

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of title LIII of division E of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . FLEXIBILITY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1216(a) of the Disaster
3 Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 5174a(a)) is
4 amended—

5 (1) by amending paragraph (2)(A) to read as
6 follows:

7 “(A) except as provided in subparagraph
8 (B), shall—

9 “(i) waive a debt owed to the United
10 States related to covered assistance pro-
11 vided to an individual or household if the
12 covered assistance was distributed based
13 on an error by the Agency and such debt
14 shall be construed as a hardship; and

15 “(ii) waive a debt owed to the United
16 States related to covered assistance pro-
17 vided to an individual or household if such
18 assistance is subject to a claim or legal ac-

1 tion, including in accordance with section
2 317 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
3 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
4 U.S.C. 5160); and”;

5 (2) in paragraph (3)(B)—

6 (A) by striking “REMOVAL OF” and insert-
7 ing “REPORT ON”; and

8 (B) in clause (ii) by striking “the authority
9 of the Administrator to waive debt under para-
10 graph (2) shall no longer be effective” and in-
11 serting “the Administrator shall report to the
12 Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
13 ture of the House of Representatives and the
14 Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
15 mental Affairs of the Senate actions that the
16 Administrator will take to reduce the error
17 rate”.

18 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Administrator of
19 the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall submit
20 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
21 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
22 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
23 ate a report containing a description of the internal proc-
24 esses used to make decisions regarding the distribution of
25 covered assistance under section 1216 of the Disaster Re-

- 1 covery and Reform Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 5174a) and
- 2 any changes made to such processes.

