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To make changes to the Office for State and Local Government Coordination,  
Department of Homeland Security.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To make changes to the Office for State and Local Government  
Coordination, 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. OFFICE FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

#### 4 **COORDINATION.**

5 Section 801 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “to oversee”  
8 and inserting “to be headed by a director, which  
9 shall oversee”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and”  
2 after the semicolon;

3 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-  
4 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) prepare an annual report, that contains—

7 “(A) a description of the State and local  
8 priorities in each of the 50 States based on dis-  
9 covered needs of first responder organizations,  
10 including law enforcement agencies, fire and  
11 rescue agencies, medical providers, emergency  
12 service providers, and relief agencies;

13 “(B) a needs assessment that identifies  
14 homeland security functions in which the Fed-  
15 eral role is duplicative of the State or local role,  
16 and recommendations to decrease or eliminate  
17 inefficiencies between the Federal Government  
18 and State and local entities;

19 “(C) recommendations to Congress regard-  
20 ing the creation, expansion, or elimination of  
21 any program to assist State and local entities to  
22 carry out their respective functions under the  
23 Department; and

1 “(D) proposals to increase the coordination  
 2 of Department priorities within each State and  
 3 between the States.”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) HOMELAND SECURITY LIAISON OFFICERS.—

6 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall des-  
 7 ignate in each State and the District of Columbia  
 8 not less than 1 employee of the Department to serve  
 9 as the Homeland Security Liaison Officer in that  
 10 State or District.

11 “(2) DUTIES.—Each Homeland Security Liai-  
 12 son Officer designated under paragraph (1) shall—

13 “(A) provide State and local government  
 14 officials with regular information, research, and  
 15 technical support to assist local efforts at secur-  
 16 ing the homeland;

17 “(B) provide coordination between the De-  
 18 partment and State and local first responders,  
 19 including—

20 “(i) law enforcement agencies;

21 “(ii) fire and rescue agencies;

22 “(iii) medical providers;

23 “(iv) emergency service providers; and

24 “(v) relief agencies;

1           “(C) notify the Department of the State  
2           and local areas requiring additional informa-  
3           tion, training, resources, and security;

4           “(D) provide training, information, and  
5           education regarding homeland security for  
6           State and local entities;

7           “(E) identify homeland security functions  
8           in which the Federal role is duplicative of the  
9           State or local role, and recommend ways to de-  
10          crease or eliminate inefficiencies;

11          “(F) assist State and local entities in pri-  
12          ority setting based on discovered needs of first  
13          responder organizations, including law enforce-  
14          ment agencies, fire and rescue agencies, medical  
15          providers, emergency service providers, and re-  
16          lief agencies;

17          “(G) assist the Department to identify and  
18          implement State and local homeland security  
19          objectives in an efficient and productive man-  
20          ner;

21          “(H) serve as a liaison to the Department  
22          in representing State and local priorities and  
23          concerns regarding homeland security;

1 “(I) consult with State and local govern-  
 2 ment officials, including emergency managers,  
 3 to coordinate efforts and avoid duplication; and

4 “(J) coordinate with Homeland Security  
 5 Liaison Officers in neighboring States to—

6 “(i) address shared vulnerabilities;  
 7 and

8 “(ii) identify opportunities to achieve  
 9 efficiencies through interstate activities.

10 “(d) FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON FIRST  
 11 RESPONDERS AND STATE, LOCAL, AND CROSS-JURISDIC-  
 12 TIONAL ISSUES.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an  
 14 Interagency Committee on First Responders and  
 15 State, Local, and Cross-jurisdictional Issues (in this  
 16 section referred to as the “Interagency Committee”),  
 17 that shall—

18 “(A) ensure coordination, with respect to  
 19 homeland security functions, among the Federal  
 20 agencies involved with—

21 “(i) State, local, and regional govern-  
 22 ments;

23 “(ii) State, local, and community-  
 24 based law enforcement;

25 “(iii) fire and rescue operations; and

1 “(iv) medical and emergency relief  
2 services;

3 “(B) identify community-based law en-  
4 forcement, fire and rescue, and medical and  
5 emergency relief services needs;

6 “(C) recommend new or expanded grant  
7 programs to improve community-based law en-  
8 forcement, fire and rescue, and medical and  
9 emergency relief services;

10 “(D) identify ways to streamline the proc-  
11 ess through which Federal agencies support  
12 community-based law enforcement, fire and res-  
13 cue, and medical and emergency relief services;  
14 and

15 “(E) assist in priority setting based on dis-  
16 covered needs.

17 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Com-  
18 mittee shall be composed of—

19 “(A) a representative of the Office for  
20 State and Local Government Coordination;

21 “(B) a representative of the Health Re-  
22 sources and Services Administration of the De-  
23 partment of Health and Human Services;

1           “(C) a representative of the Centers for  
2           Disease Control and Prevention of the Depart-  
3           ment of Health and Human Services;

4           “(D) a representative of the Federal Emer-  
5           gency Management Agency of the Department;

6           “(E) a representative of the United States  
7           Coast Guard of the Department;

8           “(F) a representative of the Department of  
9           Defense;

10          “(G) a representative of the Office of Do-  
11          mestic Preparedness of the Department;

12          “(H) a representative of the Directorate of  
13          Immigration Affairs of the Department;

14          “(I) a representative of the Transportation  
15          Security Agency of the Department;

16          “(J) a representative of the Federal Bu-  
17          reau of Investigation of the Department of Jus-  
18          tice; and

19          “(K) representatives of any other Federal  
20          agency identified by the President as having a  
21          significant role in the purposes of the Inter-  
22          agency Committee.

23          “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—The Department shall  
24          provide administrative support to the Interagency

1 Committee and the Advisory Council, which shall in-  
2 clude—

3 “(A) scheduling meetings;

4 “(B) preparing agenda;

5 “(C) maintaining minutes and records;

6 “(D) producing reports; and

7 “(E) reimbursing Advisory Council mem-  
8 bers.

9 “(4) LEADERSHIP.—The members of the Inter-  
10 agency Committee shall select annually a chair-  
11 person.

12 “(5) MEETINGS.—The Interagency Committee  
13 shall meet—

14 “(A) at the call of the Secretary; or

15 “(B) not less frequently than once every 3  
16 months.

17 “(e) ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE INTERAGENCY  
18 COMMITTEE.—

19 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an  
20 Advisory Council for the Interagency Committee (in  
21 this section referred to as the “Advisory Council”).

22 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council  
24 shall be composed of not more than 13 mem-  
25 bers, selected by the Interagency Committee.



1           “(B) DUTIES.—The Advisory Council  
2 shall—

3           “(i) develop a plan to disseminate in-  
4 formation on first response best practices;

5           “(ii) identify and educate the Sec-  
6 retary on the latest technological advances  
7 in the field of first response;

8           “(iii) identify probable emerging  
9 threats to first responders;

10           “(iv) identify needed improvements to  
11 first response techniques and training;

12           “(v) identify efficient means of com-  
13 munication and coordination between first  
14 responders and Federal, State, and local  
15 officials;

16           “(vi) identify areas in which the De-  
17 partment can assist first responders; and

18           “(vii) evaluate the adequacy and time-  
19 liness of resources being made available to  
20 local first responders.

21           “(C) REPRESENTATION.—The Interagency  
22 Committee shall ensure that the membership of  
23 the Advisory Council represents—

24           “(i) the law enforcement community;

25           “(ii) fire and rescue organizations;

1                   “(iii) medical and emergency relief  
2                   services; and

3                   “(iv) both urban and rural commu-  
4                   nities.

5                   “(3) CHAIRPERSON.—The Advisory Council  
6                   shall select annually a chairperson from among its  
7                   members.

8                   “(4) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—The mem-  
9                   bers of the Advisory Council shall serve without  
10                  compensation, but shall be eligible for reimburse-  
11                  ment of necessary expenses connected with their  
12                  service to the Advisory Council.

13                  “(5) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall  
14                  meet with the Interagency Committee not less fre-  
15                  quently than once every 3 months.”.

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