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# H. R. 3994

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POMPEO (for himself, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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 “Grant Return for Def-  
5 icit Reduction Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPTION TO RETURN FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FOR**  
2 **PURPOSE OF DEFICIT REDUCTION.**

3 (a) RETURN OF FUNDS.—If a grant is awarded by  
4 an executive agency of the Federal Government to a State  
5 or locality and the State or locality subsequently submits  
6 written notice as provided in subsection (b) that it will  
7 not use any remaining funds under the grant, any such  
8 remaining funds shall be deobligated and rescinded and  
9 returned to the general fund of the Treasury for the pur-  
10 pose of deficit reduction.

11 (b) NOTICE.—Notice under subsection (a) shall in-  
12 clude a statement of intent to return the remaining funds  
13 described in such subsection and the amount of such  
14 funds, and shall be submitted to—

15 (1) the head of the executive agency described  
16 in such subsection;

17 (2) the Director of the Office of Management  
18 and Budget; and

19 (3) the Secretary of the Treasury.

20 (c) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall apply to re-  
21 maining funds described in such subsection notwith-  
22 standing any provision of law that would otherwise provide  
23 for redistribution of such funds.

24 (d) REPORTING.—Not later than the first February  
25 15 after the end of each fiscal year, the Director of the  
26 Office of Management and Budget shall compile and sub-

1 mit to the Congress a report including a description and  
2 the amount of all funds returned under subsection (a) in  
3 such fiscal year.

4 (e) STATE DEFINED.—For purposes of this section,  
5 the term “State” means each of the several States, the  
6 District of Columbia, each commonwealth, territory, or  
7 possession of the United States, and each federally recog-  
8 nized Indian tribe.

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