

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1380  
OFFERED BY MR. QUIGLEY OF ILLINOIS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Access to Congression-  
3 ally Mandated Reports Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF WEBSITE FOR CONGRESSION-  
5 ALLY MANDATED REPORTS.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH WEBSITE.—Not  
7 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this  
8 Act, the Public Printer shall establish and maintain a  
9 website accessible by the public that allows the public to  
10 obtain electronic copies of all congressionally mandated re-  
11 ports in one place. The Public Printer may publish other  
12 reports on such website.

13 (b) CONTENT AND FUNCTION.—The Public Printer  
14 shall ensure that the website required under subsection (a)  
15 includes the following:

16 (1) With respect to each congressionally man-  
17 dated report, each of the following:

1 (A) A citation to the statute or conference  
2 report requiring the report.

3 (B) An electronic copy of the report, in-  
4 cluding any transmittal letter associated with  
5 the report, in an open format that is platform  
6 independent and that is available to the public  
7 without restrictions, including restrictions that  
8 would impede the re-use of the information in  
9 the report.

10 (C) The ability to retrieve a report, to the  
11 extent practicable, through searches based on  
12 each, and any combination, of the following:

13 (i) The title of the report.

14 (ii) The reporting Federal agency.

15 (iii) The date of publication.

16 (iv) Each congressional committee re-  
17 ceiving the report, if applicable.

18 (v) Subject tags.

19 (vi) The serial number, Super-  
20 intendent of Documents number, or other  
21 identification number for the report, if ap-  
22 plicable.

23 (vii) The statute or conference report  
24 requiring the report.

25 (viii) Key words.

1 (ix) Full text search.

2 (x) Any other relevant information  
3 specified by the Public Printer.

4 (D) The time and date when the report  
5 was required to be submitted, and when the re-  
6 port was submitted, to the website.

7 (E) Access to the report not later than 30  
8 calendar days after its submission to Congress.

9 (F) To the extent practicable, a permanent  
10 means of accessing the report electronically.

11 (2) A means for bulk download of all congress-  
12 sionally mandated reports or a selection of reports  
13 retrieved using a search.

14 (3) A means for the head of each Federal agen-  
15 cy to publish on the website each congressionally  
16 mandated report of the agency, as required by sec-  
17 tion 3.

18 (4) A list form for all congressionally mandated  
19 reports that can be searched, sorted, and  
20 downloaded by—

21 (A) reports submitted within the required  
22 time;

23 (B) reports submitted after the date on  
24 which such reports were required to be sub-  
25 mitted; and

1 (C) reports not submitted.

2 (c) FREE ACCESS.—The Public Printer may not  
3 charge a fee, require registration, or impose any other lim-  
4 itation in exchange for access to the website required  
5 under subsection (a).

6 (d) UPGRADE CAPABILITY.—The website required  
7 under subsection (a) shall be enhanced and updated as  
8 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

9 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

10 (a) SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC COPIES OF RE-  
11 PORTS.—The head of each Federal agency shall publish  
12 congressionally mandated reports of the agency on the  
13 website required under section 2(a)—

14 (1) in an open format that is platform inde-  
15 pendent, machine readable, and available to the pub-  
16 lic without restrictions (except the redaction of infor-  
17 mation described under section 5), including restric-  
18 tions that would impede the re-use of the informa-  
19 tion in the reports; and

20 (2) in accordance with the guidance issued  
21 under subsection (c).

22 (b) SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—  
23 The head of each Federal agency shall submit to the Pub-  
24 lic Printer the information required under subparagraphs  
25 (A) through (D) of section 2(b)(1) with respect to each

1 congressionally mandated report published pursuant to  
2 subsection (a).

3 (c) GUIDANCE.—Not later than eight months after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the  
5 Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with  
6 the Public Printer, shall issue guidance to agencies on the  
7 implementation of this Act.

8 **SEC. 4. REMOVING AND ALTERING REPORTS.**

9 A report submitted to be published to the website re-  
10 quired under section 2(a) may only be changed or re-  
11 moved, with the exception of technical changes, by the  
12 head of the Federal agency concerned with the express,  
13 written consent of the chairman of each congressional  
14 committee to which the report is submitted.

15 **SEC. 5. RELATIONSHIP TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMA-**  
16 **TION ACT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-  
18 section (c), nothing in this Act shall be construed to re-  
19 quire the disclosure of information or records that are ex-  
20 empt from public disclosure under section 552 of title 5,  
21 United States Code, or to impose any affirmative duty on  
22 the Public Printer to review congressionally mandated re-  
23 ports submitted for publication to the website established  
24 under section 2(a) for the purpose of identifying and re-  
25 dacting such information or records.

1 (b) REDACTION OF REPORT.—With respect to each  
2 congressionally mandated report, the relevant head of each  
3 Federal agency shall redact any information that may not  
4 be publicly released under section 552(b) of title 5, United  
5 States Code, before submission for publication on the  
6 website established under section 2(a), and shall—

7 (1) redact only such information from the re-  
8 port;

9 (2) identify where any such redaction is made  
10 in the report; and

11 (3) identify the exemption under which each  
12 such redaction is made.

13 (c) REPORTS THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH IS CLASSI-  
14 FIED.—With respect to each congressionally mandated re-  
15 port, if the full name of the report and all of the informa-  
16 tion in such report is exempt from public disclosure under  
17 section 552(b)(1) of title 5, United States Code—

18 (1) the relevant head of each Federal agency  
19 shall submit the report directly to each appropriate  
20 committee; and

21 (2) no information in such report shall be pub-  
22 lished on the website established under section 2 or  
23 transmitted to the Public Printer under section 3.

24 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1           (1) CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORT.—  
2           The term “congressionally mandated report” means  
3           a report that is required to be submitted to either  
4           House of Congress or any committee of Congress by  
5           statute or by a conference report that accompanies  
6           legislation enacted into law.

7           (2) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal  
8           agency” has the meaning given that term under sec-  
9           tion 102 of title 40, United States Code, but does  
10          not include the Government Accountability Office.

11 **SEC. 7. IMPLEMENTATION.**

12          Except as provided in section 3(c), this Act shall be  
13          implemented not later than one year after the date of the  
14          enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to con-  
15          gressionally mandated reports submitted to Congress on  
16          or after the date occurring one year after such date of  
17          enactment.

