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S. 1386

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Office of Disability Coordination, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BURRIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Office of Disability
5 Coordination Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF DISABILITY COORDINATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 513 of the Homeland Se-
8 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 321b) is amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**DIS-**
2 **ABILITY COORDINATOR**” and inserting “**OFFICE**
3 **OF DISABILITY COORDINATION**”;

4 (2) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) by striking “After consultation with”
6 and inserting the following:

7 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
8 the Agency an Office of Disability Coordination,
9 which shall be headed by the Disability Coordinator
10 appointed under paragraph (2).

11 “(2) DISABILITY COORDINATOR.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—After consultation
13 with”;

14 (B) by striking “The Disability Coordi-
15 nator” and inserting the following:

16 “(C) REPORTING.—The Disability Coordi-
17 nator”;

18 (C) in paragraph (2)(A), as so designated,
19 by adding at the end the following: “The Ad-
20 ministrator shall establish the position of Dis-
21 ability Coordinator as a Senior Executive Serv-
22 ice position to be filled by a career appointee,
23 as defined under section 3132(a)(4) of title 5,
24 United States Code.”; and

1 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2)(A), as
2 so designated, the following:

3 “(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In appointing the
4 Disability Coordinator, the Administrator shall
5 give special consideration to whether the indi-
6 vidual to be appointed has emergency manage-
7 ment experience and an extensive knowledge of
8 issues relating to individuals with disabilities.”;
9 and

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

11 “(c) REGIONAL DISABILITY COORDINATORS.—The
12 Administrator shall appoint a Regional Disability Coordi-
13 nator for each Regional Office and for the Office of Na-
14 tional Capital Region Coordination established under sec-
15 tion 882. The Regional Disability Coordinators appointed
16 under this subsection shall report to the Disability Coordi-
17 nator appointed under subsection (a), except as otherwise
18 provided by the Administrator.”.

19 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
20 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Se-
21 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by
22 striking the item relating to section 513 and inserting the
23 following:

“Sec. 513. Office of Disability Coordination.”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—

1 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
2 by this section shall take effect on the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act.

4 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by
5 subsection (a)(2)(C) (relating to establishing the po-
6 sition of Disability Coordinator as a Senior Execu-
7 tive Service position) shall apply to any appointment
8 made after the date of enactment of this Act.

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