

## HR 1679

### FEMA Accountability, Modernization and Transparency Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Mar 22, 2017

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 115-87.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 115-87. (Nov 21, 2017)

**Law:** 115-87 (Enacted Nov 21, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1679>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Mar 22, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 18, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 29, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

### **FEMA Accountability, Modernization and Transparency Act of 2017**

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure that the ongoing modernization of the grant systems for the administration of assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act includes:

- an online interface for applicants to complete application forms, submit materials, and access the status of applications;
- mechanisms to eliminate duplication of benefits; and
- a means of sharing information among agencies and with state, local, and tribal governments to eliminate the need to file multiple applications and speed disaster recovery.

FEMA shall deliver the system capabilities in increments or iterations as working components for applicant use.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 21, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-87.
- **Nov 15, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 14, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 13, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7178)
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- **Sep 18, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson without amendment. With written report No. 115-159.
- **Sep 18, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 223.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 3, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **May 2, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 115-107.
- **May 2, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 63.
- **May 2, 2017:** Mr. Barletta moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 2, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3022)
- **May 2, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1679.
- **May 2, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 2, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3026)
- **May 2, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 0 (Roll no. 242).(text: CR H3022)
- **May 2, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 419 - 0 (Roll no. 242). (text: CR H3022)
- **May 2, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.