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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and Financial Services, 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

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Reported from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

# **A BILL**

To provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, 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 “Post-Disaster Assist-  
5 ance Online Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUBPAGE FOR TRANSPARENCY OF DISASTER AS-**  
7 **SISTANCE.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF REPOSITORY FOR REPORT-  
9 ING REQUIREMENTS.—The Director of the Office of Man-  
10 agement and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary  
11 of the Treasury and the head of each covered Federal  
12 agency, shall establish a subpage within the website estab-  
13 lished under section 2 of the Federal Funding Account-  
14 ability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101  
15 note) to publish the information required to be made avail-  
16 able to the public under this section.

17 (b) SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION BY FEDERAL  
18 AGENCIES.—Not later than 30 days after the end of a  
19 calendar quarter, each covered Federal agency that made  
20 disaster assistance available to an eligible recipient during  
21 such quarter shall, in coordination with the Director of  
22 the Office of Management and Budget, make available to  
23 the public on the subpage established under subsection (a)  
24 the information described in subsection (c), and ensure  
25 that any data asset of the agency is machine-readable.

1 (c) INFORMATION REQUIRED.—The information de-  
2 scribed in this subsection is, with respect to disaster as-  
3 sistance provided by the covered Federal agency—

4 (1) the total amount of disaster assistance pro-  
5 vided by the agency during such quarter;

6 (2) the amount of disaster assistance provided  
7 by the agency that was expended or obligated to  
8 projects or activities; and

9 (3) a detailed list of all projects or activities for  
10 which disaster assistance dispersed by the agency  
11 was expended, obligated, or used, including—

12 (A) the name of the project or activity;

13 (B) a description of the project or activity;

14 (C) an evaluation of the completion status  
15 of the project or activity;

16 (D) any award identification number as-  
17 signed to the project;

18 (E) the Catalog for Disaster Assistance  
19 number assigned by the Federal Emergency  
20 Management Agency;

21 (F) the location of the project, including  
22 ZIP codes; and

23 (G) any reporting requirement information  
24 being collected by a covered Federal agency

1           with respect to that agency's disaster assist-  
2           ance.

3           (d) GUIDANCE.—Each covered Federal agency, in co-  
4           ordination with the Director of the Office of Management  
5           and Budget and the Secretary of the Treasury, shall issue  
6           such guidance as is necessary to meet the requirements  
7           of this Act.

8           (e) AGREEMENT WITH PRIVATE ENTITY.—The Di-  
9           rector, if necessary for purposes of transparency, may  
10          enter into an agreement with a private entity, including  
11          a nonprofit organization, to develop the subpage required  
12          under this section.

13       **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14          In this Act, the following definitions apply:

15               (1) COVERED FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term  
16          “covered Federal agency” means—

17                       (A) any agency providing assistance under  
18                       the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
19                       Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et  
20                       seq.);

21                       (B) the Small Business Administration;  
22                       and

23                       (C) the Department of Housing and Urban  
24                       Development.

1           (2) DISASTER ASSISTANCE.—The term “dis-  
2       aster assistance” means any funds that are made  
3       available by the Federal Government in response to  
4       a specified natural disaster, including—

5           (A) any assistance provided by the Admin-  
6       istrator of the Small Business Administration  
7       as a result of a disaster declared under section  
8       7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
9       636(b));

10          (B) any assistance provided by the Sec-  
11       retary of Housing and Urban Development  
12       for—

13           (i) activities authorized under title I  
14       of the Housing and Community Develop-  
15       ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.)  
16       related to disaster relief, long-term recov-  
17       ery, restoration of infrastructure and hous-  
18       ing, and economic revitalization in the  
19       most impacted and distressed areas result-  
20       ing from a major disaster declared pursu-  
21       ant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
22       lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
23       U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); and

24           (ii) flood insurance coverage provided  
25       under the National Flood Insurance Pro-

1                   gram pursuant to the National Flood In-  
2                   surance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et  
3                   seq.); and

4                   (C) any assistance provided under the Rob-  
5                   ert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
6                   Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

7                   (3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term “eligible  
8                   recipient”—

9                   (A) means any entity that receives disaster  
10                  assistance directly from the Federal Govern-  
11                  ment (including disaster assistance received  
12                  through grant, loan, or contract) other than an  
13                  individual; and

14                  (B) includes a State that receives disaster  
15                  assistance.

16                  (4) SPECIFIED NATURAL DISASTER.—The term  
17                  “specified natural disaster” means—

18                  (A) a fire on public or private forest land  
19                  or grassland described in section 420 of the  
20                  Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
21                  gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187);

22                  (B) a major disaster declared by the Presi-  
23                  dent under section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
24                  5170);

1                   (C) an emergency declared by the Presi-  
2                   dent under section 501 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
3                   5191); and

4                   (D) any other natural disaster for which a  
5                   disaster declaration is made by the Federal  
6                   Government.