

S 979

FACE Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Apr 2, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 2, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 2, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 3, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 18, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 10, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 12, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Federal Advance Contracts Enhancement Act or the FACE Act

This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to report to Congress on advance contracts. *Advance contracts* are established prior to disasters to provide life-sustaining goods and services in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

The report must include (1) information required in the initial report on recurring disaster response requirements; and (2) an updated strategy that defines the objectives of advance contracts, how such contracts contribute to FEMA disaster response operations, how to maximize the award of advance contracts to small business concerns, and whether and how such contracts should be prioritized in relation to new post-disaster contract awards.

The bill sets forth additional duties of FEMA with respect to advance contracts, including requiring FEMA to (1) update and implement guidance for its program office and acquisition personnel to identify acquisition planning time frames and considerations across the entire acquisition planning process, and (2) communicate the purpose and use of a master acquisition planning schedule.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 31, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 31, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-272.
- **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 H7268-7270)
- **Dec 18, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 979.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** 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.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7271-7272)
- **Dec 18, 2020:** 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): 386 - 1 (Roll no. 246).
- **Dec 18, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 386 - 1 (Roll no. 246). (text: CR H7268)
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- **Nov 7, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6484; text: CR S6484-6485)
- **Nov 7, 2019:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6484; text: CR S6484-6485)
- **Sep 10, 2019:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with amendments. With written report No. 116-84.
- **Sep 10, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 188.
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Apr 2, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 2, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.