

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1333

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## AN ACT

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CIVIL AIR PATROL STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United  
3 States shall conduct a study of the functions and capabili-  
4 ties of the Civil Air Patrol to support the homeland secu-  
5 rity missions of State, local, and tribal governments and  
6 the Department of Homeland Security. In conducting the  
7 study, the Comptroller General shall review the process  
8 by which the Civil Air Patrol may provide assistance to  
9 the Secretary of Homeland Security, other Federal agen-  
10 cies, and States to support homeland security missions  
11 by—

12 (1) providing aerial reconnaissance or commu-  
13 nications capabilities for border security;

14 (2) providing capabilities for collective response  
15 to an act of terrorism, natural disaster, or other  
16 man-made event, by assisting in damage assessment  
17 and situational awareness, conducting search and  
18 rescue operations, assisting in evacuations, trans-  
19 porting time-sensitive medical or other materials; or

20 (3) such other activities as may be determined  
21 appropriate by the Comptroller General in the con-  
22 duct of this review.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
24 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall  
25 submit to the Committees on Homeland Security and  
26 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security  
2 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report con-  
3 taining the findings of the review conducted under sub-  
4 section (a). The report shall include—

5           (1) an assessment of the feasibility and cost-ef-  
6           fectiveness of using Civil Air Patrol assets for the  
7           purposes described in subsection (a); and

8           (2) an assessment as to whether the current  
9           mechanisms for Federal agencies and States to re-  
10          quest support from the Civil Air Patrol are sufficient  
11          or whether new agreements between relevant Federal  
12          agencies and the Civil Air Patrol are necessary.

13          (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days  
14 after completing the study under this section, the Sec-  
15 retary of Homeland Security shall review and analyze the  
16 study and submit to the Committees on Homeland Secu-  
17 rity and Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
18 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-  
19 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on  
20 such review and analysis, which shall include any rec-  
21 ommendations of the Secretary for further action that

- 1 could affect the organization and administration of the
- 2 Department of Homeland Security.

Passed the House of Representatives June 18, 2008.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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