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H. R. 1117

[Report No. 115-]

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mrs. HARTZLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MARCH --, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 16, 2017]

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. ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE FIELD TRANSITION.**

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the*
5 *date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Fed-*
6 *eral Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall report*
7 *to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of*
8 *the House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-*
9 *land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate re-*
10 *garding the plans the agency will undertake to provide the*
11 *following:*

12 *(1) Consistent guidance to applicants on FEMA*
13 *disaster funding procedures during the response to an*
14 *emergency or disaster.*

15 *(2) Appropriate record maintenance and trans-*
16 *fer of documents to new teams during staff transi-*
17 *tions.*

18 *(3) Accurate assistance to applicants and grant-*
19 *ees to ease the administrative burden throughout the*
20 *process of obtaining and monitoring assistance.*

21 *(b) MAINTAINING RECORDS.—The report shall also in-*
22 *clude a plan for implementing operating procedures and*
23 *document retention requirements to ensure the maintenance*
24 *of appropriate records throughout the lifecycle of the emer-*
25 *gency or disaster.*

1 (c) *NEW TECHNOLOGIES.*—*Finally, the report shall*
2 *identify new technologies that further aid the disaster work-*
3 *force in partnering with State, local, and tribal govern-*
4 *ments and private nonprofits in the wake of a disaster or*
5 *emergency to educate, assist, and inform applicants on the*
6 *status of their emergency or disaster assistance applications*
7 *and projects.*