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H. R. 6748

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2008

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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. DISTRIBUTION AND AWARDING OF URBAN**
4 **AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANTS.**

5 (a) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF URBAN AREA SECUR-
6 ITY INITIATIVE GRANTS.—Section 2003(b)(1) of the
7 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 604(b)(1)) is

1 amended by inserting “not more than 35” after “des-
2 ignate”.

3 (b) RISK ASSESSMENT FORMULA.—The Homeland
4 Security Act of 2002 is amended—

5 (1) in section 2003(b)(2)(A) (6 U.S.C.
6 604(b)(2)(A)), in the matter preceding clause (i), by
7 inserting “in accordance with section 2007(c)” after
8 “shall conduct”; and

9 (2) in section 2007 (6 U.S.C. 608)—

10 (A) in subsection (a)(1), in the matter pre-
11 ceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “in ac-
12 cordance with subsection (c)” after “terrorism”;
13 and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following new
15 subsection:

16 “(c) RISK ASSESSMENT FORMULA.—In allocating the
17 funds referred to in subsection (a), the Administrator
18 shall, when weighing considerations of threat, vulner-
19 ability, and consequences from acts of terrorism, assign
20 to threat a percentage value that is not less than 33.”.

21 (c) CLARIFICATION OF MINIMUM ALLOCATION TO
22 APPLY ONLY TO STATE HOMELAND SECURITY
23 GRANTS.—Clauses (i) through (v) of section
24 2004(e)(1)(A) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6

1 U.S.C. 605(e)(1)(A)) are amended by striking “and sec-
2 tion 2003” each place it appears.

3 (d) ABOLITION OF TIER AND RELATED SYSTEMS.—
4 Notwithstanding any guidance or regulations issued to the
5 contrary, in carrying out the Urban Area Security Initia-
6 tive grant program, the Administrator of the Federal
7 Emergency Management Agency shall disregard the Tier
8 system used to determine the awarding of such grants,
9 and may not make use of any such similar system to deter-
10 mine the awarding of such grants.

11 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act (and the amend-
12 ments made by this Act) shall take effect on the date of
13 the enactment of this Act and shall apply to grants made
14 on or after such date.

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