

1 (ii) INSPECTORS GENERAL.—The
2 term “congressionally mandated report”
3 does not include a report by an office of an
4 inspector general.

5 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
6 the Director of the Government Publishing Office.

7 (3) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
8 agency” has the meaning given the term “federal
9 agency” under section 102 of title 40, United States
10 Code, but does not include the Government Account-
11 ability Office or an element of the intelligence com-
12 munity.

13 (4) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
14 “intelligence community” has the meaning given
15 that term in section 3 of the National Security Act
16 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

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

20 (A) is not encumbered by any restrictions
21 that would impede reuse; and

22 (B) is based on an underlying open data
23 standard that is maintained by a standards or-
24 ganization.

1 (6) REPORTS ONLINE PORTAL.—The term “re-
2 ports online portal” means the online portal estab-
3 lished under section 3(a).

4 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLINE PORTAL FOR CON-**
5 **GRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORTS.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH ONLINE POR-
7 TAL.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall
10 establish and maintain an online portal accessible by
11 the public that allows the public to obtain electronic
12 copies of congressionally mandated reports in one
13 place.

14 (2) EXISTING FUNCTIONALITY.—To the extent
15 possible, the Director shall meet the requirements
16 under paragraph (1) by using existing online portals
17 and functionality under the authority of the Direc-
18 tor.

19 (3) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this Act,
20 the Director shall consult with the Clerk of the
21 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Sen-
22 ate, and the Librarian of Congress regarding the re-
23 quirements for and maintenance of congressionally
24 mandated reports on the reports online portal.

1 (b) CONTENT AND FUNCTION.—The Director shall
2 ensure that the reports online portal includes the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (1) Subject to subsection (c), with respect to
5 each congressionally mandated report, each of the
6 following:

7 (A) A citation to the statute requiring the
8 report.

9 (B) An electronic copy of the report, in-
10 cluding any transmittal letter associated with
11 the report, in an open format that is platform
12 independent and that is available to the public
13 without restrictions, including restrictions that
14 would impede the re-use of the information in
15 the report.

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

19 (i) The title of the report.

20 (ii) The reporting Federal agency.

21 (iii) The date of publication.

22 (iv) Each congressional committee or
23 subcommittee receiving the report, if appli-
24 cable.

25 (v) The statute requiring the report.

1 (vi) Subject tags.

2 (vii) A unique alphanumeric identifier
3 for the report that is consistent across re-
4 port editions.

5 (viii) The serial number, Super-
6 intendent of Documents number, or other
7 identification number for the report, if ap-
8 plicable.

9 (ix) Key words.

10 (x) Full text search.

11 (xi) Any other relevant information
12 specified by the Director.

13 (D) The date on which the report was re-
14 quired to be submitted, and on which the report
15 was submitted, to the reports online portal.

16 (E) To the extent practicable, a permanent
17 means of accessing the report electronically.

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

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

22 (4) An electronic means for the head of each
23 Federal agency to submit to the reports online por-
24 tal each congressionally mandated report of the
25 agency, as required by section 4.

1 (5) In tabular form, a list of all congressionally
2 mandated reports that can be searched, sorted, and
3 downloaded by—

4 (A) reports submitted within the required
5 time;

6 (B) reports submitted after the date on
7 which such reports were required to be sub-
8 mitted; and

9 (C) to the extent practicable, reports not
10 submitted.

11 (c) NONCOMPLIANCE BY FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

12 (1) REPORTS NOT SUBMITTED.—If a Federal
13 agency does not submit a congressionally mandated
14 report to the Director, the Director shall to the ex-
15 tent practicable—

16 (A) include on the reports online portal—

17 (i) the information required under
18 clauses (i), (ii), (iv), and (v) of subsection
19 (b)(1)(C); and

20 (ii) the date on which the report was
21 required to be submitted; and

22 (B) include the congressionally mandated
23 report on the list described in subsection
24 (b)(5)(C).

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

6 (d) DEADLINE.—The Director shall ensure that in-
7 formation required to be published on the online portal
8 under this Act with respect to a congressionally mandated
9 report or information required under subsection (c) of this
10 section is published—

11 (1) not later than 30 days after the information
12 is received from the Federal agency involved; or

13 (2) in the case of information required under
14 subsection (c), not later than 30 days after the
15 deadline under this Act for the Federal agency in-
16 volved to submit information with respect to the con-
17 gressionally mandated report involved.

18 (e) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN REPORTS.—

19 (1) EXCEPTION DESCRIBED.—A congressionally
20 mandated report which is required by statute to be
21 submitted to a committee of Congress or a sub-
22 committee thereof, including any transmittal letter
23 associated with the report, shall not be submitted to
24 or published on the reports online portal if the chair
25 of a committee or subcommittee to which the report

1 is submitted notifies the Director in writing that the
2 report is to be withheld from submission and publi-
3 cation under this Act.

4 (2) NOTICE ON PORTAL.—If a report is with-
5 held from submission to or publication on the re-
6 ports online portal under paragraph (1), the Direc-
7 tor shall post on the portal—

8 (A) a statement that the report is withheld
9 at the request of a committee or subcommittee
10 involved; and

11 (B) the written notification provided by the
12 chair of the committee or subcommittee speci-
13 fied in paragraph (1).

14 (f) FREE ACCESS.—The Director may not charge a
15 fee, require registration, or impose any other limitation
16 in exchange for access to the reports online portal.

17 (g) UPGRADE CAPABILITY.—The reports online por-
18 tal shall be enhanced and updated as necessary to carry
19 out the purposes of this Act.

20 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

21 (a) SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC COPIES OF RE-
22 PORTS.—Not earlier than 30 days or later than 45 days
23 after the date on which a congressionally mandated report
24 is submitted to either House of Congress or to any com-
25 mittee of Congress or subcommittee thereof, the head of

1 the Federal agency submitting the congressionally man-
2 dated report shall submit to the Director the information
3 required under subparagraphs (A) through (D) of section
4 3(b)(1) with respect to the congressionally mandated re-
5 port. Notwithstanding section 6, nothing in this Act shall
6 relieve a Federal agency of any other requirement to pub-
7 lish the congressionally mandated report on the online por-
8 tal of the Federal agency or otherwise submit the congres-
9 sionally mandated report to Congress or specific commit-
10 tees of Congress, or subcommittees thereof.

11 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office
13 of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Di-
14 rector, shall issue guidance to agencies on the implementa-
15 tion of this Act.

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

21 (d) POINT OF CONTACT.—The head of each Federal
22 agency shall designate a point of contact for congression-
23 ally mandated reports.

24 (e) REQUIREMENT FOR SUBMISSION.—The Director
25 shall not publish any report through the online portal that

1 is received from anyone other than the head of the applica-
2 ble Federal agency, or an officer or employee of the Fed-
3 eral agency specifically designated by the head of the Fed-
4 eral agency.

5 **SEC. 5. CHANGING OR REMOVING REPORTS.**

6 (a) **LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO CHANGE OR RE-**
7 **MOVE REPORTS.**—Except as provided in subsection (b),
8 the head of the Federal agency concerned may change or
9 remove a congressionally mandated report submitted to be
10 published on the reports online portal only if—

11 (1) the head of the Federal agency consults
12 with each committee of Congress or subcommittee
13 thereof to which the report is required to be sub-
14 mitted (or, in the case of a report which is not re-
15 quired to be submitted to a particular committee of
16 Congress or subcommittee thereof, to each com-
17 mittee with jurisdiction over the agency, as deter-
18 mined by the head of the agency in consultation with
19 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
20 President pro tempore of the Senate) prior to chang-
21 ing or removing the report; and

22 (2) a joint resolution is enacted to authorize the
23 change in or removal of the report.

24 (b) **EXCEPTIONS.**—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
25 the head of the Federal agency concerned—

1 (1) may make technical changes to a report
2 submitted to or published on the online portal;

3 (2) may remove a report from the online portal
4 if the report was submitted to or published on the
5 online portal in error; and

6 (3) may withhold information, records, or re-
7 ports from publication on the online portal in ac-
8 cordance with section 6.

9 **SEC. 6. WITHHOLDING OF INFORMATION.**

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

12 (1) require the disclosure of information,
13 records, or reports that are exempt from public dis-
14 closure under section 552 of title 5, United States
15 Code, or that may be withheld under section 552a
16 of title 5, United States Code; or

17 (2) impose any affirmative duty on the Director
18 to review congressionally mandated reports sub-
19 mitted for publication to the reports online portal
20 for the purpose of identifying and redacting such in-
21 formation or records.

22 (b) WITHHOLDING OF INFORMATION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with subsection
24 (a)(1), the head of a Federal agency may withhold
25 from the Director, and from publication on the on-

1 line portal, any information, records, or reports that
2 are exempt from public disclosure under section 552
3 of title 5, United States Code, or that may be with-
4 held under section 552a of title 5, United States
5 Code.

6 (2) NATIONAL SECURITY.—Nothing in this Act
7 shall be construed to require the publication, on the
8 online portal or otherwise, of any report containing
9 information that is classified, or the public release of
10 which could have a harmful effect on national secu-
11 rity.

12 **SEC. 7. IMPLEMENTATION.**

13 (a) REPORTS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—This Act shall apply with re-
15 spect to any congressionally mandated report
16 which—

17 (A) is required by statute to be submitted
18 to the House of Representatives, or the Speaker
19 thereof, or Senate, or the President or Presi-
20 dent Pro Tempore thereof, at any time before,
21 on, or after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act; or

23 (B) is included by the Clerk of the House
24 of Representatives or the Secretary of the Sen-
25 ate (as the case may be) on the list of reports

1 received by the House of Representatives or
2 Senate (as the case may be) at any time before
3 the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (2) TRANSITION RULE FOR PREVIOUSLY SUB-
5 MITTED REPORTS.—To the extent practicable, the
6 Director shall ensure that any congressionally man-
7 dated report described in paragraph (1) which was
8 required to be submitted to Congress by a statute
9 enacted before the date of the enactment of this Act
10 is published on the online portal under this Act not
11 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of
12 this Act.

13 (b) REPORTS SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEES.—In the
14 case of congressionally mandated reports which are re-
15 quired by statute to be submitted to a committee of Con-
16 gress or a subcommittee thereof, this Act shall apply with
17 respect to—

18 (1) any such report which is first required to be
19 submitted by a statute which is enacted on or after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act; and

21 (2) to the maximum extent practical, any con-
22 gressionally mandated report which was required to
23 be submitted by a statute enacted before the date of
24 enactment of this Act unless—

1 (A) the chair of the committee, or sub-
2 committee thereof, to which the report was re-
3 quired to be submitted notifies the Director in
4 writing that the report is to be withheld from
5 publication; and

6 (B) the Director publishes the notification
7 on the online portal.

8 **SEC. 8. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

9 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
10 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010,
11 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
12 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
13 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
14 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
15 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
16 vote on passage.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill require the Di-
rector of the Government Publishing Office to establish
and maintain a single online portal accessible to the pub-
lic that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all
congressionally mandated reports, and for other pur-
poses.”.

