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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to set training requirements on eligibility for certain emergency management performance grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Manage-
5 ment Support Act” or the “EMS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE**
2 **GRANTS PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 661 of the Post-Katrina
4 Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C.
5 762) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “; and”
8 and inserting a semicolon;

9 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking the period
10 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(3) the term ‘local emergency management di-
13 rector’ means an official designated at the local level
14 to coordinate local disaster response, emergency
15 planning, emergency preparedness, disaster recovery,
16 disaster mitigation, and related activities on a full-
17 time or part-time basis.”;

18 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
19 section (g);

20 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(f) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT.—To be eligible to
23 receive a grant under this section—

24 “(1) a State shall—

25 “(A) require local emergency management
26 directors to successfully complete Federal

1 Emergency Management Agency provided base-
2 line emergency management training developed
3 in accordance with the National Incident Man-
4 agement System—

5 “(i) not later than 1 year after the
6 date of enactment of this subsection; and

7 “(ii) recurrently at an interval deter-
8 mined by the Administrator to strengthen
9 local emergency management capacity; and

10 “(B) submit certifications to the Adminis-
11 trator annually as directed by the Adminis-
12 trator regarding compliance with the require-
13 ments in paragraph (1); or

14 “(2) with respect to a State that cannot certify
15 that all local emergency management directors have
16 completed training required under paragraph (1)(A),
17 a State shall submit a certification that includes—

18 “(A) an identification of all barriers to
19 achieving the baseline emergency management
20 training requirement; and

21 “(B) an approach to overcoming barriers
22 identified under subparagraph (A) with an an-
23 ticipated timeline for full compliance with the
24 baseline emergency management training re-
25 quirement.”; and

1 (4) in subsection (g), as so redesignated—

2 (A) by striking “There is” and inserting
3 the following:

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is”; and

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

6 “(2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
8 essary to carry out subsection (f).”.

9 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
11 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall sub-
12 mit to Congress a report on compliance with the amend-
13 ments made by this Act.