

HR 6249

Think Differently About Emergencies Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Molinaro, Marcus J. [R-NY-19]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Nov 6, 2023
Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Nov 13, 2023
Rep. Kean, Thomas H. [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Nov 17, 2023
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Nov 28, 2023
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Dec 5, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 24, 2024
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 15, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6249	Identical bill	Nov 25, 2024: Became Public Law No: 118-123.

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This act requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report to Congress regarding assistance and resources provided by FEMA to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the families of such individuals who are impacted by major disasters.

Specifically, FEMA must report within 120 days of this act's enactment, describing the assistance and resources that FEMA provides to such individuals and families through states, localities, nonprofit organizations, and individuals.

Further, FEMA and GAO must each (1) review such assistance and resources, (2) identify potential legal impediments to providing such assistance and resources, and (3) provide recommendations to Congress.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 25, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 25, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-123.
- **Nov 21, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 19, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6638)
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters without amendment. With written report No. 118-195.
- **Jul 23, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 441.
- **May 15, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Mar 11, 2024:** Mr. Molinaro moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 11, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1071-1073)
- **Mar 11, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6249.
- **Mar 11, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1071-1072)
- **Mar 11, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1071-1072)
- **Mar 11, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 20, 2024:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 118-392.
- **Feb 20, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 321.
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 15, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 8, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 6, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 6, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.