

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1423, with an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

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H. R. 1423

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2013

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. COOPER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 to be updated not less
10 than annually:

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

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

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

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

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

25 “(II) the number of full-time em-
26 ployees whose salary is paid in part or

1 full by the Federal Government
2 through a grant or contract, a
3 subaward of a grant or contract, a co-
4 operative agreement, or another form
5 of financial award or assistance who
6 administer or assist in administering
7 the program.

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

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

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

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

21 “(i) ADMINISTRATIVE COST.—The
22 term ‘administrative cost’ has the meaning
23 as determined by the Director of the Office
24 of Management and Budget under section
25 504(b)(2) of Public Law 111–85 (31

1 U.S.C. 1105 note), except the term shall
2 also include, for purposes of that section
3 and this paragraph, with respect to an
4 agency—

5 “(I) costs incurred by the agency
6 as well as costs incurred by grantees,
7 subgrantees, and other recipients of
8 funds from a grant program or other
9 program administered by the agency;
10 and

11 “(II) expenses related to per-
12 sonnel salaries and benefits, property
13 management, travel, program man-
14 agement, promotion, reviews and au-
15 dits, case management, and commu-
16 nication about, promotion of, and out-
17 reach for programs and program ac-
18 tivities administered by the agency.

19 “(ii) SERVICES.—The term ‘services’
20 has the meaning provided by the Director
21 of the Office of Management and Budget
22 and shall be limited to only activities, as-
23 sistance, and aid that provide a direct ben-
24 efit to a recipient, such as the provision of
25 medical care, assistance for housing or tui-

1 tion, or financial support (including grants
2 and loans).”.

3 (b) EXPIRED GRANT FUNDING.—Not later than Feb-
4 ruary 1 of each fiscal year, the Director of the Office of
5 Management and Budget shall publish on the public
6 website of the Office of Management and Budget the total
7 amount of undisbursed grant funding remaining in grant
8 accounts for which the period of availability to the grantee
9 has expired.

10 **SEC. 3. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REQUIRE-**
11 **MENTS RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION, CON-**
12 **SOLIDATION, AND ELIMINATION OF DUPLICA-**
13 **TIVE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.**

14 Section 21 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of
15 2010 (31 U.S.C. 712 note) is amended by inserting “(a)”
16 before the first sentence and by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(b) The Comptroller General shall maintain and
19 provide regular updates, on not less than an annual basis
20 to a publicly available website that tracks the status of
21 responses by Departments and the Congress to suggested
22 actions that the Comptroller General has previously identi-
23 fied in annual reports under subsection (a). The status
24 of these suggested actions shall be tracked for an appro-
25 priate period to be determined by the Comptroller General.

1 The requirements of this subsection shall apply during the
2 effective period of subsection (a).”.

3 **SEC. 4. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.**

4 Nothing in this Act shall, or the amendments made
5 by this Act, be construed to require the disclosure of clas-
6 sified information.

7 **SEC. 5. REGULATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION.**

8 (a) **REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 120 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
10 Office of Management and Budget shall prescribe regula-
11 tions to implement this Act, and the amendments made
12 by this Act.

13 (b) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—This Act, and the amend-
14 ments made by this Act, shall be implemented not later
15 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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