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AN ACT

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.

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
6 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall
7 report to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-

1 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
2 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
3 of the Senate regarding the plans the agency will under-
4 take to provide the following:

5 (1) Consistent guidance to applicants on FEMA
6 disaster funding procedures during the response to
7 an emergency or disaster.

8 (2) Appropriate record maintenance and trans-
9 fer of documents to new teams during staff transi-
10 tions.

11 (3) Accurate assistance to applicants and grant-
12 ees to ease the administrative burden throughout the
13 process of obtaining and monitoring assistance.

14 (b) MAINTAINING RECORDS.—The report shall also
15 include a plan for implementing operating procedures and
16 document retention requirements to ensure the mainte-
17 nance of appropriate records throughout the lifecycle of
18 the emergency or disaster.

19 (c) NEW TECHNOLOGIES.—Finally, the report shall
20 identify new technologies that further aid the disaster
21 workforce in partnering with State, local, and tribal gov-
22 ernments and private nonprofits in the wake of a disaster
23 or emergency to educate, assist, and inform applicants on
24 the status of their emergency or disaster assistance appli-
25 cations and projects.

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