

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3089, With An Amendment

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

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3089

To close out expired grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2015

introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Grants Oversight and

5 New Efficiency Act” or the “GONE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFYING AND CLOSING OUT EXPIRED GRANTS.**

7 (a) EXPIRED GRANT REPORT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days

9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-

1 rector of the Office of Management and Budget
2 shall instruct the head of each agency, in coordina-
3 tion with the Secretary, to submit to Congress and
4 the Secretary a report, not later than December 31
5 of the first calendar year beginning after the date of
6 the enactment of this Act, that—

7 (A) lists each covered grant held by such
8 agency;

9 (B) provides the total number of covered
10 grants, including the number of grants—

11 (i) by time period of expiration;

12 (ii) with zero dollar balances; and

13 (iii) with undisbursed balances;

14 (C) for an agency with covered grants, de-
15 scribes the challenges leading to delays in grant
16 closeout; and

17 (D) for the 30 oldest covered grants of an
18 agency, explains why each covered grant has
19 not been closed out.

20 (2) USE OF DATA SYSTEMS.—An agency may
21 use existing multiagency data systems in order to
22 submit the report required under paragraph (1).

23 (3) EXPLANATION OF MISSING INFORMATION.—
24 If the head of an agency is unable to submit all of
25 the information required to be included in the report

1 under paragraph (1), the report shall include an ex-
2 planation of why the information was not available,
3 including any shortcomings with and plans to im-
4 prove existing grant systems, including data sys-
5 tems.

6 (b) NOTICE FROM AGENCIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
8 after the date on which the head of an agency sub-
9 mits the report required under subsection (a), the
10 head of the agency shall provide notice to the Sec-
11 retary specifying whether the head of the agency has
12 closed out grant awards associated with all of the
13 covered grants in the report and which covered
14 grants in the report have not been closed out.

15 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
16 days after the date on which all of the notices re-
17 quired pursuant to paragraph (1) have been pro-
18 vided or March 31 of the calendar year following the
19 calendar year described in subsection (a)(1), which-
20 ever is sooner, the Secretary shall compile the no-
21 tices submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) and sub-
22 mit to Congress a report on such notices.

23 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later than
24 one year after the date on which the head of an agency
25 provides notice to Congress under subsection (b)(2), the

1 Inspector General of such agency with more than
2 \$500,000,000 in grant funding shall conduct a risk assess-
3 ment to determine if an audit or review of the agency's
4 grant closeout process is warranted.

5 (d) REPORT ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVER-
6 SIGHT.—Not later than 6 months after the date on which
7 the second report is submitted pursuant to subsection
8 (b)(2), the Director of Office of Management and Budget,
9 in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human
10 Services, shall submit to Congress a report on rec-
11 ommendations for legislation to improve accountability
12 and oversight in grants management, including the timely
13 closeout of a covered grant.

14 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
16 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
17 United States Code.

18 (2) CLOSEOUT.—The term “closeout” means a
19 closeout of a grant account conducted in accordance
20 with part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal Regula-
21 tions, including sections 200.16 and 200.343 of such
22 title, or any successor thereto.

23 (3) COVERED GRANT.—The term “covered
24 grant” means a grant in an agency cash payment

1 management system held by the United States Gov-
2 ernment for which—

3 (A) the grant award period of perform-
4 ance, including any extensions, has been expired
5 for not less than 2 years; and

6 (B) closeout has not yet occurred in ac-
7 cordance with section 200.343 of title 2, Code
8 of Federal Regulations, or any successor there-
9 to.

10 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.