

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33
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At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17 ____ . ENHANCING SUBNATIONAL DIPLOMACY.**

2 Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities
3 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a), is amended by adding
4 at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(r) OFFICE OF SUBNATIONAL DIPLOMACY WITHIN
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; COORDINATOR AS HEAD
7 OF THE OFFICE; LOCATION OF THE OFFICE.—

8 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be estab-
9 lished in the Department an Office of Subnational
10 Diplomacy. The Office shall enable the Department’s
11 work with subnational governments (State, county,
12 city, and municipal) within the United States to im-
13 prove the ability of subnational governments to at-
14 tract foreign investment, counter foreign malign in-
15 fluence within the United States, and contribute to
16 the foreign policy priorities of the United States.

17 “(2) COORDINATOR.—The head of the Office
18 shall be the Coordinator for Subnational Diplomacy.
19 The head of the office shall report through the As-

1 sistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs
2 to the Under Secretary of State for Economic
3 Growth, Energy, and the Environment.

4 “(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the re-
5 sponsibilities described under paragraph (1), the Co-
6 ordinator for Subnational Diplomacy shall maintain
7 continuous observation and coordination of all mat-
8 ters pertaining to subnational diplomacy and De-
9 partment engagements with subnational govern-
10 ments in the conduct of foreign policy, including the
11 following:

12 “(A) Advising the Under Secretary of
13 State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the
14 Environment on subnational engagements with-
15 in the United States and serve as the principal
16 official on such matters within the Department.

17 “(B) Coordinating the Department’s sup-
18 port for local and municipal governments’ en-
19 gagements with foreign governments.

20 “(C) Advising subnational government offi-
21 cials on the potential risks of engagements with
22 countries of concern and share best practices to
23 build resilience against foreign political inter-
24 ference and malign influence.

1 “(D) Assisting subnational governments in
2 the following areas:

3 “(i) Attracting or bidding to host
4 major international events.

5 “(ii) Tracking foreign direct invest-
6 ment at the county and municipal levels to
7 highlight trends and opportunities.

8 “(iii) Attracting foreign direct invest-
9 ment and other forms of economic coopera-
10 tion.

11 “(iv) Building the capacity and knowl-
12 edge of subnational government staff who
13 have responsibility for engaging with for-
14 eign countries.

15 “(v) Advancing sports diplomacy with
16 foreign countries and entities.

17 “(vi) Implementing programs to co-
18 operate with foreign governments and enti-
19 ties on policy priorities or managing shared
20 resources.

21 “(vii) Understanding the local impli-
22 cations of foreign policy developments or
23 policy changes.

24 “(E) Supporting the economic interests of
25 the United States through subnational engage-

1 ments, in consultation and coordination with
2 other relevant agencies.

3 “(F) Advising and informing local officials
4 as they negotiate agreements and memoranda
5 of understanding with foreign governments re-
6 lated to subnational engagements and priorities.

7 “(G) Coordinating subnational engage-
8 ments with associations of subnational elected
9 leaders, including the United States Conference
10 of Mayors, National Governors Association, Na-
11 tional League of Cities and similar associations.

12 “(H) Performing other such duties as the
13 Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business
14 Affairs and the Under Secretary of State for
15 Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environ-
16 ment may from time to time designate.

17 “(4) LOCATION.—The Office of Subnational Di-
18 plomacy shall be co-located with the Office of For-
19 eign Missions—Los Angeles, authorized under sec-
20 tion 203(4) of the State Department Basic Authori-
21 ties Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 4303(4)).”.

