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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 Federal agencies to submit plans for responding
to any resurgence of COVID–19, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “COVID Preparedness,
3 Response, and Effective Planning for Advanced Require-
4 ments by the Executive Branch Act of 2020” or the
5 “COVID PREPARE Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. COVID-19 RESURGENCE PLAN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each agency
9 shall submit to Congress an initial report detailing an ac-
10 tion plan, informed by research and best practices learned
11 from the onset of COVID-19 and previous presidentially
12 declared emergencies, for addressing the needs and miti-
13 gating and eliminating the risks and challenges associated
14 with any resurgence in COVID-19 cases, that includes—

15 (1) agency priorities for preparing for and re-
16 sponding to any resurgence of COVID-19, including
17 continuity of operations and fulfilling the mission of
18 the agency;

19 (2) measurable goals specific to priorities and a
20 time line for addressing each priority;

21 (3) anticipated challenges to addressing prior-
22 ities and how the agency will address such chal-
23 lenges;

24 (4) how the agency will consult with Congress,
25 the public, State and municipal governments, and
26 relevant stakeholders while working remotely; and

1 (5) how the agency plans to issue relevant guid-
2 ance to entities under the jurisdiction of the agency.

3 (b) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 60 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and quarterly
5 thereafter until the President ends the declared emer-
6 gency, the head of each agency shall submit to Congress
7 a report that provides an update of the details submitted
8 in the plan under subsection (a), including—

9 (1) the status of each priority;

10 (2) an explanation for any goal that has not
11 been met within the specified time frame; and

12 (3) any changes or updates to the plan.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
15 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
16 United States Code.

17 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
18 the several States, the District of Columbia, each
19 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
20 States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

21 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

22 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
23 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
24 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
25 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this

1 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
2 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
3 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
4 vote on passage.

Passed the House of Representatives September 30,
2020.

Attest:

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Clerk.