

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1117

AN ACT

To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster.

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. ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE FIELD TRANSITION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
4 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall
5 report to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
6 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
8 of the Senate regarding the plans the agency will under-
9 take to provide the following:

10 (1) Consistent guidance to applicants on FEMA
11 disaster funding procedures during the response to
12 an emergency or disaster.

13 (2) Appropriate record maintenance and trans-
14 fer of documents to new teams during staff transi-
15 tions.

16 (3) Accurate assistance to applicants and grant-
17 ees to ease the administrative burden throughout the
18 process of obtaining and monitoring assistance.

19 (b) MAINTAINING RECORDS.—The report shall also
20 include a plan for implementing operating procedures and
21 document retention requirements to ensure the mainte-
22 nance of appropriate records throughout the lifecycle of
23 the emergency or disaster.

24 (c) NEW TECHNOLOGIES.—Finally, the report shall
25 identify new technologies that further aid the disaster
26 workforce in partnering with State, local, and tribal gov-

1 ernments and private nonprofits in the wake of a disaster
2 or emergency to educate, assist, and inform applicants on
3 the status of their emergency or disaster assistance appli-
4 cations and projects.

Passed the House of Representatives March 27,
2017.

Attest:

Clerk.

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