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S. 1539

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide funding to secure nonprofit facilities from terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Protecting Faith-
5 Based and Nonprofit Organizations From Terrorism Act
6 of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XX of the
3 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603 et seq.)
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 2009. NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

6 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘eligible
7 nonprofit organization’ means an organization that is—

8 “(1) described in section 501(c)(3) of the Inter-
9 nal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax
10 under section 501(a) of such Code; and

11 “(2) determined to be at risk of a terrorist at-
12 tack by the Administrator.

13 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
14 Department a program to be known as the ‘Nonprofit Se-
15 curity Grant Program’, under which the Secretary, acting
16 through the Administrator, shall make grants to eligible
17 nonprofit organizations, through the State in which such
18 organizations are located, for target hardening and other
19 security enhancements to protect against terrorist attacks.

20 “(c) PERMITTED USES.—The recipient of a grant
21 under this section may use such grant for any of the fol-
22 lowing uses:

23 “(1) Target hardening activities, including
24 physical security enhancement equipment and in-
25 spection and screening systems.

1 “(2) Fees for security training relating to phys-
2 ical security and cybersecurity, target hardening,
3 terrorism awareness, and employee awareness.

4 “(3) Any other appropriate activity, including
5 cybersecurity resilience activities, as determined by
6 the Administrator.

7 “(d) PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.—The Adminis-
8 trator shall make funds provided under this section avail-
9 able for use by a recipient of a grant for a period of not
10 less than 36 months.

11 “(e) REPORT.—The Administrator shall annually for
12 each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024 submit to the
13 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
14 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
15 rity of the House of Representatives a report containing
16 information on the expenditure by each recipient of grant
17 funds provided under this section.

18 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
20 appropriated \$75,000,000 for each of fiscal years
21 2020 through 2024 to carry out this section.

22 “(2) SPECIFICATION.—Of the amounts author-
23 ized to be appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1)—

1 “(A) \$50,000,000 is authorized for eligible
2 nonprofit organizations located in jurisdictions
3 that receive funding under section 2003; and

4 “(B) \$25,000,000 is authorized for eligible
5 nonprofit organizations located in jurisdictions
6 not receiving funding under section 2003.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2002(a) of
8 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603(a)) is
9 amended by striking “sections 2003 and 2004” and in-
10 serting “sections 2003, 2004, and 2009”.

11 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
12 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
13 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
14 2008 the following:

“Sec. 2009. Nonprofit security grant program.”.

