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Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Executive
3 Board Authorization Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARDS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 11 of title 5, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 1106. Federal Executive Boards**

9 “(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are
10 to—

11 “(1) strengthen the coordination of Government
12 activities;

13 “(2) facilitate interagency collaboration to im-
14 prove the efficiency and effectiveness of Federal pro-
15 grams;

16 “(3) facilitate communication and collaboration
17 on Federal emergency preparedness and continuity
18 of operations for the Federal workforce in applicable
19 geographic areas; and

20 “(4) provide stable funding for Federal Execu-
21 tive Boards.

22 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’—

24 “(A) means an Executive agency as de-
25 fined under section 105; and

1 “(B) shall not include the Government Ac-
2 countability Office.

3 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
4 the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

5 “(3) FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.—The term
6 ‘Federal Executive Board’ means an interagency en-
7 tity established by the Director, in consultation with
8 the headquarters of appropriate agencies, in a geo-
9 graphic area with a high concentration of Federal
10 employees outside the Washington, D.C. metropoli-
11 tan area to strengthen the management and admin-
12 istration of agency activities and coordination among
13 local Federal officers to implement national initia-
14 tives in that geographic area.

15 “(c) ESTABLISHMENT.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish
17 Federal Executive Boards in geographic areas out-
18 side the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Before
19 establishing Federal Executive Boards that are not
20 in existence on the date of enactment of this section,
21 the Director shall consult with the headquarters of
22 appropriate agencies to determine the number and
23 location of the Federal Executive Boards.

24 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Each Federal Executive
25 Board for a geographic area shall consist of an ap-

1 appropriate senior officer for each agency in that geo-
2 graphic area. The appropriate senior officer may
3 designate, by title of office, an alternate representa-
4 tive who shall attend meetings and otherwise rep-
5 resent the agency on the Federal Executive Board in
6 the absence of the appropriate senior officer. An al-
7 ternate representative shall be a senior officer in the
8 agency.

9 “(3) LOCATION OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE
10 BOARDS.—In determining the location for the estab-
11 lishment of Federal Executive Boards, the Director
12 shall consider—

13 “(A) whether a Federal Executive Board
14 exists in a geographic area on the date of enact-
15 ment of this section;

16 “(B) whether a geographic area has a
17 strong, viable, and active Federal Executive As-
18 sociation;

19 “(C) whether the Federal Executive ASSO-
20 ciation of a geographic area petitions the Direc-
21 tor to become a Federal Executive Board; and

22 “(D) such other factors as the Director
23 and the headquarters of appropriate agencies
24 consider relevant.

25 “(d) ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall provide
2 for the administration and oversight of Federal Ex-
3 ecutive Boards, including—

4 “(A) establishing staffing policies in con-
5 sultation with the headquarters of agencies par-
6 ticipating in Federal Executive Boards;

7 “(B) designating an agency to staff each
8 Federal Executive Board based on rec-
9 ommendations from that Federal Executive
10 Board;

11 “(C) establishing communications policies
12 for the dissemination of information to agen-
13 cies;

14 “(D) in consultation with the headquarters
15 of appropriate agencies, establishing perform-
16 ance standards for the Federal Executive Board
17 staff;

18 “(E) developing accountability initiatives
19 to ensure Federal Executive Boards are meet-
20 ing performance standards; and

21 “(F) administering Federal Executive
22 Board funding through the fund established in
23 subsection (f).

1 “(2) STAFFING.—In making designations under
2 paragraph (1)(B), the Director shall give preference
3 to agencies staffing Federal Executive Boards.

4 “(e) GOVERNANCE AND ACTIVITIES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal Executive
6 Board shall—

7 “(A) subject to the approval of the Direc-
8 tor, adopt by-laws or other rules for the inter-
9 nal governance of the Federal Executive Board;

10 “(B) elect a Chairperson from among the
11 members of the Federal Executive Board, who
12 shall serve for a set term;

13 “(C) serve as an instrument of outreach
14 for the national headquarters of agencies relat-
15 ing to agency activities in the geographic area;

16 “(D) provide a forum for the exchange of
17 information relating to programs and manage-
18 ment methods and problems—

19 “(i) between the national head-
20 quarters of agencies and the field; and

21 “(ii) among field elements in the geo-
22 graphic area;

23 “(E) develop local coordinated approaches
24 to the development and operation of programs
25 that have common characteristics;

1 “(F) communicate management initiatives
2 and other concerns from Federal officers and
3 employees in the Washington, D.C. area to
4 Federal officers and employees in the geo-
5 graphic area to achieve better mutual under-
6 standing and support;

7 “(G) develop relationships with State and
8 local governments and nongovernmental organi-
9 zations to help fulfill the roles and responsibil-
10 ities of that Board;

11 “(H) in coordination with appropriate
12 agencies and consistent with any relevant
13 memoranda of understanding between the Of-
14 fice of Personnel Management and such agen-
15 cies, facilitate communication, collaboration,
16 and training to prepare the Federal workforce
17 for emergencies and continuity of operations;
18 and

19 “(I) take other actions as agreed to by the
20 Federal Executive Board and the Director.

21 “(2) COORDINATION OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—

22 The facilitation of communication, collaboration, and
23 training described under paragraph (1)(H) shall,
24 when appropriate, be coordinated and defined
25 through memoranda of understanding entered into

1 between the Director and headquarters of appro-
2 priate agencies.

3 “(f) FUNDING.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—The Director
5 shall establish a fund within the Office of Personnel
6 Management for financing essential Federal Execu-
7 tive Board functions—

8 “(A) including basic staffing and operating
9 expenses; and

10 “(B) excluding the costs of the Office of
11 Personnel Management relating to administra-
12 tive and oversight activities conducted under
13 subsection (d).

14 “(2) DEPOSITS.—There shall be deposited in
15 the fund established under paragraph (1) contribu-
16 tions from the headquarters of each agency partici-
17 pating in Federal Executive Boards, in an amount
18 determined by a formula established by the Director,
19 in consultation with the headquarters of such agen-
20 cies and the Office of Management and Budget.

21 “(3) CONTRIBUTIONS.—

22 “(A) FORMULA.—The formula for con-
23 tributions established by the Director shall con-
24 sider the number of employees in each agency
25 in all geographic areas served by Federal Exec-

1 utive Boards. The contribution of the head-
2 quarters of each agency to the fund shall be re-
3 calculated at least every 2 years.

4 “(B) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—At the
5 sole discretion of the Director, the headquarters
6 of an agency may provide in-kind contributions
7 instead of providing monetary contributions to
8 the fund.

9 “(4) USE OF EXCESS AMOUNTS.—Any unobli-
10 gated and unexpended balances in the fund which
11 the Director determines to be in excess of amounts
12 needed for essential Federal Executive Board func-
13 tions shall be allocated by the Director, in consulta-
14 tion with the headquarters of agencies participating
15 in Federal Executive Boards, among the Federal
16 Executive Boards for the activities under subsection
17 (e) and other priorities, such as conducting training.

18 “(5) ADMINISTRATIVE AND OVERSIGHT
19 COSTS.—The Office of Personnel Management shall
20 pay for costs relating to administrative and oversight
21 activities conducted under subsection (d) from ap-
22 propriations made available to the Office of Per-
23 sonnel Management.

1 “(g) REPORTS.—The Director shall submit annual
2 reports to Congress and agencies on Federal Executive
3 Board program outcomes and budget matters.

4 “(h) REGULATIONS.—The Director shall prescribe
5 regulations necessary to carry out this section.”.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Per-
8 sonnel Management shall submit a report to the Com-
9 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
10 of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
11 ernment Reform of the House of Representatives that in-
12 cludes—

13 (1) a description of essential Federal Executive
14 Board functions;

15 (2) details of basic staffing requirements for
16 each Federal Executive Board;

17 (3) estimates of basic staffing and operating ex-
18 penses for each Federal Executive Board; and

19 (4) a comparison of basic staffing and oper-
20 ating expenses for Federal Executive Boards oper-
21 ating before the date of enactment of this Act and
22 such expenses for Federal Executive Boards after
23 the implementation of this Act.

24 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
25 The table of sections for chapter 11 of title 5, United

1 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
2 ing to section 1105 the following:

“1106. Federal Executive Boards.”.

Passed the Senate November 5, 2009.

Attest: NANCY ERICKSON,
Secretary.