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To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards.

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Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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Reported by Mr. MCCAIN, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute

[Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards.

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 “Firefighter Investment
3 and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) increased demands on firefighting personnel
7 have made it difficult for local governments to ade-
8 quately fund necessary fire safety precautions;

9 (2) the Federal Government has an obligation
10 to protect the health and safety of the firefighting
11 personnel of the United States and to ensure that
12 the personnel have the financial resources to protect
13 the public; and

14 (3) the high rates in the United States of
15 death, injury, and property damage caused by fires
16 demonstrates a critical need for Federal investment
17 in support of firefighting personnel.

18 **SEC. 3. FIREFIGHTER INVESTMENT AND RESPONSE EN-
19 HANCEMENT.**

20 The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974
21 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
22 the following:

23 **“SEC. 33. FIREFIGHTER INVESTMENT AND RESPONSE EN-
24 HANCEMENT.**

25 **“(a) DEFINITION OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL.—**

26 In this section, the term ‘firefighting personnel’ means in-

1 individuals, including volunteers, who are firefighters, offi-
2 cers of fire departments, or emergency medical service per-
3 sonnel of fire departments.

4 “(b) ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

5 “(1) AUTHORITY.—In accordance with this sec-
6 tion, the Director may—

7 “(A) make grants on a competitive basis to
8 fire departments for the purpose of protecting
9 the health and safety of the public and fire-
10 fighting personnel against fire and fire-related
11 hazards; and

12 “(B) provide assistance for fire prevention
13 programs in accordance with paragraph (4).

14 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE FOR ADMIN-
15 ISTRATION OF ASSISTANCE.—Before providing as-
16 sistance under paragraph (1), the Director shall es-
17 tablish an office in the Federal Emergency Manage-
18 ment Agency that shall have the duties of estab-
19 lishing specific criteria for the selection of recipients
20 of the assistance, and administering the assistance,
21 under this section.

22 “(3) USE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT
23 FUNDS.—The Director may make a grant under
24 paragraph (1)(A) only if the applicant for the grant
25 agrees to use the grant funds—

1 ~~“(A) to hire additional firefighting per-~~
2 ~~sonnel;~~

3 ~~“(B) to train firefighting personnel in fire-~~
4 ~~fighting, emergency response, arson prevention~~
5 ~~and detection, or the handling of hazardous ma-~~
 ~~terials, or~~

1 Occupational Safety and Health Administra-
2 tion, and other personal protective equipment
3 for firefighting personnel;

4 “(J) to modify fire stations, fire training
5 facilities, and other facilities to protect the
6 health and safety of firefighting personnel;

7 “(K) to enforce fire codes;

8 “(L) to fund fire prevention programs; or

9 “(M) to educate the public about arson
10 prevention and detection.

11 “(4) FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year,
13 the Director shall use not less than 10 percent
14 of the funds made available under subsection
15 (c)—

16 “(i) to make grants to fire depart-
17 ments for the purpose described in para-
18 graph (3)(L); and

19 “(ii) to make grants to, or enter into
20 contracts or cooperative agreements with,
21 national, State, local, or community orga-
22 nizations that are recognized for their ex-
23 perience and expertise with respect to fire
24 prevention or fire safety programs and ac-

1 activities, for the purpose of carrying out fire
2 prevention programs.

3 “(B) PRIORITY.—In selecting organiza-
4 tions described in subparagraph (A)(ii) to re-
5 ceive assistance under this paragraph, the Di-
6 rector shall give priority to organizations that
7 focus on prevention of injuries to children from
8 fire.

9 “(5) APPLICATION.—The Director may provide
10 assistance to a fire department or organization
11 under this subsection only if the fire department or
12 organization seeking the assistance submits to the
13 Director an application in such form and containing
14 such information as the Director may require.

15 “(6) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Director
16 may provide assistance under this subsection only if
17 the applicant for the assistance agrees to match with
18 an equal amount of non-Federal funds 10 percent of
19 the assistance received under this subsection for any
20 fiscal year.

21 “(7) MAINTENANCE OF EXPENDITURES.—The
22 Director may provide assistance under this sub-
23 section only if the applicant for the assistance agrees
24 to maintain in the fiscal year for which the assist-
25 ance will be received the applicant’s aggregate ex-

1 penditures for the uses described in paragraph (3)
2 or (4) at or above the average level of such expendi-
3 tures in the 2 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year
4 for which the assistance will be received.

5 “(8) REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR.—The Direc-
6 tor may provide assistance under this subsection
7 only if the applicant for the assistance agrees to sub-
8 mit to the Director a report, including a description
9 of how the assistance was used, with respect to each
10 fiscal year for which the assistance was received.

11 “(9) VARIETY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT
12 RECIPIENTS.—The Director shall ensure that grants
13 under paragraph (1)(A) for a fiscal year are made
14 to a variety of fire departments, including, to the ex-
15 tent that there are eligible applicants—

16 “(A) paid, volunteer, and combination fire
17 departments;

18 “(B) fire departments located in commu-
19 nities of varying sizes; and

20 “(C) fire departments located in urban,
21 suburban, and rural communities.

22 “(10) LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES FOR
23 FIREFIGHTING VEHICLES.—The Director shall en-
24 sure that not more than 25 percent of the assistance
25 made available under this subsection for a fiscal

1 year is used for the use described in paragraph
2 ~~(3)(G)~~.

3 ~~“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—~~

4 ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—~~There is authorized to be
5 appropriated to the Director \$1,000,000,000 for
6 each of fiscal years 2000 through 2005.

7 ~~“(2) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—~~

8 Of the amounts made available under paragraph (1)
9 for a fiscal year, the Director may use not more
10 than 10 percent for the administrative costs of ear-
11 nying out this section.”.

12 **SECTION. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

13 *This Act may be cited as the “Firefighters Investment*
14 *and Response Enhancement Act of 2000”.*

15 **SEC. 2. FIREFIGHTER INVESTMENT AND RESPONSE EN-**
16 **HANCEMENT.**

17 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Fire Prevention and*
18 *Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended*
19 *by adding at the end the following:*

20 **“SEC. 33. FIREFIGHTER INVESTMENT AND RESPONSE EN-**
21 **HANCEMENT.**

22 *“(a) DEFINITION OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL.—In*
23 *this section, the term ‘firefighting personnel’ means individ-*
24 *uals, including volunteers, who are firefighters, officers of*

1 *fire departments, or emergency medical service personnel of*
2 *fire departments.*

3 “(b) *ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—*

4 “(1) *AUTHORITY.—In accordance with this sec-*
5 *tion, the Director may—*

6 “(A) *make grants on a competitive basis to*
7 *fire departments of a State, in consultation with*
8 *the chief executive of the State, for the purpose*
9 *of protecting the health and safety of the public*
10 *and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-*
11 *related hazards; and*

12 “(B) *provide assistance for fire prevention*
13 *programs in accordance with paragraph (4).*

14 “(2) *ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE FOR ADMINIS-*
15 *TRATION OF ASSISTANCE.—Before providing assist-*
16 *ance under paragraph (1), the Director shall establish*
17 *an office in the Federal Emergency Management*
18 *Agency that shall have the duties of establishing spe-*
19 *cific criteria for the selection of recipients of the as-*
20 *sistance, administering the assistance, under this sec-*
21 *tion, and providing grant-writing assistance to appli-*
22 *cants.*

23 “(3) *USE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT*
24 *FUNDS.—The Director may make a grant under*

1 *paragraph (1)(A) only if the applicant for the grant*
2 *agrees to use the grant funds—*

3 *“(A) to hire additional firefighting per-*
4 *sonnel;*

5 *“(B) to train firefighting personnel in fire-*
6 *fighting, emergency response, arson prevention*
7 *and detection, or the handling of hazardous ma-*
8 *terials, or to train firefighting personnel to pro-*
9 *vide any of the training described in this sub-*
10 *paragraph;*

11 *“(C) to fund the creation of rapid interven-*
12 *tion teams to protect firefighting personnel at the*
13 *scenes of fires and other emergencies;*

14 *“(D) to certify fire inspectors;*

15 *“(E) to establish wellness and fitness pro-*
16 *grams for firefighting personnel to ensure that*
17 *the firefighting personnel can carry out their du-*
18 *ties;*

19 *“(F) to fund emergency medical services*
20 *provided by fire departments;*

21 *“(G) to acquire additional firefighting vehi-*
22 *cles or vessels, including fire trucks;*

23 *“(H) to acquire additional firefighting*
24 *equipment, including equipment for communica-*
25 *tions and monitoring;*

1 “(I) to acquire personal protective equip-
2 ment required for firefighting personnel by the
3 Occupational Safety and Health Administration,
4 and other personal protective equipment for fire-
5 fighting personnel;

6 “(J) to modify fire stations, fire training
7 facilities, and other facilities to protect the health
8 and safety of firefighting personnel;

9 “(K) to enforce fire codes;

10 “(L) to fund fire prevention programs; or

11 “(M) to educate the public about arson pre-
12 vention and detection.

13 “(4) FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year,
15 the Director shall use not less than 5 percent of
16 the funds made available under subsection (c)—

17 “(i) to make grants to fire departments
18 for the purpose described in paragraph
19 (3)(L); and

20 “(ii) to make grants to, or enter into
21 contracts or cooperative agreements with,
22 national, State, local, or community orga-
23 nizations that are recognized for their expe-
24 rience and expertise with respect to fire pre-
25 vention or fire safety programs and activi-

1 *ties, for the purpose of carrying out fire*
2 *prevention programs.*

3 *“(B) PRIORITY.—In selecting organizations*
4 *described in subparagraph (A)(ii) to receive as-*
5 *sistance under this paragraph, the Director shall*
6 *give priority to organizations that focus on pre-*
7 *vention of injuries to children from fire.*

8 *“(5) APPLICATION.—The Director may provide*
9 *assistance to a fire department or organization under*
10 *this subsection only if the fire department or organi-*
11 *zation seeking the assistance submits to the Director*
12 *an application that meets the following requirements:*

13 *“(A) FORM.—The application shall be in*
14 *such form as the Director may require.*

15 *“(B) INFORMATION.—The application shall*
16 *include the following information:*

17 *“(i) FINANCIAL NEED.—Information*
18 *that demonstrates the financial need of the*
19 *applicant for the assistance for which ap-*
20 *plied.*

21 *“(ii) COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS.—An*
22 *analysis of the costs and benefits, with re-*
23 *spect to public safety, of the use of the as-*
24 *sistance.*

1 “(iii) *REPORTING SYSTEMS DATA.*—An
2 *agreement to provide national fire incident*
3 *reporting systems data to the Director for*
4 *the period covered by the grant.*

5 “(iv) *OTHER INFORMATION.*—Any
6 *other information that the Director may re-*
7 *quire.*

8 “(6) *MATCHING REQUIREMENT.*—

9 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to subpara-
10 *graph (B), the Director may provide assistance*
11 *under this subsection only if the applicant for*
12 *the assistance agrees to match with an equal*
13 *amount of non-Federal funds 30 percent of the*
14 *assistance received under this subsection for any*
15 *fiscal year.*

16 “(B) *REQUIREMENT FOR SMALL COMMUNITY*
17 *ORGANIZATIONS.*—In the case of an applicant
18 *whose personnel serve jurisdictions of 50,000 or*
19 *fewer residents, the percent applied under the*
20 *matching requirement of subparagraph (A) shall*
21 *be 10 percent.*

22 “(7) *MAINTENANCE OF EXPENDITURES.*—The Di-
23 *rector may provide assistance under this subsection*
24 *only if the applicant for the assistance agrees to*
25 *maintain in the fiscal year for which the assistance*

1 *will be received the applicant's aggregate expenditures*
2 *for the uses described in paragraph (3) or (4) at or*
3 *above the average level of such expenditures in the 2*
4 *fiscal years preceding the fiscal year for which the as-*
5 *stance will be received.*

6 “(8) *REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR.—The Director*
7 *may provide assistance under this subsection only if*
8 *the applicant for the assistance agrees to submit to*
9 *the Director a report, including a description of how*
10 *the assistance was used, with respect to each fiscal*
11 *year for which the assistance was received.*

12 “(9) *VARIETY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT RE-*
13 *CIPIENTS.—The Director shall ensure that grants*
14 *under paragraph (1)(A) for a fiscal year are made to*
15 *a variety of fire departments, including, to the extent*
16 *that there are eligible applicants—*

17 “(A) *paid, volunteer, and combination fire*
18 *departments;*

19 “(B) *fire departments located in commu-*
20 *nities of varying sizes; and*

21 “(C) *fire departments located in urban, sub-*
22 *urban, and rural communities.*

23 “(10) *LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES FOR FIRE-*
24 *FIGHTING VEHICLES.—The Director shall ensure that*
25 *not more than 25 percent of the assistance made*

1 *available under this subsection for a fiscal year is*
2 *used for the use described in paragraph (3)(G).*

3 “(c) *STATE DEFINED.*—*In this section, the term ‘State’*
4 *includes the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth*
5 *of Puerto Rico.*

6 “(d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There*
7 *are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this*
8 *section amounts as follows:*

9 “(1) *\$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.*

10 “(2) *\$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.*”.

11 (b) *STUDY ON NEED FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO*
12 *STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO FUND FIREFIGHTING*
13 *AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.*—

14 (1) *STUDY.*—*The Director of the Federal Emer-*
15 *gency Management Agency shall conduct a study in*
16 *conjunction with the National Fire Protection Asso-*
17 *ciation to define the current role and activities associ-*
18 *ated with the fire service and determine the adequacy*
19 *of current levels of funding and provide a needs as-*
20 *essment to identify short falls. The Director shall*
21 *complete its study and report to Congress within 18*
22 *months after the date of enactment of this Act.*

23 (2) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—
24 *There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fed-*
25 *eral Emergency Management Agency \$300,000 for fis-*

1 *cal year 2001 to carry out the study required by*
2 *paragraph (1).*

3 **SEC. 3. VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-*
5 *priated to the Secretary of Agriculture for carrying out*
6 *paragraphs (1) through (3) of section 10(b) of the Coopera-*
7 *tive Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2106(b)(1)-*
8 *(3)) amounts as follows:*

9 *(1) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.*

10 *(2) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.*

(b) REPORT.—

1 (C) *The Secretary's assessment regarding*
2 *the appropriate level of funding that should be*
3 *provided annually through the assistance pro-*
4 *gram.*

5 (D) *The Secretary's assessment regarding*
6 *the appropriate purposes for such assistance.*

7 (E) *Any other information the Secretary de-*
8 *termines necessary.*

9 (3) *SUBMISSION DATE.—The report shall be sub-*
10 *mitted not later than February 1, 2002.*

11 **SEC. 4. BURN RESEARCH.**

12 (a) *OFFICE.—The Director of the Federal Emergency*
13 *Management Agency shall establish an office in the Agency*
14 *to establish specific criteria of grant recipients and to ad-*
15 *minister grants under this section.*

16 (b) *SAFETY ORGANIZATION GRANTS.—The Director*
17 *may make grants, on a competitive basis, to safety organi-*
18 *zations that have experience in conducting burn safety pro-*
19 *grams for the purpose of assisting those organizations in*
20 *conducting burn prevention programs or augmenting exist-*
21 *ing burn prevention programs.*

22 (c) *HOSPITAL GRANTS.—The Director may make*
23 *grants, on a competitive basis, to hospitals that serve as*
24 *regional burn centers to conduct acute burn care research.*

1 (d) *OTHER GRANTS.*—*The Director may make grants,*
2 *on a competitive basis, to governmental and nongovern-*
3 *mental entities to provide after-burn treatment and coun-*
4 *seling to individuals that are burn victims.*

5 (e) *REPORT.*—

6 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Director of the Federal*
7 *Emergency Management Agency shall submit a report*
8 *to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-*
9 *portation of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-*
10 *portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-*
11 *resentatives on the results of the grants provided*
12 *under this section.*

13 (2) *CONTENT.*—*The report shall contain the fol-*
14 *lowing:*

15 (A) *A list of the organizations, hospitals, or*
16 *other entities to which the grants were provided*
17 *and the purpose for which those entities were*
18 *provided grants.*

19 (B) *Efforts taken to ensure that potential*
20 *grant applicants are provided with information*
21 *necessary to develop an effective application.*

22 (C) *The Director's assessment regarding the*
23 *appropriate level of funding that should be pro-*
24 *vided annually through the grant program.*

1 (D) *The Director's assessment regarding the*
2 *appropriate purposes for such grants.*

3 (E) *Any other information the Director de-*
4 *termines necessary.*

5 (3) *SUBMISSION DATE.—The report shall be sub-*
6 *mitted not later than February 1, 2002.*

7 (f) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are*
8 *authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this sec-*
9 *tion amounts as follows:*

10 (1) *\$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.*

11 (2) *\$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.*

12 **SEC. 5. STUDY AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARD-**
13 **ING CASES OF HEPATITIS C AMONG CERTAIN**
14 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEES.**

15 (a) *STUDY REGARDING PREVALENCE AMONG CERTAIN*
16 *EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEES.—*

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and*
18 *Human Services (referred to in this section as the*
19 *“Secretary”), in consultation with the Secretary of*
20 *Labor, shall conduct a study to determine—*

21 (A) *an estimate of the prevalence of hepa-*
22 *titis C among designated emergency response em-*
23 *ployees in the United States; and*

24 (B) *the likely means through which such*
25 *employees become infected with such disease in*

1 *the course of performing their duties as such em-*
2 *ployees.*

3 (2) *DESIGNATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE EM-*
4 *PLOYEES.—For purposes of this section, the term*
5 *“designated emergency response employees” means*
6 *firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical tech-*
7 *nicians who are employees or volunteers of units of*
8 *local government.*

9 (3) *DATE CERTAIN FOR COMPLETION; REPORT TO*
10 *CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall commence the study*
11 *under paragraph (1) not later than 90 days after the*
12 *date of the enactment of this Act. Not later than one*
13 *year after such date, the Secretary shall complete the*
14 *study and submit to the Congress a report describing*
15 *the findings of the study.*

16 (b) *DEMONSTRATIONS PROJECTS REGARDING TRAIN-*
17 *ING AND TREATMENT.—*

18 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation*
19 *with the Secretary of Labor, shall make grants to*
20 *qualifying local governments for the purpose of car-*
21 *rying out demonstration projects that (directly or*
22 *through arrangements with nonprofit private entities)*
23 *carry out each of the following activities:*

24 (A) *Training designated emergency response*
25 *employees in minimizing the risk of infection*

1 *with hepatitis C in performing their duties as*
2 *such employees.*

3 *(B) Testing such employees for infection*
4 *with the disease.*

5 *(C) Treating the employees for the disease.*

6 (2) *QUALIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—For*
7 *purposes of this section, the term “qualifying local*
8 *government” means a unit of local government whose*
9 *population of designated emergency response employ-*
10 *ees has a prevalence of hepatitis C that is not less*
11 *than 200 percent of the national average for the prev-*
12 *alence of such disease in such populations.*

13 (3) *CONFIDENTIALITY.—A grant may be made*
14 *under paragraph (1) only if the qualifying local gov-*
15 *ernment involved agrees to ensure that information*
16 *regarding the testing or treatment of designated emer-*
17 *gency response employees pursuant to the grant is*
18 *maintained confidentially in a manner not incon-*
19 *sistent with applicable law.*

20 (4) *EVALUATIONS.—The Secretary shall provide*
21 *for an evaluation of each demonstration project under*
22 *paragraph (1) in order to determine the extent to*
23 *which the project has been effective in carry out the*
24 *activities described in such paragraph.*

1 (5) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—*Not later than 180*
2 *days after the date on which all grants under para-*
3 *graph (1) have been expended, the Secretary shall sub-*
4 *mit to Congress a report providing—*

5 (A) *a summary of evaluations under para-*
6 *graph (4); and*

7 (B) *the recommendations of the Secretary*
8 *for administrative or legislative initiatives re-*
9 *garding the activities described in paragraph*
10 *(1).*

11 (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*For the*
12 *purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized to*
13 *be appropriated to the Department of Health and Human*
14 *Services and the Department of Labor \$10,000,000 for fiscal*
15 *year 2001.*

16 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON PROGRESS ON SPECTRUM SHARING.**

17 (a) *STUDY REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*
18 *provide any information to the Administrator of the Na-*
19 *tional Telecommunications Information Administration*
20 *that is necessary for the Administration to conduct an engi-*
21 *neering study to identify—*

22 (1) *any portion of the 138-144 megahertz band*
23 *that the Department of Defense can share in various*
24 *geographic regions with public safety radio services;*

1 (2) *any measures required to prevent harmful*
2 *interference between Department of Defense systems*
3 *and the public safety systems proposed for operation*
4 *on those frequencies; and*

5 (3) *a reasonable schedule for implementation of*
6 *such sharing of frequencies.*

7 (b) *SUBMISSION OF INTERIM REPORT.*—*Within one*
8 *year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-*
9 *trator shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science,*
10 *and Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Armed*
11 *Services of the Senate, the Committee on Commerce of the*
12 *House of Representatives, and the Committee on Armed*
13 *Services of the House of Representatives an interim report*
14 *on the progress of the study conducted pursuant to sub-*
15 *section (a).*

16 (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than January 1, 2002, after*
17 *consulting the Secretary of Commerce, the Chairman of the*
18 *Federal Communications Commission shall submit a report*
19 *to Congress on alternative frequencies available for use by*
20 *public safety systems.*

21 (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There are*
22 *authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce*
23 *\$500,000 for use by the National Telecommunications In-*

- 1 *formation Administration to conduct the study required by*
- 2 *subsection (a).*

