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114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3089

[Report No. 114-264]

To close out expired grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2015

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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

Additional sponsor: Mr. CARTER of Georgia

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 16, 2015]

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 after*
9 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of*
10 *the Office of Management and Budget shall instruct*
11 *the head of each agency, in coordination with the Sec-*
12 *retary, to submit to Congress and the Secretary a re-*
13 *port, not later than December 31 of the first calendar*
14 *year beginning after the date of the enactment of this*
15 *Act, that—*

16 *(A) lists each covered grant held by such*
17 *agency;*

18 *(B) recommends which of the covered grants*
19 *described in subparagraph (A) should be closed*
20 *out; and*

21 *(C) for each covered grant, explains why the*
22 *covered grant has not been closed out.*

23 *(2) USE OF DATA SYSTEMS.—An agency may*
24 *use existing multiagency data systems to prepare the*
25 *report required under paragraph (1).*

1 (3) *EXPLANATION OF MISSING INFORMATION.*—If
2 the head of an agency is unable to submit all of the
3 information required to be included in the report
4 under paragraph (1), the report shall include an ex-
5 planation of why the information is not available, in-
6 cluding any shortcomings with existing grant data
7 systems.

8 (b) *NOTICE FROM AGENCIES.*—

9 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date on which the head of an agency submits the
11 report required under subsection (a), the head of the
12 agency shall provide notice to the Secretary specifying
13 whether the head of the agency has closed out grant
14 awards associated with all of the covered grants.

15 (2) *NOTICE TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than 90
16 days after the date on which all of the notices re-
17 quired pursuant to paragraph (1) have been provided
18 or March 31 of the calendar year following the cal-
19 endar year described in subsection (a)(1), whichever
20 is sooner, the Secretary shall compile the notices sub-
21 mitted pursuant to paragraph (1) and submit to Con-
22 gress a report on such notices.

23 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

1 (1) *AGENCY.*—*The term “agency” has the mean-*
2 *ing given that term in section 551 of title 5, United*
3 *States Code.*

4 (2) *CLOSED OUT.*—*The term “closed out” means*
5 *the closeout of a grant account conducted in accord-*
6 *ance with section 200 of title 2, Code of Federal Regu-*
7 *lations, including section 200.343 of such title, or any*
8 *successor thereto.*

9 (3) *COVERED GRANT.*—*The term “covered grant”*
10 *means a grant in a Federal agency cash payment*
11 *management system held by the United States Gov-*
12 *ernment for which—*

13 (A) *the grant award period of performance,*
14 *including any extensions, has been expired for*
15 *not less than 2 years; and*

16 (B) *the grant has not been closed out in ac-*
17 *cordance with section 200.343 of title 2, Code of*
18 *Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto.*

19 (4) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
20 *the Secretary of Health and Human Services.*

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