

Union Calendar No. 121

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2206

[Report No. 114-165]

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2015

Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. McCAUL, and Ms. MCSALLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

JUNE 17, 2015

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 1, 2015]

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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 “State Wide Interoperable*
5 *Communications Enhancement Act” or the “SWIC En-*
6 *hancement Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM CONTENTS OF APPLICATION FOR CER-**
8 **TAIN HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 2004(b)*
10 *of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 605(b))*
11 *is amended by—*

12 *(1) redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as*
13 *subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively; and*

14 *(2) inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-*
15 *lowing new subparagraph:*

16 *“(B)(i) certification that the Governor of*
17 *the State has designated a Statewide Interoper-*
18 *ability Coordinator, including identification in*
19 *such certification of the individual so designated,*
20 *who shall be responsible for—*

21 *“(I) coordinating the daily operations*
22 *of the State’s interoperability efforts;*

23 *“(II) coordinating State interoper-*
24 *ability and communications projects and*
25 *grant applications for such projects;*

1 “(III) establishing and maintaining
2 working groups to develop and implement
3 key interoperability initiatives; and

4 “(IV) coordinating and updating, as
5 necessary, a Statewide Communications
6 Interoperability Plan that specifies the cur-
7 rent status of State efforts to enhance com-
8 munications interoperability within the
9 State, including progress, modifications, or
10 setbacks, and future goals for communica-
11 tions interoperability among emergency re-
12 sponse agencies in the State; or

13 “(ii) if a Statewide Interoperability Coordi-
14 nator has not been designated in accordance with
15 clause (i)—

16 “(I) certification that the State is per-
17 forming in another manner the functions
18 described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of
19 such clause; and

20 “(II) identification in such certifi-
21 cation of an individual who has been des-
22 ignated by the State as the primary point
23 of contact for performance of such func-
24 tions;”.

1 **(b) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.**—*The amendment*
2 *made by subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any*
3 *grant for which an application was submitted under the*
4 *State Homeland Security Grant Program before the date*
5 *of the enactment of this Act.*

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