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# H. R. 6658

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MIN (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. HORSFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ban on Self-Interested  
5 Contracting Act” or the “BASIC Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COVERED FEDERAL AWARDS FOR**  
2 **SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—Chapter 11 of title 18, United  
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 220 the  
5 following (and conforming the table of sections of such  
6 chapter accordingly):

7 **“§ 221. Prohibition on covered Federal awards for**  
8 **special Government employees**

9 “(a) Except as provided in subsection (c), any special  
10 Government employee who knowingly demands, seeks, re-  
11 ceives, accepts, or agrees to receive or accept, directly or  
12 indirectly, any covered Federal award offered or issued by  
13 their employing agency shall be subject to the penalties  
14 set forth in section 216 of this title.

15 “(b) For purposes of subsection (a), a special Govern-  
16 ment employee indirectly demands, seeks, receives, ac-  
17 cepts, or agrees to receive or accept a covered Federal  
18 award if—

19 “(1) such award is given, with the employee’s  
20 knowledge and acquiescence to the employee’s par-  
21 ent, sibling, spouse, child, dependent relative, or a  
22 member of the employee’s household because of that  
23 person’s relationship to the employee or the employ-  
24 ee’s spouse, minor child, or general partner; or

25 “(2) such award is given to any organization  
26 with whom the employee is an officer, director,

1 trustee, general partner, or employee, or is negoti-  
2 ating for, or otherwise has an arrangement for em-  
3 ployment, if—

4 “(A) the employee will aid or assist the or-  
5 ganization in seeking, negotiating, or per-  
6 forming any part of the work under the covered  
7 Federal award; or

8 “(B) the employee will receive any com-  
9 pensation traceable to the covered Federal  
10 award.

11 “(c) Subsection (a) does not apply to a special Gov-  
12 ernment employee who—

13 “(1) only serves as a member of an advisory  
14 committee;

15 “(2) has duties comparable to the duties of an  
16 individual in a position at GS–10 of the General  
17 Schedule or lower; or

18 “(3) has a position designated exclusively for  
19 students.

20 “(d) In this section:

21 “(1) The term ‘advisory committee’ has the  
22 meaning given that term in section 1001 of title 5.

23 “(2) The term ‘covered Federal award’ means  
24 a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or other  
25 contract-like instrument, including an agreement en-

1       tered into pursuant to other transaction authority,  
 2       that awards to the recipient on an annual basis an  
 3       amount that is more than \$1,000,000.”.

4       (b) REVISIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days  
 5 after the date of the enactment of this section, part 3 of  
 6 the Federal Acquisition Regulation and part 200, Code of  
 7 Federal Regulations, shall be revised to prohibit any offi-  
 8 cer or employee of an executive branch agency or depart-  
 9 ment from awarding a covered Federal award if to do so  
 10 would violate section 2(a) of this Act in accordance with  
 11 this section.

12       (c) GUIDANCE.—The Office of Government Ethics  
 13 shall issue regulatory guidance on this section and the  
 14 amendment made by this section.

15 **SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELAT-**  
 16 **ING TO SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.**

17       (a) POSITION DATA.—Section 3330f(a)(5) of title 5,  
 18 United States Code, is amended—

19               (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
 20 graph (A);

21               (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
 22 paragraph (B) and inserting “; and”; and

23               (3) by adding at the end the following:

24                       “(C) includes any special Government em-  
 25 ployee (as that term is defined in section 202(a)

1 of title 18), but not including any such em-  
2 ployee who—

3 “(i) only serves as a member of an ad-  
4 visory committee;

5 “(ii) has duties comparable to the du-  
6 ties of an individual in a position at GS-  
7 10 of the General Schedule or lower; or

8 “(iii) has a position designated exclu-  
9 sively for students.”.

10 (b) FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS.—Notwith-  
11 standing chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, in-  
12 cluding section 13109, each Executive agency shall make  
13 publicly available any financial disclosure report filed by  
14 a special Government employee with the Executive agency  
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, using the pro-  
16 cedures established under section 13107 of such title, ex-  
17 cept that this subsection shall not apply to any financial  
18 disclosure report that is filed by—

19 (1) an individual described in paragraph (1) or  
20 (2) of section 13107(a) of such title; or

21 (2) a special Government employee described in  
22 subsection (c) of section 221 of title 18, United  
23 States Code (as added by section 2(a) of this Act).

1 **SEC. 4. DATABASE OF SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.**

2 Section 1103 of title 5, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(d)(1) In this subsection, the term ‘covered indi-  
5 vidual’—

6 “(A) means an individual who is a special  
7 Government employee who is not serving on an  
8 advisory committee; and

9 “(B) does not include an individual de-  
10 scribed in paragraph (1) or (2) of section  
11 13107(a).

12 “(2) The Director, in coordination with the Office of  
13 Government Ethics, shall maintain to the extent tech-  
14 nically practicable, keep current, and make available to the  
15 public over the internet, without a fee or other access  
16 charge, in a searchable, sortable, and downloadable man-  
17 ner, an electronic database that contains the name of each  
18 covered individual, a rolling tally of the number of days  
19 the person has served as a special Government employee,  
20 and a description of why the individual was designated as  
21 a special Government employee rather than a regular em-  
22 ployee.”.

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