

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

5 (4) OPEN FORMAT.—The term “open format”
6 means a file format for storing digital data based on
7 an underlying open standard that—

8 (A) is not encumbered by any restrictions
9 that would impede reuse; and

10 (B) is based on an underlying open data
11 standard that is maintained by a standards or-
12 ganization.

13 (5) REPORTS ONLINE PORTAL.—The term “re-
14 ports online portal” means the online portal estab-
15 lished under section (3)(a).

16 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLINE PORTAL FOR CON-**
17 **GRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS.**

18 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH ONLINE POR-
19 TAL.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall
22 establish and maintain an online portal accessible by
23 the public that allows the public to obtain electronic
24 copies of all congressionally mandated reports in one

1 place. The Director may publish other reports on the
2 online portal.

3 (2) EXISTING FUNCTIONALITY.—To the extent
4 possible, the Director shall meet the requirements
5 under paragraph (1) by using existing online portals
6 and functionality under the authority of the Direc-
7 tor.

8 (3) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this Act,
9 the Director shall consult with the Clerk of the
10 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Sen-
11 ate, and the Librarian of Congress regarding the re-
12 quirements for and maintenance of congressionally
13 mandated reports on the reports online portal.

14 (b) CONTENT AND FUNCTION.—The Director shall
15 ensure that the reports online portal includes the fol-
16 lowing:

17 (1) Subject to subsection (c), with respect to
18 each congressionally mandated report, each of the
19 following:

20 (A) A citation to the statute, conference
21 report, or resolution requiring the report.

22 (B) An electronic copy of the report, in-
23 cluding any transmittal letter associated with
24 the report, in an open format that is platform
25 independent and that is available to the public

1 without restrictions, including restrictions that
2 would impede the re-use of the information in
3 the report.

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

7 (i) The title of the report.

8 (ii) The reporting Federal agency.

9 (iii) The date of publication.

10 (iv) Each congressional committee re-
11 ceiving the report, if applicable.

12 (v) The statute, resolution, or con-
13 ference report requiring the report.

14 (vi) Subject tags.

15 (vii) A unique alphanumeric identifier
16 for the report that is consistent across re-
17 port editions.

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

22 (ix) Key words.

23 (x) Full text search.

24 (xi) Any other relevant information
25 specified by the Director.

1 (D) The date on which the report was re-
2 quired to be submitted, and on which the report
3 was submitted, to the reports online portal.

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

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

8 (2) A means for bulk download of all congress-
9 sionally mandated reports.

10 (3) A means for downloading individual reports
11 as the result of a search.

12 (4) An electronic means for the head of each
13 Federal agency to submit to the reports online por-
14 tal each congressionally mandated report of the
15 agency, as required by section 4.

16 (5) In tabular form, a list of all congressionally
17 mandated reports that can be searched, sorted, and
18 downloaded by—

19 (A) reports submitted within the required
20 time;

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

24 (C) reports not submitted.

25 (c) NONCOMPLIANCE BY FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

1 (1) REPORTS NOT SUBMITTED.—If a Federal
2 agency does not submit a congressionally mandated
3 report to the Director, the Director shall to the ex-
4 tent practicable—

5 (A) include on the reports online portal—

6 (i) the information required under
7 clauses (i), (ii), (iv), and (v) of subsection
8 (b)(1)(C); and

9 (ii) the date on which the report was
10 required to be submitted; and

11 (B) include the congressionally mandated
12 report on the list described in subsection
13 (b)(5)(C).

14 (2) REPORTS NOT IN OPEN FORMAT.—If a Fed-
15 eral agency submits a congressionally mandated re-
16 port that is not in an open format, the Director shall
17 include the congressionally mandated report in an-
18 other format on the reports online portal.

19 (d) FREE ACCESS.—The Director may not charge a
20 fee, require registration, or impose any other limitation
21 in exchange for access to the reports online portal.

22 (e) UPGRADE CAPABILITY.—The reports online por-
23 tal shall be enhanced and updated as necessary to carry
24 out the purposes of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

2 (a) SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC COPIES OF RE-
3 PORTS.—Concurrently with the submission to Congress of
4 each congressionally mandated report, the head of the
5 Federal agency submitting the congressionally mandated
6 report shall submit to the Director the information re-
7 quired under subparagraphs (A) through (D) of section
8 3(b)(1) with respect to the congressionally mandated re-
9 port. Nothing in this Act shall relieve a Federal agency
10 of any other requirement to publish the congressionally
11 mandated report on the online portal of the Federal agen-
12 cy or otherwise submit the congressionally mandated re-
13 port to Congress or specific committees of Congress, or
14 subcommittees thereof.

15 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 240 days after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office
17 of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Di-
18 rector, shall issue guidance to agencies on the implementa-
19 tion of this Act.

20 (c) STRUCTURE OF SUBMITTED REPORT DATA.—
21 The head of each Federal agency shall ensure that each
22 congressionally mandated report submitted to the Director
23 complies with the open format criteria established by the
24 Director in the guidance issued under subsection (b).

1 (d) POINT OF CONTACT.—The head of each Federal
2 agency shall designate a point of contact for congression-
3 ally mandated report.

4 (e) LIST OF REPORTS.—As soon as practicable each
5 calendar year (but not later than April 1), and on a rolling
6 basis during the year if feasible, the Librarian of Congress
7 shall submit to the Director a list of congressionally man-
8 dated reports from the previous calendar year, in consulta-
9 tion with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, which
10 shall—

11 (1) be provided in an open format;

12 (2) include the information required under
13 clauses (i), (ii), (iv), (v) of section 3(b)(1)(C) for
14 each report;

15 (3) include the frequency of the report;

16 (4) include a unique alphanumeric identifier for
17 the report that is consistent across report editions;

18 (5) include the date on which each report is re-
19 quired to be submitted; and

20 (6) be updated and provided to the Director, as
21 necessary.

22 **SEC. 5. REMOVING AND ALTERING REPORTS.**

23 A report submitted to be published to the reports on-
24 line portal may only be changed or removed, with the ex-

1 ception of technical changes, by the head of the Federal
2 agency concerned if—

3 (1) the head of the Federal agency consults
4 with each congressional committee to which the re-
5 port is submitted; and

6 (2) Congress enacts a joint resolution author-
7 izing the changing or removal of the report.

8 **SEC. 6. RELATIONSHIP TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMA-**
9 **TION ACT.**

10 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this Act shall be con-
11 strued to—

12 (1) require the disclosure of information or
13 records that are exempt from public disclosure under
14 section 552 of title 5, United States Code; or

15 (2) to impose any affirmative duty on the Di-
16 rector to review congressionally mandated reports
17 submitted for publication to the reports online portal
18 for the purpose of identifying and redacting such in-
19 formation or records.

20 (b) **REDACTION OF INFORMATION.**—The head of a
21 Federal agency may redact information required to be dis-
22 closed under this Act if the information would be properly
23 withheld from disclosure under section 552 of title 5,
24 United States Code, and shall—

1 (1) redact information required to be disclosed
2 under this Act if disclosure of such information is
3 prohibited by law;

4 (2) redact information being withheld under
5 this subsection prior to submitting the information
6 to the Director;

7 (3) redact only such information properly with-
8 held under this subsection from the submission of
9 information or from any congressionally mandated
10 report submitted under this Act;

11 (4) identify where any such redaction is made
12 in the submission or report; and

13 (5) identify the exemption under which each
14 such redaction is made.

15 **SEC. 7. IMPLEMENTATION.**

16 Except as provided in section 4(b), this Act shall be
17 implemented not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
18 ment of this Act and shall apply with respect to congres-
19 sionally mandated reports submitted to Congress on or
20 after the date that is 1 year after such date of enactment.

 Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the
 Director of the Government Publishing Office to establish
 and maintain an online portal accessible to the public
 that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all

congressionally mandated reports in one place, and for other purposes.”.

