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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Office of Disability Integration and Coordination within the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. RICHARDSON (for herself, Mr. STARK, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Disability Integration
5 and Coordination Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF DISABILITY INTEGRATION AND COORDI-**
2 **NATION.**

3 Section 513 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
4 (6 U.S.C. 321b) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “and” after
6 the semicolon at the end of paragraph (1), by redesi-
7 gnating paragraph (11) as paragraph (12), and by
8 inserting after paragraph (10) the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(11) serving as the head of the Office of Dis-
11 ability Integration and Coordination established
12 under subsection (c); and”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 section:

15 “(c) OFFICE OF DISABILITY INTEGRATION AND CO-
16 ORDINATION.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
18 tablish within the Agency the Office of Disability In-
19 tegration and Coordination (in this subsection re-
20 ferred to as the ‘Office’).

21 “(2) MISSION.—The Administrator shall, in
22 consultation with the National Council on Disability,
23 State, local, and tribal governments, private sector
24 entities, and nongovernmental organizations, includ-
25 ing faith-based and other community humanitarian
26 relief entities, use the Office to implement strategies

1 and activities in support of the responsibilities of the
2 Disability Coordinator under this section and as as-
3 signed by other provisions of law or by the Adminis-
4 trator.

5 “(3) STAFFING.—The Disability Coordinator—

6 “(A) subject to subparagraph (B), shall
7 maintain staffing levels of the Office that are
8 commensurate with the current and projected
9 workload;

10 “(B) shall maintain not less than 10 full-
11 time, permanent personnel of the headquarters
12 office of the Agency who are properly trained to
13 implement the Office’s mission, and who shall
14 be assigned to the Regional Offices as nec-
15 essary; and

16 “(C) shall periodically evaluate the staffing
17 levels of the headquarters office of the Agency.

18 “(4) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—The Adminis-
19 trator, in coordination with the Disability Coordi-
20 nator and in consultation with the National Council
21 on Disability, State, local, and tribal governments,
22 private sector entities, and nongovernmental organi-
23 zations, including faith-based and other community
24 humanitarian relief entities, shall establish perform-
25 ance measures for the Office that are specific, meas-

1 urable, achievable, and relevant, including but not
2 limited to—

3 “(A) ensuring the timely development, up-
4 date, integration, and dissemination of informa-
5 tion, including policy guidance, training mate-
6 rials, and other planning tools for State, local,
7 and tribal government officials and other appro-
8 priate stakeholders; and

9 “(B) ensuring the integration of people
10 with disabilities into emergency, preparedness,
11 protection, mitigation, evacuation, sheltering,
12 transition, resiliency, and recovery plans.

13 “(5) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Administrator
14 shall submit annual reports to Congress on—

15 “(A) the progress achieved by the Office in
16 implementing strategies and activities in sup-
17 port of the responsibilities of the Disability Co-
18 ordinator as stated under this section; and

19 “(B) specific barriers noted in achieving
20 such progress.”.

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