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# H. R. 6201

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities in All-Hazards Emergencies.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. KING of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INDIVID-**  
4 **UALS WITH DISABILITIES IN ALL-HAZARDS**  
5 **EMERGENCIES.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
8 Health and Human Services (in this section referred to  
9 as the “Secretary”) shall establish a national advisory

1 committee to be known as the National Advisory Com-  
2 mittee on Individuals with Disabilities in All-Hazards  
3 Emergencies (referred to in this section as the “Advisory  
4 Committee”).

5 (b) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall—

6 (1) provide advice and consultation with respect  
7 to activities carried out pursuant to section 2814 of  
8 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–  
9 16), as applicable and appropriate;

10 (2) evaluate and provide input with respect to  
11 the public health, accessibility, and medical needs of  
12 individuals with disabilities as they relate to prepa-  
13 ration for, response to, and recovery from all-haz-  
14 ards emergencies; and

15 (3) provide advice and consultation with respect  
16 to State emergency preparedness and response ac-  
17 tivities, including related drills and exercises pursu-  
18 ant to the preparedness goals under section 2802(b)  
19 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–  
20 1(b)).

21 (c) REPORT.—Not later than February 1, 2020, the  
22 Advisory Committee shall submit to the Secretary, the  
23 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of  
24 Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security of  
25 the House of Representatives, the Committee on Veterans’

1 Affairs of the House of Representatives, the Committee  
2 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate,  
3 the Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Senate, and the  
4 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-  
5 fairs of the Senate a report that evaluates the extent to  
6 which individuals with disabilities are thoroughly included  
7 in disaster preparedness planning and disaster recovery.  
8 Such report shall—

9           (1) include recommendations that offer specific  
10       improvements that could be made across local, State,  
11       tribal, territorial, and Federal efforts to improve  
12       outcomes in areas that include—

13                   (A) preparedness;

14                   (B) planning;

15                   (C) exercises and drills;

16                   (D) alerts, warning, and notifications;

17                   (E) evacuation;

18                   (F) sheltering;

19                   (G) health maintenance;

20                   (H) accessing emergency programs and  
21       services;

22                   (I) medical care (including mental health  
23       care);

24                   (J) temporary housing;

1           (K) transitioning back to home, work,  
2           school, and community;

3           (L) permanent housing;

4           (M) long term recovery;

5           (N) mitigation; and

6           (O) community resilience; and

7           (2) assess the strength of existing policies to in-  
8           corporate such individuals as well as the efficacy of  
9           implementation.

10          (d) COMPOSITION.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
12           tion with such other heads of agencies and depart-  
13           ments as may be appropriate, shall appoint not to  
14           exceed 25 members to the Advisory Committee.

15           (2) REQUIRED MEMBERS.—In carrying out  
16           paragraph (1), the Secretary shall appoint to the  
17           Advisory Committee such individuals as may be ap-  
18           propriate to perform the duties described in sub-  
19           sections (b), which shall include—

20           (A) the Assistant Secretary for Prepared-  
21           ness and Response (or their designee);

22           (B) the Director of the Administration for  
23           Community Living (or their designee);

1 (C) the Director of the Biomedical Ad-  
2 vanced Research and Development Authority  
3 (or their designee);

4 (D) the Director of the Centers for Disease  
5 Control and Prevention (or their designee);

6 (E) the Commissioner of Food and Drugs  
7 (or their designee);

8 (F) the Director of the National Institutes  
9 of Health (or their designee);

10 (G) the Administrator of the Federal  
11 Emergency Management Agency (or their des-  
12 ignee);

13 (H) the Director of Office of Disability In-  
14 tegration and Coordination (or their designee);

15 (I) the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil  
16 Liberties of the Department of Homeland Secu-  
17 rity (or their designee);

18 (J) the Chair of the National Council on  
19 Disability (or their designee);

20 (K) the Chair of the United States Access  
21 Board (or their designee);

22 (L) the Director of the Disability Rights  
23 Section of the Department of Justice (or their  
24 designee);

1 (M) the Secretary of the Department of  
2 Education (or their designee);

3 (N) the Secretary of the Department of  
4 Transportation (or their designee);

5 (O) the Secretary of the Department of  
6 Housing and Urban Development (or their des-  
7 ignee);

8 (P) a representative from the Department  
9 of Veterans Affairs Health Administration's Of-  
10 fice of Emergency Management;

11 (Q) the Director of the Bureau of Prisons  
12 (or their designee);

13 (R) at least four representatives who are  
14 individuals with disabilities that have sub-  
15 stantive expertise in disability inclusive emer-  
16 gency management policy and operations;

17 (S) at least two non-Federal health care  
18 professionals with expertise in disability accessi-  
19 bility before, during, and after disasters, med-  
20 ical and mass care disaster planning, prepared-  
21 ness, response, or recovery; and

22 (T) at least two representatives from  
23 State, local, territorial, or tribal agencies with  
24 expertise in disability-inclusive disaster plan-  
25 ning, preparedness, response, or recovery.

1       (e) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee shall meet  
2 not less than biannually.

3       (f) DISABILITY DEFINED.—For purposes of this sec-  
4 tion, the term “disability” has the meaning given such  
5 term in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act  
6 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102).

7       (g) TERMINATION OF COMMITTEE.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Committee  
9 shall terminate on September 30, 2023.

10          (2) RECOMMENDATION.—Not later than March  
11 30, 2023, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
12 ices shall submit to Congress a recommendation on  
13 whether the Advisory Committee should be extended.

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