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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to
conduct a study on the effectiveness of emergency alert-
ing systems, 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 “Weather Alert Re-
3 sponse and Notification Act” or the “WARN Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL**
5 **ALERTING SYSTEMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
7 United States shall conduct a study on the effectiveness
8 of local, State, and Federal emergency alerting systems
9 in disseminating timely and relevant information during
10 weather-related emergencies to help communities develop
11 better policies and procedures for emergency response and
12 enhance public safety in the event of a weather-related
13 emergency.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
15 section (a), the Comptroller General shall—

16 (1) evaluate the efficacy of various alert medi-
17 ums, including platforms such as social media, to
18 disseminate emergency alerts, including travel bans
19 and mass power outages, during extreme weather
20 events;

21 (2) assess the extent that guidance and training
22 exists for developing alert content, such as ensuring
23 alerts are clear, relevant, and provide the public with
24 actionable information; and

25 (3) determine whether improvements could be
26 made to public alerting based on input from a se-

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2024.

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