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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Mr. ROSS (for himself and Mr. GINGREY of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## 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. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7131 of title 5, United  
5       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6       lowing:

7       “(e)(1) Not later than March 31 of each calendar  
8       year, the Office of Personnel Management, in consultation

1 with the Office of Management and Budget, shall submit  
2 to each House of Congress a report on the operation of  
3 this section during the fiscal year last ending before the  
4 start of such calendar year.

5 “(2) Each report under this subsection shall include,  
6 with respect to the fiscal year described in paragraph (1),  
7 at least the following information:

8 “(A) The total amount of official time granted  
9 to employees.

10 “(B) The average amount of official time ex-  
11 pended per bargaining unit employee.

12 “(C) The specific types of activities or purposes  
13 for which official time was granted, and the impact  
14 which the granting of such official time for such ac-  
15 tivities or purposes had on agency operations.

16 “(D) The total number of employees to whom  
17 official time was granted, and, of that total, the  
18 number who were not engaged in any activities or  
19 purposes except activities or purposes involving the  
20 use of official time.

21 “(E) The total amount of compensation (includ-  
22 ing fringe benefits) afforded to employees in connec-  
23 tion with activities or purposes for which they were  
24 granted official time.

1           “(F) The dollar value of any office space, fur-  
2           nishings, equipment, or supplies provided by the  
3           Government in connection with activities or purposes  
4           for which employees were granted official time.

5           “(3) All information included in a report under this  
6 subsection—

7           “(A) shall be shown both agency-by-agency and  
8           for all agencies; and

9           “(B) shall be accompanied by the corresponding  
10          information for the fiscal year before the fiscal year  
11          described in paragraph (1), together with appro-  
12          priate comparisons and analyses.

13          “(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘offi-  
14 cial time’ means any period of time, regardless of agency  
15 nomenclature—

16          “(A) which may be granted to an employee  
17          under this chapter (including a collective bargaining  
18          agreement entered into under this chapter) to per-  
19          form representational or consultative functions; and

20          “(B) during which the employee would other-  
21          wise be in a duty status.”.

22          (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
23 section (a) shall be effective beginning with the report  
24 which, under the provisions of such amendment, is first

- 1 due by a date which occurs at least 6 months after the
- 2 date of the enactment of this Act.

