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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Special District Grant
3 Accessibility Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE ON**
5 **SPECIAL DISTRICTS.**

6 (a) **REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCY ACKNOWLEDG-**
7 **MENT OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS AS GRANT RECIPIENTS.—**

8 (1) **OMB GUIDANCE.**—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
10 rector shall issue guidance that clarifies how an
11 agency recognizes a special district as a unit of local
12 government for the purpose of being eligible to re-
13 ceive Federal financial assistance.

14 (2) **AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.**—Not later than 1
15 year after the date on which the guidance is issued
16 pursuant to paragraph (1), the head of each agency
17 shall implement the requirements of such guidance
18 and conform any policy, principle, practice, proce-
19 dure, or guideline relating to the administration of
20 the Federal financial assistance programs of the
21 agency.

22 (3) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than
23 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,
24 the Director shall submit to the Committee on Over-
25 sight and Accountability of the House of Represent-
26 atives and the Committee on Homeland Security and

1 Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report that
2 evaluates agency implementation of and conformity
3 to the guidance issued pursuant to paragraph (1).

4 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
6 meaning given the term in section 552 of title 5,
7 United States Code.

8 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
9 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
10 et.

11 (3) FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The
12 term “Federal financial assistance”—

13 (A) means assistance that a non-Federal
14 entity receives or administers in the form of a
15 grant, loan, loan guarantee, property, coopera-
16 tive agreement, interest subsidy, insurance, food
17 commodity, direct appropriation, or other as-
18 sistance; and

19 (B) does not include an amount received as
20 reimbursement for services rendered to an indi-
21 vidual in accordance with guidance issued by
22 the Director.

23 (4) SPECIAL DISTRICT.—The term “special dis-
24 trict” means a political subdivision of a State, with
25 specified boundaries and significant budgetary au-

1 tonomy or control, created by or pursuant to the
2 laws of the State, for the purpose of performing lim-
3 ited and specific governmental or proprietary func-
4 tions that distinguish it as a significantly separate
5 entity from the administrative governance structure
6 of any other form of local government unit within a
7 State.

8 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
9 the several States, the District of Columbia, each
10 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
11 States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.
Passed the House of Representatives May 6, 2024.

Attest:

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

Clerk.