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To provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

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Ms. Hooley of Oregon (for herself, Mr. Stenholm, Mr. Case, Mr. Emanuel, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Farr, Mr. Hoeffel, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Defazio, Mr. Sandlin, Mr. Towns, and Ms. Lee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Select Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and Science, 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

A BILL

To provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

- 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 Grant Enhancement Act of 2004".

| 1 | SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE AND |
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| 2 | STREAMLINE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT |
| 3 | PROGRAMS. |
| 4 | (a) In General.—The Homeland Security Act of |
| 5 | 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after |
| 6 | section 801 the following: |
| 7 | "SEC. 802. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE |
| 8 | AND STREAMLINE HOMELAND SECURITY |
| 9 | GRANT PROGRAMS. |
| 10 | "(a) Establishment.—There is established an |
| 11 | Interagency Committee to Coordinate and Streamline |
| 12 | Homeland Security Grant Programs (in this subtitle re- |
| 13 | ferred to as the 'Interagency Committee'), which shall— |
| 14 | "(1) report all findings to the Information |
| 15 | Clearinghouse established under section 801(c); |
| 16 | "(2) consult with State and local governments |
| 17 | and emergency response providers regarding their |
| 18 | homeland security needs and capabilities; |
| 19 | "(3) advise the Secretary on the development of |
| 20 | performance measures for homeland security grant |
| 21 | programs and the national strategy for homeland se- |
| 22 | curity; |
| 23 | "(4) not later than 60 days after the effective |
| 24 | date of the Homeland Security Grant Enhancement |
| 25 | Act of 2004— |

| 1 | "(A) compile a list of homeland security |
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| 2 | assistance programs and their reporting re- |
| 3 | quirements, including— |
| 4 | "(i) those administered by the Office |
| 5 | for Domestic Preparedness, such as— |
| 6 | "(I) the State Homeland Security |
| 7 | Grant Program; |
| 8 | "(II) high threat urban area |
| 9 | grants; |
| 10 | "(III) critical infrastructure secu- |
| 11 | rity grants; |
| 12 | "(IV) research and development |
| 13 | grant programs; |
| 14 | "(V) training and technical as- |
| 15 | sistance grants; and |
| 16 | "(VI) other discretionary or and |
| 17 | assistance grant programs; |
| 18 | "(ii) Federal Emergency Management |
| 19 | Agency assistance programs, such as— |
| 20 | "(I) the Assistance to Fire- |
| 21 | fighters Grant Program; |
| 22 | "(II) Citizen Corps; |
| 23 | "(III) grants for emergency oper- |
| 24 | ations centers; |

| 1 | "(IV) interoperable communica- |
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| 2 | tions grants; |
| 3 | "(V) Urban Search and Rescue |
| 4 | task forces; and |
| 5 | "(VI) other Federal Emergency |
| 6 | Management Agency assistance pro- |
| 7 | grams, except those grants intended |
| 8 | to reimburse States, localities, and |
| 9 | other applicants for costs resulting |
| 10 | from disasters or emergencies de- |
| 11 | clared under to the Disaster Relief |
| 12 | Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); |
| 13 | "(iii) Transportation Security Admin- |
| 14 | istration assistance programs, such as port |
| 15 | security grants; |
| 16 | "(iv) Department of Justice assist- |
| 17 | ance programs, such as— |
| 18 | "(I) the Local Law Enforcement |
| 19 | Block Grant; |
| 20 | "(II) the Byrne Memorial For- |
| 21 | mula Grant Program; and |
| 22 | "(III) the Community Oriented |
| 23 | Policing Services program; |

| 1 | "(v) Department of Health and |
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| 2 | Human Services assistance programs, such |
| 3 | as— |
| 4 | "(I) the Public Health Bioter- |
| 5 | rorism Preparedness program, admin- |
| 6 | istered by the Centers for Disease |
| 7 | Control and Prevention; and |
| 8 | "(II) the Hospital Bioterrorism |
| 9 | Program, administered by the Health |
| 10 | Resources and Services Administra- |
| 11 | tion; |
| 12 | "(vi) related Federal assistance pro- |
| 13 | grams, such as— |
| 14 | "(I) the Hazardous Materials |
| 15 | Emergency Preparedness Program of |
| 16 | the Department of Transportation; |
| 17 | and |
| 18 | "(II) the water security assist- |
| 19 | ance programs administered by the |
| 20 | Environmental Protection Agency; |
| 21 | and |
| 22 | "(vii) any related grant or assistance |
| 23 | program, as determined by the Interagency |
| 24 | Committee; and |

| 1 | "(B) identify all homeland security plan- |
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| 2 | ning requirements contained in homeland secu- |
| 3 | rity emergency preparedness, and public safety |
| 4 | programs administered by Federal agencies, in- |
| 5 | cluding— |
| 6 | "(i) terrorism preparedness plans, |
| 7 | such as those required by the Office for |
| 8 | Domestic Preparedness and other entities |
| 9 | within the Department; |
| 10 | "(ii) all hazards emergency prepared- |
| 11 | ness plans, such as those required in the |
| 12 | Emergency Management Performance |
| 13 | Grants administered by the Federal Emer- |
| 14 | gency Management Agency; |
| 15 | "(iii) bioterrorism response plans, |
| 16 | such as those required in bioterrorism pre- |
| 17 | paredness programs administered by the |
| 18 | Department of Health and Human Serv- |
| 19 | ices; |
| 20 | "(iv) hazardous materials response |
| 21 | plans, such as those required by the Envi- |
| 22 | ronmental Protection Agency and the De- |
| 23 | partment of Transportation; |
| 24 | "(v) critical infrastructure security |
| 25 | plans, such as those required by— |

| 1 | "(I) the Transportation Security |
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| 2 | Administration; |
| 3 | "(II) the Environmental Protec- |
| 4 | tion Agency; |
| 5 | "(III) the Department of Trans- |
| 6 | portation; and |
| 7 | "(IV) the Nuclear Regulatory |
| 8 | Commission; |
| 9 | "(vi) law enforcement and public safe- |
| 10 | ty plans administered by the Department |
| 11 | of Justice, such as those required by— |
| 12 | "(I) the Local Law Enforcement |
| 13 | Block Grant; |
| 14 | "(II) the Byrne Memorial For- |
| 15 | mula Grant Program; and |
| 16 | "(III) the Community Oriented |
| 17 | Policing Services program; and |
| 18 | "(vii) any other planning requirement |
| 19 | identified by the Interagency Committee; |
| 20 | "(5) not later than 120 days after the effective |
| 21 | date of the Homeland Security Grant Enhancement |
| 22 | Act of 2004, review— |
| 23 | "(A) all application, reporting, and other |
| 24 | administrative requirements contained in grant |
| 25 | programs under paragraph (4)(A) and report |

| 1 | all redundant and duplicative requirements to |
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| 2 | the appropriate committees of Congress and the |
| 3 | agencies represented in the Interagency Com- |
| 4 | mittee; and |
| 5 | "(B) all homeland security planning and |
| 6 | other administrative requirements under para- |
| 7 | graph (4)(B) and report all redundant and du- |
| 8 | plicative requirements to the appropriate com- |
| 9 | mittees of Congress and the agencies rep- |
| 10 | resented in the Interagency committee; |
| 11 | "(6) not later than 150 days after the effective |
| 12 | date of the Homeland Security Grant Enhancement |
| 13 | Act of 2004, provide recommendations to— |
| 14 | "(A) the agencies with the requirements |
| 15 | identified under paragraph $(4)(A)$ to streamline |
| 16 | and standardize application, reporting, and ad- |
| 17 | ministrative requirements to eliminate duplica- |
| 18 | tion and promote coordination of homeland se- |
| 19 | curity planning grants; and |
| 20 | "(B) the agencies involved with the grant |
| 21 | programs under paragraph (4)(B) to streamline |
| 22 | and standardize planning requirements to elimi- |
| 23 | nate duplication and promote coordination; and |
| 24 | "(7) not later than 250 days after the effective |
| 25 | date of the Homeland Security Grant Enhancement |

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        Act of 2004, issue a report to Congress regarding its
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        actions under this subsection.
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        "(b) Membership.—The Interagency Committee
   shall be composed of a representative of—
             "(1) the Department of Homeland Security;
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             "(2) the Department of Health and Human
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        Services:
             "(3) the Department of Transportation;
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             "(4) the Department of Justice;
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             "(5) the Environmental Protection Agency; and
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             "(6) any other department or agency deter-
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        mined to be necessary by the President.
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        "(c) Administration.—The Department shall pro-
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   vide administrative support to the Interagency Committee,
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   which shall include—
             "(1) scheduling meetings;
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             "(2) preparing agenda;
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             "(3) maintaining minutes and records; and
             "(4) producing reports.
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        "(d) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary shall designate
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   a chairperson of the Interagency Committee.
        "(e) Meetings.—The Interagency Committee shall
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   meet—
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"(1) at the call of the Secretary; or

| 1 | "(2) not less frequently than once every 1 |
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| 2 | month.". |
| 3 | (b) Technical and Conforming Amendment.— |
| 4 | The table of contents for the Homeland Security Act of |
| 5 | 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after |
| 6 | the item relating to section 801 the following: |
| | "Sec. 802. Interagency Committee To Coordinate and Streamline Homeland Security Grant Programs.". |
| 7 | SEC. 3. STREAMLINING FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY |
| 8 | GRANTS. |
| 9 | (a) Director of State and Local Government |
| 10 | COORDINATION.—Section 801 of the Homeland Security |
| 11 | Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended— |
| 12 | (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol- |
| 13 | lows: |
| 14 | "(a) Establishment.— |
| 15 | "(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within |
| 16 | the Office of the Secretary the Office for State and |
| 17 | Local Government Coordination, which shall oversee |
| 18 | and coordinate departmental programs for, and rela- |
| 19 | tionships with, State and local governments. |
| 20 | "(2) DIRECTOR.—The Office established under |
| 21 | paragraph (1) shall be headed by the Director of |
| 22 | State and Local Government Coordination, who shall |
| 23 | be appointed by the President, by and with the ad- |
| 24 | vice and consent of the Senate."; |

| 1 | (2) in subsection (b)— |
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| 2 | (A) in paragraph (3), by striking "and" at |
| 3 | the end; |
| 4 | (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe- |
| 5 | riod and inserting "; and"; and |
| 6 | (C) by adding at the end the following: |
| 7 | "(5) administering the firefighter assistance |
| 8 | grant program established under section 33 of the |
| 9 | Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 |
| 10 | (15 U.S.C. 2229) by— |
| 11 | "(A) coordinating grant making activities |
| 12 | with— |
| 13 | "(i) emergency preparedness and re- |
| 14 | sponse personnel; |
| 15 | "(ii) grants made under section 4 of |
| 16 | the Homeland Security Grant Enhance- |
| 17 | ment Act of 2004; and |
| 18 | "(iii) grants made under other Fed- |
| 19 | eral programs to enhance emergency pre- |
| 20 | paredness; |
| 21 | "(B) awarding grants on a competitive |
| 22 | basis directly to fire departments of a State, in |
| 23 | consultation with the chief executive of the |
| 24 | State, for the purpose of protecting the health |

| 1 | and safety of the public and firefighting per- |
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| 2 | sonnel against fire and fire-related hazards; |
| 3 | "(C) complying with the administrative re- |
| 4 | quirements set forth in section 33 of the Fed- |
| 5 | eral Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 |
| 6 | (15 U.S.C. 2229) and retaining the administra- |
| 7 | tive requirements set forth under part 152 of |
| 8 | title 44, Code of Federal Regulations; and |
| 9 | "(D) ensuring that all equipment pur- |
| 10 | chased with grant funds for which there are vol- |
| 11 | untary consensus standards meet such stand- |
| 12 | ards.''; and |
| 13 | (3) by adding at the end the following: |
| 14 | "(c) Reference.—All references to 'Director' in |
| 15 | section 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act |
| 16 | of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229) shall be deemed to refer to the |
| 17 | Director for State and Local Government Coordination.". |
| 18 | (b) Office for Domestic Preparedness.—The |
| 19 | Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) |
| 20 | is amended— |
| 21 | (1) by redesignating section 430 as section 803 |
| 22 | and transferring that section to the end of subtitle |
| 23 | A of title VIII, as amended by section 2; |
| 24 | (2) in section 803, as redesignated by para- |
| 25 | graph (1)— |

| 1 | (A) in subsection (a), by striking "the Di- |
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| 2 | rectorate of Border and Transportation Secu- |
| 3 | rity" and inserting "the Office for State and |
| 4 | Local Government Coordination"; |
| 5 | (B) in subsection (b), by striking "who |
| 6 | shall be appointed by the President" and all |
| 7 | that follows and inserting "who shall report di- |
| 8 | rectly to the Director of State and Local Gov- |
| 9 | ernment Coordination."; and |
| 10 | (C) in subsection (c)— |
| 11 | (i) in paragraph (7)— |
| 12 | (I) by striking "other" and in- |
| 13 | serting "the"; |
| 14 | (II) by striking "consistent with |
| 15 | the mission and functions of the Di- |
| 16 | rectorate"; and |
| 17 | (III) by striking "and" at the |
| 18 | end; |
| 19 | (ii) in paragraph (8)— |
| 20 | (I) by inserting "carrying out" |
| 21 | before "those elements"; and |
| 22 | (II) by striking the period at the |
| 23 | end and inserting "; and; and |
| 24 | (iii) by adding at the end the fol- |
| 25 | lowing: |

"(9) managing the Homeland Security Informa-1 2 tion Clearinghouse established under section 3 801(c).". 4 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.— The table of contents for the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended— 7 (1) by striking the item relating to section 430; 8 and 9 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-10 tion 802, as added by this Act, the following: "803. Office for Domestic Preparedness.". 11 (d) Establishment of Homeland Security In-FORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE.—Section 801 of the Home-12 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following: 15 "(c) Homeland Security Information Clear-16 INGHOUSE.— 17 "(1) Establishment.—There is established 18 within the Office for State and Local Government 19 Coordination a Homeland Security Information 20 Clearinghouse (referred to in this section as the 21 'Clearinghouse'), which shall assist States, local gov-22 ernments, and first responders in accordance with 23 paragraphs (2) through (5). 24 "(2) Homeland Security Grant Informa-

TION.—The Clearinghouse shall create and maintain

- a web site, a toll-free number, and a single publication containing information regarding the homeland security grant programs identified under section 802(a)(4)(A).
 - "(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Clearing-house, in consultation with the Interagency Committee established under section 802, shall—
 - "(A) coordinate technical assistance provided by any Federal agency to States and local governments to conduct threat analyses and vulnerability assessments; and
 - "(B) establish templates for conducting threat analyses and vulnerability assessments.
 - "(4) BEST PRACTICES.—The Clearinghouse shall work with States, local governments, emergency response providers and the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, and private organizations to gather, validate, and disseminate information regarding successful State and local homeland security programs and practices.
 - "(5) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—The Clearinghouse shall compile information regarding equipment, training, and other services purchased with Federal funds provided under the homeland security grant programs identified under section

| 1 | 802(a)(4)(A), and make such information, and infor- |
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| 2 | mation regarding voluntary standards of training |
| 3 | equipment, and exercises, available to States, local |
| 4 | governments, and first responders. |
| 5 | "(6) OTHER INFORMATION.—The Clearing |
| 6 | house shall provide States, local governments, and |
| 7 | first responders with any other information that the |
| 8 | Secretary determines necessary.". |
| 9 | SEC. 4. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM. |
| 10 | (a) Definition.—In this section, the term "State" |
| 11 | has the meaning given that term in section 2 of the Home- |
| 12 | land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.). |
| 13 | (b) Grants Authorized.—The Secretary of Home- |
| 14 | land Security (in this section referred to as the "Sec- |
| 15 | retary") may award grants to States to enhance homeland |
| 16 | security. |
| 17 | (c) USE OF FUNDS.— |
| 18 | (1) In general.—Grants awarded under sub- |
| 19 | section (b)— |
| 20 | (A) shall be used to address homeland se- |
| 21 | curity matters related to acts of terrorism or |
| 22 | major disasters and related capacity building |
| 23 | and |

| 1 | (B) shall not be used to supplant ongoing |
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| 2 | first responder expenses or general protective |
| 3 | measures. |

- (2) Allowable uses.—Grants awarded under subsection (b) may be used to—
 - (A) develop State plans or risk assessments (including the development of the homeland security plan) to respond to terrorist attacks and strengthen all hazards emergency planning in coordination with the requirements under section 201 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C 5131), and community-wide plans for responding to terrorist or all hazards emergency events that are coordinated with the capacities of applicable Federal, State, and local governments, first responders, and State and local government health agencies;
 - (B) build and sustain comprehensive allhazards emergency management capacity, such as planning, training, exercises, personnel, operational activities, equipment, early warning, public information and education, mutual aid, and other preparedness, response, and recovery activities;

| 1 | (C) develop State, regional, or local mutual |
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| 2 | aid agreements; |
| 3 | (D) purchase or upgrade equipment based |
| 4 | on State and local needs as identified under a |
| 5 | State homeland security plan; |
| 6 | (E) conduct exercises to strengthen emer- |
| 7 | gency preparedness of State and local first re- |
| 8 | sponders including law enforcement, fire fight- |
| 9 | ing personnel, and emergency medical service |
| 10 | workers, and other emergency responders iden- |
| 11 | tified in a State homeland security plan; |
| 12 | (F) pay for overtime expenses relating to |
| 13 | training activities consistent with the goals out- |
| 14 | lined in a State homeland security plan; and |
| 15 | (G) promote training regarding homeland |
| 16 | security preparedness including— |
| 17 | (i) emergency preparedness responses |
| 18 | to a use or threatened use of a weapon of |
| 19 | mass destruction; and |
| 20 | (ii) training in the use of equipment, |
| 21 | including detection, monitoring, and decon- |
| 22 | tamination equipment, and personal pro- |
| 23 | tective gear. |
| 24 | (3) Prohibited uses.— |

- (A) Construction.—Grants awarded under subsection (b) may not be used to construct buildings or other physical facilities, except those described in section 611 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5196), or to acquire land.
 - (B) Compensation.—Not more than 5 percent of grant funds provided under this section may be expended for the compensation of emergency planning personnel authorized under paragraph (2)(B). The amount of any such grant expended for the compensation of personnel shall not exceed the amount of State or local government funds made available to increase such compensation.
 - (C) OVERTIME EXPENSES.—Not more than 5 percent of grant funds provided under this section may be used for overtime expenses for training carried out under paragraph (2)(F).
 - (D) Cost sharing.—Grant funds provided under this section shall not be used for any State or local government cost sharing contribution request under this section.
 - (d) Application.—

- 1 (1) SUBMISSION.—A State may apply for a
 2 grant under this section by submitting to the Sec3 retary an application at such time, and in such man4 ner, and containing such information the Secretary
 5 may reasonably require.
 - (2) Revisions.—A State may revise a homeland security plan certified under subsection (e) at the time an application is submitted under paragraph (1) after receiving approval from the Secretary.
 - (3) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall not award a grant under this section unless the application submitted by the State includes a homeland security plan meeting the requirements of subsection (e).
 - (4) Release of funds.—The Secretary shall release grant funds to States with approved plans after the approval of an application submitted under this subsection.

(e) Homeland Security Plan.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An application submitted under subsection (d) shall include a certification that the State has prepared a 3-year State homeland security plan (referred to in this subsection as the "plan") to respond to terrorist attacks and strength-

| 1 | en all hazards emergency planning that has been ap- |
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| 2 | proved by the Secretary. |
| 3 | (2) Contents.—The plan shall contain meas- |
| 4 | urable goals and objectives that— |
| 5 | (A) establish a 3-year strategy to set prior- |
| 6 | ities for the allocation of funding to political |
| 7 | subdivisions based on the risk, capabilities, and |
| 8 | needs described under paragraph (3)(C); |
| 9 | (B) provide for interoperable communica- |
| 10 | tions; |
| 11 | (C) provide for local coordination of re- |
| 12 | sponse and recovery efforts, including proce- |
| 13 | dures for effective incident command in con- |
| 14 | formance with the National Incident Manage- |
| 15 | ment System; |
| 16 | (D) ensure that first responders and other |
| 17 | emergency personnel have adequate training |
| 18 | and appropriate equipment for the threats that |
| 19 | may occur; |
| 20 | (E) provide for improved coordination and |
| 21 | collaboration among police, fire, and public |
| 22 | health authorities at State and local levels; |
| 23 | (F) coordinate emergency response and |
| 24 | public health plans: |

| 1 | (G) mitigate risks to critical infrastructure |
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| 2 | that may be vulnerable to terrorist attacks; |
| 3 | (H) promote regional coordination among |
| 4 | contiguous local governments; |
| 5 | (I) identify necessary protective measures |
| 6 | by private owners of critical infrastructure; |
| 7 | (J) promote orderly evacuation procedures |
| 8 | when necessary; |
| 9 | (K) ensure support from the public health |
| 10 | community for measures needed to prevent, de- |
| 11 | tect and treat bioterrorism, and radiological and |
| 12 | chemical incidents; |
| 13 | (L) increase the number of local jurisdic- |
| 14 | tions participating in local and statewide exer- |
| 15 | cises; |
| 16 | (M) meet preparedness goals as deter- |
| 17 | mined by the Secretary; and |
| 18 | (N) include a report from the relevant ad- |
| 19 | visory committee established under paragraph |
| 20 | (3)(D) that documents the areas of support, |
| 21 | disagreement, or recommended changes to the |
| 22 | plan before its submission to the Secretary. |
| 23 | (3) Development process.— |
| 24 | (A) In general.—In preparing the plan |
| 25 | under this section, a State shall— |

| 1 | (i) provide for the consideration of all |
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| 2 | homeland security needs; |
| 3 | (ii) follow a process that is continuing, |
| 4 | inclusive, cooperative, and comprehensive, |
| 5 | as appropriate; and |
| 6 | (iii) coordinate the development of the |
| 7 | plan with the homeland security planning |
| 8 | activities of local governments. |
| 9 | (B) COORDINATION WITH LOCAL PLAN- |
| 10 | NING ACTIVITIES.—The coordination under sub- |
| 11 | paragraph (A)(iii) shall allow input from local |
| 12 | stakeholders, including— |
| 13 | (i) local officials; |
| 14 | (ii) first responders and emergency re- |
| 15 | sponse providers; and |
| 16 | (iii) private sector companies, such as |
| 17 | railroads and chemical manufacturers. |
| 18 | (C) Scope of Planning.—Each State |
| 19 | preparing a plan under this section shall, in |
| 20 | conjunction with the local stakeholders under |
| 21 | subparagraph (B), address all the information |
| 22 | requested by the Secretary, and complete a |
| 23 | comprehensive assessment of— |
| 24 | (i) risk, including a— |
| 25 | (I) vulnerability assessment; |

| 1 | (II) threat assessment; and |
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| 2 | (III) public health assessment, in |
| 3 | coordination with the State bioter- |
| 4 | rorism plan; and |
| 5 | (ii) capabilities and needs, including— |
| 6 | (I) an evaluation of current pre- |
| 7 | paredness, mitigation, and response |
| 8 | capabilities based on such assessment |
| 9 | mechanisms as shall be determined by |
| 10 | the Secretary; |
| 11 | (II) an evaluation of capabilities |
| 12 | needed to address the risks described |
| 13 | under clause (i); and |
| 14 | (III) an assessment of the short- |
| 15 | fall between the capabilities described |
| 16 | under subclause (I) and the required |
| 17 | capabilities described under subclause |
| 18 | (II). |
| 19 | (D) Advisory committee.— |
| 20 | (i) In General.—Each State pre- |
| 21 | paring a plan under this section shall es- |
| 22 | tablish an advisory committee to receive |
| 23 | comments from the public and the local |
| 24 | stakeholders identified under subparagraph |
| 25 | (B). |

| 1 | (ii) Composition.—The Advisory |
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| 2 | Committee shall include local officials, local |
| 3 | first responders, and emergency response |
| 4 | providers that are representative of the |
| 5 | counties, cities, and towns within the |
| 6 | State. |
| 7 | (4) Plan Approval.—The Secretary shall ap- |
| 8 | prove a plan upon finding that the plan meets the |
| 9 | requirements of— |
| 10 | (A) paragraphs (2) and (3); |
| 11 | (B) the interim performance measurements |
| 12 | under subsection (h)(1), or the national per- |
| 13 | formance standards under subsection (h)(2); |
| 14 | and |
| 15 | (C) any other criteria the Secretary deter- |
| 16 | mines necessary to the approval of a State plan. |
| 17 | (5) Review of advisory committee re- |
| 18 | PORT.—The Secretary shall review the recommenda- |
| 19 | tions of the advisory committee report incorporated |
| 20 | into a plan under subsection (e)(2)(N) to ensure co- |
| 21 | operation and coordination between local and State |
| 22 | jurisdictions in planning the use of grant funds |
| 23 | under this section. |
| 24 | (f) Discretionary Grant Program.— |

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use 10 1 2 percent of the funds appropriated under this section to make discretionary grants to local governments 3 that the Secretary considers to be high threat areas 5 based upon the criteria under paragraph (2). 6 (2) High threat area criteria.—The Sec-7 retary shall ensure that an award of a grant under 8 this subsection is based upon the consideration of 9 the local government's— 10 (A) population and population density; 11 (B) location, risk, or vulnerability of crit-12 ical infrastructure or key national assets; and 13 (C) any other factors determined by the 14 Secretary. 15 (3) Consistency.—Any grant awarded under 16 this subsection shall be used to supplement and sup-17 port, in a consistent and coordinated manner with, 18 those activities and objectives described under sub-19 section (b) or a State homeland security plan. 20 (4) Coordination.—The Secretary shall en-21 sure that any grants made under this subsection en-22 courage multiple contiguous units of local govern-23 ment and mutual aid partners to coordinate any
 - (g) Funding.—

homeland security activities.

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| 1 | (1) In General.—The Secretary shall make |
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| 2 | awards of grant funds in accordance with para- |
| 3 | graphs (2) through (7). |
| 4 | (2) Maintaining a baseline level of secu- |
| 5 | RITY.—Each State whose application is approved |
| 6 | under subsection (c), including the District of Co- |
| 7 | lumbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall |
| 8 | receive .75 percent of the total amount appropriated |
| 9 | in any fiscal year. The United States Territories (in- |
| 10 | cluding American Samoa, the Commonwealth of |
| 11 | Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the United |
| 12 | States Virgin Islands) shall receive .25 percent of |
| 13 | the total amount appropriated in any fiscal year. |
| 14 | (3) Assessment.—The Secretary shall dis- |
| 15 | tribute any remaining available grant funds, after |
| 16 | distribution of funds for grants under subsections |
| 17 | (d) and (f), based on— |
| 18 | (A) population and population density; |
| 19 | (B) threat, risk, and vulnerability of crit- |
| 20 | ical infrastructure or key national assets identi- |
| 21 | fied in the State homeland security plan; and |
| 22 | (C) any other factors identified by the Sec- |
| 23 | retary. |
| 24 | (4) Funding for local entities and first |
| 25 | RESPONDERS.—The Secretary shall require grant re- |

cipients to provide local governments, first responders, and other local groups, consistent with the applicable State homeland security plan, with not less than 80 percent of the grant funds, the resources purchased with such grant funds, or a combination thereof, not later than 60 days after receiving grant funds under this section.

(5) State and local match.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require a recipient of a grant under this section to make available non-Federal contributions in an amount equal to 25 percent of the Federal funds provided under the grant.
- (B) Effective date.—The matching requirement under subparagraph (A) shall take effect 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.
- (6) Report on Homeland Security Spend-Ing.—Each recipient of a grant under this section shall annually submit a report to the Secretary that contains—
 - (A) an accounting of the amount of State and local funds spent on homeland security activities under the applicable State homeland security plan; and

| 1 | (B) information regarding the use of grant |
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| 2 | funds by units of local government as required |
| 3 | by the Secretary. |
| 4 | (7) Supplement not supplant.—Amounts |
| 5 | appropriated for grants under this section shall be |
| 6 | used to supplement and not supplant other State |
| 7 | and local public funds obligated for the purposes |
| 8 | provided under this Act. |
| 9 | (h) ACCOUNTABILITY.— |
| 10 | (1) Interim performance measures.— |
| 11 | (A) IN GENERAL.—Before establishing per- |
| 12 | formance standards under paragraph (2), the |
| 13 | Secretary shall assist each State in establishing |
| 14 | interim performance measures based upon— |
| 15 | (i) the goals and objectives under sub- |
| 16 | section $(e)(2)$; and |
| 17 | (ii) any other factors determined by |
| 18 | the Secretary. |
| 19 | (B) Annual report.—Before establishing |
| 20 | performance measures under paragraph (2), |
| 21 | each State with an approved State plan shall |
| 22 | submit to the Secretary a report detailing the |
| 23 | progress the State has made in meeting the in- |
| 24 | terim performance measures established under |
| 25 | subparagraph (A). |

| 1 | (2) National Performance Standards.— |
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| 2 | (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year |
| 3 | after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec |
| 4 | retary shall set national performance standards |
| 5 | based in part on the goals and objectives under |
| 6 | subsection (e)(2) and any other factors the Sec |
| 7 | retary determines relevant. |
| 8 | (B) Compliance.—The Secretary shall |
| 9 | ensure that State plans are in conformance |
| 10 | with the standards set under subparagraph (A) |
| 11 | (C) ANNUAL REPORT.—After the establish |
| 12 | ment of performance standards under subpara- |
| 13 | graph (A), each State with an approved State |
| 14 | homeland security plan shall submit to the Sec |
| 15 | retary a report on the progress the State has |
| 16 | made in meeting such standards. |
| 17 | (3) General accounting office access to |
| 18 | INFORMATION.—Each recipient of a grant under this |
| 19 | section and the Department of Homeland Security |
| 20 | shall provide the General Accounting Office with ful |
| 21 | access to information regarding the activities carried |
| 22 | out under this section. |
| 23 | (4) Audit.—Grant recipients that expend |
| 24 | \$300,000 or more in Federal funds during any fisca |

year shall submit to the Secretary an organization

wide financial and compliance audit report in conformance with the requirements of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code.

(i) Remedies for Non-compliance.—

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- (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary finds, after reasonable notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that a recipient of a grant under this section has failed to substantially comply with any provision of this section, the Secretary shall—
 - (A) terminate any payment of grant funds to be made to the recipient under this section;
 - (B) reduce the amount of payment of grant funds to the recipient by an amount equal to the amount of grants funds that were not expended by the recipient in accordance with this section; or
 - (C) limit the use of grant funds received under this section to programs, projects, or activities not affected by the failure to comply.
- (2) DURATION OF PENALTY.—The Secretary shall apply an appropriate penalty under paragraph (1) until such time as the Secretary determines that the grant recipient is in full compliance with this section.

| 1 | (j) Reports to Congress.—The Secretary shall |
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| 2 | submit an annual report to Congress that provides— |
| 3 | (1) findings relating to the performance stand- |
| 4 | ards established under subsection (h); |
| 5 | (2) the status of preparedness goals and objec- |
| 6 | tives; |
| 7 | (3) an evaluation of how States and local gov- |
| 8 | ernments are meeting preparedness goals and objec- |
| 9 | tives; |
| 10 | (4) the total amount of resources provided to |
| 11 | the States; |
| 12 | (5) the total amount of resources provided to |
| 13 | units of local government; and |
| 14 | (6) a list of how these resources were expended. |
| 15 | (k) Authorization of Appropriations.—There |
| 16 | are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec- |
| 17 | essary to carry out this section. |
| 18 | SEC. 5. FLEXIBILITY IN UNSPENT HOMELAND SECURITY |
| 19 | FUNDS. |
| 20 | (a) REALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—The Director of the |
| 21 | Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Home- |
| 22 | land Security, shall allow any State to request approval |
| 23 | to reallocate funds received pursuant to appropriations for |
| 24 | the State Homeland Security Grant Program under Public |
| 25 | Laws 105–277 (112 Stat. 2681 et seq.), 106–113 (113 |

- 1 Stat. 1501A-3 et seq.), 106-553 (114 Stat. 2762A-3 et
- 2 seq.), 107–77 (115 Stat. 78 et seq.), or the Consolidated
- 3 Appropriations Resolution of 2003 (Public Law 108–7),
- 4 among the 4 categories of equipment, training, exercises,
- 5 and planning.
- 6 (b) APPROVAL OF REALLOCATION REQUESTS.—The
- 7 Director shall approve reallocation requests under sub-
- 8 section (a) in accordance with the State plan and any
- 9 other relevant factors that the Secretary of Homeland Se-
- 10 curity determines to be necessary.
- 11 (c) Limitation.—A waiver under this section shall
- 12 not affect the obligation of a State to pass through 80
- 13 percent of the amount appropriated for equipment to units
- 14 of local government.

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