



BORDER SECURITY RESULTS ACT OF 2013 (H.R. 1417)

FACT SHEET

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

- Report every 180 days on the state of operational control of the international borders of the U.S. and achieve situational awareness of such borders within two years.
- Create a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan for gaining and maintaining operational control of high traffic areas within two years.
- Submit an updated strategy and implementation plan which includes:
 - Assessment of principal border security threats
 - Efforts to analyze and disseminate threat information between DHS border security components
 - A comprehensive border security technology plan
 - Agreements with foreign governments that support U.S. border security efforts
 - Staffing requirements for all border security functions

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMPTROLLER OF THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE:

- Review and report on the implementation plan proposed by DHS.
- Implement metrics to measure the effectiveness of security between ports of entry, at ports of entry, and in the maritime environment.
- Request that the head of a national laboratory provide an independent assessment of, and ensure statistical validity of, such metrics. The laboratory must have prior expertise in border security and fall within the DHS laboratory network.
- Make such assessment and the metrics data and methodology available to the GAO for a report to Congress.
- Report annually on the resource allocation model for current and future staffing requirements needed to reach optimal staffing levels at all ports of entry, and the differences between what is currently available and what is optimal.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL:

- Submit a report addressing areas of overlap in responsibilities within DHS's border security functions.