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IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 911 COMMISSION ACT OF 2007

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An Act

To provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

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

[*1] XSECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) Short Title.--This Act may be cited as the "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007".

(b) Table of Contents.--The table of contents for this Act is as follows:
Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I--HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS

Sec. 101. Homeland Security Grant Program.

Sec. 102. Other amendments to the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

Sec. 103. Amendments to the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006.

Sec. 104. Technical and conforming amendments.

TITLE II--EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANTS

Sec. 201. Emergency management performance grant program.

Sec. 202. Grants for construction of emergency operations centers.

TITLE III--ENSURING COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Sec. 301. Interoperable emergency communications grant program.

Sec. 302. Border interoperability demonstration project.

TITLE IV--STRENGTHENING USE OF THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

Sec. 401. Definitions.

Sec. 402. National exercise program design.

Sec. 403. National exercise program model exercises.

Sec. 404. Preidentifying and evaluating multijurisdictional facilities to strengthen incident command; private sector preparedness.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives that includes--

(A) the number of public and private stakeholders who were provided with each report;

(B) a description of the measures the Secretary has taken, under section 114(u)(7) of title 49, United States Code, as added by this section, or otherwise, to ensure proper treatment and security for any classified information to be shared with the public and private stakeholders under the Plan; and

(C) an explanation of the reason for the denial of transportation security information to any stakeholder who had previously received such information.

(2) No report required if no changes in stakeholders.-- The Secretary is not required to provide a semiannual report under paragraph (1) if no stakeholders have been added to or removed from the group of persons with whom transportation security information is shared under the plan since the end of the period covered by the last preceding semiannual report.

[*1204] **Sec. 1204. NATIONAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS CONSORTIUM.**

(a) **In General.--The Secretary is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain a National Domestic Preparedness Consortium within the Department.**

(b) **Members.--Members of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium shall consist of--**

(1) the Center for Domestic Preparedness;

(2) the National Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology;

(3) the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, Louisiana State University;

(4) the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, Texas A[amper]M University

(5) the National Exercise, Test, and Training Center, Nevada Test Site;

(6) the Transportation Technology Center, Incorporated, in Pueblo, Colorado; and

(7) the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, University of Hawaii.

(c) **Duties.--The National Domestic Preparedness Consortium shall identify, develop, test, and deliver training to State, local, and tribal emergency response providers, provide on-site and mobile training at the performance and management and planning levels, and facilitate the delivery of training by the training partners of the Department.**

(d) **Authorization of Appropriations.--There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary--**

(1) for the Center for Domestic Preparedness--

(A) \$ 57,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

(B) \$ 60,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

(C) \$ 63,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

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(D) \$ 66,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

(2) for the National Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center, the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, the National Exercise, Test, and Training Center, the Transportation Technology Center, Incorporated, and the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center each--

(A) \$ 22,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

(B) \$ 23,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

(C) \$ 24,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

(D) \$ 25,500,000 for fiscal year 2011.

(e) Savings Provision.--From the amounts appropriated pursuant to this section, the Secretary shall ensure that future amounts provided to each of the following entities are not less than the amounts provided to each such entity for participation in the Consortium in fiscal year 2007--

(1) the Center for Domestic Preparedness;

(2) the National Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology;

(3) the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, Louisiana State University;

(4) the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, Texas A[amper]M University and

(5) the National Exercise, Test, and Training Center, Nevada Test Site.

[*1205] Sec. 1205. NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.

(a) Establishment.--The Secretary shall establish a National Transportation Security Center of Excellence to conduct research and education activities, and to develop or provide professional security training, including the training of transportation employees and transportation professionals.

(b) Designation.--The Secretary shall select one of the institutions identified in subsection (c) as the lead institution responsible for coordinating the National Transportation Security Center of Excellence.

(c) Member Institutions.--

(1) Consortium.-- The institution of higher education selected under subsection (b) shall execute agreements with the other institutions of higher education identified in this subsection and other institutions designated by the Secretary to develop a consortium to assist in accomplishing the goals of the Center.

(2) Members.-- The National Transportation Security Center of Excellence shall consist of--

(A) Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas;

(B) the National Transit Institute at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey;

(C) Tougaloo College;

(D) the Connecticut Transportation Institute at the University of Connecticut;