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H. R. 4509

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify membership of State planning committees or urban area working groups for the Homeland Security Grant Program, 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 “State and High-Risk
3 Urban Area Working Group Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION OF CERTAIN**
5 **DHS GRANTS.**

6 Subsection (b) of section 2021 of the Homeland Se-
7 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 611) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 “(b) PLANNING COMMITTEES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any State or high-risk
11 urban area receiving a grant under section 2003 or
12 2004 shall establish a State planning committee or
13 urban area working group to assist in preparation
14 and revision of the State, regional, or local homeland
15 security plan or the threat and hazard identification
16 and risk assessment, as the case may be, and to as-
17 sist in determining effective funding priorities for
18 grants under such sections.

19 “(2) COMPOSITION.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The State planning
21 committees and urban area working groups re-
22 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall include at least
23 one representative from each of the following
24 significant stakeholders:

25 “(i) Local or tribal government offi-
26 cials.

1 “(ii) Emergency response providers,
2 which shall include representatives of the
3 fire service, law enforcement, emergency
4 medical services, and emergency managers.

5 “(iii) Public health officials and other
6 appropriate medical practitioners.

7 “(iv) Individuals representing edu-
8 cational institutions, including elementary
9 schools, community colleges, and other in-
10 stitutions of higher education.

11 “(v) State and regional interoperable
12 communications coordinators, as appro-
13 priate.

14 “(vi) State and major urban area fu-
15 sion centers, as appropriate.

16 “(B) GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION.—
17 The members of the State planning committee
18 or urban area working group, as the case may
19 be, shall be a representative group of individ-
20 uals from the counties, cities, towns, and Indian
21 tribes within the State or high-risk urban area,
22 including, as appropriate, representatives of
23 rural, high-population, and high-threat jurisdic-
24 tions.

1 “(3) EXISTING PLANNING COMMITTEES.—Noth-
2 ing in this subsection may be construed to require
3 that any State or high-risk urban area create a
4 State planning committee or urban area working
5 group, as the case may be, if that State or high-risk
6 urban area has established and uses a multijuris-
7 dictional planning committee or commission that
8 meets the requirements of this subsection.”.

Passed the House of Representatives April 13, 2016.

Attest:

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Clerk.