordance with this subsection.”.

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

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

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

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

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 paragraph:

12 “(I) identify, integrate, and implement the  
13 needs of children, including children within  
14 under-served communities, into activities to pre-  
15 pare for, protect against, respond to, recover  
16 from, and mitigate against the risk of natural  
17 disasters, acts of terrorism, and other disasters,  
18 including catastrophic incidents, including by  
19 appointing a technical expert, who may consult  
20 with relevant outside organizations and experts,  
21 as necessary, to coordinate such integration, as  
22 necessary.”.

23 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

24 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
25 ment of this Act and annually thereafter for five years,

1 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the  
2 Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on  
3 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
4 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security  
5 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report describ-  
6 ing the efforts the Department has undertaken to review  
7 and incorporate feedback from organizations representing  
8 the needs of children, including children within under-  
9 served communities, into Department policy in accordance  
10 with subsection (h) of section 102 of the Homeland Secu-  
11 rity Act of 2002 (as amended by section 2 of this Act),  
12 including information on the following:

13           (1) The designation of any individual respon-  
14           sible for carrying out such subsection (h).

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

21           (3) Any review, change, modification, or pro-  
22           mulgation of Department policies, programs, or ac-  
23           tivities to ensure that such policies, programs, or ac-  
24           tivities are appropriate for children.

1           (4) Coordination with organizations or experts  
2           outside the Department pursuant to such subsection  
3           (h) conducted to inform any such review, change,  
4           modification, or promulgation of such policies, pro-  
5           grams, or activities.

