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[H.R. 3842, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act of 2015, as amended](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, December 8, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 3842](#), *the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act of 2015, as amended*, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 3842 was introduced on October 28, 2015 by Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA) and was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition, to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Homeland Security Committee ordered the bill reported, as amended, by voice vote, on November 4, 2015.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3842 authorizes the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and includes provisions to improve its training practices and strengthen the role of its director. Specifically, the bill:

- Establishes FLETC within DHS headed by a Director who reports to the Secretary;
- Lists functions to be carried out by the Director, which include ensuring the timely dissemination of homeland security information as necessary to federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and international law enforcement and security agencies and the private sector to achieve the training goals for such entities;
- Authorizes the agency to provide training to employees of federal agencies who are engaged, directly or indirectly, in homeland security operations or federal law enforcement activities, including such operations or activities related to domestic preparedness and response to threats or acts of terrorism;
- Requires the Director to consult with relevant law enforcement and security agencies in the development and delivery of FLETC's training programs; and,
- Report to Congress on its activities.

BACKGROUND

FLETC was established in 1970 as a bureau of the Department of the Treasury to provide basic and advanced training to federal law enforcement personnel. FLETC was transferred to DHS with its

formation on March 1, 2003, to serve as an interagency law enforcement training organization for federal, state, local, rural, Tribal, territorial, and international law enforcement personnel and partner organizations.¹ Since its move to DHS, FLETC has not been reauthorized within the Department and legislation has not been considered to codify its authorities.

According to the bill sponsor, “since its creation in the 1970’s, FLETC has provided high-quality, cost-effective, standardized training for federal law enforcement training officers from multiple agencies. During this time, authorities within the Office of the Director have been implemented that need to be codified into law.”²

COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is currently unavailable.

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¹ See [House Report 114-343](#) at 5 and 6.

² See Press Release—[“House Committee Approves Carter Bill to Reauthorize FLETC,”](#) November 4, 2015.