114TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 3493

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, and for other purposes. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa 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 Cities5 Act of 2015".

6 SEC. 2. SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM.

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XIX of the Homeland Secu8 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 591 et seq.) is amended by
9 adding 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' ('STC') program to enhance the ability of the United 13 States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other 14 15 high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland secu-16 rity in high-risk urban areas. Through such program the 17 Director shall— 18

"(1) assist State, local, tribal, and territorial
governments in designing and implementing, or enhancing existing, architectures for coordinated and
integrated detection and interdiction of nuclear or
other radiological materials that are out of regulatory control;

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

5 "(3) provide resources to enhance detection,
6 analysis, communication, and coordination to better
7 integrate State, local, tribal, and territorial assets
8 into 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 nu-15 clear or other radiological materials among appro-16 priate Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial 17 governments, in a manner that ensures transparency 18 with the jurisdictions served by such program; and 19 "(6) provide any other assistance the Director 20 determines appropriate.

"(b) DESIGNATION OF JURISDICTIONS.—In carrying
out the program under subsection (a), the Director shall
designate jurisdictions from among high-risk urban areas
under section 2003, and other cities and regions, as appropriate.

"(c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The Director 1 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 the Senate not later than three days before the designa-6 7 tion of new jurisdictions under subsection (b) or other 8 changes to participating jurisdictions.

9 "(d) GAO REPORT.—Not later than one year after 10 the date of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller 11 General of the United States shall submit to the congres-12 sional committees specified in subsection (c) an assess-13 ment, including an evaluation of the effectiveness, of the 14 STC program under this section.

"(e) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—No
funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
section. This section shall be carried out using amounts
otherwise appropriated or made available for such purpose.".

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

"Sec. 1908. Securing the Cities program.".

1 SEC. 3. MODEL EXERCISES.

2 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-3 ment of this Act, the Director for Domestic Nuclear Detection of the Department of Homeland Security shall re-4 5 port to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-6 7 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-8 ernmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations 9 of the Senate on the feasibility of the Director developing 10 model exercises to test the preparedness of jurisdictions 11 participating in the Securing the Cities program under section 1908 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (as 12 13 added by section 2 of this Act) in meeting the challenges that may be posed by a range of nuclear and radiological 14 15 threats.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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