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H. R. 4403

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

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

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,*

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—

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

4 (2) by amending paragraph (7) of subsection
5 (b) to read as follows:

6 “(7) establish performance metrics and mile-
7 stones for the STC program, monitor expenditures
8 for the program, and track the performance against
9 program metrics and milestones; and”;

10 (3) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “from
11 among high-risk urban areas under section 2003”
12 and inserting “based on the capability and capacity
13 of the jurisdiction relating to preparedness and re-
14 sponse, as well as the relative threat to such juris-
15 diction, vulnerability of such jurisdiction, and con-
16 sequences for such jurisdiction, regarding terrorist
17 attacks and other high-consequence events utilizing
18 nuclear or other radiological materials”; and

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

21 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the
22 date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary
23 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
24 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
25 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-

1 ate a report regarding participation in the STC program,
2 the establishment of metrics and milestones for the STC
3 program, performance against such metrics and mile-
4 stones, and plans for any changes to the STC program.”.

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