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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2015

Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. COOPER, Mr. BOST, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. LONG) 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”.

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

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1122(a) of title 31,
9 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
2 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

3 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-
4 designated, the following:

5 “(1) DEFINITION OF PROGRAM.—For purposes
6 of this subsection, the term ‘program’ means an or-
7 ganized set of activities by 1 or more agencies di-
8 rected toward a common purpose or goal.”;

9 (3) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated—

10 (A) by striking “IN GENERAL.—Not later
11 than October 1, 2012, the Office of Manage-
12 ment and Budget shall” and inserting
13 “WEBSITE AND PROGRAM INVENTORY.—The
14 Director of the Office of Management and
15 Budget shall”; and

16 (B) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-
17 serting the following:

18 “(C) include on the website—

19 “(i) a program inventory that shall
20 identify each program of the Federal Gov-
21 ernment, which shall include—

22 “(I) any activity that is com-
23 monly referred to as a program;

1 “(II) any activity specifically cre-
2 ated by law, or referenced in law, as
3 a program;

4 “(III) each program that has an
5 application process;

6 “(IV) each program for which fi-
7 nancial awards are made on a com-
8 petitive basis; and

9 “(V) any activity identified as a
10 program activity in a budget request;
11 and

12 “(ii) for each program identified in
13 the program inventory, the information re-
14 quired under paragraph (3).”; and

15 (4) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—

16 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
17 (A), by striking “described under paragraph
18 (1)” and inserting “identified in the program
19 inventory required under paragraph (2)”;

20 (B) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-
21 serting the following:

22 “(A) the program activities that are con-
23 sidered a program by the agency;”;

24 (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking
25 “and” at the end;

1 (D) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
2 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
3 and

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

5 “(D) an identification of the specific stat-
6 ute that authorizes the program and any regu-
7 lations specific to the program;

8 “(E) for any program that provides grants
9 or other financial assistance to individuals or
10 entities, for the most recent fiscal year—

11 “(i) an estimate of the number of in-
12 dividuals served by the program and bene-
13 ficiaries who received financial assistance
14 under the program; and

15 “(ii) an estimate of—

16 “(I) the number of full-time
17 equivalents who administer the pro-
18 gram; and

19 “(II) the number of full-time
20 equivalents whose salary is paid in
21 part or full by the Federal Govern-
22 ment through a grant, contract, coop-
23 erative agreement, or another form of
24 financial award or assistance who ad-

1 minister or assist in any way in ad-
2 ministering the program;

3 “(F) links to any evaluation, assessment,
4 or program performance reviews by the agency,
5 an Inspector General, or the Government Ac-
6 countability Office (including program perform-
7 ance reports required under section 1116) re-
8 leased during the preceding 5 years; and

9 “(G) to the extent available, financial in-
10 formation for each program required to be re-
11 ported under section 3(b) of the Federal Fund-
12 ing Accountability and Transparency Act of
13 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note), or a direct link to
14 such information for a specific program on the
15 website established under section 2 of that
16 Act.”.

17 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of
19 Management and Budget—

20 (1) shall issue guidance to agencies to identify
21 how the program activities used in budget or appro-
22 priations accounts correspond with programs identi-
23 fied in the program inventory required under section
24 1122(a)(2)(A) of title 31, United States Code, as
25 amended by subsection (a); and

1 (2) may issue guidance to agencies on more
2 closely aligning program activities to the programs
3 in the program inventory for purposes of the budget
4 of the President submitted to Congress under sec-
5 tion 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code.

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

13 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION.**

14 (a) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Of-
16 fice of Management and Budget shall prescribe regula-
17 tions or other guidance to implement this Act, and the
18 amendments made by this Act.

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

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