

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. McCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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 “Border Security Tech-  
5 nology Accountability Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. BORDER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT-**  
7 **ABILITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title IV of the  
9 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 231 et seq.)  
10 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 434. BORDER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**  
2 **MANAGEMENT.**

3 “(a) **PLANNING DOCUMENTATION.**—Each border se-  
4 curity technology acquisition program of the Department  
5 with a significant lifecycle cost estimate shall—

6 “(1) have written documentation demonstrating  
7 that each such program has an acquisition program  
8 baseline approved by the relevant acquisition deci-  
9 sion authority; and

10 “(2) demonstrate that each such program is  
11 meeting agreed-upon cost, schedule, and perform-  
12 ance thresholds, in compliance with the Federal Ac-  
13 quisition Regulation.

14 “(b) **ADHERENCE TO STANDARDS.**—The Under Sec-  
15 retary for Management, in coordination with the Commis-  
16 sioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, shall en-  
17 sure border security technology acquisition program man-  
18 agers who are responsible for carrying out this section ad-  
19 here to relevant internal control standards identified by  
20 the Comptroller General of the United States. The Com-  
21 missioner shall provide information, as needed, to assist  
22 the Under Secretary in monitoring proper program man-  
23 agement of border security technology acquisition pro-  
24 grams under this section.

25 “(c) **PLAN.**—The Under Secretary for Management,  
26 in coordination with the Commissioner of U.S. Customs

1 and Border Protection, shall submit to the appropriate  
2 congressional committees a plan for testing and evalua-  
3 tion, as well as the use of independent verification and  
4 validation resources, for border security technology so that  
5 new border security technologies are evaluated through a  
6 series of assessments, processes, and audits to ensure the  
7 effectiveness of taxpayer dollars.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
9 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by in-  
10 serting after the item relating to section 433 the following  
11 new item:

“Sec. 434. Border security technology program management.”.

12 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF**  
13 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-  
15 priated to carry out this Act and the amendments made  
16 by this Act. This Act and such amendments shall be car-  
17 ried out using amounts otherwise available for such pur-  
18 poses.