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To establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer program  
within the Department of Homeland Security.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. ANDREWS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer program within the Department of Homeland Security.

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 “Homeland Security  
5       Technology Improvement Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOMELAND SECURITY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 313 of the Homeland Se-  
4 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 193) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the  
6 following:

7 “(6) The establishment of a multi-agency home-  
8 land security technology, equipment, and informa-  
9 tion transfer program to allow for the transfer of  
10 technology, equipment, and information to State, re-  
11 gional, and local fire, emergency medical service, and  
12 law enforcement agencies.”;

13 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
14 section (d); and

15 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
16 lowing:

17 “(c) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM.—In devel-  
18 oping the program described under subsection (b)(6), the  
19 Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Science  
20 and Technology shall—

21 “(1) in close cooperation with the Office of Do-  
22 mestic Preparedness, conduct, on an ongoing basis—

23 “(A) research and development of new  
24 technologies;

25 “(B) surveys and reviews of available ap-  
26 propriate technologies; and

1           “(C) tests, evaluations, and demonstrations  
2           of new and available technologies that signifi-  
3           cantly improve the capability of fire, emergency  
4           medical service, and law enforcement agencies  
5           in countering terrorist threats and traditional  
6           threats not related to terrorism;

7           “(2) in support of the activities described in  
8           paragraph (1)—

9           “(A) consult with State, regional, and local  
10          fire, emergency medical service, and law en-  
11          forcement agencies and others determined by  
12          the Secretary, including the advisory committee  
13          established under section 430(d);

14          “(B) work with the National Institute of  
15          Standards and Technology and any other office  
16          or agency determined by the Secretary;

17          “(C) at the discretion of the Secretary,  
18          enter into agreements and coordinate with other  
19          Federal agencies to maximize the effectiveness  
20          of the technologies, equipment, and informa-  
21          tion; and

22          “(D) utilize existing technology transfer  
23          centers and Federal and State training centers  
24          that test, evaluate, and transfer military and

1 other technologies for use by the first responder  
2 community;

3 “(3) provide a comprehensive list of available  
4 technologies, equipment, and information to the Of-  
5 fice for Domestic Preparedness which shall admin-  
6 ister a technology transfer program described under  
7 section 430(d); and

8 “(4) work with the Secretary of Defense to  
9 identify, evaluate, deploy, and transfer to Federal,  
10 State, regional, and local fire, emergency medical  
11 service, and law enforcement personnel, Department  
12 of Defense technologies and equipment for homeland  
13 security purposes, pursuant to section 1401 of the  
14 Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for  
15 Fiscal Year 2003.”.

16 (b) OFFICE FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS.—Sec-  
17 tion 430 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.  
18 238) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
20 section (e); and

21 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 “(d) TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND INFORMATION  
24 TRANSFER PROGRAM.—

1           “(1) ADMINISTRATION.—The Director of the  
2           Office for Domestic Preparedness, in coordination  
3           with the Under Secretary for Science and Tech-  
4           nology, shall establish and administer a technology  
5           transfer program through which the Director shall—

6                   “(A) make the counterterrorism and non-  
7                   terrorism response technology, equipment, and  
8                   information available to State, regional, and  
9                   local fire, emergency medical service, and law  
10                  enforcement agencies each year based on—

11                           “(i) the comprehensive list of available  
12                           technologies, equipment, and information  
13                           described under section 313(c); and

14                           “(ii) the needs identified by the advi-  
15                           sory committee established under this sub-  
16                           section;

17                   “(B) consult with State, regional, and local  
18                   fire, emergency medical service, and law en-  
19                   forcement agencies and others, as determined  
20                   by the Secretary;

21                   “(C) accept applications from the head of  
22                   State, regional, and local fire, emergency med-  
23                   ical service, and law enforcement agencies that  
24                   wish to acquire such technologies, equipment,  
25                   and information to improve the homeland secu-

1           rity capabilities of those agencies, and review  
2           these applications with the advisory committee  
3           established under this subsection; and

4           “(D) transfer the approved technology,  
5           equipment, and information and provide the ap-  
6           propriate training to the State, regional, or  
7           local fire, emergency medical service, and law  
8           enforcement agencies to implement such tech-  
9           nology, equipment, and information.

10          “(2) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ADVISORY COM-  
11          MITTEE.—Under the authority of section 871, the  
12          Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office  
13          for Domestic Preparedness, shall establish an advi-  
14          sory committee, or designate an existing advisory  
15          committee comprised of retired and active duty  
16          State, regional, and local fire, emergency medical  
17          service, and law enforcement officers, to advise the  
18          Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness  
19          and the Under Secretary for Science and Technology  
20          regarding the homeland security technology transfer  
21          program established under this subsection.

22          “(3) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION EXPEND-  
23          ITURE.—Not more than 10 percent of the budget of  
24          the technology, equipment, and information transfer

1       program established under this subsection may be  
2       used for administrative expenses.

3               “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4       There are authorized to be appropriated  
5       \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2005  
6       through 2014 to carry out this subsection.”.

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