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H. R. 6201

To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to administer the Next Generation Warning System grant program and disburse obligated funds under such program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of New York (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ADMINISTRATION OF NEXT GENERATION**
2 **WARNING SYSTEM GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
4 Emergency Management Agency shall take such actions
5 as may be necessary to—

6 (1) assume responsibility for administering the
7 Next Generation Warning System grant program;

8 (2) not later than 180 days after the date of
9 enactment of this Act, disburse all funds made avail-
10 able for fiscal year 2022 to carry out such program
11 under the heading “Protection, Preparedness, Re-
12 sponse, and Recovery—Federal Emergency Manage-
13 ment Agency—Federal Assistance” of title III of the
14 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law
15 117–103) that are obligated as of the date of enact-
16 ment of this Act; and

17 (3) begin the process of awarding grants under
18 the Next Generation Warning System grant program
19 with funds made available to carry out such pro-
20 gram—

21 (A) for fiscal year 2023 under the heading
22 “Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Re-
23 covery—Federal Emergency Management Agen-
24 cy—Federal Assistance” of title III of the Con-
25 solidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law
26 117–328); and

1 (B) for fiscal year 2024 under the heading
2 “Protection, Preparedness, Response, and Re-
3 covery—Federal Emergency Management Agen-
4 cy—Federal Assistance” of title III of the Fur-
5 ther Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024
6 (Public Law 118–47).

7 (b) COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
8 MENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary,
11 in consultation with other relevant Federal agencies
12 and departments, State, local, Tribal, and territorial
13 governments, and relevant owners and operators of
14 critical infrastructure, as appropriate, shall, to the
15 extent practicable, carry out research and develop-
16 ment to support and improve the—

17 (A) accessibility of emergency warning sys-
18 tems;

19 (B) resiliency and security of emergency
20 warning systems; and

21 (C) other matters as the Secretary deter-
22 mines appropriate.

23 (2) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT.—
24 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-
25 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the

1 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
2 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
3 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
4 report on the research and development activities
5 carried out pursuant to paragraph (1).

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) NEXT GENERATION WARNING SYSTEM
8 GRANT PROGRAM DEFINED.—The term “Next Gen-
9 eration Warning System grant program” means the
10 grant program authorized pursuant to title III of the
11 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law
12 117–103) under the heading “Protection, Prepared-
13 ness, Response, and Recovery—Federal Emergency
14 Management Agency—Federal Assistance”.

15 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through
17 the Under Secretary for Science and Technology.

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