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H. R. 4509

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify membership of State planning committees or urban area working groups for the Homeland Security Grant Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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 “State and High-Risk
5 Urban Area Working Group Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION OF CERTAIN**
2 **DHS GRANTS.**

3 Subsection (b) of section 2021 of the Homeland Se-
4 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 611) is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 “(b) **PLANNING COMMITTEES.**—

7 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any State or high-risk
8 urban area receiving a grant under section 2003 or
9 2004 shall establish a State planning committee or
10 urban area working group to assist in preparation
11 and revision of the State, regional, or local homeland
12 security plan or the threat and hazard identification
13 and risk assessment, as the case may be, and to as-
14 sist in determining effective funding priorities for
15 grants under such sections.

16 “(2) **COMPOSITION.**—

17 “(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The State planning
18 committees and urban area working groups re-
19 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall include at least
20 one representative of significant stakeholders,
21 including the following:

22 “(i) Local or tribal government offi-
23 cials.

24 “(ii) Emergency response providers,
25 which shall include representatives of the

1 fire service, law enforcement, emergency
2 medical services, and emergency managers.

3 “(iii) Public health officials and other
4 appropriate medical practitioners.

5 “(iv) Individuals representing edu-
6 cational institutions, including elementary
7 schools, community colleges, and other in-
8 stitutions of higher education.

9 “(v) State and regional interoperable
10 communications coordinators, as appro-
11 priate.

12 “(vi) State and major urban area fu-
13 sion centers, as appropriate.

14 “(B) GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION.—
15 The members of the State planning committee
16 or urban area working group, as the case may
17 be, shall be a representative group of individ-
18 uals from the counties, cities, towns, and Indian
19 tribes within the State or high-risk urban area,
20 including, as appropriate, representatives of
21 rural, high-population, and high-threat jurisdic-
22 tions.

23 “(3) EXISTING PLANNING COMMITTEES.—Noth-
24 ing in this subsection may be construed to require
25 that any State or high-risk urban area create a

1 State planning committee or urban area working
2 group, as the case may be, if that State or high-risk
3 urban area has established and uses a multijuris-
4 dictional planning committee or commission that
5 meets the requirements of this subsection.”.

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