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To amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 1, 2011

Mr. Ross of Florida 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. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.
 - 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7131 of title 5, United
 - 5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 - 6 lowing:
 - 7 "(e)(1) Not later than March 31 of each calendar
 - 8 year, the Office of Personnel Management, in consultation

with the Office of Management and Budget, shall submit to each House of Congress a report on the operation of this section during the fiscal year last ending before the 4 start of such calendar year. "(2) Each report under this subsection shall include, 5 with respect to the fiscal year described in paragraph (1), 7 at least the following information: "(A) The total amount of official time granted 8 9 to employees. "(B) The average obtained by dividing— 10 11 "(i) the number described in subparagraph 12 (A), by 13 "(ii) the total number of employees in an 14 appropriate unit represented by an exclusive 15 representative. "(C) The specific types of activities or purposes 16 17 for which official time was granted. 18 "(D) The total number of employees to whom 19 official time was granted. "(E) The total dollar amount paid to employ-20 21 ees, in the form of salaries or basic pay, while they 22 were engaged in activities for which they were grant-23 ed official time. 24 "(F) The fair market value of any office space, 25 furnishings, equipment, or supplies provided by the

1	Government in connection with activities for which
2	employees were granted official time.
3	"(3) All information included in a report under this
4	subsection—
5	"(A) shall be shown both agency-by-agency and
6	for all agencies; and
7	"(B) shall be accompanied by the corresponding
8	information for the fiscal year before the fiscal year
9	described in paragraph (1), together with appro-
10	priate comparisons and analyses.
11	"(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'offi-
12	cial time' means any period of time, regardless of agency
13	nomenclature—
14	"(A) which may be granted to an employee
15	under this chapter (including a collective bargaining
16	agreement entered into under this chapter) to per-
17	form representational or consultative functions; and
18	"(B) during which the employee would other-
19	wise be in a duty status.".
20	(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
21	section (a) shall be effective beginning with the report
22	which, under the provisions of such amendment, is first
23	due at least 6 months after the date of the enactment of
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