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H. R. 3493

[Report No. 114-295]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

Mr. DONOVAN (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

OCTOBER 20, 2015

Additional sponsor: Ms. JACKSON LEE

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 11, 2015]

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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 Act*
5 *of 2015”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Title XIX of the Homeland Secu-*
8 *rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 591 et seq.) is amended by add-*
9 *ing at the end the following new section:*

10 **“SEC. 1908. SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM.**

11 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director for Domestic*
12 *Nuclear Detection shall establish the ‘Securing the Cities’*
13 *(‘STC’) program to enhance the ability of the United States*
14 *to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high con-*
15 *sequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological mate-*
16 *rials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-*
17 *risk urban areas. Through such program the Director*
18 *shall—*

19 *“(1) assist State, local, tribal, and territorial*
20 *governments in designing and implementing, or en-*
21 *hancing existing, architectures for coordinated and*
22 *integrated detection and interdiction of nuclear or*
23 *other radiological materials that are out of regulatory*
24 *control;*

1 “(2) support the development of a region-wide
2 operating capability to detect and report on nuclear
3 and other radioactive materials out of operational
4 control;

5 “(3) provide resources to enhance detection, anal-
6 ysis, communication, and coordination to better inte-
7 grate State, local, tribal, and territorial assets into
8 Federal operations;

9 “(4) facilitate alarm adjudication and provide
10 subject matter expertise and technical assistance on
11 concepts of operations, training, exercises, and alarm
12 response protocols;

13 “(5) communicate with, and promote sharing of
14 information about the presence or detection of nuclear
15 or other radiological materials among appropriate
16 Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial govern-
17 ments, in a manner that ensures transparency with
18 the jurisdictions served by such program; and

19 “(6) provide any other assistance the Director
20 determines appropriate.

21 “(b) DESIGNATION OF JURISDICTIONS.—In carrying
22 out the program under subsection (a), the Director shall des-
23 ignate jurisdictions from among high-risk urban areas
24 under section 2003, and other cities and regions, as appro-
25 priate.

1 “(c) *CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.*—*The Director*
2 *shall notify the Committee on Homeland Security and the*
3 *Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-*
4 *tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-*
5 *ernmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of*
6 *the Senate not later than three days before the designation*
7 *of new jurisdictions under subsection (b) or other changes*
8 *to participating jurisdictions.*

9 “(d) *GAO REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after the*
10 *date of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller Gen-*
11 *eral of the United States shall submit to the congressional*
12 *committees specified in subsection (c) an assessment, in-*
13 *cluding an evaluation of the effectiveness, of the STC pro-*
14 *gram under this section.*

15 “(e) *PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING.*—*No*
16 *funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this*
17 *section. This section shall be carried out using amounts oth-*
18 *erwise appropriated or made available for such purpose.”.*

19 “(b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of contents in*
20 *section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is*
21 *amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1907*
22 *the following new item:*

 “*Sec. 1908. Securing the Cities program.*”.

23 **SEC. 3. MODEL EXERCISES.**

24 *Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment*
25 *of this Act, the Director for Domestic Nuclear Detection of*

1 *the Department of Homeland Security shall report to the*
2 *Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on*
3 *Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the*
4 *Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-*
5 *airs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate*
6 *on the feasibility of the Director developing model exercises*
7 *to test the preparedness of jurisdictions participating in the*
8 *Securing the Cities program under section 1908 of the*
9 *Homeland Security Act of 2002 (as added by section 2 of*
10 *this Act) in meeting the challenges that may be posed by*
11 *a range of nuclear and radiological threats.*

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