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H. R. 5629

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to strengthen the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEHAN (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL) 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 “Strengthening Domes-
5 tic Nuclear Security Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. DOMESTIC NUCLEAR DETECTION OFFICE.**

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
9 adding at the end the following new sections:

1 **“SEC. 1908. DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL**
2 **NUCLEAR DETECTION ARCHITECTURE.**

3 “In carrying out the mission of the Office under sub-
4 paragraph (A) of section 1902(a)(4), the Director for Do-
5 mestic Nuclear Detection shall provide support for plan-
6 ning, organization, equipment, training, exercises, and
7 operational assessments to Federal, State, local, terri-
8 torial, and tribal entities to assist in implementing radio-
9 logical and nuclear detection capabilities in the event of
10 a radiological or nuclear act of terror or other attack. Such
11 capabilities shall be integrated into the enhanced global
12 nuclear detection architecture referred to in such section
13 1902(a)(4), and shall inform and be guided by architec-
14 ture studies, technology needs, and research activities of
15 the Office.

16 **“SEC. 1909. SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM.**

17 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Director for Domestic
18 Nuclear Detection shall establish the ‘Securing the Cities’
19 (‘STC’) program to enhance, through Federal, State,
20 local, tribal, and private entities, the ability of the United
21 States to detect and prevent a radiological or nuclear act
22 of terror or other attack in high-risk urban areas.

23 “(b) **DESIGNATION OF JURISDICTIONS.**—In desig-
24 nating jurisdiction under subsection (a), the Director for
25 Domestic Nuclear Detection shall consider jurisdictions
26 designated by the Secretary as high-risk urban areas

1 under section 2003, and other cities and regions as appro-
2 priate, for the selection of new STC locations.

3 “(c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The Director
4 for Domestic Nuclear Detection shall notify the Com-
5 mittee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Ap-
6 propriations of the House of Representatives and the
7 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
8 fairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate
9 not later than 30 days after any additions or changes to
10 the jurisdictions participating in the STC program under
11 this section.

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

18 **“SEC. 1910. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
20 this title \$291,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 and
21 2016.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
23 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
24 amended by striking the item relating to section 1907 and
25 inserting the following new items:

“Sec. 1907. Joint biennial interagency review of global nuclear detection architecture.

“Sec. 1908. Domestic implementation of the global nuclear detection architecture.

“Sec. 1909. Securing the Cities program.

“Sec. 1910. Authorization of appropriations.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
2 the date that is 30 days after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act.

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