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National Dam and Hydropower Safety Improvements Act of 2020

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4447	Related bill	Oct 19, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
116 HR 2	Related bill	Jul 20, 2020: Received in the Senate.

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This bill requires the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to take certain actions related to dam safety.

Specifically, the commission may issue a license for a dam and other project works only if the project meets the relevant safety requirements and the licensee can operate and manage the project works in a manner that ensures dam and public safety. A licensee with an already-issued license must also meet these safety requirements.

The commission shall also establish procedures to assess the financial viability of an applicant for such a license.

The commission's Office of Energy Projects must notify a state in certain situations, such as when the commission issues a finding that requires a dam operator in that state to make repairs.

The commission must also (1) hold a conference with states to discuss dam safety issues, and (2) report to Congress an assessment of the failures of the Edenville and Sanford dams in Michigan.

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