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S. 3778

To permit the Election Assistance Commission to waive the matching requirement for payments made to States for election security grants under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2020

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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 Elections Pre-
5 paredness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR ELEC-**
 2 **TION SECURITY GRANTS TO STATES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case where the Election As-
 4 sistance Commission (referred to in this section as the
 5 “Commission”) determines exigent circumstances related
 6 to the COVID–19 pandemic prevent a State from pro-
 7 viding matching funds as described in the last proviso
 8 under the heading “Election Assistance Commission, Elec-
 9 tion Security Grants” in the Financial Services and Gen-
 10 eral Government Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law
 11 116–93; 133 Stat. 2461) (relating to the State matching
 12 funds requirement), the Commission may waive the appli-
 13 cation of such State matching funds requirement under
 14 such proviso with respect to any payment made to the
 15 State using funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
 16 able to the Commission under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,
 17 and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-
 19 fect as if included in the enactment of the Coronavirus
 20 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–
 21 136).

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