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# H. R. 3626

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Emergency Manage-  
5 ment Support Act” or the “EMS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE**  
2 **GRANTS PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 661 of the Post-Katrina  
4 Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C.  
5 762) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “; and”  
8 and inserting a semicolon;

9 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking the period  
10 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(3) the term ‘local emergency management di-  
13 rector’ means an official designated at the local level  
14 to coordinate local disaster response, emergency  
15 planning, emergency preparedness, disaster recovery,  
16 disaster mitigation, and related activities on a full-  
17 time or part-time basis.”;

18 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
19 section (g);

20 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(f) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT.—To be eligible to  
23 receive a grant under this section—

24 “(1) a State shall—

25 “(A) require local emergency management  
26 directors to successfully complete Federal

1           Emergency Management Agency provided base-  
2           line emergency management training developed  
3           in accordance with the National Incident Man-  
4           agement System—

5                   “(i) not later than 1 year after the  
6                   date of enactment of this subsection; and

7                   “(ii) recurrently at an interval deter-  
8                   mined by the Administrator to strengthen  
9                   local emergency management capacity; and

10                  “(B) submit certifications to the Adminis-  
11                  trator annually as directed by the Adminis-  
12                  trator regarding compliance with the require-  
13                  ments in paragraph (1); or

14                  “(2) with respect to a State that cannot certify  
15                  that all local emergency management directors have  
16                  completed training required under paragraph (1)(A),  
17                  a State shall submit a certification that includes—

18                          “(A) an identification of all barriers to  
19                          achieving the baseline emergency management  
20                          training requirement; and

21                          “(B) an approach to overcoming barriers  
22                          identified under subparagraph (A) with an an-  
23                          ticipated timeline for full compliance with the  
24                          baseline emergency management training re-  
25                          quirement.”; and

1 (4) in subsection (g), as so redesignated—

2 (A) by striking “There is” and inserting  
3 the following:

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is”; and

5 (B) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION.—There is  
7 authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-  
8 essary to carry out subsection (f).”.

9 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator  
11 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall sub-  
12 mit to Congress a report on compliance with the amend-  
13 ments made by this Act.

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