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H. R. 6098

[Report No. 110-752]

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

MAY 20, 2008

Mr. REICHERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

JULY 10, 2008

Additional sponsors: Mr. KING of New York, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DENT, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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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.**

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

8 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

9 The Congress finds as follows:

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

15 (2) States and localities have formed fusion
16 centers, hired intelligence analysts, and contributed
17 law enforcement officers and other resources to the
18 expansion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s
19 Joint Terrorism Task Forces and the establishment
20 of Field Intelligence Groups, among other efforts.

21 (3) These actions, in conjunction with the ef-
22 forts of the Federal Government and private indus-
23 try, have materially contributed to the common de-
24 fense of this Nation and have helped keep our home-
25 land secure.

1 (4) The National Strategy for Information
2 Sharing issued by the President in October 2007
3 plainly states that “The Federal Government may
4 need to provide financial and technical assistance, as
5 well as human resource support, to these fusion cen-
6 ters if they are to achieve and sustain a baseline
7 level of capability. The objective is to assist State
8 and local governments in the establishment and the
9 sustained operation of these fusion centers. A sus-
10 tained Federal partnership with State and major
11 urban area fusion centers is critical to the safety of
12 our Nation, and therefore a national priority.”

13 (5) The Federal Government has endeavored to
14 support these State efforts through the State Home-
15 land Security Grant Program and other methods of
16 Federal assistance but have placed restrictions on
17 the use of these funds that make long-term planning
18 for fusion centers unmanageable.

19 (6) It is vital to the security of our homeland
20 that States and localities are able to continue to re-
21 ceive funding for the participation of State and local
22 analysts in fusion centers and in their State and
23 local efforts to combat terrorism and terrorist-re-
24 lated activities.

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

2 Section 2008(a) of the Homeland Security Act of
3 2002 (6 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended—

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5 striking “Grants” and all that follows through
6 “plans, through” and inserting the following: “The
7 Administrator shall permit grant recipients under
8 section 2003 or 2004 to use grant funds to achieve
9 and sustain target capabilities related to preventing,
10 preparing for, protecting against, and responding to
11 acts of terrorism, consistent with a State homeland
12 security plan and relevant local, tribal, and regional
13 homeland security plans, through”; and

14 (2) in paragraph (10) by inserting the following
15 after “analysts”: “regardless of whether such ana-
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9 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS FOR PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONAL**
 10 **COSTS.**

11 *Section 2008(b)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of*
 12 *2002 (6 U.S.C. 609(b)(2)) is amended by striking so much*
 13 *as precedes subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:*

14 *“(2) PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONAL COSTS.—*

15 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The recipient of a*
 16 *grant under section 2003 or 2004 may, at the re-*
 17 *ipient’s discretion, use up to 50 percent of the*
 18 *amount of the grant awarded for any fiscal year*
 19 *to pay for personnel and operational costs, in-*
 20 *cluding overtime and backfill costs, in support of*
 21 *the uses authorized under subsection (a).”.*

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