

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1679

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## AN ACT

To ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency, 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 “FEMA Accountability,  
3 Modernization and Transparency Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the Federal  
6 Emergency Management Agency shall ensure the ongoing  
7 modernization of the grant systems for the administration  
8 of assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
9 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)  
10 includes the following:

11 (1) An online interface, including online assist-  
12 ance, for applicants to complete application forms,  
13 submit materials, and access the status of applica-  
14 tions.

15 (2) Mechanisms to eliminate duplication of ben-  
16 efits.

17 (3) If appropriate, enable the sharing of infor-  
18 mation among agencies and with State, local, and  
19 tribal governments, to eliminate the need to file mul-  
20 tiple applications and speed disaster recovery.

21 (4) Any additional tools the Administrator de-  
22 termines will improve the implementation of this sec-  
23 tion.

24 (b) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—To the extent practicable,  
25 the Administrator shall deliver the system capabilities de-

1 scribed in subsection (a) in increments or iterations as  
2 working components for applicant use.

3 **SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

4 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the  
5 requirements of this Act. Such requirements shall be car-  
6 ried out using amounts otherwise authorized.

Passed the House of Representatives May 2, 2017.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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