

116TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3778

To permit the Election Assistance Commission to waive the matching requirement for payments made to States for election security grants under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2020

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## 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 “State Elections Pre-  
5 paredness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR ELEC-**  
2 **TION SECURITY GRANTS TO STATES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case where the Election As-  
4 sistance Commission (referred to in this section as the  
5 “Commission”) determines exigent circumstances related  
6 to the COVID–19 pandemic prevent a State from pro-  
7 viding matching funds as described in the last proviso  
8 under the heading “Election Assistance Commission, Elec-  
9 tion Security Grants” in the Financial Services and Gen-  
10 eral Government Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law  
11 116–93; 133 Stat. 2461) (relating to the State matching  
12 funds requirement), the Commission may waive the appli-  
13 cation of such State matching funds requirement under  
14 such proviso with respect to any payment made to the  
15 State using funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-  
16 able to the Commission under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,  
17 and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsection (a) shall take ef-  
19 fect as if included in the enactment of the Coronavirus  
20 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–  
21 136).

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