H. R. 1640

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 25, 2015

Mr. Walker (for himself, Mr. McCaul, Mr. Katko, Mr. Hurd of Texas, Mr. Carter of Georgia, Mr. Loudermilk, Ms. McSally, and Mr. Ratcliffe) 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 “Department of Home-
5 land Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability
6 Act of 2015”.
SEC. 2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY HEADQUARTERS CONSOLIDATION

(a) In General.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Administrator of General Services, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project within the National Capital Region. Such report shall include each of the following:

(1) A current list of the components and offices proposed to be included in the consolidation project.

(2) A comprehensive assessment of the current and future real property needed by the Department in the National Capital Region in order to carry out the mission of the Department to secure the homeland and defend the Nation against future acts of terrorism.

(3) An analysis of the difference between the current and needed capital assets and facilities of the Department.

(4) A current plan for construction of the headquarters consolidation at the St. Elizabeths campus that includes—
(A) the estimated costs and schedule for
the current plan; and

(B) the estimated costs savings of reducing
the scope of the consolidation project and in-
creasing the use of existing capacity developed
under the project.

(5) A current plan for the leased portfolio of
the Department in the National Capital Region that
includes—

(A) the total rentable square feet, number
of personnel, and proposed utilization rates;

(B) the replacement and consolidation
plan, including timing and anticipated leased
terms, for leased space under the plan referred
to in paragraph (4); and

(C) the costs and benefits of leasing and
construction alternatives for the headquarters
consolidation project.

(6) A detailed list of alternatives considered by
the Department during the development of the plan
referred to in paragraph (4), including the costs and
benefits of alternatives to such plan.

(b) UPDATE OF COST AND SCHEDULE ESTIMATES.—
Not later than 90 days after date of the submittal of the
report required by subsection (a), the Secretary, in coordi-
nation with the Administrator of General Services, shall complete the update of the cost and schedule estimates for the portions of the consolidation project that are not yet complete as of such date based on the information contained in the report. Consistent with the recommendation of the Government Accountability Office in GAO–14–648, such estimates shall conform to relevant Federal guidance for cost and schedule estimates.

(c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—

(1) REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall review the update of the cost and schedule estimates under subsection (b) to evaluate the quality and reliability of such estimates.

(2) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 60 days after the completion of the update of the cost and schedule estimates under subsection (b), the Comptroller General shall report to the appropriate congressional committees on the results of the review required by paragraph (1).

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

(1) The term “National Capital Region” has the meaning given such term under section 2674(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code.
(2) The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate.