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# H. R. 5744

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2014

Mr. PAYNE (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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 “State Wide Interoper-  
5       able Communications Enhancement Act” or the “SWIC  
6       Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM CONTENTS OF APPLICATION FOR CER-**  
2 **TAIN HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 2004(b)  
4 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 605(b))  
5 is amended by—

6 (1) redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as  
7 subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively; and

8 (2) inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
9 lowing new subparagraph:

10 “(B)(i) certification that the Governor of  
11 the State has designated a Statewide Interoper-  
12 ability Coordinator, including identification in  
13 such certification of the individual so des-  
14 ignated, who is shall be responsible for—

15 “(I) overseeing the daily operations of  
16 the State’s interoperability efforts;

17 “(II) coordinating State interoper-  
18 ability and communications projects and  
19 grant applications for such projects;

20 “(III) establishing and maintaining  
21 working groups to develop and implement  
22 key interoperability initiatives; and

23 “(IV) implementing and updating, as  
24 necessary, a Statewide Communications  
25 Interoperability Plan that specifies the cur-  
26 rent status of State efforts to enhance

1           communications interoperability within the  
2           State, including progress or setbacks, and  
3           future goals for communications interoper-  
4           ability among emergency response agencies  
5           in the State; or

6           “(ii) if a Statewide Interoperability Coordi-  
7           nator has not been designated in accordance  
8           with clause (i)—

9                   “(I) certification that the State is per-  
10                  forming in another manner the functions  
11                  described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of  
12                  such clause; and

13                   “(II) identification in such certifi-  
14                  cation of an individual who has been des-  
15                  ignated by the State as the primary point  
16                  of contact for performance of such func-  
17                  tions;”.

18           (b) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—The amendment  
19           made by subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any  
20           grant for which an application was submitted under the  
21           State Homeland Security Grant Program before the date  
22           of the enactment of this Act.

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