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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 3, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs

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## AN ACT

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF REPORTING REDUNDANCIES**  
6 **AND DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMANCE**  
7 **METRICS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY PRE-**  
8 **PAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAMS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XX of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by  
10 adding at the end the following new section:

12 **“SEC. 2023. IDENTIFICATION OF REPORTING**  
13 **REDUNDANCIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF PER-**  
14 **FORMANCE METRICS.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall, for  
16 grants under sections 2003 and 2004 and any other  
17 grants specified by the Administrator, submit a report to  
18 the appropriate committees of Congress by not later than  
19 120 days after the date of the enactment of the Redun-  
20 dancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Pre-  
21 paredness Grants Act, and by October 1st every 2 years  
22 thereafter, that—

23 “(1) identifies redundant rules, regulations, and  
24 requirements for reporting by recipients of such  
25 grants, and includes a plan for eliminating such  
26 identified redundancies and requirements;

1           “(2) includes a plan for developing and improv-  
2           ing the performance metrics required under section  
3           2022(a)(4) for such grants; and

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

6           “(b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Each plan under sub-  
7           section (a)—

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

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

12           “(c) PROGRAM ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Each  
13           program assessment under subsection (a)(3) shall in-  
14           clude—

15           “(1) a brief summary of the program purposes,  
16           objectives, and performance goals, and of the key  
17           findings of the assessment;

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

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

1           “(4) a description of the extent to which any  
2 trends, developments, or emerging conditions affect  
3 the need to change the mission of the program or  
4 the way that the program is being carried out;

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

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

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

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

19          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
20 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by adding at the  
21 end of the items relating to title XX the following new  
22 item:

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

Passed the House of Representatives December 2,  
2009.

Attest:                      LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*