

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6507

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and certain other laws relating to certain preparedness, transit, and port security grant programs to improve oversight, transparency, and stakeholder engagement in the administration of such grant programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “DHS Grants Account-
5 ability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PREPAREDNESS,**
2 **TRANSIT, AND PORT SECURITY GRANT PRO-**
3 **GRAMS.**

4 (a) PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAMS.—

5 (1) HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAMS.—

6 Subsection (a) of section 2002 of the Homeland Se-
7 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603) is amended by
8 striking “may” and inserting “shall not less fre-
9 quently than annually”.

10 (2) TRANSPARENCY IN PRIORITIZATION.—Sub-
11 section (a) of section 2007 of the Homeland Security
12 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 608) is amended—

13 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
14 by striking “consider” and all that follows
15 through “area” and inserting “allocate such
16 funds to each such State or area on the basis
17 of”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (1)(K), by striking “writ-
19 ing by the Administrator” and inserting “an
20 annual notification the Administrator submits
21 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
22 House of Representatives and the Committee
23 on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
24 fairs of the Senate before the issuance of the
25 notice of funding opportunity applicable to the
26 allocation at issue”.

1 (3) ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION.—

2 Section 2021 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002

3 (6 U.S.C. 611) is amended—

4 (A) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
5 section (e);

6 (B) by inserting after subsection (b) the
7 following new subsections:

8 “(c) DEADLINES AND APPLICATION PERIODS.—For
9 each notice of funding opportunity for a grant program
10 under a specified section, the Administrator shall carry
11 out the following:

12 “(1) Make such notice publicly available in ac-
13 cordance with the deadlines, if any, specified in the
14 applicable appropriations Act, but if no such dead-
15 line is so specified, make such notice publicly avail-
16 able not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
17 actment of such Act.

18 “(2) Allow each eligible recipient under such
19 grant program not fewer than 30 days after such
20 notice is made publicly available to submit an appli-
21 cation with respect to such grant program.

22 “(d) PERIODS OF PERFORMANCE.—The Adminis-
23 trator shall make grant funds provided under a specified
24 section available for use by the recipient of such grant
25 funds for a period of not fewer than 54 months.”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new
2 subsection:

3 “(f) SPECIFIED SECTION DEFINED.—In this section,
4 the term ‘specified section’ means any of the following:

5 “(1) Section 2003.

6 “(2) Section 2004.

7 “(3) Section 2009.”.

8 (4) RISK ASSESSMENT DEADLINE.—Subsection
9 (c)(2)(C) of section 2022 of the Homeland Security
10 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 612) is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 “(C) DEADLINE.—With respect to any fis-
13 cal year for which the Department intends to
14 make a grant or administers a grant, the infor-
15 mation required under subparagraph (A) shall
16 be provided not fewer than 30 days before any
17 notice of funding opportunity or other program
18 guidance relating to any such grant.”.

19 (5) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2009
20 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
21 609a) is amended—

22 (A) by striking subsection (d);

23 (B) by redesignating subsections (e)
24 through (i) as subsections (d) through (h), re-
25 spectively; and

1 (C) in subsection (c)(3)(C), by striking
2 “(g)” and inserting “(f)”.

3 (b) TRANSIT AND PORT SECURITY GRANT PRO-
4 GRAMS.—

5 (1) DEADLINES AND PERIODS WITH RESPECT
6 TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANTS.—Section
7 1406 of the Implementing Recommendations of the
8 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (6 U.S.C. 1135) is
9 amended—

10 (A) by redesignating subsection (n) as sub-
11 section (o); and

12 (B) by striking subsection (m) and insert-
13 ing the following new subsections:

14 “(m) PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.—Funds provided
15 pursuant to a grant awarded under this section for a use
16 specified in subsection (b) shall remain available for use
17 by a grant recipient for a period of not fewer than 54
18 months.

19 “(n) DEADLINES AND APPLICATION PERIODS.—For
20 each notice of funding opportunity for the grant program
21 under this section, the Secretary shall carry out the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(1) Make such notice publicly available in ac-
24 cordance with the deadlines, if any, specified in the
25 applicable appropriations Act, but if no such dead-

1 line is so specified, make such notice publicly avail-
2 able not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
3 actment of such Act.

4 “(2) Allow each eligible recipient under such
5 grant program not fewer than 30 days after such
6 notice is made publicly available to submit an appli-
7 cation with respect to such grant program.”.

8 (2) RAILROAD SECURITY ASSISTANCE.—Section
9 1513 of the Implementing Recommendations of the
10 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (6 U.S.C. 1163) is
11 amended—

12 (A) by redesignating subsection (i) as sub-
13 section (j); and

14 (B) by inserting after subsection (h) the
15 following new subsection:

16 “(i) DEADLINES AND APPLICATION PERIODS.—For
17 each notice of funding opportunity for the grant program
18 under this section, the Secretary shall carry out the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(1) Make such notice publicly available in ac-
21 cordance with the deadlines, if any, specified in the
22 applicable appropriations Act, but if no such dead-
23 line is so specified, make such notice publicly avail-
24 able not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
25 actment of such Act.

1 “(2) Allow each eligible recipient under such
 2 grant program not fewer than 30 days after such
 3 notice is made publicly available to submit an appli-
 4 cation with respect to such grant program.”.

5 (3) OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SECURITY ASSIST-
 6 ANCE.—Section 1532 of the Implementing Rec-
 7 ommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007
 8 (6 U.S.C. 1182) is amended—

9 (A) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
 10 section (l); and

11 (B) by inserting after subsection (j) the
 12 following new subsection:

13 “(k) DEADLINES AND APPLICATION PERIODS.—For
 14 each notice of funding opportunity for the grant program
 15 under this section, the Secretary shall carry out the fol-
 16 lowing:

17 “(1) Make such notice publicly available in ac-
 18 cordance with the deadlines, if any, specified in the
 19 applicable appropriations Act, but if no such dead-
 20 line is so specified, make such notice publicly avail-
 21 able not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
 22 actment of such Act.

23 “(2) Allow each eligible recipient under such
 24 grant program not fewer than 30 days after such

1 notice is made publicly available to submit an appli-
2 cation with respect to such grant program.”.

3 (4) PORT SECURITY GRANTS.—Section 70107
4 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(n) DEADLINES AND APPLICATION PERIODS.—For
7 each notice of funding opportunity for a grant program
8 under this section, the Secretary shall carry out the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(1) Make such notice publicly available in ac-
11 cordance with the deadlines, if any, specified in the
12 applicable appropriations Act, but if no such dead-
13 line is so specified, make such notice publicly avail-
14 able not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
15 actment of such Act.

16 “(2) Allow each eligible recipient under such
17 grant program not fewer than 30 days after such
18 notice is made publicly available to submit an appli-
19 cation with respect to such grant program.”.

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