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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 4900****[Report No. 118–294]**

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2024

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

DECEMBER 16, 2024

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Investing in Commu-
5 nity Resilience Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS.**

2 (a) ~~AMENDMENT.~~—Section 406(b)(3)(A) of the Rob-
 3 ert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
 4 Act (42 U.S.C. 5172(b)(3)(A)) is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by insert-
 6 ing before the period “, including for subrecipients”;

7 (2) in clause (ii), by inserting “preparedness,”
 8 after “disaster relief,”;

9 (3) in clause (iv)—

10 (A) by inserting “or programs designated
 11 by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency
 12 Management Agency to increase resilience for
 13 storms, tsunamis, wildfires, or equivalent disas-
 14 ters” after “community rating system”; and

15 (B) by striking “and”;

16 (4) in clause (v), by striking the period and in-
 17 serting “; and”; and

18 (5) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(vi) support of viable community
 20 emergency response teams or equivalent
 21 non-governmental organizations that pro-
 22 vide disaster assistance, including by—

23 “(I) facilitating the establishment
 24 of mutual aid agreements supportive
 25 of the operation of such teams or or-
 26 ganizations; or

1 “(H) providing or facilitating
 2 regular training, outreach, and solie-
 3 iting participation in preparedness ex-
 4 ercises.”.

5 (b) COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1
 6 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the President,
 7 acting through the Administrator, shall issue comprehen-
 8 sive guidance to State and Tribal governments relating to
 9 the measures and investments described in section
 10 406(b)(3)(A) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
 11 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
 12 5172(b)(3)(A)), as amended in subsection (a).

13 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 This Act, and the amendments made by this Act,
 15 shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the
 16 date of enactment of this Act.

17 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

18 *This Act may be cited as the “Investing in Community*
 19 *Resilience Act of 2024”.*

20 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS.**

21 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 406(b)(3)(A) of the Robert
 22 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
 23 (42 U.S.C. 5172(b)(3)(A)) is amended—

24 (1) in clause (ii), by inserting “preparedness,”
 25 after “disaster relief”;

1 (2) *in clause (iv)*—

2 (A) *by inserting “or programs designated*
 3 *by the Administrator that result in substantial*
 4 *science-based and verified increased resilience*
 5 *from building standards or land use practices for*
 6 *storms, tsunamis, floods, wildfires, or equivalent*
 7 *disasters” after “community rating system”; and*

8 (B) *by striking “and”;*

9 (3) *in clause (v), by striking the period and in-*
 10 *serting “; and”; and*

11 (4) *by adding at the end the following:*

12 “(vi) *support of viable community*
 13 *emergency response teams or equivalent*
 14 *non-governmental organizations that pro-*
 15 *vide disaster assistance, including by pro-*
 16 *viding or facilitating regular training, out-*
 17 *reach, and soliciting participation in pre-*
 18 *paredness exercises.”.*

19 (b) *COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1*
 20 *year after the date of enactment of this Act, the President,*
 21 *acting through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency*
 22 *Management Agency, shall issue comprehensive guidance to*
 23 *State and Tribal governments relating to the measures and*
 24 *investments described in section 406(b)(3)(A) of the Robert*

1 *T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*
2 *(42 U.S.C. 5172(b)(3)(A)), as amended in subsection (a).*

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 *(a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act, and the amendments*
5 *made by this Act, shall take effect on the date that is 1*
6 *year after the date of enactment of this Act.*

7 *(b) APPROPRIATIONS.—The amendments made by this*
8 *Act shall be carried out only with funds appropriated to*
9 *the Federal Emergency Management Agency on or after the*
10 *date of enactment of this Act.*

11 *(c) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds are*
12 *authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying*
13 *out this Act.*

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