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To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11 (legislative day, JULY 10), 2024

Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Special District Grant
5 Accessibility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE ON**
2 **SPECIAL DISTRICTS.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCY ACKNOWLEDG-
4 MENT OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS AS GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

5 (1) OMB GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
7 rector shall issue guidance that clarifies how an
8 agency recognizes a special district as a unit of local
9 government for the purpose of being eligible to re-
10 ceive Federal financial assistance.

11 (2) AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 1
12 year after the date on which the guidance is issued
13 pursuant to paragraph (1), the head of each agency
14 shall implement the requirements of such guidance
15 and conform any policy, principle, practice, proce-
16 dure, or guideline relating to the administration of
17 the Federal financial assistance programs of the
18 agency.

19 (3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than
20 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,
21 the Director shall submit to the Committee on Over-
22 sight and Accountability of the House of Represent-
23 atives and the Committee on Homeland Security and
24 Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report that
25 evaluates agency implementation of and conformity
26 to the guidance issued pursuant to paragraph (1).

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
3 meaning given the term in section 552 of title 5,
4 United States Code.

5 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
6 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
7 et.

8 (3) FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The
9 term “Federal financial assistance”—

10 (A) means assistance that a non-Federal
11 entity receives or administers in the form of a
12 grant, loan, loan guarantee, property, coopera-
13 tive agreement, interest subsidy, insurance, food
14 commodity, direct appropriation, or other as-
15 sistance; and

16 (B) does not include an amount received as
17 reimbursement for services rendered to an indi-
18 vidual in accordance with guidance issued by
19 the Director.

20 (4) SPECIAL DISTRICT.—The term “special dis-
21 trict” means a political subdivision of a State, with
22 specified boundaries and significant budgetary au-
23 tonomy or control, created by or pursuant to the
24 laws of the State, for the purpose of performing lim-
25 ited and specific governmental or proprietary func-

1 tions that distinguish it as a significantly separate
2 entity from the administrative governance structure
3 of any other form of local government unit within a
4 State.

5 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
6 the several States, the District of Columbia, each
7 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
8 States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

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