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AN ACT

To provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the
cost and performance of Government programs and areas
of duplication among them, and for other purposes.

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 “Taxpayers Right-To-
3 Know Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. COST AND PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT PRO-**
5 **GRAMS.**

6 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 1122(a) of title 31,
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Information for each
11 program described under paragraph (1) shall
12 include the following to be updated not less
13 than annually:

14 “(i) The total administrative cost of
15 the program for the previous fiscal year.

16 “(ii) The expenditures for services for
17 the program for the previous fiscal year.

18 “(iii) An estimate of the number of
19 clients served by the program and bene-
20 ficiaries who received assistance under the
21 program (if applicable) for the previous fis-
22 cal year.

23 “(iv) An estimate of, for the previous
24 fiscal year—

1 “(I) the number of full-time Fed-
2 eral employees who administer the
3 program; and

4 “(II) the number of full-time em-
5 ployees whose salary is paid in part or
6 full by the Federal Government
7 through a grant or contract, a
8 subaward of a grant or contract, a co-
9 operative agreement, or another form
10 of financial award or assistance who
11 administer or assist in administering
12 the program.

13 “(v) An identification of the specific
14 statute that authorizes the program, in-
15 cluding whether such authorization is ex-
16 pired.

17 “(vi) Any finding of duplication or
18 overlap identified by internal review, an In-
19 spector General, the Government Account-
20 ability Office, or other report to the agency
21 about the program.

22 “(vii) Any program performance re-
23 views (including program performance re-
24 ports required under section 1116).

25 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

1 “(i) ADMINISTRATIVE COST.—The
2 term ‘administrative cost’ has the meaning
3 as determined by the Director of the Office
4 of Management and Budget under section
5 504(b)(2) of Public Law 111–85 (31
6 U.S.C. 1105 note), except the term shall
7 also include, for purposes of that section
8 and this paragraph, with respect to an
9 agency—

10 “(I) costs incurred by the agency
11 as well as costs incurred by grantees,
12 subgrantees, and other recipients of
13 funds from a grant program or other
14 program administered by the agency;
15 and

16 “(II) expenses related to per-
17 sonnel salaries and benefits, property
18 management, travel, program man-
19 agement, promotion, reviews and au-
20 dits, case management, and commu-
21 nication about, promotion of, and out-
22 reach for programs and program ac-
23 tivities administered by the agency.

24 “(ii) SERVICES.—The term ‘services’
25 has the meaning provided by the Director

1 of the Office of Management and Budget
2 and shall be limited to only activities, as-
3 sistance, and aid that provide a direct ben-
4 efit to a recipient, such as the provision of
5 medical care, assistance for housing or tui-
6 tion, or financial support (including grants
7 and loans).’’.

8 (b) EXPIRED GRANT FUNDING.—Not later than Feb-
9 ruary 1 of each fiscal year, the Director of the Office of
10 Management and Budget shall publish on the public
11 website of the Office of Management and Budget the total
12 amount of undisbursed grant funding remaining in grant
13 accounts for which the period of availability to the grantee
14 has expired.

15 **SEC. 3. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REQUIRE-**
16 **MENTS RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION, CON-**
17 **SOLIDATION, AND ELIMINATION OF DUPLICA-**
18 **TIVE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.**

19 Section 21 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of
20 2010 (31 U.S.C. 712 note) is amended by inserting “(a)”
21 before the first sentence and by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(b) The Comptroller General shall maintain and
24 provide regular updates, on not less than an annual basis
25 to a publicly available website that tracks the status of

1 responses by Departments and the Congress to suggested
2 actions that the Comptroller General has previously identi-
3 fied in annual reports under subsection (a). The status
4 of these suggested actions shall be tracked for an appro-
5 priate period to be determined by the Comptroller General.
6 The requirements of this subsection shall apply during the
7 effective period of subsection (a).”.

8 **SEC. 4. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.**

9 Nothing in this Act shall, or the amendments made
10 by this Act, be construed to require the disclosure of clas-
11 sified information.

12 **SEC. 5. REGULATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION.**

13 (a) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
15 Office of Management and Budget shall prescribe regula-
16 tions to implement this Act, and the amendments made
17 by this Act.

18 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—This Act, and the amend-
19 ments made by this Act, shall be implemented not later
20 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (c) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-
2 tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements
3 of this Act, or the amendments made by this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives February 25,
2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.