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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DRIEHAUS (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. CLAY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Access to Congression-  
5       ally Mandated Reports Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF WEBSITE FOR CONGRESSION-**  
2 **ALLY MANDATED REPORTS.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH WEBSITE.—Not  
4 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this  
5 Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
6 shall establish and maintain a single website accessible by  
7 the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies  
8 of congressionally mandated reports.

9 (b) CONTENT AND FUNCTION.—The Director shall  
10 ensure that the website required under subsection (a),  
11 with respect to each congressionally mandated report—

12 (1) provides a citation to the statute mandating  
13 the report;

14 (2) provides an electronic copy of the report, in-  
15 cluding the transmittal letter associated with the re-  
16 port, through a hyperlink or machine readable file  
17 (or through such other successor electronic means as  
18 may be available);

19 (3) enables the report to be retrieved, to the ex-  
20 tent practicable, through searches based on—

21 (A) the title of the report;

22 (B) the reporting agency;

23 (C) the date of publication;

24 (D) the congressional committee receiving  
25 the report, if applicable;

26 (E) subject tags;

1 (F) the serial number or other number for  
2 the report, if applicable;

3 (G) the statute or regulation requiring the  
4 report;

5 (H) key words; and

6 (I) any other relevant information specified  
7 by the Director;

8 (4) provides a means for members of the public  
9 to request e-mail notification when a report becomes  
10 available on the website; and

11 (5) enables access to any such report within 30  
12 days after its submission to Congress.

13 (c) FREE ACCESS.—The Director may not charge a  
14 fee for access to the website required under subsection (a).

15 (d) UPGRADE CAPABILITY.—The website required  
16 under subsection (a) shall be capable of being continually  
17 upgraded to be of maximum use as technology and content  
18 evolve over time.

19 **SEC. 3. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

20 (a) SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC COPIES OF RE-  
21 PORTS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The head of each agency  
23 shall provide to the Office of Management and  
24 Budget an electronic copy of each congressionally  
25 mandated report. The copy shall be provided

1 through a hyperlink or machine readable file (or  
2 through such other successor electronic means as  
3 may be available).

4 (2) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBMISSIONS TO  
5 OMB.—The electronic copy of a congressionally man-  
6 dated report provided under paragraph (1) shall be  
7 solely for purposes of posting on the website estab-  
8 lished under section 2 and not for purposes of review  
9 by the Office of Management and Budget. This sub-  
10 section shall not be construed as affecting any other  
11 requirement otherwise applicable to an agency or re-  
12 port relating to review by the Office.

13 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than eight months after  
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the  
15 Office of Management and Budget shall issue guidance to  
16 agencies on the implementation of this Act.

17 **SEC. 4. RELATIONSHIP TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**  
18 **ACT.**

19 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require the  
20 disclosure of information or records that are exempt from  
21 disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States  
22 Code. If any information in a congressionally mandated  
23 report may not be publicly released under section 552(b)  
24 of title 5, United States Code, the agency concerned shall  
25 omit from the website established under section 2 only the

1 portion of the report containing that information and shall  
2 identify the exemption under which the omission is made.

3 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” means an  
6 Executive agency as defined by section 105 of title  
7 5, United States Code, but does not include the Gov-  
8 ernment Accountability Office.

9 (2) CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORT.—

10 The term “congressionally mandated report” means  
11 a report that is required by statute to be submitted  
12 to Congress.

13 **SEC. 6. IMPLEMENTATION.**

14 Except as provided in section 3(b), this Act shall be  
15 implemented not later than one year after the date of the  
16 enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to con-  
17 gressionally mandated reports submitted to Congress on  
18 or after the date occurring one year after such date of  
19 enactment.

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