

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1645

To establish a first responder interoperable communications grant program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “First Responders
5 Interoperable Communications Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNICATION SYSTEM GRANTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
8 rity is authorized to make grants, on a competitive basis,
9 to States, local governments, local law enforcement agen-
10 cies, and local fire departments to assist in—

1 (1) improving communication systems to allow
2 for real-time, interoperable communication between
3 State and local first responders; or

4 (2) the purchase of communication systems that
5 allow for real-time, interoperable communication be-
6 tween such State and local first responders.

7 (b) APPLICATION.—Any State, local government,
8 local law enforcement agency, or local fire department that
9 desires to receive a grant under subsection (a) shall sub-
10 mit an application to the Secretary, in such form and con-
11 taining such information as prescribed by the Secretary.

12 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated \$300,000,000 in each
14 of fiscal years 2006 through 2010, to carry out this sec-
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