



## H.R. 5471 — Countering Terrorist Radicalization Act (Rep. McCaul, R-TX)

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### FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on June 16, 2016 suspension of the rules, which requires 2/3 vote for passage.

### TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 5471](#) would authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide training for personnel to counter violent extremism, identify and report suspicious activities, and increase awareness of terrorism threats. The bill would additionally require the Secretary of Homeland Security to incorporate the public testimonials of former violent extremists or their associates into Department of Homeland Security (DHS) efforts to combat terrorist recruitment, and establish a counterterrorism advisory board within DHS consisting of senior representatives of operational agencies within the Department.

### COST:

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is not available.

The CBO estimates for H.R. 4401 (Title I of H.R. 5471), and H.R. 4407 (Title III of H.R. 5471) can be found [here](#), and [here](#) respectively.

### CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

There are no concerns.

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

### DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

H.R. 5471 is comprised of three previously House-passed bills:

Title I of H.R. 5471 reflects language in H.R. 4401, the ALERT Act of 2016, which passed the House on February 29, 2016 by voice vote. H.R. 4401 would authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide training for personnel to further the Department's efforts to counter violent extremism, identify and report suspicious activities, and increase awareness of terrorism threats. The RSC's legislative bulletin for H.R. 4401 can be found [here](#).

Title II of H.R. 5471 reflects language in H.R. 4820, the Combating Terrorist Recruitment Act of 2016 which passed the House on April 26, 2016 by the yeas and nays: [322 - 79](#). H.R. 4820 would require the Secretary

of Homeland Security to incorporate the public testimonials of former violent extremists or their associates into Department of Homeland Security efforts to combat terrorist recruitment and communications. The RSC's legislative bulletin for H.R. 4820 can be found [here](#).

Title III of H.R. 5471 reflects language in H.R. 4407, the Counterterrorism Advisory Board Act of 2016, which passed the House on May 16, 2016 by the yeas and nays: [389 - 5](#). H.R. 4407 would establish a counterterrorism advisory board in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) consisting of senior representatives of operational agencies within the Department. The RSC's legislative bulletin for H.R. 4407 can be found [here](#).

No additional funds would be authorized to carry out H.R. 5471.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

H.R. 5471 was introduced on June 14, 2016 and was referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

**ADMINISTRATION POSITION:**

A Statement of Administration Policy is not available.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:**

According to the sponsor: "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or an Department or Officer thereof."

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