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H. R. 6339

To establish the Homeland Security Community Mobilization Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2006

Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce, 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 establish the Homeland Security Community Mobilization Program.

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 “Homeland Security
5 Community Mobilization Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) There has been a substantial increase in
9 poverty within the United States during the past five

1 years. The greatest concentration of poverty exists
2 in large metropolitan areas.

3 (2) The plight of the poor in New Orleans,
4 Louisiana, as revealed during the Katrina hurricane
5 and the flood it caused poses a considerable threat
6 to health and life and creates conditions that foster
7 a total breakdown of civil society.

8 (3) The rescue and survival effort during the
9 Katrina disaster was greatly impeded by the lack of
10 engagement and contact with institutions and proce-
11 dures of the mainstream world.

12 (4) The lack of employment is at the center of
13 problems impacting on the poor and the primary
14 antidote to alleviation would be jobs.

15 (5) Within the Community Service Agency
16 (CSA) there is a structure in place presently capable
17 of rapidly implementing programs geared to help the
18 poor. Through this Act, in alignment with the Com-
19 munity Services Block Grant's purpose to provide
20 members of the community with meaningful employ-
21 ment, low-income residents of metropolitan areas
22 can be engaged in a beneficially meaningful way
23 while providing a vital service to their communities.

24 (6) The structure established to implement the
25 Faith Based Initiative project is also immediately

1 (1) provide emergency response training to low-
2 income adults and youth to prepare them to provide
3 emergency assistance in metropolitan areas during
4 disasters (These individuals will provide neighbor-
5 hood response to natural disasters and terrorist at-
6 tacks and shall be trained to work as Neighborhood
7 Emergency Response Operators.),

8 (2) provide job training and financial assistance
9 to families with children in school. Families with in-
10 comes under the poverty line with children in school
11 shall receive priority for support (Stipends shall be
12 made available for travel costs and other expenses
13 incurred for attendance in school-related meetings.
14 Cash award incentives shall also be made available
15 for improved student performance. Participants shall
16 be trained to work as Informed Parent Program
17 Specialists.),

18 (3) provide community education and school
19 support (Programs shall be established that organize
20 parents and volunteers to assist schools in such
21 areas as school safety, student discipline, after-
22 school and weekend extracurricular activities, phys-
23 ical education and sports activities, and assistance
24 with truant and delinquent children. Entry level job

1 training shall be developed for School Community
2 Coordinators.),

3 (4) provide juvenile delinquency prevention pro-
4 grams and youth counseling (Programs shall be es-
5 tablished which focus on at-risk youth and are
6 geared primarily to youth with identified problems.
7 Such programs shall work with family courts and ju-
8 venile detention centers as well as work with school
9 counselors. Individuals shall be trained to work as
10 Youth Ombudsman and Child Advocates.),

11 (5) provide entrepreneurial business develop-
12 ment training for youth (Programs shall be estab-
13 lished which place low-income youth in local business
14 internship positions for the purpose of teaching
15 them the fundamentals of small business operations
16 and preparing them to establish and operate small
17 concessions and other entrepreneurial enterprises.
18 Individuals shall be trained to work as Young Com-
19 munity Leader Trainees.), and

20 (6) provide family health care information and
21 solutions (Programs shall be established to train citi-
22 zens to monitor areas of potential terrorist attacks
23 and low-level germ warfare and to be first respond-
24 ers to such situations. Trainees shall also make
25 available to citizens of the community greater

1 amounts of detailed information diseases such as
2 AIDS as well as the sudden dangers of maladies
3 such as West Nile Virus or possible epidemics like
4 Avian Flu. Individuals shall be trained to work as
5 Health Care Information Specialists.).

6 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION AND EVALUATION.**

7 (a) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
8 under the Program, a local entity in a metropolitan area
9 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time
10 and containing such information as the Secretary shall re-
11 quire by rule.

12 (b) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall issue such
13 rules, and shall carry out such activities, as may be nec-
14 essary to ensure that recipients of grants made under this
15 Act—

16 (1) keep records to account for the expenditure
17 of funds received under such grants,

18 (2) evaluate the activities such recipients carry
19 out with such funds, and

20 (3) submit to the Secretary such reports re-
21 garding such activities as the Secretary may require
22 to evaluate the performance of such recipients and
23 the efficacy of such activities.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act \$2,000,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007,
4 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

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