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To amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 with respect to grants for certain areawide integrated pest management projects, and for other purposes.

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Ms. GABBARD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

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 “Areawide Integrated
5 Pest Management Act of 2020” or the “AIPM Act of
6 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUALIFIED AREAWIDE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGE-**
2 **MENT PROJECTS.**

3 (a) QUALIFIED AREAWIDE INTEGRATED PEST MAN-
4 AGEMENT PROJECTS.—Section 406 of the Agricultural
5 Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998
6 (7 U.S.C. 7626) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by inserting “, acting through the Di-
9 rector of the National Institute of Food and
10 Agriculture,” after “Secretary of Agriculture”;
11 and

12 (B) by inserting “and qualified areawide
13 integrated pest management projects” before
14 the period at the end;

15 (2) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) by inserting “, acting through the Di-
17 rector of the National Institute of Food and
18 Agriculture,” after “Secretary”; and

19 (B) by inserting “and qualified areawide
20 integrated pest management projects” after
21 “extension projects”;

22 (3) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the
23 following new sentence: “With respect to a grant
24 under this section providing funding for a qualified
25 areawide integrated pest management project, the
26 Secretary may renew such grant for an additional

1 term of a duration to be determined by the Sec-
2 retary.”;

3 (4) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
4 subsections (i) and (j), respectively;

5 (5) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
6 lowing new subsections:

7 “(e) GRANTS PROVIDING FUNDING FOR QUALIFIED
8 AREAWIDE PEST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An entity seeking a grant
10 under this section providing funding for a qualified
11 areawide integrated pest management project shall
12 submit to the Secretary an application at such time
13 and in such manner and that contains such informa-
14 tion as the Secretary may require, including detailed
15 information on—

16 “(A) the goals of the project;

17 “(B) any individuals or entities involved in
18 the project;

19 “(C) the projected benefits of the project;

20 “(D) details of the membership of the com-
21 mittee described in subsection (f)(2);

22 “(E) how the project may be continued
23 after grant funds are no longer available for
24 such project; and

1 “(F) an analysis of the return on invest-
2 ment for the grant funds awarded to fund the
3 project.

4 “(2) REQUESTS FOR APPLICATIONS.—

5 “(A) DEVELOPMENT OF REQUESTS FOR
6 APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall, in con-
7 sultation with the integrated pest management
8 committee established under section 1408C and
9 other relevant stakeholders, develop requests for
10 applications for qualified areawide integrated
11 pest management projects that are consistent
12 with the priorities established by such com-
13 mittee under such section.

14 “(B) ISSUANCE.—The Secretary shall so-
15 licit proposals for qualified areawide integrated
16 pest management projects under this section by
17 issuing requests for applications on an annual
18 basis. The Secretary may not select new
19 projects to receive funding through a grant
20 under this section if, on the date on which the
21 request is issued, there is not sufficient funding
22 available to fund projects that, as of such date,
23 are not complete and with respect to which
24 grants were awarded under this section for the
25 previous year.

1 “(3) SELECTION.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,
3 using a peer-review process, select qualified
4 areawide integrated pest management projects
5 to receive funding through a grant under this
6 section.

7 “(B) LEAD ENTITY.—In selecting projects
8 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall
9 designate the college or university or other enti-
10 ty referred to in subsection (b) submitting the
11 application for such project as the lead entity
12 for the project.

13 “(4) CONDITION.—As a condition of receiving a
14 grant under this section providing funding for a
15 qualified areawide integrated pest management
16 project, the college or university or other entity re-
17 ferred to in subsection (b) that is the recipient of
18 the grant shall—

19 “(A) certify to the Secretary that the re-
20 cipient will be carrying out the project in col-
21 laboration with—

22 “(i) the Agricultural Research Service
23 of the Department of Agriculture through
24 a subcontractual arrangement; and

1 “(ii) one or more of any of the fol-
2 lowing entities:

3 “(I) a college or university;

4 “(II) a State department of agri-
5 culture;

6 “(III) another Federal agency;

7 “(IV) a State or a regional entity
8 representing a crucial element of the
9 project, such as a State department of
10 natural resources; and

11 “(V) a nongovernmental organi-
12 zation;

13 “(B) certify that the recipient will transfer
14 the appropriate amount of funds to all entities
15 involved in the project so that research, exten-
16 sion, and education activities carried out under
17 the project are funded as needed;

18 “(C) in cooperation with the Secretary, co-
19 ordinate efforts conducted by all entities in-
20 volved in the project; and

21 “(D) prepare and submit annual and final
22 reports to the Secretary with respect to the
23 project.

24 “(f) ONGOING AREAWIDE INTEGRATED PEST MAN-
25 AGEMENT PROJECTS.—The requirements of subsection (e)

1 shall not apply with respect to a grant providing funding
2 for integrated agricultural research, education, and exten-
3 sion projects related to integrated pest management
4 awarded before the date of the enactment of the Areawide
5 Integrated Pest Management Act of 2020.

6 “(g) IPM TRAINING.—In carrying out this section,
7 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Director
8 of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, shall
9 provide funding to the IPM3 Training Consortium to pro-
10 vide training that is web-based or approved by the Insti-
11 tute on areawide integrated pest management projects to
12 growers, land managers, and Federal agency personnel to
13 enhance the adoption and implementation of such projects.

14 “(h) QUALIFIED AREAWIDE INTEGRATED PEST
15 MANAGEMENT PROJECT DEFINED.—In this section:

16 “(1) The term ‘areawide integrated pest man-
17 agement project’ means a project that is designed
18 and implemented on a landscape scale or larger—

19 “(A) to prevent the spread of pests and
20 invasive species through prevention, avoidance,
21 monitoring, and suppression;

22 “(B) to provide educational programs on
23 best management practices with respect to pests
24 and invasive species;

1 “(C) to control pests and invasive species
2 using physical, mechanical, or cultural controls;

3 “(D) where appropriate, to manage pests
4 and invasive species using biologically based
5 controls; or

6 “(E) where appropriate, to manage pests
7 using chemical controls, such as pesticides.

8 “(2) The term ‘qualified areawide integrated
9 pest management project’ means an areawide inte-
10 grated pest management project that—

11 “(A) provides for significant benefits (as
12 determined by the Secretary) for the preven-
13 tion, eradication, or management of pests and
14 invasive species;

15 “(B) provides for economic and environ-
16 mental benefits to agriculture, individuals, wild-
17 life, and the environment;

18 “(C) addresses the annual priorities estab-
19 lished by the integrated pest management com-
20 mittee established under section 1408C;

21 “(D) has a projected duration of not more
22 than 5 years;

23 “(E) provides for the establishment of a
24 regional advisory committee responsible for the
25 oversight of the project in the community, re-

1 gion, or area in which the project is to be car-
2 ried out; and

3 “(F) provides for the active involvement of
4 the cooperative extension services (as defined in
5 section 1404 of the National Agricultural Re-
6 search, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
7 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) to translate the results
8 of the research conducted under the project into
9 practical information and pest management
10 tools for purposes of sharing such results with
11 farmers, foresters, and producers.”; and

12 (6) in subsection (i) (as so redesignated), by
13 striking “2018” and inserting “2023”.

14 (b) AREAWIDE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT
15 COMMITTEE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The National Agricultural
17 Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
18 1977 is amended by inserting after section 1408B (7
19 U.S.C. 3123B) the following new section:

20 **“SEC. 1408C. AREAWIDE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**
21 **COMMITTEE.**

22 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
23 the date of the enactment of this section, the executive
24 committee of the Advisory Board shall establish and ap-

1 point the initial members of a permanent areawide inte-
2 grated pest management committee.

3 “(b) DUTIES.—The permanent areawide integrated
4 pest management committee shall, with respect to
5 areawide integrated pest management programs, activi-
6 ties, or projects carried out by the Secretary of Agri-
7 culture—

8 “(1) consider stakeholder feedback; and

9 “(2) determine the annual and long-term prior-
10 ities for such programs, activities, or projects.

11 “(c) MEMBERS.—

12 “(1) ELIGIBILITY.—Individuals who are not
13 members of the Advisory Board may be appointed as
14 members of the areawide integrated pest manage-
15 ment committee.

16 “(2) COMPOSITION.—The areawide integrated
17 pest management committee shall be composed of
18 the following:

19 “(A) Three ex officio members consisting
20 of the following individuals:

21 “(i) The Senior Invasive Species Coor-
22 dinator of the Department of Agriculture.

23 “(ii) The National Program Leader
24 for Bio-based Pest Management of the Na-
25 tional Institute of Food and Agriculture.

1 “(iii) The National Program Leader
2 for the Invasive Pests of Crops of the Agri-
3 cultural Research Service.

4 “(B) Nine voting members, representing
5 stakeholder groups with experience in areawide
6 research programs carried out by Federal,
7 State, or private entities, to be appointed by the
8 Secretary.”.

9 (2) COMPENSATION.—Section 1413(b) of the
10 National Agricultural Research, Extension, and
11 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3128(b)) is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 “(b)(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), members
14 of the Advisory Board who are not otherwise officers or
15 employees of the United States shall serve without com-
16 pensation.

17 “(2) Members of the Advisory Board who are mem-
18 bers of the areawide integrated pest management com-
19 mittee established under section 1408C and who are not
20 otherwise officers or employees of the United States may
21 receive compensation for serving on the committee.

22 “(3) Members of the Advisory Board and members
23 of the areawide integrated pest management committee es-
24 tablished under section 1408C shall, while away from their
25 homes or regular places of business in the performance

1 of services under this title, be allowed travel expenses, in-
2 cluding per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same man-
3 ner as persons employed intermittently in the Government
4 service are allowed expenses under sections 5701 through
5 5707 of title 5, United States Code.”.

6 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY.**

7 The Secretary shall transfer to the National Institute
8 of Food and Agriculture, effective not later than 60 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the authorities
10 (including all budget authorities, available appropriations,
11 and personnel), duties, obligations, and related legal and
12 administrative functions prescribed by law or otherwise
13 granted to any other agency or official of the Department
14 of Agriculture under section 406 of the Agricultural Re-
15 search, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7
16 U.S.C. 7626).

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