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H.R. 3980
Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on July 28, 2010

H.R. 3980 would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop plans to eliminate redundant rules, regulations, and reporting requirements for certain grant programs, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program and the Urban Area Security Initiative, and to develop performance metrics to assess the effectiveness of those programs. Under the legislation FEMA would submit an initial report to the Congress no later than 90 days after enactment and would provide status updates within one year of transmission and every two years thereafter. The act also would direct FEMA to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Public Administration to review the implementation of the plans required under this act and to provide recommendations to the Congress after one year.

Based on the cost of similar requirements, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3980 would have a negligible impact on federal spending over the next five years; any additional spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 3980 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On November 19, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3980 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on November 17, 2009. The two versions of the legislation and their estimated costs are similar.

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