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[Report No. 118-]

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of local alerting systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2023

Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. FRY, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

SEPTEMBER --, 2024

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

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 26, 2023]

A BILL

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of local alerting 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Weather Alert Response*
5 *and Notification Act” or the “WARN Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL**
7 **ALERTING SYSTEMS.**

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

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

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

1 (3) *determine whether improvements could be*
2 *made to public alerting based on input from a se-*
3 *lected sample of emergency managers, local officials,*
4 *and community groups.*

5 (c) *REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date*
6 *of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall sub-*
7 *mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*
8 *and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of*
9 *Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security*
10 *and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the*
11 *study conducted under subsection (a).*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of emergency alerting systems, and for other purposes.”.