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To make changes to the Office for State and Local Government Coordination,
Department of Homeland Security.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To make changes to the Office for State and Local Govern-
ment Coordination, Department of Homeland Security.

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. OFFICE FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

4 **COORDINATION.**

5 Section 801 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “to oversee”
8 and inserting “to be headed by a director, which
9 shall oversee”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and”
2 after the semicolon;

3 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) prepare an annual report, that contains—

7 “(A) a description of the State and local
8 priorities in each of the 50 States based on dis-
9 covered needs of first responder organizations,
10 including law enforcement agencies, fire and
11 rescue agencies, medical providers, emergency
12 service providers, and relief agencies;

13 “(B) a needs assessment that identifies
14 homeland security functions in which the Fed-
15 eral role is duplicative of the State or local role,
16 and recommendations to decrease or eliminate
17 inefficiencies between the Federal Government
18 and State and local entities;

19 “(C) recommendations to Congress regard-
20 ing the creation, expansion, or elimination of
21 any program to assist State and local entities to
22 carry out their respective functions under the
23 Department; and

1 “(D) proposals to increase the coordination
2 of Department priorities within each State and
3 between the States.”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) HOMELAND SECURITY LIAISON OFFICERS.—

6 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall des-
7 ignate in each State and the District of Columbia
8 not less than 1 employee of the Department to serve
9 as the Homeland Security Liaison Officer in that
10 State or District.

11 “(2) DUTIES.—Each Homeland Security Liai-
12 son Officer designated under paragraph (1) shall—

13 “(A) provide State and local government
14 officials with regular information, research, and
15 technical support to assist local efforts at secur-
16 ing the homeland;

17 “(B) provide coordination between the De-
18 partment and State and local first responders,
19 including—

20 “(i) law enforcement agencies;

21 “(ii) fire and rescue agencies;

22 “(iii) medical providers;

23 “(iv) emergency service providers; and

24 “(v) relief agencies;

1 “(C) notify the Department of the State
2 and local areas requiring additional informa-
3 tion, training, resources, and security;

4 “(D) provide training, information, and
5 education regarding homeland security for
6 State and local entities;

7 “(E) identify homeland security functions
8 in which the Federal role is duplicative of the
9 State or local role, and recommend ways to de-
10 crease or eliminate inefficiencies;

11 “(F) assist State and local entities in pri-
12 ority setting based on discovered needs of first
13 responder organizations, including law enforce-
14 ment agencies, fire and rescue agencies, medical
15 providers, emergency service providers, and re-
16 lief agencies;

17 “(G) assist the Department to identify and
18 implement State and local homeland security
19 objectives in an efficient and productive man-
20 ner;

21 “(H) serve as a liaison to the Department
22 in representing State and local priorities and
23 concerns regarding homeland security;

1 “(I) consult with State and local govern-
2 ment officials, including emergency managers,
3 to coordinate efforts and avoid duplication; and

4 “(J) coordinate with Homeland Security
5 Liaison Officers in neighboring States to—

6 “(i) address shared vulnerabilities;
7 and

8 “(ii) identify opportunities to achieve
9 efficiencies through interstate activities.

10 “(d) FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON FIRST
11 RESPONDERS AND STATE, LOCAL, AND CROSS-JURISDIC-
12 TIONAL ISSUES.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an
14 Interagency Committee on First Responders and
15 State, Local, and Cross-jurisdictional Issues (in this
16 section referred to as the “Interagency Committee”),
17 that shall—

18 “(A) ensure coordination, with respect to
19 homeland security functions, among the Federal
20 agencies involved with—

21 “(i) State, local, and regional govern-
22 ments;

23 “(ii) State, local, and community-
24 based law enforcement;

25 “(iii) fire and rescue operations; and

1 “(iv) medical and emergency relief
2 services;

3 “(B) identify community-based law en-
4 forcement, fire and rescue, and medical and
5 emergency relief services needs;

6 “(C) recommend new or expanded grant
7 programs to improve community-based law en-
8 forcement, fire and rescue, and medical and
9 emergency relief services;

10 “(D) identify ways to streamline the proc-
11 ess through which Federal agencies support
12 community-based law enforcement, fire and res-
13 cue, and medical and emergency relief services;
14 and

15 “(E) assist in priority setting based on dis-
16 covered needs.

17 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Com-
18 mittee shall be composed of—

19 “(A) a representative of the Office for
20 State and Local Government Coordination;

21 “(B) a representative of the Health Re-
22 sources and Services Administration of the De-
23 partment of Health and Human Services;

1 “(C) a representative of the Centers for
2 Disease Control and Prevention of the Depart-
3 ment of Health and Human Services;

4 “(D) a representative of the Federal Emer-
5 gency Management Agency of the Department;

6 “(E) a representative of the United States
7 Coast Guard of the Department;

8 “(F) a representative of the Department of
9 Defense;

10 “(G) a representative of the Office of Do-
11 mestic Preparedness of the Department;

12 “(H) a representative of the Directorate of
13 Immigration Affairs of the Department;

14 “(I) a representative of the Transportation
15 Security Agency of the Department;

16 “(J) a representative of the Federal Bu-
17 reau of Investigation of the Department of Jus-
18 tice; and

19 “(K) representatives of any other Federal
20 agency identified by the President as having a
21 significant role in the purposes of the Inter-
22 agency Committee.

23 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—The Department shall
24 provide administrative support to the Interagency

1 Committee and the Advisory Council, which shall in-
2 clude—

3 “(A) scheduling meetings;

4 “(B) preparing agenda;

5 “(C) maintaining minutes and records;

6 “(D) producing reports; and

7 “(E) reimbursing Advisory Council mem-
8 bers.

9 “(4) LEADERSHIP.—The members of the Inter-
10 agency Committee shall select annually a chair-
11 person.

12 “(5) MEETINGS.—The Interagency Committee
13 shall meet—

14 “(A) at the call of the Secretary; or

15 “(B) not less frequently than once every 3
16 months.

17 “(e) ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE INTERAGENCY
18 COMMITTEE.—

19 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an
20 Advisory Council for the Interagency Committee (in
21 this section referred to as the “Advisory Council”).

22 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Council
24 shall be composed of not more than 13 mem-
25 bers, selected by the Interagency Committee.

1 “(B) DUTIES.—The Advisory Council
2 shall—

3 “(i) develop a plan to disseminate in-
4 formation on first response best practices;

5 “(ii) identify and educate the Sec-
6 retary on the latest technological advances
7 in the field of first response;

8 “(iii) identify probable emerging
9 threats to first responders;

10 “(iv) identify needed improvements to
11 first response techniques and training;

12 “(v) identify efficient means of com-
13 munication and coordination between first
14 responders and Federal, State, and local
15 officials;

16 “(vi) identify areas in which the De-
17 partment can assist first responders; and

18 “(vii) evaluate the adequacy and time-
19 liness of resources being made available to
20 local first responders.

21 “(C) REPRESENTATION.—The Interagency
22 Committee shall ensure that the membership of
23 the Advisory Council represents—

24 “(i) the law enforcement community;

25 “(ii) fire and rescue organizations;

1 “(iii) medical and emergency relief
2 services; and

3 “(iv) both urban and rural commu-
4 nities.

5 “(3) CHAIRPERSON.—The Advisory Council
6 shall select annually a chairperson from among its
7 members.

8 “(4) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—The mem-
9 bers of the Advisory Council shall serve without
10 compensation, but shall be eligible for reimburse-
11 ment of necessary expenses connected with their
12 service to the Advisory Council.

13 “(5) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall
14 meet with the Interagency Committee not less fre-
15 quently than once every 3 months.”.

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