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To assist States and local governments to develop and implement emergency notification systems suitable for use on public recreational lands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE 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

To assist States and local governments to develop and implement emergency notification systems suitable for use on public recreational lands, 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 “Communication and
5 Alert Maintenance Program for Early Response Act” or
6 “CAMPER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMEN-**
3 **TATION OF EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYS-**
4 **TEMS FOR USE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOV-**
5 **ERNMENT RECREATIONAL LANDS.**

6 (a) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.**—The
7 Secretary of Homeland Security may provide technical as-
8 sistance to a State or local government to develop and im-
9 plement an emergency notification system suitable for use
10 on public recreational lands administered by the State or
11 local government to warn persons using such lands of
12 emergency situations, including natural disasters and acts
13 of terrorism or other man-made disasters.

14 (b) **IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.**—

15 (1) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of
16 Homeland Security may make grants, on a competi-
17 tive basis, to States and local governments to pro-
18 cure and install emergency notification systems on
19 public recreational lands, as described in subsection
20 (a).

21 (2) **MAXIMUM GRANT.**—A grant under this sub-
22 section may not exceed \$50,000.

23 (3) **COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS.**—

24 (A) **RECIPIENT SHARE.**—A grant recipient
25 shall provide matching non-Federal funds, ei-
26 ther in cash or in-kind support, in an amount

1 equal to not less than five percent of the Fed-
2 eral funds provided in a grant under this sub-
3 section.

4 (B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may estab-
5 lish conditions under which the cost-sharing re-
6 quirements of subparagraph (A) may be re-
7 duced or waived.

8 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—For each fiscal year
9 in which technical assistance and grants are provided
10 under this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security
11 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
12 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
13 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
14 ate a report—

15 (1) describing the present state of preparedness
16 of State park and recreation departments to provide
17 adequate emergency notification in the event of
18 emergency situations, including natural disasters
19 and acts of terrorism or other man-made disasters;
20 and

21 (2) containing such recommendations for addi-
22 tional legislative action as the Secretary considers
23 appropriate.

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