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To provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COBURN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 "Taxpayers Right-To-
5 Know Act".

1 **SEC. 2. COST AND PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT PRO-**
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) **AMENDMENT.**—Section 1122(a) of title 31,
4 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(3) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—

7 “(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Information for each
8 program described under paragraph (1) shall
9 include the following (which shall be updated
10 not less frequently than annually):

11 “(i) The total administrative expenses
12 for the program for the previous fiscal
13 year.

14 “(ii) The expenditures for services for
15 the program for the previous fiscal year.

16 “(iii) An estimate of the number of
17 clients served by the program and bene-
18 ficiaries who received assistance under the
19 program (if applicable) for the previous fis-
20 cal year.

21 “(iv) An estimate of, for the previous
22 fiscal year—

23 “(I) the number of full-time Fed-
24 eral employees who administer the
25 program; and

1 “(II) the number of full-time em-
2 ployees whose salary is paid in part or
3 full by the Federal Government
4 through a grant or contract, a
5 subaward of a grant or contract, a co-
6 operative agreement, or another form
7 of financial award or assistance who
8 administer or assist in administering
9 the program.

10 “(v) An identification of the specific
11 statute that authorizes the program, in-
12 cluding whether such authorization is ex-
13 pired.

14 “(vi) Any finding of duplication or
15 overlap identified by internal review, an In-
16 spector General, the Government Account-
17 ability Office, or other report to the agency
18 about the program.

19 “(vii) Any program performance re-
20 views (including program performance re-
21 ports required under section 1116).

22 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

23 “(i) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—
24 The term ‘administrative expenses’—

1 “(I) has the meaning given that
2 term by the Director of the Office of
3 Management and Budget under sec-
4 tion 504(b)(2) of the Energy and
5 Water Development and Related
6 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010
7 (31 U.S.C. 1105 note); and

8 “(II) includes, with respect to an
9 agency—

10 “(aa) costs incurred by the
11 agency and costs incurred by
12 grantees, subgrantees, and other
13 recipients of funds from a grant
14 program or other program ad-
15 ministered by the agency; and

16 “(bb) expenses related to
17 personnel salaries and benefits,
18 property management, travel,
19 program management, pro-
20 motion, reviews and audits, case
21 management, and communication
22 about, promotion of, and out-
23 reach for programs and program
24 activities administered by the
25 agency.

1 “(ii) SERVICES.—The term ‘serv-
2 ices’—

3 “(I) has the meaning given that
4 term by the Director of the Office of
5 Management and Budget; and

6 “(II) shall be limited to only ac-
7 tivities, assistance, and aid that pro-
8 vide a direct benefit to a recipient,
9 such as the provision of medical care,
10 assistance for housing or tuition, or
11 financial support (including grants
12 and loans).”.

13 (b) EXPIRED GRANT FUNDING.—Not later than Feb-
14 ruary 1 of each fiscal year, the Director of the Office of
15 Management and Budget shall publish on the public
16 website of the Office of Management and Budget the total
17 amount of undisbursed grant funding remaining in grant
18 accounts for which the period of availability to the grantee
19 has expired.

20 **SEC. 3. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REQUIRE-**
21 **MENTS RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION, CON-**
22 **SOLIDATION, AND ELIMINATION OF DUPLICA-**
23 **TIVE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.**

24 Section 21 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of
25 2010 (31 U.S.C. 712 note) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “The Comptroller General” and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(b) UPDATES.—The Comptroller General shall
6 maintain on a publicly available website (which shall in-
7 clude regular updates, not less frequently than an annu-
8 ally) the status of responses by Departments and Congress
9 to suggested actions that the Comptroller General has pre-
10 viously identified in annual reports under subsection (a).
11 The status of the suggested actions shall be tracked for
12 an appropriate period to be determined by the Comptroller
13 General.”.

14 **SEC. 4. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.**

15 Nothing in this Act shall, or the amendments made
16 by this Act, be construed to require the disclosure of clas-
17 sified information.

18 **SEC. 5. REGULATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION.**

19 (a) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Of-
21 fice of Management and Budget shall prescribe regula-
22 tions to implement this Act, and the amendments made
23 by this Act.

1 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—This Act, and the amend-
2 ments made by this Act, shall be implemented not later
3 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

4 (c) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-
5 tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements
6 of this Act, or the amendments made by this Act.