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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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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Homeland Security Grant Management Improvement Act”.

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

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

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

SEC. 3. STUDY OF PERCENTAGE OF GRANTS FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.

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

(1) study the use by grantees of Federal funds provided under the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program.
authorized, respectively, by section 2003 and 2004
of that Act (6 U.S.C. 604, 605), for paying expenses
related to administration as authorized under section
(6 U.S.C. 609(a)(11)); and
(2) evaluate and determine whether the per-
centage authorized under that section is adequate to
ensure proper oversight, management, and adminis-
tration of grant awards.

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

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

The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Man-
agement Agency shall—
(1) in consultation with the National Advisory Council established under section 508(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 318(a)) and the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, study the feasibility, advantages, and disadvantages of issuing multi-year program guidance for grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative and the State Homeland Security Grant Program authorized, respectively, by section 2003 and 2004 of that Act (6 U.S.C. 604, 605); and

(2) by not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator provide the results of the study to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.