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To authorize the Agency for International Development to offer voluntary separation incentive payments to employees of that agency.

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Mr. GILMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVES FOR**
4 **EMPLOYEES OF THE AGENCY FOR INTER-**
5 **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act—

7 (1) the term “agency” means the Agency for
8 International Development;

1 (2) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
2 ministrator, Agency for International Development;
3 and

4 (3) the term “employee” means an employee
5 (as defined by section 2105 of title 5, United States
6 Code) who is employed by the agency, is serving
7 under an appointment without time limitation, and
8 has been currently employed for a continuous period
9 of at least 12 months, but does not include—

10 (A) any employee who, upon separation
11 and application, would then be eligible for an
12 immediate annuity under subchapter III of
13 chapter 83 (except for section 8336(d)(2)) or
14 chapter 84 (except for section 8414(b)(1)(B))
15 of title 5, United States Code, or corresponding
16 provisions of another retirement system for em-
17 ployees of the agency;

18 (B) a reemployed annuitant under sub-
19 chapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title
20 5, United States Code, or another retirement
21 system for employees of the agency;

22 (C) an employee having a disability on the
23 basis of which such employee is or would be eli-
24 gible for disability retirement under the applica-

1 ble retirement system referred to in subpara-
2 graph (A);

3 (D) an employee who is to be separated in-
4 voluntarily for misconduct or unacceptable per-
5 formance, and to whom specific notice has been
6 given with respect to that separation;

7 (E) an employee who, upon completing an
8 additional period of service, as referred to in
9 section 3(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Federal Workforce
10 Restructuring Act of 1994 (5 U.S.C. 5597
11 note), would qualify for a voluntary separation
12 incentive payment under section 3 of such Act;

13 (F) an employee who has previously re-
14 ceived any voluntary separation incentive pay-
15 ment by the Government of the United States
16 under this Act or any other authority and has
17 not repaid such payment;

18 (G) an employee covered by statutory re-
19 employment rights who is on transfer to an-
20 other organization; or

21 (H) any employee who, during the 24-
22 month period preceding the date of separation,
23 received a recruitment or relocation bonus
24 under section 5753 of title 5, United States
25 Code, or who, within the 12-month period pre-

1 ceding the date of separation, received a reten-
2 tion allowance under section 5754 of such title
3 5.

4 (b) AGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, before
6 obligating any resources for voluntary separation in-
7 centive payments under this Act, shall submit to the
8 House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
9 and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the
10 Senate and the Committee on Government Reform
11 and Oversight of the House of Representatives a
12 strategic plan outlining the intended use of such in-
13 centive payments and a proposed organizational
14 chart for the agency once such incentive payments
15 have been completed.

16 (2) CONTENTS.—The agency's plan shall in-
17 clude—

18 (A) the positions and functions to be re-
19 duced or eliminated, identified by organizational
20 unit, geographic location, occupational category
21 and grade level;

22 (B) the number and amounts of voluntary
23 separation incentive payments to be offered;

(C) a description of how the agency will operate without the eliminated positions and functions; and

(D) a report on the anticipated impact of the reductions or eliminations referred to in subparagraph (A) (as the case may be) with respect to the implementation of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, respectively.

(c) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A voluntary separation incentive payment under this Act may be paid by the agency to not more than 100 employees of such agency and only to the extent necessary to eliminate the positions and functions identified by the strategic plan.

(2) AMOUNT AND TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—
A voluntary separation incentive payment under this Act—

(A) shall be paid in a lump sum after the employee's separation;

(B) shall be paid from appropriations or funds available for the payment of the basic pay of the employees;

1 (C) shall be equal to the lesser of—

2 (i) an amount equal to the amount
3 the employee would be entitled to receive
4 under section 5595(c) of title 5, United
5 States Code, if the employee were entitled
6 to payment under such section; or

7 (ii) an amount determined by the
8 agency head not to exceed \$25,000;

9 (D) may not be made except in the case of
10 any employee who voluntarily separates (wheth-
11 er by retirement or resignation) before Feb-
12 ruary 1, 1997;

13 (E) shall not be a basis for payment, and
14 shall not be included in the computation, of any
15 other type of Government benefit; and

16 (F) shall not be taken into account in de-
17 termining the amount of any severance pay to
18 which the employee may be entitled under sec-
19 tion 5595 of title 5, United States Code, based
20 on any other separation.

21 (d) ADDITIONAL AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
22 RETIREMENT FUND.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other
24 payments which it is required to make under sub-
25 chapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5,

1 United States Code, the agency shall remit to the
2 Office of Personnel Management for deposit in the
3 Treasury of the United States to the credit of the
4 Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund an
5 amount equal to 15 percent of the final basic pay of
6 each employee of the agency who is covered under
7 subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title
8 5, United States Code, to whom a voluntary separa-
9 tion incentive has been paid under this Act.

10 (2) DEFINITION.—For the purpose of para-
11 graph (1), the term “final basic pay”, with respect
12 to an employee, means the total amount of basic pay
13 which would be payable for a year of service by such
14 employee, computed using the employee’s final rate
15 of basic pay, and, if last serving on other than a
16 full-time basis, with appropriate adjustment there-
17 for.

18 (e) EFFECT OF SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT WITH
19 THE GOVERNMENT.—An individual who has received a
20 voluntary separation incentive payment under this Act and
21 accepts any employment for compensation with the Gov-
22 ernment of the United States, or who works for any agen-
23 cy of the Government of the United States through a per-
24 sonal services contract, within 5 years after the date of
25 the separation on which the payment is based shall be re-

1 quired to pay, prior to the individual's first day of employ-
2 ment, the entire amount of the incentive payment to the
3 agency that paid the incentive payment.

4 (f) REDUCTION OF AGENCY EMPLOYMENT LEV-
5 ELS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The total number of funded
7 employee positions in the agency shall be reduced by
8 one position for each vacancy created by the separa-
9 tion of any employee who has received, or is due to
10 receive, a voluntary separation incentive payment
11 under this Act. For the purposes of this subsection,
12 positions shall be counted on a full-time-equivalent
13 basis.

14 (2) ENFORCEMENT.—The President, through
15 the Office of Management and Budget, shall monitor
16 the agency and take any action necessary to ensure
17 that the requirements of this subsection are met.

18 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.**

19 There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the
20 Agency for International Development such sums as may
21 be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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