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# H. R. 1365

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain acquisition innovation, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## A BILL

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain acquisition innovation, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Home-  
5 land Security Acquisition Innovation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACQUISITION INNOVATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Homeland Secu-  
8 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by  
9 adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 710. ACQUISITION INNOVATION.**

2 “The Under Secretary for Management may—

3 “(1) designate an individual within the Depart-  
4 ment to manage acquisition innovation efforts of the  
5 Department;

6 “(2) test emerging acquisition best practices to  
7 carrying out acquisitions, consistent with the Fed-  
8 eral Acquisition Regulation and Department acquisi-  
9 tion management directives, as appropriate;

10 “(3) develop and distribute best practices and  
11 lessons learned regarding acquisition innovation  
12 throughout the Department; and

13 “(4) establish metrics to measure the effective-  
14 ness of acquisition innovation efforts with respect to  
15 cost, operational efficiency of the acquisition pro-  
16 gram (including timeframe for executing contracts),  
17 and collaboration with the private sector, including  
18 small businesses.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
20 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is  
21 amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
22 709 the following new item:

“Sec. 710. Acquisition innovation.”.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
24 on which the Secretary of Homeland Security submits the  
25 annual budget justification for the Department of Home-

1 land Security, the Secretary shall, if appropriate, submit  
2 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of  
3 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security  
4 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the  
5 activities undertaken in the previous fiscal year in further-  
6 ance of section 710 of the Homeland Security Act, as  
7 added by subsection (a) of this Act. Each such report shall  
8 include information on the following:

9           (1) Emerging acquisition best practices that  
10       were tested within the Department during such year.

11           (2) Efforts to distribute best practices and les-  
12       sons learned within the Department, including  
13       through web-based seminars, training, and forums,  
14       during such year.

15           (3) Utilization by components throughout the  
16       Department of best practices distributed by the  
17       Under Secretary of Management pursuant to para-  
18       graph (3) of such section 710.

19           (4) Performance as measured by the metrics es-  
20       tablished under paragraph (4) of such section 710.

21           (5) Any impacts of the utilization of innovative  
22       acquisition mechanism by the Department on small  
23       businesses.

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