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To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize funding for emergency management performance grants to provide for domestic preparedness and collective response to catastrophic incidents, and for other purposes

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUELLAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE**
4 **GRANTS.**

5 Subtitle B of title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
6 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.

1 5197 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **“SEC. 630. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE**
4 **GRANTS.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
6 curity, acting through the Administrator of the Federal
7 Emergency Management Agency, shall establish an emer-
8 gency management performance grants program (in this
9 section referred to as the ‘program’) to carry out the pro-
10 visions of this title and section 201 to address domestic
11 preparedness and collective response to a catastrophic in-
12 cident.

13 “(b) FEDERAL SHARE.—Except as otherwise specifi-
14 cally provided by this Act, the Federal share of the cost
15 of an activity carried out using funds made available under
16 the program shall not exceed 50 percent.

17 “(c) APPORTIONMENT.—For fiscal year 2009, and
18 each fiscal year thereafter, the Administrator shall appor-
19 tion the amounts appropriated to carry out the program
20 among the States as follows:

21 “(1) BASELINE AMOUNT.—The Administrator
22 shall first apportion 0.25 percent of such amounts to
23 each of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
24 Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the Virgin Is-

1 lands and 0.75 of such amount to each of the re-
2 maining States.

3 “(2) REMAINDER.—The Administrator shall ap-
4 portion the remainder of such amounts in the ratio
5 that——

6 “(A) the population of each State; bears to

7 “(B) the population of all States.

8 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the program
10 \$535,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$680,000,000 for fis-
11 cal year 2010, and \$815,000,000 for fiscal year 2011.
12 Such sums shall remain available until expended.

13 “(e) CATASTROPHIC INCIDENT DEFINED.—In this
14 section the term ‘catastrophic incident’ has the meaning
15 given such term in section 501(3) of the Homeland Secu-
16 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 311(3)).”.

17 **SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CEN-**
18 **TERS.**

19 Section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
20 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c) is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 614. CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**
23 **CENTERS.**

24 “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security,
25 acting through the Administrator of the Federal Emer-

1 gency Management Agency, may make grants to States
2 under this title for equipping, upgrading, and construction
3 emergency operations centers for domestic preparedness
4 and collective response to a catastrophic incident.

5 “(b) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of this title, the Federal share of the cost of an
7 activity carried out using amounts from grants made
8 under this section shall not exceed 75 percent.

9 “(c) CATASTROPHIC INCIDENT DEFINED.—In this
10 section the term ‘catastrophic incident’ has the meaning
11 given such term in section 501(3) of the Homeland Secu-
12 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 311(3)).”.

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