

**AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-12
OFFERED BY MRS. FLETCHER OF TEXAS**

Add at the end of title V the following:

1 SEC. _____. (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the
2 following definitions apply:

3 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
4 trator” means the Administrator of the Federal
5 Emergency Management Agency.

6 (2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered
7 project” means—

8 (A) an acquisition or relocation project for
9 which an entity began implementation before a
10 grant was awarded under a hazard mitigation
11 assistance program; and

12 (B) a project for which an entity initiated
13 planning or construction before or after re-
14 questing assistance for the project under a haz-
15 ard mitigation grant program qualifying for a
16 categorical exemption under the National Envi-
17 ronmental Policy Act.

1 (3) HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PRO-
2 GRAM.—The term “hazard mitigation assistance
3 program” means—

4 (A) the predisaster hazard mitigation
5 grant program authorized under section 203 of
6 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
7 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);

8 (B) the hazard mitigation grant program
9 authorized under section 404 of the Robert T.
10 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
11 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170e); and

12 (C) the flood mitigation assistance pro-
13 gram authorized under section 1366 of the Na-
14 tional Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
15 4104e).

16 (b) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE FOR INITIATED
17 PROJECTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of law, an entity seeking hazard mitigation
20 assistance under a hazard mitigation assistance pro-
21 gram shall be eligible to receive such assistance for
22 a covered project if the entity—

23 (A) complies with all other eligibility re-
24 quirements of the hazard mitigation assistance
25 program for acquisition or relocation projects,

1 including extinguishing all incompatible encum-
2 brances; and

3 (B) complies with all Federal requirements
4 for the project.

5 (2) COSTS INCURRED.—An entity seeking haz-
6 ard mitigation assistance under a hazard mitigation
7 assistance program shall be responsible for any
8 project costs incurred by the entity for a covered
9 project if the covered project is not awarded, or is
10 determined to be ineligible for, assistance.

11 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any
12 application for hazard mitigation assistance for a covered
13 project submitted on or after January 1, 2016.

14 (d) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—The amounts pro-
15 vided by this section are designated by the Congress as
16 being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
17 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
18 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

