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To direct the Attorney General to enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a study to develop guidelines, best practices, and examples for congressional redistricting.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCNERNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Fair And Inclusive
5 Redistricting Map Act” or the “FAIR Map Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAP STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General

1 shall enter into an agreement with the National Academies
2 under which the National Academies shall conduct a study
3 to—

4 (1) develop guidelines, best practices, and ex-
5 amples consistent with the criteria in subsection (b)
6 to aid States in drawing congressional district maps;
7 and

8 (2) define metrics, limitations to such metrics,
9 and other factors for the criteria in subsection (b).

10 (b) MAP CRITERIA.—

11 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—The guidelines, best
12 practices, and examples developed under subsection
13 (a) shall—

14 (A) comply with the Constitution of the
15 United States, including the requirement of
16 equal population; and

17 (B) comply with the Voting Rights Act of
18 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.).

19 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The guidelines, best
20 practices, and examples developed under subsection
21 (a) shall consider factors related to—

22 (A) maintaining geographic contiguity and
23 compactness;

24 (B) respecting natural and existing polit-
25 ical boundaries;

1 (C) respecting communities of interest; and

2 (D) maintaining partisan fairness.

3 (c) COMPLETION OF STUDY.—The Study required
4 under subsection (a) shall be completed at the later of—

5 (1) January 1, 2021; or

6 (2) the date that is 1 year after the date of the
7 agreement in subsection (a).

8 (d) REPORT.—After the completion of the study, the
9 Attorney General shall submit to Congress and make pub-
10 licly available the results of the study described in sub-
11 section (a).

12 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
14 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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