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H. R. 3162

To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to submit to the Congress a report that describes the methodology used to allocate amounts appropriated in covered provisions for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program and the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2021

Mr. RICE of South Carolina (for himself, Ms. MACE, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to submit to the Congress a report that describes the methodology used to allocate amounts appropriated in covered provisions for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program and the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program, 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 “Disaster Relief Trans-
3 parency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. HUD REPORT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Hous-
7 ing and Urban Development, after consultation with the
8 Comptroller General of the United States, shall submit to
9 the Financial Services, Oversight and Reform, and Trans-
10 portation and Infrastructure Committees of the House of
11 Representatives and Banking Committee of the Senate a
12 report that—

13 (1) describes and explains the methodology used
14 by the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
15 ment to allocate, to States, Tribes, Territories, and
16 local governments, amounts appropriated in covered
17 provisions for the Community Development Block
18 Grant Disaster Recovery Program and the Commu-
19 nity Development Block Grant Mitigation Program;

20 (2) addresses why the such methodology may
21 result in allocations to States, Tribes, Territories,
22 and local governments differing between appropria-
23 tions; and

24 (3) provides legislative and administrative rec-
25 ommendations for improving the consistency and
26 timeliness of the allocation of amounts appropriated

1 for the Community Development Block Grant Dis-
2 aster Recovery Program and the Community Devel-
3 opment Block Grant Mitigation Program.

4 (b) COVERED PROVISION.—The term “covered provi-
5 sion” means—

6 (1) Public Law 116–20;

7 (2) the Weather Research and Forecasting In-
8 novation Act of 2017;

9 (3) the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018;

10 (4) the Additional Supplemental Appropriations
11 for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017;

12 (5) the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018
13 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief
14 Requirements Act, 2017;

15 (6) the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017;

16 (7) the Further Continuing and Security Assist-
17 ance Appropriations Act, 2017;

18 (8) the Continuing Appropriations and Military
19 Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agen-
20 cies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response
21 and Preparedness Act; and

22 (9) the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.

23 **SEC. 3. FEMA REPORT.**

24 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
25 of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency

1 Management Agency shall submit to the Committee on
2 Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on
3 Homeland Security and Government Affairs of the Senate
4 a report describing, for each fiscal year beginning after
5 September 30, 2015—

6 (1) the average amount of individual assistance
7 and individual and household assistance provided
8 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
9 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)
10 to, and the rate of denial of individual assistance
11 and individual and household assistance provided
12 under such Act for—

13 (A) all individuals;

14 (B) all individuals and households;

15 (C) individuals with an annual income
16 under 75 percent of the National Median
17 Household Income;

18 (D) individuals and households with an an-
19 nual income under 75 percent of the National
20 Median Household Income;

21 (E) individuals with an annual income over
22 125 percent of the National Median Household
23 Income;

1 (F) individuals and households with an an-
2 nual income over 125 percent of the National
3 Median Household Income;

4 (G) individuals with an annual income be-
5 tween 75 percent and 125 percent of the Na-
6 tional Median Household Income; and

7 (H) individuals and households with an an-
8 nual income between 75 percent and 125 per-
9 cent of the National Median Household Income;
10 and

11 (2) an explanation for any factors causing an
12 increase in the rate of denial of individual assistance
13 or individual and household assistance, if applicable.

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