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Reported by Mr. LIEBERMAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

**AN ACT**

To provide for identifying and eliminating redundant reporting requirements and developing meaningful performance metrics for homeland security preparedness grants, and for other purposes.

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 “Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness  
5        Grants Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF REPORTING REDUNDANCIES**  
 2 **AND DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMANCE**  
 3 **METRICS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY PRE-**  
 4 **PAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Title ~~XX~~ of the Homeland Secu-  
 6 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by  
 7 adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 2023. IDENTIFICATION OF REPORTING**  
 9 **REDUNDANCIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF PER-**  
 10 **FORMANCE METRICS.**

11 **“(a) IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator shall, for  
 12 grants under sections ~~2003~~ and ~~2004~~ and any other  
 13 grants specified by the Administrator, submit a report to  
 14 the appropriate committees of Congress by not later than  
 15 120 days after the date of the enactment of the Redun-  
 16 dancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Pre-  
 17 paredness Grants Act, and by October 1st every 2 years  
 18 thereafter, that—

19 “(1) identifies redundant rules, regulations, and  
 20 requirements for reporting by recipients of such  
 21 grants, and includes a plan for eliminating such  
 22 identified redundancies and requirements;

23 “(2) includes a plan for developing and improv-  
 24 ing the performance metrics required under section  
 25 2022(a)(4) for such grants; and

1           “(3) includes an assessment of each program  
2           under which such grants are awarded.

3           “(b) ~~PLAN REQUIREMENTS.~~—Each plan under sub-  
4           section (a)—

5           “(1) shall be developed in coordination with  
6           State, local, tribal, and territorial governments; and

7           “(2) shall include a proposed timeline for ac-  
8           tions to implement the plan.

9           “(c) ~~PROGRAM ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.~~—Each  
10          program assessment under subsection (a)(3) shall in-  
11          clude—

12           “(1) a brief summary of the program purposes,  
13           objectives, and performance goals, and of the key  
14           findings of the assessment;

15           “(2) an assessment of the quality of the pro-  
16           gram’s performance metrics, and the extent to which  
17           necessary performance data are collected;

18           “(3) a summary of how the program’s strengths  
19           and weaknesses are impeding or contributing to its  
20           failures or successes, including reasons for any sub-  
21           stantial variation from the targeted level of perform-  
22           ance of the program;

23           “(4) a description of the extent to which any  
24           trends, developments, or emerging conditions affect

1 the need to change the mission of the program or  
 2 the way that the program is being carried out;

3 “(5) an identification of the best practices used  
 4 in the program for allocating resources in an effi-  
 5 cient and effective manner that resulted in positive  
 6 outcomes and the key reasons why such practices re-  
 7 sulted in positive outcomes;

8 “(6) recommendations for program modifica-  
 9 tions to improve the results that the program  
 10 achieves;

11 “(7) a summary of key results of the program  
 12 assessment that support maximizing the amount of  
 13 funds appropriated for the program; and

14 “(8) an assessment of the quality of customer  
 15 service offered to recipients of funds under the pro-  
 16 gram and a strategy for improving such service.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
 18 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by adding at the  
 19 end of the items relating to title XX the following new  
 20 item:

“Sec. 2023. Identification of reporting redundancies and development of per-  
 formance metrics.”.

21 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

22 *This Act may be cited as the “Redundancy Elimini-*  
 23 *ation and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants*  
 24 *Act”.*

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6 *Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding*  
7 *at the end the following:*

8 **“SEC. 2023. IDENTIFICATION OF REPORTING**  
9 **REDUNDANCIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF PER-**  
10 **FORMANCE METRICS.**

11 “(a) *DEFINITION.*—*In this section, the term ‘covered*  
12 *grants’ means grants awarded under section 2003, grants*  
13 *awarded under section 2004, and any other grants specified*  
14 *by the Administrator.*

15 “(b) *INITIAL REPORT.*—*Not later than 90 days after*  
16 *the date of enactment of the Redundancy Elimination and*  
17 *Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act, the*  
18 *Administrator shall submit to the appropriate committees*  
19 *of Congress a report that includes—*

20 “(1) *an assessment of redundant reporting re-*  
21 *quirements imposed by the Administrator on State,*  
22 *local, and tribal governments in connection with the*  
23 *awarding of grants, including—*

24 “(A) *a list of each discrete item of data re-*  
25 *quested by the Administrator from grant recipi-*

1           ents as part of the process of administering cov-  
2           ered grants;

3                   “(B) identification of the items of data from  
4           the list described in subparagraph (A) that are  
5           required to be submitted by grant recipients on  
6           multiple occasions or to multiple systems; and

7                   “(C) identification of the items of data from  
8           the list described in subparagraph (A) that are  
9           not necessary to be collected in order for the Ad-  
10          ministrator to effectively and efficiently admin-  
11          ister the programs under which covered grants  
12          are awarded;

13                  “(2) a plan, including a specific timetable, for  
14          eliminating any redundant and unnecessary report-  
15          ing requirements identified under paragraph (1); and

16                  “(3) a plan, including a specific timetable, for  
17          promptly developing a set of quantifiable performance  
18          measures and metrics to assess the effectiveness of the  
19          programs under which covered grants are awarded.

20                  “(c) *BIENNIAL REPORTS*.—Not later than 1 year after  
21          the date on which the initial report is required to be sub-  
22          mitted under subsection (b), and once every 2 years there-  
23          after, the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate  
24          committees of Congress a grants management report that  
25          includes—

1           “(1) the status of efforts to eliminate redundant  
2           and unnecessary reporting requirements imposed on  
3           grant recipients, including—

4                   “(A) progress made in implementing the  
5                   plan required under subsection (b)(2);

6                   “(B) a reassessment of the reporting re-  
7                   quirements to identify and eliminate redundant  
8                   and unnecessary requirements;

9           “(2) the status of efforts to develop quantifiable  
10           performance measures and metrics to assess the effec-  
11           tiveness of the programs under which the covered  
12           grants are awarded, including—

13                   “(A) progress made in implementing the  
14                   plan required under subsection (b)(3);

15                   “(B) progress made in developing and im-  
16                   plementing additional performance metrics and  
17                   measures for grants, including as part of the  
18                   comprehensive assessment system required under  
19                   section 649 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Man-  
20                   agement Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 749); and

21           “(3) a performance assessment of each program  
22           under which the covered grants are awarded, includ-  
23           ing—

24                   “(A) a description of the objectives and  
25                   goals of the program;

1           “(B) an assessment of the extent to which  
2           the objectives and goals described in subpara-  
3           graph (A) have been met, based on the quantifi-  
4           able performance measures and metrics required  
5           under this section, section 2022(a)(4), and sec-  
6           tion 649 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Man-  
7           agement Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 749);

8           “(C) recommendations for any program  
9           modifications to improve the effectiveness of the  
10          program, to address changed or emerging condi-  
11          tions; and

12          “(D) an assessment of the experience of re-  
13          cipients of covered grants, including the avail-  
14          ability of clear and accurate information, the  
15          timeliness of reviews and awards, and the provi-  
16          sion of technical assistance, and recommenda-  
17          tions for improving that experience.

18          “(d) GRANTS PROGRAM MEASUREMENT STUDY.—

19                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after  
20                 the enactment of Redundancy Elimination and En-  
21                 hanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act, the  
22                 Administrator shall enter into a contract with the  
23                 National Academy of Public Administration under  
24                 which the National Academy of Public Administra-



1        *tion shall assist the Administrator in studying, devel-*  
2        *oping, and implementing—*

3                *“(A) quantifiable performance measures*  
4                *and metrics to assess the effectiveness of grants*  
5                *administered by the Department, as required*  
6                *under this section and section 649 of the Post-*  
7                *Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of*  
8                *2006 (6 U.S.C. 749); and*

9                *“(B) the plan required under subsection*  
10               *(b)(3).*

11               *“(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the*  
12               *date on which the contract described in paragraph (1)*  
13               *is awarded, the Administrator shall submit to the ap-*  
14               *propriate committees of Congress a report that de-*  
15               *scribes the findings and recommendations of the study*  
16               *conducted under paragraph (1).*

17               *“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—*  
18               *There are authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-*  
19               *ministrator such sums as may be necessary to carry*  
20               *out this subsection.”.*

21               *(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The*  
22               *table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security*  
23               *Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by adding*  
24               *at the end the following:*

*“Sec. 2023. Identification of reporting redundancies and development of perform-*  
              *ance metrics.”.*

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