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To authorize States to use leftover funds under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program for emergency warning infrastructure, connectivity, and related systems projects.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Strengthening Infra-
5 structure, Readiness, and Emergency Notifications Act of
6 2026” or the “SIREN Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 60102 of the Infrastruc-
3 ture Investment and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1702) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in subsection (c)(5)(C)(ii), in the matter
6 preceding subclause (I), by striking “by the applica-
7 ble deadline” and inserting “after being provided the
8 opportunity to submit a proposal under subsection
9 (f)(2)(B)(ii) and use any remaining amounts in ac-
10 cordance with that proposal, if approved by the As-
11 sistant Secretary”; and

12 (2) in subsection (f)—

13 (A) in paragraph (4), by redesignating
14 subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and
15 (ii), respectively, and adjusting the margins ac-
16 cordingly;

17 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
18 through (6) as subparagraphs (A) through (F),
19 respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-
20 ingly;

21 (C) in the matter preceding subparagraph
22 (A), as so redesignated, by striking “An eligible
23 entity may” and inserting the following:

24 “(1) PERMITTED USES.—An eligible entity
25 may”; and

26 (D) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(2) USE OF REMAINING AMOUNTS FOR EMER-
 2 GENCY WARNING INFRASTRUCTURE, CONNECTIVITY,
 3 AND RELATED SYSTEMS PROJECTS.—

4 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

5 “(i) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term
 6 ‘eligible project’ means a project for the
 7 procurement, installation, or modernization
 8 of—

9 “(I) audible warning sirens or
 10 similar rapid notification technologies
 11 and infrastructure;

12 “(II) wind, flood, fire, earth-
 13 quake, or other sensor technologies
 14 necessary for the detection and moni-
 15 toring of, and rapid response to,
 16 major disasters; or

17 “(III) information technology
 18 equipment, software, and any other
 19 related item necessary for the function
 20 of projects described in subclauses (I)
 21 and (II).

22 “(ii) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—The
 23 term ‘remaining amounts’, with respect to
 24 the allocations to an eligible entity under
 25 subsection (c), means any amounts remain-

1 ing from those allocations upon approval of
2 the eligible entity's final proposal under
3 subsection (e)(4).

4 “(B) USE OF REMAINING FUNDS.—An eli-
5 gible entity that wishes to use remaining
6 amounts for 1 or more eligible projects—

7 “(i) shall submit to the Assistant Sec-
8 retary a proposal for utilizing the remain-
9 ing amounts in accordance with clause (ii);
10 and

11 “(ii) may, if the proposal submitted
12 under clause (i) is approved by the Assist-
13 ant Secretary, use the remaining amounts
14 to establish a competitive subgrant pro-
15 gram to support 1 or more eligible
16 projects.

17 “(C) PRIORITIZATION.—In awarding sub-
18 grants under subparagraph (B), an eligible en-
19 tity shall prioritize eligible projects in which the
20 eligible entity or a political subdivision of the el-
21 igible entity has provided not less than 25 per-
22 cent of the cost of the eligible project.

23 “(D) PROHIBITED USE OF FUNDS.—A
24 subgrant awarded under subparagraph (B) may

1 not be used for the operating or maintenance
2 costs of an eligible project.

3 “(E) INTERSTATE PROJECTS.—Two or
4 more eligible entities may execute a memo-
5 randum of agreement between or among one
6 another to facilitate a subgrant award under
7 subparagraph (B) for an eligible project that
8 spans an area within the jurisdiction of 2 or
9 more of the eligible entities.”.

10 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section
11 60102(e)(4)(A)(i) of the Infrastructure Investment and
12 Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1702(e)(4)(A)(i)) is amended, in the
13 matter preceding subclause (I), by striking “approvals”
14 and inserting “approves”.

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