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To authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration for
fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 1999

Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of
Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Science

A BILL

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ministration for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, 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 “Fire Administration
5 Authorization Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Section 17 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Con-
8 trol Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2216) is amended to read
9 as follows:

1 “AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

2 “SEC. 17. Except as otherwise specifically provided
3 with respect to the payment of claims under section 11
4 of this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated to
5 carry out the purposes of this Act—

6 “(1) \$30,554,000 for fiscal year 1999;

7 “(2) \$45,130,000 for fiscal year 2000, of which
8 \$2,200,000 shall be used for research activities; and

9 “(3) \$47,500,000 for fiscal year 2001, of which
10 \$3,000,000 shall be used for research activities.

11 None of the funds authorized by paragraph (3) may be
12 obligated unless the Administrator has certified to the
13 Committee on Science of the House of Representatives
14 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
15 tation of the Senate that the obligation of funds is con-
16 sistent with the strategic plan transmitted under section
17 3 of the Fire Administration Authorization Act of 1999.”.

18 **SEC. 3. STRATEGIC PLAN.**

19 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than April 30, 2000,
20 the Administrator of the United States Fire Administra-
21 tion shall prepare and transmit to the Committee on
22 Science of the House of Representatives and the Com-
23 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
24 Senate a 5-year strategic plan of program activities for
25 the United States Fire Administration.

1 (b) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—The plan required by sub-
2 section (a) shall include—

3 (1) a comprehensive mission statement covering
4 the major functions and operations of the United
5 States Fire Administration in the areas of training,
6 research, data collection and analysis, and public
7 education;

8 (2) general goals and objectives, including those
9 related to outcomes, for the major functions and op-
10 erations of the United States Fire Administration;

11 (3) a description of how the goals and objec-
12 tives identified under paragraph (2) are to be
13 achieved, including operational processes, skills and
14 technology, and the human, capital, information, and
15 other resources required to meet those goals and ob-
16 jectives;

17 (4) an identification of the fire-related activities
18 of the National Institute of Standards and Tech-
19 nology, the Department of Defense, and other Fed-
20 eral agencies, and a discussion of how those activi-
21 ties can be coordinated with and contribute to the
22 achievement of the goals and objectives identified
23 under paragraph (2);

24 (5) a description of objective, quantifiable per-
25 formance goals needed to define the level of perform-

1 ance achieved by program activities in training, re-
2 search, data collection and analysis, and public edu-
3 cation, and how these performance goals relate to
4 the general goals and objectives in the strategic
5 plan;

6 (6) an identification of key factors external to
7 the United States Fire Administration and beyond
8 its control that could affect significantly the achieve-
9 ment of the general goals and objectives;

10 (7) a description of program evaluations used in
11 establishing or revising general goals and objectives,
12 with a schedule for future program evaluations; and

13 (8) a description of how the strategic plan pre-
14 pared under this section will be incorporated into the
15 strategic plan and the performance plans and re-
16 ports of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
17 cy.

18 **SEC. 4. RESEARCH AGENDA.**

19 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 120 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
21 of the United States Fire Administration, in consultation
22 with the Director of the Federal Emergency Management
23 Agency, the Director of the National Institute of Stand-
24 ards and Technology, representatives of trade associa-
25 tions, State and local firefighting services, and other ap-

1 appropriate entities, shall prepare and transmit to the Com-
2 mittee on Science of the House of Representatives and the
3 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
4 the Senate a report describing the United States Fire Ad-
5 ministration's research agenda and including a plan for
6 implementing that agenda.

7 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by
8 subsection (a) shall—

9 (1) identify research priorities;

10 (2) describe how the proposed research agenda
11 will be coordinated and integrated with the programs
12 and capabilities of the National Institute of Stand-
13 ards and Technology, the Department of Defense,
14 and other Federal agencies;

15 (3) identify potential roles of academic and
16 other research institutions in achieving the research
17 agenda;

18 (4) provide cost estimates, anticipated per-
19 sonnel needs, and a schedule for completing the var-
20 ious elements of the research agenda;

21 (5) describe ways to leverage resources through
22 partnerships, cooperative agreements, and other
23 means; and

24 (6) discuss how the proposed research agenda
25 will enhance training, improve State and local fire-

1 fighting services, impact standards and codes, in-
2 crease firefighter and public safety, and advance
3 firefighting techniques.

4 (c) USE IN PREPARING STRATEGIC PLAN.—The re-
5 search agenda prepared under this section shall be used
6 in the preparation of the strategic plan required by section
7 3.

8 **SEC. 5. SURPLUS AND EXCESS FEDERAL EQUIPMENT.**

9 The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974
10 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 33. SURPLUS AND EXCESS FEDERAL EQUIPMENT.**

12 “The Administrator shall make publicly available, in-
13 cluding through the Internet, information on procedures
14 for acquiring surplus and excess Federal fire, emergency,
15 hazardous material, or other equipment or property that
16 may be useful to State and local fire and emergency serv-
17 ices.”.

18 **SEC. 6. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL FA-**
19 **CILITIES.**

20 The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974
21 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

22 **“SEC. 34. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL FA-**
23 **CILITIES.**

24 “The Administrator shall make publicly available, in-
25 cluding through the Internet, information on procedures

1 for establishing cooperative agreements between State and
2 local fire and emergency services and Federal facilities in
3 their region relating to the provision of fire and emergency
4 services.”.

5 **SEC. 7. MISCELLANEOUS REPEALS.**

6 The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974
7 is amended—

8 (1) by repealing section 10(b) and redesignating
9 subsection (c) of that section as subsection (b);

10 (2) by repealing section 23;

11 (3) in section 24—

12 (A) by striking “(a) The” and inserting
13 “The”; and

14 (B) by repealing subsection (b);

15 (4) by repealing section 26; and

16 (5) by repealing section 27.

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