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H. R. 3089

To close out expired grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALBERG (for himself and Mrs. LAWRENCE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFYING AND CLOSING OUT EXPIRED GRANTS.**

7 (a) EXPIRED GRANT REPORT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
10 rector of the Office of Management and Budget
11 shall instruct the head of each agency, in coordina-
12 tion with the Secretary, to submit to Congress and

1 the Secretary a report, not later than December 31
2 of the first calendar year beginning after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act, that—

4 (A) lists each covered grant held by the
5 United States Government;

6 (B) recommends which of the covered
7 grants described in subparagraph (A) should be
8 closed; and

9 (C) for each covered grant, explains why
10 the covered grant has not been closed out.

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

14 (3) EXPLANATION OF MISSING INFORMATION.—
15 If the head of an agency is unable to submit all of
16 the information required to be included in the report
17 under paragraph (1), the report shall include an ex-
18 planation of why the information is not available, in-
19 cluding any shortcomings with existing grant data
20 systems.

21 (b) NOTICE FROM AGENCIES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
23 the date on which the head of an agency submits the
24 report required under subsection (a), the head of the
25 agency shall provide notice to the Secretary speci-

1 fying whether the head of the agency has closed out
2 grant awards associated with all of the covered
3 grants.

4 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
5 days after the date on which the head of an agency
6 provides notice to the Secretary under paragraph
7 (1), the head of the agency shall provide the same
8 notice to Congress.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

13 (2) CLOSED OUT.—The term “closed out”
14 means the closeout of a grant account conducted in
15 accordance with section 200 of title 2, Code of Fed-
16 eral Regulations, including section 200.343 of such
17 title, or any successor thereto.

18 (3) COVERED GRANT.—The term “covered
19 grant” means a grant in a Federal agency cash pay-
20 ment management system held by the United States
21 Government for which—

22 (A) the grant award period of perform-
23 ance, including any extensions, has been expired
24 for not less than 2 years; and

1 (B) the grant has not been closed out in
2 accordance with section 200.343 of title 2, Code
3 of Federal Regulations, or any successor there-
4 to.

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

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