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To establish consistent requirements for the electronic content and format of data used in the administration of certain human services programs under the Social Security Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. DOGGETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 “Standard Data and
5 Technology Advancement Act of 2012” or the “Standard
6 DATA Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. DATA STANDARDIZATION FOR IMPROVED DATA**
2 **MATCHING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part A of title XI of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301–1320b-5) is amended by in-
5 serting after section 1121 the following:

6 **“SEC. 1121A. DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDIZATION FOR IM-**
7 **PROVED INTEROPERABILITY.**

8 “(a) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS.—

9 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The head of the depart-
10 ment or agency responsible for administering a pro-
11 vision of title III, IV, IX, XII, XVI, or subtitle A
12 of title XX, or section 511, shall, in consultation
13 with an interagency work group established by the
14 Office of Management and Budget and considering
15 State perspectives, by rule, designate data exchange
16 standards for any category of information required
17 to be reported under the provision of law.

18 “(2) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS MUST BE
19 NONPROPRIETARY AND INTEROPERABLE.—The data
20 exchange standards designated under paragraph (1)
21 shall, to the extent practicable, be nonproprietary
22 and interoperable.

23 “(3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—In designating
24 data exchange standards under this subsection, the
25 Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, incor-
26 porate—

1 “(A) interoperable standards developed
2 and maintained by an international voluntary
3 consensus standards body, as defined by the Of-
4 fice of Management and Budget, such as the
5 International Organization for Standardization;

6 “(B) interoperable standards developed
7 and maintained by intergovernmental partner-
8 ships, such as the National Information Ex-
9 change Model; and

10 “(C) interoperable standards developed
11 and maintained by Federal entities with author-
12 ity over contracting and financial assistance,
13 such as the Federal Acquisition Regulatory
14 Council.

15 “(b) DATA EXCHANGE REPORTING STANDARDS.—

16 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The head of the depart-
17 ment or agency responsible for administering a pro-
18 vision of law referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall,
19 in consultation with an interagency work group es-
20 tablished by the Office of Management and Budget,
21 and considering State government perspectives, by
22 rule, designate data exchange reporting standards to
23 govern the reporting required under the provision of
24 law.

1 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The data exchange re-
2 porting standards required by paragraph (1) shall,
3 to the extent practicable—

4 “(A) incorporate a widely accepted, non-
5 proprietary, searchable, computer-readable for-
6 mat;

7 “(B) be consistent with and implement ap-
8 plicable accounting principles; and

9 “(C) be capable of being continually up-
10 graded as necessary.

11 “(3) INCORPORATION OF NONPROPRIETARY
12 STANDARDS.—In designating data exchange report-
13 ing standards under this subsection, the Secretary
14 shall, to the extent practicable, incorporate existing
15 nonproprietary standards, such as the eXtensible
16 Markup Language.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

18 (1) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS.—The head
19 of each department or agency responsible for admin-
20 istering a proposed rule under section 1121A(a) of
21 the Social Security Act shall issue a final rule under
22 such section, after public comment, within 24
23 months after the date of the enactment of this sec-
24 tion.

1 (2) DATA EXCHANGE REPORTING STAND-
2 ARDS.—The data exchange reporting standards re-
3 quired under section 1121A(b) of such Act shall be-
4 come effective with respect to reports required in the
5 first reporting period, after the effective date of the
6 final rule referred to in paragraph (1) of this sub-
7 section, for which the authority for data collection
8 and reporting is established or renewed under the
9 Paperwork Reduction Act.

10 (c) CONFORMING REPEALS AND AMENDMENT.—

11 (1) CONFORMING REPEALS.—Section 105 of
12 the Child and Family Services Improvement and In-
13 novation Act (Public Law 112–34), sections 2104
14 and 4003 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job
15 Creation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–96), and
16 subpart 3 of part B of title IV, and section 911, of
17 the Social Security Act are each repealed.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 411
19 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 611) is amend-
20 ed by striking subsection (d).

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