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H. R. 1117

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

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:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.