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H. R. 5847

To establish an interagency working group to improve coordination of grants authorized under sections 2002 and 2003 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and other Federal preparedness grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on 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

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 “Fostering Coordination
5 in Federal Preparedness Grants Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY GRANTS WORKING GROUP.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
3 rity shall, in coordination with relevant Department of
4 Homeland Security components and other appropriate
5 Federal departments and agencies, establish an inter-
6 agency working group to better coordinate grants author-
7 ized under sections 2002 and 2003 of the Homeland Secu-
8 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603 and 604) and other Fed-
9 eral preparedness grants.

10 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The working group shall be
11 chaired by the Secretary of Homeland Security and be
12 composed of representatives from appropriate Federal de-
13 partments and agencies.

14 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The working group shall—

15 (1) meet regularly to coordinate, as appro-
16 priate, development of grant guidance, application
17 and award timelines, monitoring, and assessments;

18 (2) seek input from State, local, and tribal offi-
19 cials involved in grant management in order to in-
20 form grant processes, allocations, and awards;

21 (3) promote coordinated grant timelines; and

22 (4) ensure all preparedness grant programs em-
23 ploy a common Internet Web portal.

24 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
25 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Home-
26 land Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland

1 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-
2 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
3 of the Senate a report on the activities of the working
4 group.

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