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H. R. 1679

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 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:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.