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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Extreme Weather and  
5 Heat Response Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCIDENT PERIODS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the  
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the  
4 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall convene an  
5 advisory panel consisting of emergency management per-  
6 sonnel to assist the Agency in reviewing the process and  
7 procedures related to the determination of incident periods  
8 for emergencies or major disasters declared under the  
9 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-  
10 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

11 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—This advisory panel con-  
13 vened under subsection (a) shall consist of at least  
14 2 representatives from national emergency manage-  
15 ment organizations, at least 2 relevant county offi-  
16 cials, at least 1 representative from the National  
17 Weather Service, and at least 5 representatives from  
18 each of the 10 regions of the Federal Emergency  
19 Management Agency selected from emergency man-  
20 agement personnel employed by State, local, terri-  
21 torial, or Tribal authorities within each region.

22 (2) INCLUSION ON PANEL.—To the furthest ex-  
23 tent practicable, representation on the advisory  
24 panel shall include emergency management per-  
25 sonnel from rural, urban, underrepresented, Tribal,  
26 and insular jurisdictions.

1           (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In reviewing the process and  
2 procedures related to the determination of incident periods  
3 under subsection (a), the advisory panel convened under  
4 such subsection shall consider the effectiveness of incident  
5 periods, including—

6           (1) incident periods for slow on-set disasters;

7           (2) incident periods for correlated non-contig-  
8 uous disasters;

9           (3) incident periods for compound disasters;  
10          and

11          (4) incident periods for cascading disasters.

12          (d) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after  
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall  
14 submit to Congress, and make publicly available, a report  
15 regarding the findings of the review under this section  
16 that includes any recommendations of the advisory panel  
17 convened under subsection (a), including additional legis-  
18 lation that may be necessary to address such findings.

19          (e) RULEMAKING AND FINAL REPORT.—Not later  
20 than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
21 Administrator shall issue such regulations as are nec-  
22 essary to implement the recommendations of the advisory  
23 panel and submit to Congress a report discussing—

24           (1) a summary of the findings of the advisory  
25          panel convened under subsection (a);

1           (2) the implementation of recommendations  
2           from such advisory panel; and

3           (3) any additional legislative recommendations  
4           necessary to improve the effectiveness of incident pe-  
5           riods.

6 **SEC. 3. MITIGATION AND PREPAREDNESS.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal  
8           Emergency Management Agency may, under section 203  
9           and 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
10          Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133 and 5170c)—

11           (1) consider innovative preparedness and miti-  
12           gation projects eligible for the purposes of mitigating  
13           or aiding individuals during an extreme heat event,  
14           including stockpiling and installing equipment for  
15           households, first responders, and public health and  
16           health care systems and emergency voucher pro-  
17           grams; and

18           (2) with respect to eligible uses of funds author-  
19           ized, provide, and issue relevant guidance, for the es-  
20           tablishment and function of—

21                   (A) community cooling centers; and

22                   (B) resilience centers.

23          (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24           (1) COMMUNITY COOLING CENTER.—The term  
25           “community cooling center” means a public serving

1 facility that provides an environment for people to  
2 maintain a healthy body temperature during an ex-  
3 treme heat event.

4 (2) RESILIENCE CENTER.—The term “resil-  
5 ience center” means a public serving facility that  
6 provides information and services to build resilient  
7 communities before, during, and after emergency  
8 events.

9 **SEC. 4. GUIDANCE.**

10 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
11 of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency  
12 Management Agency shall issue guidance related to—

13 (1) extreme temperature events, including heat  
14 waves and freezes, and publish such guidance in the  
15 Federal Emergency Management Agency Public As-  
16 sistance Program and Policy Guide;

17 (2) hazard mitigation, including eligibility cri-  
18 teria for projects that primarily mitigate the impacts  
19 of extreme heat and projects specified in section  
20 3(a)(2); and

21 (3) extreme heat for the purposes of hazard  
22 mitigation planning under section 322 of the Robert  
23 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-  
24 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5165), the National Prepared-  
25 ness Course Catalog, National Disaster Recovery

1 Framework, National Response Recovery Frame-  
2 work, and Threat and Hazard Identification and  
3 Risk Assessment.

4 **SEC. 5. STUDY ON EXTREME HEAT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the  
7 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall conduct a  
8 study to measure the impact of extreme heat and rec-  
9 ommend guidance on mitigating and responding to ex-  
10 treme heat.

11 (b) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study re-  
12 quired under subsection (a), the Administrator shall con-  
13 sult with relevant stakeholders and the heads of other  
14 Federal agencies.

15 (c) CONTENT.—In conducting the study required  
16 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall—

17 (1) examine and consider solutions to address  
18 the impact of extreme heat on—

19 (A) buildings, roads, utilities, power gen-  
20 eration, air conditioning units, and other rel-  
21 evant infrastructure;

22 (B) short- and long-term health outcomes;

23 (C) pets and livestock;

24 (D) society and the economy; and

25 (E) disadvantaged communities;

1           (2) evaluate the geographical and regional dif-  
2           ferences in the occurrence and impact of extreme  
3           heat;

4           (3) evaluate the effectiveness of emergency  
5           alerts and the language used in such alerts to im-  
6           prove public safety during extreme heat events;

7           (4) examine metrics for defining and commu-  
8           nicating the severity of an extreme heat event;

9           (5) examine the compounding effects and con-  
10          sequential risk of extreme heat and wildfire smoke;

11          (6) recommend best practices for community  
12          education and safety during extreme heat events;

13          (7) examine the impact extreme heat to the  
14          health and safety of the Federal Emergency Man-  
15          agement Agency workforce when responding to dis-  
16          asters;

17          (8) develop guidance for first responder train-  
18          ing protocol for extreme heat emergencies; and

19          (9) recommend guidance for incorporating ex-  
20          treme heat into local and State government emer-  
21          gency management preparedness plans.

22          (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not less than 1 year  
23          after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator  
24          shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-  
25          frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-

1 mittee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs of  
2 the Senate a report containing—

3           (1) the results of study required under sub-  
4           section (a); and

5           (2) any additional recommendations for devel-  
6           oping a framework for mitigating and responding to  
7           extreme heat emergencies.