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To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct an evaluation and submit to Congress a report on ways to reduce the complexity of the cost effectiveness requirements for hazard mitigation assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 18, 2023

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with an amendment

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Facilitating Hazard
3 Mitigation Projects Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON COST EFFECTIVENESS REQUIREMENTS**
5 **FOR HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.**

6 (a) COVERED ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
7 tion, the term “covered assistance” means—

8 (1) any grant program authorized under section
9 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
10 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);

11 (2) the hazard mitigation grant program au-
12 thorized under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford
13 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
14 U.S.C. 5170e);

15 (3) hazard mitigation assistance authorized
16 under section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
17 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
18 5172); and

19 (4) the flood mitigation assistance program au-
20 thorized under section 1366 of the National Flood
21 Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104e).

22 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 360 days after the date
23 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal
24 Emergency Management Agency shall—

25 (1) evaluate how to reduce the complexity of the
26 cost effectiveness requirements of the Federal Emer-

1 gency Management Agency for covered assistance;
2 and

3 (2) submit to Congress a report on the evalua-
4 tion conducted under paragraph (1), including ef-
5 forts to implement the findings of the evaluation.

6 (c) OUTREACH.—In carrying out the evaluation re-
7 quired under subsection (b), the Administrator of the Fed-
8 eral Emergency Management Agency shall consult with
9 appropriate Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial
10 governments and nonprofit organizations to discuss pro-
11 posals and receive feedback related to reducing the com-
12 plexity of cost effectiveness analysis for covered assistance.

13 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 6 months after the
14 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
15 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall brief the
16 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
17 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
18 rity of the House of Representatives on—

19 (1) the status of the evaluation required under
20 subsection (b)(1); and

21 (2) outreach carried out under subsection (c).

22 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
23 shall be construed to modify or otherwise affect any cost
24 effectiveness requirements of the Federal Emergency

1 Management Agency related to covered assistance in exist-
2 ence as of the date of enactment of this Act.

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12 *Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);*

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14 *ized under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-*
15 *aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.*
16 *5170c);*

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18 *under section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster*
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20 *5172); and*

21 (4) *the flood mitigation assistance program au-*
22 *thorized under section 1366 of the National Flood In-*
23 *surance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104e).*

24 (b) *REPORT.*—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 360 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
3 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
4 shall—

5 (A) evaluate how to reduce the complexity of
6 the cost effectiveness requirements of the Federal
7 Emergency Management Agency for covered as-
8 sistance; and

9 (B) submit to the Committee on Homeland
10 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate
11 and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
12 structure of the House of Representatives a re-
13 port on the evaluation conducted under subpara-
14 graph (A) before implementing any findings of
15 the evaluation.

16 (2) *APPLICATION.*—The requirement to report be-
17 fore implementing any findings of the evaluation
18 under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply with respect
19 to any changes to the cost effectiveness requirements
20 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for
21 covered assistance that were made before the date of
22 enactment of this Act.

23 (c) *OUTREACH.*—In carrying out the evaluation re-
24 quired under subsection (b), the Administrator of the Fed-
25 eral Emergency Management Agency shall consult with ap-

1 *appropriate Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial gov-*
2 *ernments and nonprofit organizations to discuss proposals*
3 *and receive feedback related to reducing the complexity of*
4 *cost effectiveness analysis for covered assistance.*

5 *(d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date*
6 *of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal*
7 *Emergency Management Agency shall brief the Committee*
8 *on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the*
9 *Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-*
10 *structure of the House of Representatives on—*

11 *(1) the status of the evaluation required under*
12 *subsection (b)(1); and*

13 *(2) outreach carried out under subsection (c).*

14 *(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act*
15 *shall be construed to modify or otherwise affect any cost*
16 *effectiveness requirements of the Federal Emergency Man-*
17 *agement Agency related to covered assistance in existence*
18 *as of the date of enactment of this Act.*

19 *(f) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds are*
20 *authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying*
21 *out this Act.*

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