111TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5562

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prohibit requiring the use of a specified percentage of a grant under the Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program for specific purposes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 21, 2010

Ms. Richardson 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 "Homeland Security
- 5 Grant Management Improvement Act".

1	SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING USE OF GRANTS
2	UNDER URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE
3	AND STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT
4	PROGRAM FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.
5	Section 2008(b)(3) of Homeland Security Act of
6	2002 (6 U.S.C. 609(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the
7	end the following new subparagraph:
8	"(C) Prohibition on requiring use of
9	GRANTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.—Unless re-
10	quired by statute, the Administrator may not
11	require the recipient of a grant under section
12	2003 or 2004 to use a specific percentage of
13	the amount of the grant for any one of the per-
14	mitted uses described in paragraphs (1)
15	through (10) or (12) through (13) of section
16	2008(a).".
17	SEC. 3. STUDY OF PERCENTAGE OF GRANTS FUNDS AU-
18	THORIZED FOR ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.
19	(a) In General.—The Administrator of the Federal
20	Emergency Management Agency, in consultation with the
21	National Advisory Council established under section
22	508(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
23	318(a)), shall—
24	(1) study the use by grantees of Federal funds
25	provided under the Urban Area Security Initiative
26	and the State Homeland Security Grant Program

- 1 authorized, respectively, by section 2003 and 2004
- of that Act (6 U.S.C. 604, 605), for paying expenses
- 3 related to administration as authorized under section
- 4 2008(a)(11) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
- 6 U.S.C. 609(a)(11); and
- 6 (2) evaluate and determine whether the per-
- 7 centage authorized under that section is adequate to
- 8 ensure proper oversight, management, and adminis-
- 9 tration of grant awards.
- 10 (b) Report.—Not later than 180 days after the date
- 11 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall report
- 12 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
- 13 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
- 14 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate on the findings
- 15 of the study and evaluation, including recommendations
- 16 on whether the percentage authorized under section
- 17 2008(a)(11) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6)
- 18 U.S.C. 609(a)(11)) should be adjusted to better reflect the
- 19 costs to grant recipients of managing and administering
- 20 their grant awards.
- 21 SEC. 4. STUDY OF FEASIBILITY OF MULTI-YEAR GRANT
- PROGRAM GUIDANCE.
- The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Man-
- 24 agement Agency shall—

(1) in consultation with the National Advisory
Council established under section 508(a) of the
Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 318(a))
and the Chief Financial Officer of the Department
of Homeland Security, study the feasibility, advantages, and disadvantages of issuing multi-year program guidance for grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security
Grant Program authorized, respectively, by section
2003 and 2004 of that Act (6 U.S.C. 604, 605); and
(2) by not later than 180 days after the date

(2) by not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator provide the results of the study to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.