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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prohibit requiring the use of a specified percentage of a grant under the Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program for specific purposes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON (for herself, Ms. BASS of California, and Ms. HIRONO) 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 “Homeland Security
5 Grant Management Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING USE OF GRANTS**
2 **UNDER URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE**
3 **AND STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**
4 **PROGRAM FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.**

5 Section 2008(b)(3) of Homeland Security Act of
6 2002 (6 U.S.C. 609(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following new subparagraph:

8 “(C) PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING USE OF
9 GRANTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.—Unless re-
10 quired by statute, the Administrator may not
11 require the recipient of a grant under section
12 2003 or 2004 to use a specific percentage of
13 the amount of the grant for any one of the per-
14 mitted uses described in paragraphs (1)
15 through (10) or (12) through (13) of section
16 2008(a).”.

17 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF PERCENTAGE OF GRANTS FUNDS AU-**
18 **THORIZED FOR ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
20 Emergency Management Agency, in consultation with the
21 National Advisory Council established under section
22 508(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
23 318(a)), shall—

24 (1) study the use by grantees of Federal funds
25 provided under the Urban Area Security Initiative
26 and the State Homeland Security Grant Program

1 authorized, respectively, by section 2003 and 2004
2 of that Act (6 U.S.C. 604, 605), for paying expenses
3 related to administration as authorized under section
4 2008(a)(11) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
5 (6 U.S.C. 609(a)(11)); and

6 (2) evaluate and determine whether the per-
7 centage authorized under that section is adequate to
8 ensure proper oversight, management, and adminis-
9 tration of grant awards.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
11 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall report
12 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
13 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
14 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate on the findings
15 of the study and evaluation, including recommendations
16 on whether the percentage authorized under section
17 2008(a)(11) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
18 U.S.C. 609(a)(11)) should be adjusted to better reflect the
19 costs to grant recipients of managing and administering
20 their grant awards.

21 **SEC. 4. STUDY OF FEASIBILITY OF MULTI-YEAR GRANT**
22 **PROGRAM GUIDANCE.**

23 The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Man-
24 agement Agency shall—

1 (1) in consultation with the National Advisory
2 Council established under section 508(a) of the
3 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 318(a))
4 and the Chief Financial Officer of the Department
5 of Homeland Security, study the feasibility, advan-
6 tages, and disadvantages of issuing multi-year pro-
7 gram guidance for grants under the Urban Area Se-
8 curity Initiative and the State Homeland Security
9 Grant Program authorized, respectively, by section
10 2003 and 2004 of that Act (6 U.S.C. 604, 605); and

11 (2) by not later than 180 days after the date
12 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator provide
13 the results of the study to the Committee on Home-
14 land Security of the House of Representatives and
15 the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
16 mental Affairs of the Senate.

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