AMENDMENT NO. ___ Calendar No. ___

Purpose: To remove the restriction on the use of grant funds for the compensation of emergency planning personnel, and for other purposes.


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To provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ____________________________

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Ms. COLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. LEVIN)

Viz:

1. On page 17, strike lines 13 through 19.

2. On page 18, strike lines 7 through 9 and insert the following:

   (F) pay for overtime expenses relating to—

   (i) training activities consistent with the goals outlined in a State homeland security plan; and
(ii) as determined by the Secretary, activities relating to an increase in the threat level under the Homeland Security Advisory System.

On page 19, strike lines 1 through 9.

On page 19, strike lines 10 through 14 and insert the following:

(C) OVERTIME EXPENSES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 5 percent of grant funds provided under this section may be used for overtime expenses for training carried out under paragraph (2)(F).

(ii) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the limitation under clause (i) if the Secretary determines that such funds are necessary to provide effective training or adequate protection in the event of an increase in the threat level under the Homeland Security Advisory System.

On page 23, line 6, strike “allow” and insert “include”.
On page 23, line 8, after “officials” insert “, including representatives of rural, high-population, and high-threat jurisdictions”.

On page 25, line 2, after “State” insert “, and which shall include representatives of rural, high-population, rural, and high-threat jurisdictions”.

On page 25, line 16, after “(e)(2)(N)” insert “, including any dissenting views submitted by advisory committee members,.”.

On page 27, lines 21 and 22, strike “, first responders, and other local groups” and insert “and first responders”.

On page 28, line 1, strike “60” and insert “45”.

On page 28, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

(C) ECONOMIC DISTRESS.—The matching requirement under paragraph (A) shall not apply to any grant recipient that is deemed economically distressed.
On page 31, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(3) DIRECT FUNDING.—If a State fails to substantially comply with any provision of this section, including failing to provide local governments with grant funds or resources purchased with grant funds in a timely fashion, a local government entitled to receive such grant funds or resources may petition the Secretary, at such time and in such manner as determined by the Secretary, to request that grant funds or resources be provided directly to the local government.

On page 26, line 21, strike “The Secretary” and insert “After the distribution of funds for grants under subsection (f), the Secretary”.

On page 27, line 1, strike “(c)” and insert “(d)”.  

On page 26, strike lines 3 through 9, and insert the following:

this subsection is given to localities that—

(A) have a large population and high population density;
(B) have a high degree of threat, risk, and vulnerability related to critical infrastructure or key national assets identified in the State homeland security plan;

(C) have an international border with Canada or Mexico, or coastline bordering international waters of Canada, Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, or the Pacific Ocean; or

(D) are subject to other threat factors specified in writing by the Secretary.

On page 27, strike lines 12 through 18, and insert:

(f) and (g)(2), based on—

(A) population, including tourist and military populations, and population density;

(B) threat, risk, and vulnerability related to critical infrastructure, key national assets, or other factors identified in a State homeland security plan;

(C) an international border with Canada or Mexico, or coastline bordering international waters of Canada, Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean or the Pacific Ocean; or

(D) other factors specified in writing by the Secretary.
1. On page 27, strike “Assessment” and insert “Distribution of additional funds”.

2. On page 13, line 2, strike “and”.

3. On page 13, line 21, strike the second period and insert “; and”.

4. On page 13, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

   (D) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e), and inserting after subsection (e) the following:

   “(d) TRAINING AND EXERCISES OFFICE WITHIN THE OFFICE FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS.—

   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall create within the Office for Domestic Preparedness an internal office that shall be the proponent for all national domestic preparedness, training, education, and exercises within the Office for State and Local Government Coordination.

   (2) OFFICE HEAD.—The Secretary shall select an individual with recognized expertise in first-responder training and exercises to head the office,
and such person shall report directly to the Director of the Office of Domestic Preparedness.