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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6395

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AL GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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 Preparedness, Research, and Education  
6        Program Act of 2008” or the “DHS PREP Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESILIENCY IN RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FEL-**  
2 **LOWSHIP AND RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-  
4 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by  
5 adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 318. RESILIENCY IN RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FEL-**  
7 **LOWSHIP AND RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary  
9 shall establish a program for fellowships and research (in  
10 this section referred to as the ‘program’) to enhance do-  
11 mestic preparedness and the collective response to acts of  
12 terrorism, natural disasters, and other emergencies.

13 “(b) FELLOWSHIP AWARDS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In conducting the program,  
15 the Secretary shall award fellowships to individ-  
16 uals—

17 “(A) to promote research on and the col-  
18 lective response to acts of terrorism, natural  
19 disasters, and other emergencies; and

20 “(B) to provide for the development of best  
21 practices for the collective response to and ef-  
22 fective recovery from acts of terrorism, natural  
23 disasters, and other emergencies.

24 “(2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Recipients of fel-  
25 lowships under the program shall be individuals  
26 who—

1           “(A) are enrolled in an institution of high-  
2           er education, giving priority to the selection of  
3           individuals enrolled in minority serving institu-  
4           tions;

5           “(B) have demonstrated an interest  
6           through academic work for credit or other  
7           means in homeland security or emergency man-  
8           agement and response; and

9           “(C) are geographically diverse.

10          “(3) PURPOSE.—The purpose of research to be  
11          conducted by recipients of fellowships under the pro-  
12          gram shall be—

13               “(A) to enhance resiliency and collective  
14               response to acts of terrorism, natural disasters,  
15               and other emergencies;

16               “(B) to mitigate damages related to such  
17               events; and

18               “(C) to promote expedited recovery from  
19               such events.

20          “(4) GULF COAST REBUILDING AND RECOV-  
21          ERY.—Recipients of fellowships in fiscal year 2009  
22          and as appropriate in subsequent fiscal years shall  
23          focus their research on and participate in the re-  
24          building and recovery of the Gulf Coast region in the  
25          wake of Hurricane Katrina.

1 “(c) RESEARCH RESULTS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year in  
3 which fellowships are awarded under the program,  
4 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on  
5 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives  
6 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-  
7 ernmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the re-  
8 sults of research conducted by recipients of fellow-  
9 ships under the program.

10 “(2) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall submit a  
11 report under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year on or  
12 before the date in the succeeding fiscal year on  
13 which the President submits to Congress the budget  
14 under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States  
15 Code.

16 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall carry  
17 out this section acting through the Under Secretary for  
18 Science and Technology.

19 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
20 definitions apply:

21 “(1) MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTION.—The  
22 term ‘minority serving institution’ means a histori-  
23 cally Black college or university (as defined in sec-  
24 tion 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965), a  
25 Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in section

1 502 of such Act), a Tribal College or University (as  
2 defined in section 316 of such Act), a Predominantly  
3 Black institution (as defined in section 499A(c) of  
4 such Act), or a Native American-serving nontribal  
5 institution (as defined in section 499A(c) of such  
6 Act).

7 “(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means  
8 the program to be established under subsection (a).

9 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
10 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
11 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2009 and  
12 2010.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
14 tents contained in section (1)(b) of such Act (6 U.S.C.  
15 101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end of the items  
16 relating to title III the following:

“Sec. 318. Resiliency in response and recovery fellowship and research pro-  
gram.”.

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