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H. R. 9458

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance outreach for the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Enhancing Stakeholder
5 Support and Outreach for Preparedness Grants Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DHS GRANT OUTREACH.**

2 (a) URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE.—Section
3 2003 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
4 604) is amended by adding at the end the following new
5 subsection:

6 “(f) OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The
7 Administrator shall, on an ongoing basis, provide stake-
8 holder outreach, engagement, education, technical assist-
9 ance, and support, prior to, during, and after the awarding
10 of grants under this section, including relating to the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(1) Conducting annual surveys to collect feed-
13 back from State, local, Tribal, and territorial stake-
14 holders on the awarding of such grants and the ef-
15 fectiveness of the Administrator’s outreach efforts.

16 “(2) Summaries of the surveys conducted pur-
17 suant to paragraph (1) and other State, local, Trib-
18 al, and territorial feedback and how such feedback
19 was incorporated into subsequent grant notices of
20 funding opportunities.

21 “(3) Other feedback mechanisms that the Ad-
22 ministrator determines appropriate.”.

23 (b) STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PRO-
24 GRAM.—Section 2004 of the Homeland Security Act of
25 2002 (6 U.S.C. 605) is amended by adding at the end
26 the following new subsection:

1 “(g) OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The
2 Administrator shall, on an ongoing basis, provide stake-
3 holder outreach, engagement, education, technical assist-
4 ance, and support, prior to, during, and after the awarding
5 of grants under this section, including relating to the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(1) Conducting annual surveys to collect feed-
8 back from State, local, Tribal, and territorial stake-
9 holders on the awarding of such grants and the ef-
10 fectiveness of the Administrator’s outreach efforts.

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12 suant to paragraph (1) and other State, local, Trib-
13 al, and territorial feedback and how such feedback
14 was incorporated into subsequent grant notices of
15 funding opportunities.

16 “(3) Other feedback mechanisms that the Ad-
17 ministrator determines appropriate.”.

18 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later
19 than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act,
20 the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit
21 to the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Manage-
22 ment Agency and the Committee on Homeland Security
23 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
24 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
25 ate a report on the effectiveness of FEMA’s stakeholder

1 outreach, engagement, education, technical assistance,
2 and support, prior to, during, and after the awarding of
3 grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative and State
4 Homeland Security Grant Program, in accordance with
5 subsection (f) of section 2003 and subsection (g) of section
6 2004, respectively, of the Homeland Security Act of 2002,
7 as added by subsections (a) and (b), respectively.

8 (d) REPORT.—Not later than three years after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
10 the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall submit
11 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
12 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
13 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report regard-
14 ing the actions taken pursuant to subsection (f) of section
15 2003 and subsection (g) of the Homeland Security Act
16 of 2002, as added by subsections (a) and (b), respectively,
17 including with respect to the surveys and summaries re-
18 quired under paragraphs (1) and (2) of each of such sub-
19 sections (f) and (g).

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