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Reported by Mr. LIEBERMAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]**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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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 appropriate committees of Congress by not later than
 15 120 days after the date of the enactment of the Redun-
 16 dancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Pre-
 17 paredness Grants Act, and by October 1st every 2 years
 18 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 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 18 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by adding at the
 19 end of the items relating to title XX the following new
 20 item:

“Sec. 2023. Identification of reporting redundancies and development of per-
 formance metrics.”.

21 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

22 *This Act may be cited as the “Redundancy Elimini-*
 23 *ation and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants*
 24 *Act”.*

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 6 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding
 7 at the end the following:

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

11 “(a) *DEFINITION.*—In this section, the term ‘covered
 12 grants’ means grants awarded under section 2003, grants
 13 awarded under section 2004, and any other grants specified
 14 by the Administrator.

15 “(b) *INITIAL REPORT.*—Not later than 90 days after
 16 the date of enactment of the Redundancy Elimination and
 17 Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act, the
 18 Administrator shall submit to the appropriate committees
 19 of Congress a report that includes—

20 “(1) an assessment of redundant reporting re-
 21 quirements imposed by the Administrator on State,
 22 local, and tribal governments in connection with the
 23 awarding of grants, including—

24 “(A) a list of each discrete item of data re-
 25 quested by the Administrator from grant recipi-

1 *ents as part of the process of administering cov-*
2 *ered grants;*

3 *“(B) identification of the items of data from*
4 *the list described in subparagraph (A) that are*
5 *required to be submitted by grant recipients on*
6 *multiple occasions or to multiple systems; and*

7 *“(C) identification of the items of data from*
8 *the list described in subparagraph (A) that are*
9 *not necessary to be collected in order for the Ad-*
10 *ministrator to effectively and efficiently admin-*
11 *ister the programs under which covered grants*
12 *are awarded;*

13 *“(2) a plan, including a specific timetable, for*
14 *eliminating any redundant and unnecessary report-*
15 *ing requirements identified under paragraph (1); and*

16 *“(3) a plan, including a specific timetable, for*
17 *promptly developing a set of quantifiable performance*
18 *measures and metrics to assess the effectiveness of the*
19 *programs under which covered grants are awarded.*

20 *“(c) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after*
21 *the date on which the initial report is required to be sub-*
22 *mitted under subsection (b), and once every 2 years there-*
23 *after, the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate*
24 *committees of Congress a grants management report that*
25 *includes—*

1 “(1) the status of efforts to eliminate redundant
2 and unnecessary reporting requirements imposed on
3 grant recipients, including—

4 “(A) progress made in implementing the
5 plan required under subsection (b)(2);

6 “(B) a reassessment of the reporting re-
7 quirements to identify and eliminate redundant
8 and unnecessary requirements;

9 “(2) the status of efforts to develop quantifiable
10 performance measures and metrics to assess the effec-
11 tiveness of the programs under which the covered
12 grants are awarded, including—

13 “(A) progress made in implementing the
14 plan required under subsection (b)(3);

15 “(B) progress made in developing and im-
16 plementing additional performance metrics and
17 measures for grants, including as part of the
18 comprehensive assessment system required under
19 section 649 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Man-
20 agement Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 749); and

21 “(3) a performance assessment of each program
22 under which the covered grants are awarded, includ-
23 ing—

24 “(A) a description of the objectives and
25 goals of the program;

1 “(B) an assessment of the extent to which
2 the objectives and goals described in subpara-
3 graph (A) have been met, based on the quantifi-
4 able performance measures and metrics required
5 under this section, section 2022(a)(4), and sec-
6 tion 649 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Man-
7 agement Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 749);

8 “(C) recommendations for any program
9 modifications to improve the effectiveness of the
10 program, to address changed or emerging condi-
11 tions; and

12 “(D) an assessment of the experience of re-
13 cipients of covered grants, including the avail-
14 ability of clear and accurate information, the
15 timeliness of reviews and awards, and the provi-
16 sion of technical assistance, and recommenda-
17 tions for improving that experience.

18 “(d) GRANTS PROGRAM MEASUREMENT STUDY.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
20 the enactment of Redundancy Elimination and En-
21 hanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act, the
22 Administrator shall enter into a contract with the
23 National Academy of Public Administration under
24 which the National Academy of Public Administra-

1 *tion shall assist the Administrator in studying, devel-*
 2 *oping, and implementing—*

3 *“(A) quantifiable performance measures*
 4 *and metrics to assess the effectiveness of grants*
 5 *administered by the Department, as required*
 6 *under this section and section 649 of the Post-*
 7 *Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of*
 8 *2006 (6 U.S.C. 749); and*

9 *“(B) the plan required under subsection*
 10 *(b)(3).*

11 *“(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the*
 12 *date on which the contract described in paragraph (1)*
 13 *is awarded, the Administrator shall submit to the ap-*
 14 *propriate committees of Congress a report that de-*
 15 *scribes the findings and recommendations of the study*
 16 *conducted under paragraph (1).*

17 *“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—*
 18 *There are authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-*
 19 *ministrator such sums as may be necessary to carry*
 20 *out this subsection.”.*

21 *(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The*
 22 *table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security*
 23 *Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by adding*
 24 *at the end the following:*

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