

## S 3418

### STORM Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Mar 9, 2020

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-284.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-284. (Jan 1, 2021)

**Law:** 116-284 (Enacted Jan 1, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3418>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Mar 9, 2020
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 11, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 11, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 8, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 14, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 10, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3779	Related bill	Sep 4, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 389.

## **Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act or the STORM Act**

This bill authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to enter into agreements with any state or Indian tribal government to make capitalization grants for the establishment of hazard mitigation revolving loan funds.

Such funds shall provide funding assistance to local governments to carry out projects to reduce disaster risks for homeowners, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and communities in order to decrease the loss of life and property, the cost of insurance claims, and federal disaster payments.

Until FEMA issues final regulations to implement provisions of this bill, it may (1) waive notice and comment rulemakings if necessary, and (2) provide capitalization grants as a pilot program.

FEMA shall not be liable for any claim based on the exercise or performance of, or the failure to exercise or perform, a discretionary function or duty by FEMA or by a FEMA employee in carrying out this bill.

The Government Accountability Office shall report to Congress, examining (1) the appropriateness of regulations and guidance issued by FEMA for the program; (2) a description of the number of the entity loan funds established, the projects funded from such entity loan funds, and the extent to which projects funded by the loan funds adhere to any applicable hazard mitigation plans; (3) the effectiveness of the entity loan funds to lower disaster related costs; and (4) recommendations for improving the administration of entity loan funds.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 1, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 1, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 116-284.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Ms. Norton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7264-7268)
- **Dec 18, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3418.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7264-7266)
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 14, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 14, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 10, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7375-7377)
- **Dec 9, 2020:** The committee amendments withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7375-7377)
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 9, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7370-7372)
- **Aug 10, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with amendments. With written report No. 116-249.
- **Aug 10, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 511.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.