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# S. 1073

To provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 2003

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DAYTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification.

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 Coordination and Simplification Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE AND**  
2 **STREAMLINE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**  
3 **PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Homeland Security Act of  
5 2002 is amended by inserting after section 801 the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 **“SEC. 802. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE**  
8 **AND STREAMLINE HOMELAND SECURITY**  
9 **GRANT PROGRAMS.**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an  
11 Interagency Committee to Coordinate and Streamline  
12 Homeland Security Grant Programs (in this section re-  
13 ferred to as the ‘Interagency Committee’) that shall—

14 “(1) ensure coordination among the Federal  
15 agencies that provide funding or other assistance to  
16 or for—

17 “(A) State and local law enforcement  
18 agencies;

19 “(B) fire and rescue operations;

20 “(C) medical and emergency relief services;

21 and

22 “(D) State and local homeland security ef-  
23 forts;

24 “(2) eliminate duplication of requirements con-  
25 tained in emergency plans requested by Federal  
26 agencies;

1           “(3) simplify and coordinate applications for  
2 homeland security funding;

3           “(4) identify ways to streamline the process  
4 through which Federal agencies support community-  
5 based law enforcement, fire and rescue, and medical  
6 and emergency relief services;

7           “(5) collect information regarding State and  
8 local initiatives to promote interoperability of equip-  
9 ment;

10           “(6) develop coordinated plans to provide tech-  
11 nical assistance to States to promote interoperable  
12 equipment;

13           “(7) provide coordinated assistance to help  
14 States and local governments prepare risk and vul-  
15 nerability assessments; and

16           “(8) review State plan submissions to ensure  
17 that all relevant Federal interests are protected.

18           “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Committee  
19 shall be composed of—

20           “(1) a representative of the Office for Domestic  
21 Preparedness;

22           “(2) a representative of the Health Resources  
23 and Services Administration of the Department of  
24 Health and Human Services;

1           “(3) a representative of the Centers for Disease  
2           Control and Prevention of the Department of Health  
3           and Human Services;

4           “(4) a representative of the Directorate of  
5           Emergency Preparedness and Response;

6           “(5) a representative of the United States  
7           Coast Guard;

8           “(6) a representative of the Department of De-  
9           fense;

10          “(7) a representative of the Directorate of Bor-  
11          der and Transportation Security;

12          “(8) a representative of the Department of  
13          Transportation;

14          “(9) a representative of the Community Ori-  
15          ented Policing Services of the Department of Jus-  
16          tice;

17          “(10) a representative of the Office of Justice  
18          Programs of the Department of Justice;

19          “(11) a representative of the Federal Commu-  
20          nications Commission;

21          “(12) a representative of the Environmental  
22          Protection Agency;

23          “(13) a representative of the Office of Public  
24          Safety of the Department of Commerce; and

1           “(14) representatives of any other Federal  
2           agency identified by the President as having a sig-  
3           nificant role relating to the purposes of the Inter-  
4           agency Committee.

5           “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Department shall pro-  
6           vide administrative support to the Interagency Committee  
7           which shall include—

8                   “(1) scheduling meetings;

9                   “(2) preparing agenda;

10                  “(3) maintaining minutes and records; and

11                  “(4) producing reports.

12           “(d) LEADERSHIP.—The Secretary shall designate a  
13           chairperson of the Interagency Committee.

14           “(e) MEETINGS.—The Interagency Committee shall  
15           meet—

16                   “(1) at the call of the Secretary; or

17                   “(2) not less frequently than once every 3  
18           months.”.

19           (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

20           The table of contents for the Homeland Security Act of  
21           2002 is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
22           section 801 the following:

          “Sec. 802. Interagency Committee To Coordinate and Streamline Homeland  
          Security Grant Programs.”.

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