

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 2892

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## AN ACT

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of emergency alerting systems, 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 “Weather Alert Re-  
3 sponse and Notification Act” or the “WARN Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL**  
5 **ALERTING SYSTEMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
7 United States shall conduct a study on the effectiveness  
8 of local, State, and Federal emergency alerting systems  
9 in disseminating timely and relevant information during  
10 weather-related emergencies to help communities develop  
11 better policies and procedures for emergency response and  
12 enhance public safety in the event of a weather-related  
13 emergency.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
15 section (a), the Comptroller General shall—

16 (1) evaluate the efficacy of various alert medi-  
17 ums, including platforms such as social media, to  
18 disseminate emergency alerts, including travel bans  
19 and mass power outages, during extreme weather  
20 events;

21 (2) assess the extent that guidance and training  
22 exists for developing alert content, such as ensuring  
23 alerts are clear, relevant, and provide the public with  
24 actionable information; and

25 (3) determine whether improvements could be  
26 made to public alerting based on input from a se-

1       lected sample of emergency managers, local officials,  
2       and community groups.

3       (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the  
4       date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
5       shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-  
6       frastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security of  
7       the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
8       Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-  
9       ate a report on the study conducted under subsection (a).

        Passed the House of Representatives December 9,  
2024.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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