

Union Calendar No. 270

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2548

[Report No. 116-339, Part I]

To modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2019

Mrs. FLETCHER (for herself, Mr. OLSON, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. MEADOWS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

DECEMBER 12, 2019

Additional sponsors: Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. HECK, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. VELA, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. ROUDA

DECEMBER 12, 2019

Reported from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with an amendment

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

DECEMBER 12, 2019

Committee on Financial Services discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 7, 2019]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Hazard Eligibility and*
5 *Local Projects Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF ACQUI-**
7 **SITION OR RELOCATION PROJECTS.**

8 (a) *ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE FOR INITIATED*
9 *PROJECTS.—*

10 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other*
11 *provision of law, an entity seeking assistance under*
12 *a hazard mitigation assistance program shall be eligi-*
13 *ble to receive such assistance for a covered project if*
14 *the entity—*

15 (A) *complies with all other eligibility re-*
16 *quirements of the hazard mitigation assistance*
17 *program for acquisition or relocation projects,*
18 *including extinguishing all incompatible encum-*
19 *brances; and*

20 (B) *complies with all Federal requirements*
21 *for the project.*

22 (2) *COSTS INCURRED.—An entity seeking assist-*
23 *ance under a hazard mitigation assistance program*
24 *shall be responsible for any project costs incurred by*
25 *the entity for a covered project if the covered project*

1 *is not awarded, or is determined to be ineligible for,*
2 *assistance.*

3 (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—*This section shall apply to any*
4 *application for assistance for a covered project submitted*
5 *on or after January 1, 2016.*

6 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section, the following defi-*
7 *initions apply:*

8 (1) *COVERED PROJECT.*—*The term “covered*
9 *project” means—*

10 (A) *an acquisition or relocation project for*
11 *which an entity began implementation prior to*
12 *grant award under a hazard mitigation assist-*
13 *ance program; and*

14 (B) *a project for which an entity initiated*
15 *planning or construction before or after request-*
16 *ing assistance for the project under a hazard*
17 *mitigation assistance program qualifying for a*
18 *categorical exemption under the National Envi-*
19 *ronmental Policy Act.*

20 (2) *HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PRO-*
21 *GRAM.*—*The term “hazard mitigation assistance pro-*
22 *gram” means—*

23 (A) *the predisaster hazard mitigation grant*
24 *program authorized under section 203 of the*

1 *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-*
2 *gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);*

3 *(B) the hazard mitigation grant program*
4 *authorized under section 404 of the Robert T.*
5 *Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-*
6 *ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c); and*

7 *(C) the flood mitigation assistance program*
8 *authorized under section 1366 of the National*
9 *Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104c).*

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