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H. R. 245

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2025

Ms. FOXX (for herself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, and Mr. McCAUL) 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 “Grant Integrity and
5 Border Security Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL GRANT REQUIREMENT RELATED TO THE**
2 **BRINGING IN AND HARBORING OF CERTAIN**
3 **ALIENS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The head of each agency shall
5 require that any applicant for a Federal grant submit a
6 certification that such applicant has not violated in the
7 previous 10 years, is not in violation of, and will not vio-
8 late during the term of the grant section 274(a) of the
9 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)).

10 (b) AUTHORITY TO WITHHOLD FUNDS.—The head
11 of the relevant agency shall withhold any funds from a
12 grantee determined by the head of an agency to be in vio-
13 lation of this section for a Federal grant. Such determina-
14 tion may be made based on the following:

15 (1) Any information provided by the Secretary
16 of Homeland Security and the Director to the head
17 of the agency.

18 (2) Any employee or former employee of the re-
19 cipient of a Federal grant who is convicted of or ad-
20 mits to having committed a violation of section
21 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
22 U.S.C. 1324(a)) while performing official duties for
23 that grantee.

24 (3) Any other credible information received by
25 the head of the agency.

1 (c) INFORMATION ON CONVICTION.—Not later than
2 90 days after the date of conviction, admission to a viola-
3 tion, or completion of an investigation under section
4 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
5 1324(a)), the Attorney General shall submit to the Direc-
6 tor information relating to any individual who was con-
7 victed or admitted to a violation under such section, or
8 regarding whom the Attorney General otherwise believes
9 there to be a reasonable basis to conclude that a violation
10 of such section occurred.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

15 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
16 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
17 et.

18 (3) FEDERAL GRANT.—The term “Federal
19 grant” has the meaning given the term “Federal
20 award” in section 6401 of title 31, United States
21 Code.

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