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H. R. 3980

To provide for identifying and eliminating redundant reporting requirements and developing meaningful performance metrics for homeland security preparedness grants, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CUELLAR 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness
5 Grants Act”.
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1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF REPORTING REDUNDANCIES**
2 **AND DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMANCE**
3 **METRICS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY PRE-**
4 **PAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XX of the Homeland Secu-
6 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by
7 adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 2023. IDENTIFICATION OF REPORTING**
9 **REDUNDANCIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF PER-**
10 **FORMANCE METRICS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall, for
12 grants under sections 2003 and 2004 and any other
13 grants specified by the Administrator, submit a report to
14 the congressional homeland security committees by not
15 later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of
16 the Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance
17 for Preparedness Grants Act, and by October 1st every
18 2 years thereafter, that—

19 “(1) identifies redundant rules, regulations, and
20 requirements for reporting by recipients of such
21 grants, and includes a plan for eliminating such
22 identified redundancies and requirements;

23 “(2) includes a plan for developing and improv-
24 ing the performance metrics required under section
25 2022(a)(4) for such grants; and

1 “(3) includes an assessment of each program
2 under which such grants are awarded.

3 “(b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Each plan under sub-
4 section (a)—

5 “(1) shall be developed in coordination with
6 State, local, tribal, and territorial governments; and

7 “(2) shall include a proposed timeline for ac-
8 tions to implement the plan.

9 “(c) PROGRAM ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Each
10 program assessment under subsection (a)(3) shall in-
11 clude—

12 “(1) a brief summary of the program purposes,
13 objectives, and performance goals, and of the key
14 findings of the assessment;

15 “(2) an assessment of the quality of the pro-
16 gram’s performance metrics, and the extent to which
17 necessary performance data are collected;

18 “(3) a summary of how the program’s strengths
19 and weaknesses are impeding or contributing to its
20 failures or successes, including reasons for any sub-
21 stantial variation from the targeted level of perform-
22 ance of the program;

23 “(4) a description of the extent to which any
24 trends, developments, or emerging conditions affect

1 the need to change the mission of the program or
2 the way that the program is being carried out;

3 “(5) an identification of the best practices used
4 in the program for allocating resources in an effi-
5 cient and effective manner that resulted in positive
6 outcomes and the key reasons why such practices re-
7 sulted in positive outcomes;

8 “(6) recommendations for program modifica-
9 tions to improve the results that the program
10 achieves;

11 “(7) a summary of key results of the program
12 assessment that support maximizing the amount of
13 funds appropriated for the program; and

14 “(8) an assessment of the quality of customer
15 service offered to recipients of funds under the pro-
16 gram and a strategy for improving such service.

17 “(d) CONGRESSIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY COM-
18 MITTEES DEFINED.—In this section the term ‘congres-
19 sional homeland security committees’ means the Com-
20 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
21 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
22 ernmental Affairs of the Senate.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
24 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by adding at the

- 1 end of the items relating to title XX the following new
- 2 item:

“Sec. 2023. Identification of reporting redundancies and development of performance metrics.”.

