

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4894**

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Budget
3 Justification Transparency Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET JUSTIFICATIONS
5 AND APPROPRIATION REQUESTS.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3 of the Federal Funding
7 Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C.
8 6101 note) is amended to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 3. FULL DISCLOSURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

10 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not less frequently than monthly
11 when practicable, and in any event not less frequently than
12 quarterly, the Secretary (in consultation with the Director
13 and, with respect to information described in subsection
14 (b)(2), the head of the applicable Federal agency) shall
15 ensure that updated information with respect to the infor-
16 mation described in subsection (b) is posted on the website
17 established under section 2.

18 “(b) **INFORMATION TO BE POSTED.**—

1 “(1) FUNDS.—For any funds made available to
2 or expended by a Federal agency or component of a
3 Federal agency, the information to be posted shall
4 include—

5 “(A) for each appropriations account, in-
6 cluding an expired or unexpired appropriations
7 account, the amount—

8 “(i) of budget authority appropriated;

9 “(ii) that is obligated;

10 “(iii) of unobligated balances; and

11 “(iv) of any other budgetary re-
12 sources;

13 “(B) from which accounts and in what
14 amount—

15 “(i) appropriations are obligated for
16 each program activity; and

17 “(ii) outlays are made for each pro-
18 gram activity;

19 “(C) from which accounts and in what
20 amount—

21 “(i) appropriations are obligated for
22 each object class; and

23 “(ii) outlays are made for each object
24 class; and

1 “(D) for each program activity, the
2 amount—

3 “(i) obligated for each object class;
4 and

5 “(ii) of outlays made for each object
6 class.

7 “(2) BUDGET JUSTIFICATIONS.—

8 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

9 “(i) the term ‘agency’ has the mean-
10 ing given that term in section 101 of title
11 31, United States Code; and

12 “(ii) the term ‘budget justification
13 materials’ means the annual budget jus-
14 tification materials of an agency that are
15 submitted to Congress in support of the
16 budget of the agency, in conjunction with
17 the budget of the United States Govern-
18 ment submitted under section 1105(a) of
19 title 31, United States Code, but does not
20 include budget justification materials that
21 are classified.

22 “(B) INFORMATION.—The information to
23 be posted shall include the budget justification
24 materials of each agency—

1 “(i) for the second fiscal year begin-
2 ning after the date of enactment of this
3 paragraph, and each fiscal year thereafter;
4 and

5 “(ii) to the extent practicable, that
6 were released for any fiscal year before the
7 date of enactment of this paragraph.

8 “(C) FORMAT.—Budget justification mate-
9 rials shall be posted under subparagraph (B)—

10 “(i) as an open Government data
11 asset (as defined under section 3502 of
12 title 44, United States Code);

13 “(ii) in a manner that enables users
14 to download individual reports, download
15 all reports in bulk, and download in bulk
16 the results of a search, to the extent prac-
17 ticable; and

18 “(iii) in a structured data format, to
19 the extent practicable.

20 “(D) DEADLINE.—The budget justification
21 materials required to be posted under subpara-
22 graph (B)(i) shall be posted not later than 2
23 weeks after the date on which the budget jus-
24 tification materials are first submitted to Con-
25 gress.

1 “(E) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
2 in this paragraph shall be construed to author-
3 ize an agency to destroy any budget justifica-
4 tion materials relating to a fiscal year before
5 the fiscal year described in subparagraph
6 (B)(i).”.

7 (b) INFORMATION REGARDING AGENCY BUDGET
8 JUSTIFICATIONS.—Section 1105 of title 31, United States
9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(i)(1) The Director of the Office of Management
11 and Budget shall make publicly available on an internet
12 website, and continuously update, a tabular list for each
13 fiscal year of each agency that submits to Congress budget
14 justification materials in support of the budget of the
15 agency, which shall include—

16 “(A) the name of the agency;

17 “(B) a unique identifier that identifies the
18 agency;

19 “(C) to the extent practicable, the date on
20 which the budget justification materials of the agen-
21 cy are first submitted to Congress;

22 “(D) the date on which the budget justification
23 materials of the agency are posted online under sec-
24 tion 3 of the Federal Funding Accountability and
25 Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note);

1 “(E) the uniform resource locator where the
2 budget justification materials submitted to Congress
3 are published on the website of the agency; and

4 “(F) a single data set that contains the infor-
5 mation described in subparagraphs (A) through (E)
6 with respect to the agency for all fiscal years for
7 which budget justifications of the agency are made
8 available under section 3 of the Federal Funding Ac-
9 countability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31
10 U.S.C. 6101 note) in a structured data format.

11 “(2)(A) Each agency that submits to Congress budg-
12 et justification materials in support of the budget of the
13 agency shall make the materials available on the website
14 of the agency.

15 “(B) The Director of Office of Management
16 and Budget shall establish best practices for agen-
17 cies relating to making available materials under
18 subparagraph (A), which shall include guidelines for
19 using a uniform resource locator that is in a con-
20 sistent format across agencies and is descriptive,
21 memorable, and pronounceable, such as the format
22 of ‘agencyname.gov/budget’.

23 “(C) If the Director of Office of Management
24 and Budget maintains a public website that contains
25 the budget of the United States Government sub-

1 mitted under subsection (a) and any related mate-
2 rials, such website shall also contain a link to the
3 tabular list required under paragraph (1).

4 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘budget justification
5 materials’ has the meaning given that term in section 3
6 of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency
7 Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).”.

