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H. R. 6098

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT 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 “Personnel Reimburse-
5 ment for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of
6 Homeland Security Act” or the “PRICE of Homeland Se-
7 curity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) After the terrorist attacks on September 11,
4 2001, State, local, and tribal governments redoubled
5 their efforts to combat terrorism and expended tre-
6 mendous energy and financial resources to help the
7 Federal Government fight the terrorist threat.

8 (2) States and localities have formed fusion
9 centers, hired intelligence analysts, and contributed
10 law enforcement officers and other resources to the
11 expansion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's
12 Joint Terrorism Task Forces and the establishment
13 of Field Intelligence Groups, among other efforts.

14 (3) These actions, in conjunction with the ef-
15 forts of the Federal Government and private indus-
16 try, have materially contributed to the common de-
17 fense of this Nation and have helped keep our home-
18 land secure.

19 (4) The National Strategy for Information
20 Sharing issued by the President in October 2007
21 plainly states that "The Federal Government may
22 need to provide financial and technical assistance, as
23 well as human resource support, to these fusion cen-
24 ters if they are to achieve and sustain a baseline
25 level of capability. The objective is to assist State
26 and local governments in the establishment and the

1 sustained operation of these fusion centers. A sus-
2 tained Federal partnership with State and major
3 urban area fusion centers is critical to the safety of
4 our Nation, and therefore a national priority.”.

5 (5) The Federal Government has endeavored to
6 support these State efforts through the State Home-
7 land Security Grant Program and other methods of
8 Federal assistance but have placed restrictions on
9 the use of these funds that make long-term planning
10 for fusion centers unmanageable.

11 (6) It is vital to the security of our homeland
12 that States and localities are able to continue to re-
13 ceive funding for the participation of State and local
14 analysts in fusion centers and in their State and
15 local efforts to combat terrorism and terrorist-re-
16 lated activities.

17 **SEC. 3. GRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR ANALYSTS.**

18 Section 2008(a) of the Homeland Security Act of
19 2002 (6 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended—

20 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
21 striking “Grants” and all that follows through
22 “plans, through” and inserting the following: “The
23 Administrator shall permit grant recipients under
24 section 2003 or 2004 to use grant funds to achieve
25 and sustain target capabilities related to preventing,

1 preparing for, protecting against, and responding to
2 acts of terrorism, consistent with a State homeland
3 security plan and relevant local, tribal, and regional
4 homeland security plans, through”; and

5 (2) in paragraph (10) by inserting the following
6 after “analysts”: “regardless of whether such ana-
7 lysts are current or new full-time employees or con-
8 tract employees and such funding shall be made
9 available without time limitations placed on the pe-
10 riod of time that such analyst can serve under
11 awarded grants.”.

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