

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1115

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## AN ACT

To close out expired grants.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Grants Oversight and  
3 New Efficiency Act” or the “GONE Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFYING AND CLOSING OUT EXPIRED FED-**  
5 **ERAL GRANT AWARDS.**

6 (a) EXPIRED FEDERAL GRANT AWARD REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-  
9 rector of the Office of Management and Budget  
10 shall instruct the head of each agency, in coordina-  
11 tion with the Secretary, to submit to Congress and  
12 the Secretary a report, not later than December 31  
13 of the first calendar year beginning after the date of  
14 the enactment of this Act, that—

15 (A) lists each Federal grant award held by  
16 such agency;

17 (B) provides the total number of Federal  
18 grant awards, including the number of grants—

19 (i) by time period of expiration;

20 (ii) with zero dollar balances; and

21 (iii) with undisbursed balances;

22 (C) for an agency with Federal grant  
23 awards, describes the challenges leading to  
24 delays in grant closeout; and

1 (D) for the 30 oldest Federal grant awards  
2 of an agency, explains why each Federal grant  
3 award has not been closed out.

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

7 (3) EXPLANATION OF MISSING INFORMATION.—  
8 If the head of an agency is unable to submit all of  
9 the information required to be included in the report  
10 under paragraph (1), the report shall include an ex-  
11 planation of why the information was not available,  
12 including any shortcomings with and plans to im-  
13 prove existing grant systems, including data sys-  
14 tems.

15 (b) NOTICE FROM AGENCIES.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
17 the date on which the head of an agency submits the  
18 report required under subsection (a), the head of  
19 such agency shall provide notice to the Secretary  
20 specifying whether the head of the agency has closed  
21 out grant awards associated with all of the Federal  
22 grant awards in the report and which Federal grant  
23 awards in the report have not been closed out.

24 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90  
25 days after the date on which all of the notices re-

1       quired pursuant to paragraph (1) have been pro-  
2       vided or March 31 of the calendar year following the  
3       calendar year described in subsection (a)(1), which-  
4       ever is sooner, the Secretary shall compile the no-  
5       tices submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) and sub-  
6       mit to Congress a report on such notices.

7       (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later than  
8       1 year after the date on which the head of an agency pro-  
9       vides notice to Congress under subsection (b)(2), the In-  
10      spector General of an agency with more than  
11      \$500,000,000 in annual grant funding shall conduct a risk  
12      assessment to determine if an audit or review of the agen-  
13      cy’s grant closeout process is warranted.

14      (d) REPORT ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVER-  
15      SIGHT.—Not later than 6 months after the date on which  
16      the second report is submitted pursuant to subsection  
17      (b)(2), the Director of Office of Management and Budget,  
18      in consultation with the Secretary, shall submit to Con-  
19      gress a report on recommendations, if any, for legislation  
20      to improve accountability and oversight in grants manage-  
21      ment, including the timely closeout of a Federal grant  
22      award.

23      (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

4           (2) CLOSEOUT.—The term “closeout” means a  
5 closeout of a Federal grant award conducted in ac-  
6 cordance with part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal  
7 Regulations, including sections 200.16 and 200.343  
8 of such title, or any successor thereto.

9           (3) FEDERAL GRANT AWARD.—The term “Fed-  
10 eral grant award” means a Federal grant award (as  
11 defined in section 200.38(a)(1) of title 2, Code of  
12 Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto), in-  
13 cluding a cooperative agreement, in an agency cash  
14 payment management system held by the United  
15 States Government for which—

16                   (A) the grant award period of perform-  
17 ance, including any extensions, has been expired  
18 for more than 2 years; and

19                   (B) closeout has not yet occurred in ac-  
20 cordance with section 200.343 of title 2, Code  
21 of Federal Regulations, or any successor there-  
22 to.

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

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Attest:

*Secretary.*



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