A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide funding assistance to State training centers certified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as capable of providing emergency response training.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE MISSION TRAINING.

(a) Assistance Authorized.—Chapter 9 of title 32, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:
§ 909. Training assistance

(a) Assistance Authorized.—To improve the training of National Guard units and Federal agencies performing homeland defense activities, the Secretary of Defense may provide funding assistance through a special military cooperative agreement for the operation and maintenance of any State training center certified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as capable of providing emergency response training.

(b) Merit-Based or Competitive Decisions.—A decision to commit, obligate, or expend funds under subsection (a) with or to a specific entity shall—

(1) be based on merit-based selection procedures in accordance with the requirements of sections 2304(k) and 2374 of title 10 or on competitive procedures; and

(2) comply with other applicable provisions of law.”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“909. Training assistance.”.