S. 790

To provide for mandatory training for Federal Government supervisors and the assessment of management competencies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. Akaka introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 "Federal Supervisor
- 5 Training Act of 2011".
- 6 SEC. 2. MANDATORY TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR SUPER-
- 7 VISORS.
- 8 (a) In General.—Section 4121 of title 5, United
- 9 States Code, is amended—

1	(1) by inserting before "In consultation with"
2	the following:
3	"(a) In this section, the term 'supervisor' means—
4	"(1) a supervisor as defined under section
5	7103(a)(10);
6	"(2) a management official as defined under
7	section 7103(a)(11); and
8	"(3) any other employee as the Director of the
9	Office of Personnel Management may by regulation
10	prescribe.";
11	(2) by striking "In consultation with" and in-
12	serting "(b) Under operating competencies pre-
13	scribed by, and in consultation with,"; and
14	(3) by striking paragraph (2) (of the matter re-
15	designated as subsection (b) as a result of the
16	amendment under paragraph (2) of this subsection)
17	and inserting the following:
18	"(2)(A) a program to provide training to super-
19	visors on actions, options, and strategies a super-
20	visor may use in—
21	"(i) developing and discussing relevant
22	goals and objectives together with the employee,
23	communicating and discussing progress relative
24	to performance goals and objectives and con-
25	ducting performance appraisals;

1	"(ii) mentoring and motivating employees
2	and improving employee performance and pro-
3	ductivity;
4	"(iii) fostering a work environment charac-
5	terized by fairness, respect, equal opportunity,
6	and attention paid to the merit of the work of
7	employees;
8	"(iv) effectively managing employees with
9	unacceptable performance;
10	"(v) addressing reports of a hostile work
11	environment, reprisal, or harassment of, or by,
12	another supervisor or employee;
13	"(vi) meeting supervisor competencies es-
14	tablished by the Office of Personnel Manage-
15	ment or the employing agency of the supervisor;
16	and
17	"(vii) otherwise carrying out the duties or
18	responsibilities of a supervisor;
19	"(B) a program to provide training to super-
20	visors on the prohibited personnel practices under
21	section 2302 (particularly with respect to such prac-
22	tices described under subsection (b) (1) and (8) of
23	that section), employee collective bargaining and
24	union participation rights, and the procedures and
25	processes used to enforce employee rights: and

1	"(C) a program under which experienced super-
2	visors mentor new supervisors by—
3	"(i) transferring knowledge and advice in
4	areas such as communication, critical thinking,
5	responsibility, flexibility, motivating employees,
6	teamwork, leadership, and professional develop-
7	ment; and
8	"(ii) pointing out strengths and areas for
9	development.
10	"(c) Training in programs established under sub-
11	section (b)(2) (A) and (B) shall be—
12	"(1) interactive training which may include
13	computer-based training; and
14	"(2) to the extent practicable as determined by
15	the head of the agency, training that is instructor-
16	based.
17	``(d)(1)(A) Not later than 1 year after the date on
18	which an individual is appointed to the position of super-
19	visor, that individual shall be required to have completed
20	each program established under subsection (b)(2).
21	"(B) The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-
22	ment may establish and administer procedures under
23	which the head of an agency may extend the 1-year period
24	described under subparagraph (A) with respect to an indi-
25	vidual.

1	"(2) After completion of a program under subsection
2	(b)(2) (A) and (B), each supervisor shall be required to
3	complete a program under subsection (b)(2) (A) and (B)
4	at least once every 3 years.
5	"(3) Each program established under subsection
6	(b)(2) shall include provisions under which credit shall be
7	given for periods of similar training previously completed
8	"(4) Each agency shall measure the effectiveness of
9	training programs established under subsection (b)(2).
10	"(e) Notwithstanding section 4118(c), the Director of
11	the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regu-
12	lations to carry out this section, including the monitoring
13	of agency compliance with this section. Regulations pre-
14	scribed under this subsection shall include measures by
15	which to assess the effectiveness of agency supervisor
16	training programs.".
17	(b) Report on Extensions for Training Re-
18	QUIREMENTS.—
19	(1) Appropriate congressional commit-
20	TEES.—In this subsection, the term "appropriate
21	congressional committees" means—
22	(A) the Committee on Homeland Security
23	and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

1	(B) the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
2	ernment Reform of the House of Representa-
3	tives.
4	(2) Report.—Not later than 2 years after the
5	date of enactment of this Act and annually there-
6	after, the Director of the Office of Personnel Man-
7	agement shall submit a report with respect to the
8	preceding fiscal year to the appropriate congres-
9	sional committees on—
10	(A) the number of extensions granted
11	under section 4121(d)(1)(B) of title 5, United
12	States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this
13	section; and
14	(B) the number of individuals completing
15	the requirements of section $4121(d)(1)(A)$ of
16	title 5, United States Code, as added by sub-
17	section (a) of this section.
18	(c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the
19	date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office
20	of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations
21	under section 4121(e) of title 5, United States Code, as
22	added by subsection (a) of this section.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

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1	(1) In general.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall take effect 1 year after the date of
3	enactment of this Act and apply to—
4	(A) each individual appointed to the posi-
5	tion of a supervisor, as defined under section
6	4121(a) of title 5, United States Code (as
7	added by subsection (a) of this section), on or
8	after that effective date; and
9	(B) each individual who is employed in the
10	position of a supervisor on that effective date as
11	provided under paragraph (2).
12	(2) Supervisors on effective date.—Each
13	individual who is employed in the position of a su-
14	pervisor on the effective date of this section and is
15	not subject to an extension under section
16	4121(d)(1)(B) of title 5, United States Code (as
17	added by subsection (a) of this section) shall be re-
18	quired to—
19	(A) complete each program established
20	under section 4121(b)(2) of title 5, United
21	States Code (as added by subsection (a) of this
22	section), not later than 3 years after the effec-
23	tive date of this section; and
24	(B) complete programs every 3 years
25	thereafter in accordance with section 4121(d)

1	(2) and (3) of that title (as added by subsection
2	(a) of this section).
3	SEC. 3. MANAGEMENT COMPETENCIES.
4	(a) In General.—Chapter 43 of title 5, United
5	States Code, is amended—
6	(1) by redesignating section 4305 as section
7	4306; and
8	(2) inserting after section 4304 the following:
9	"§ 4305. Management competencies
10	"(a) In this section, the term 'supervisor' means—
11	"(1) a supervisor as defined under section
12	7103(a)(10);
13	"(2) a management official as defined under
14	section $7103(a)(11)$; and
15	"(3) any other employee as the Director of the
16	Office of Personnel Management may by regulation
17	prescribe.
18	"(b) The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-
19	ment shall issue guidance to agencies on competencies su-
20	pervisors are expected to meet in order to effectively man-
21	age, and be accountable for managing, the performance
22	of employees.
23	"(c) Based on guidance issued under subsection (b)
24	and on any additional competencies developed by an agen-
25	cy, each agency shall assess the performance of the super-

- 1 visors and the overall capacity of the supervisors in that
- 2 agency.
- 3 "(d) Every year, or on any basis requested by the
- 4 Director of the Office of Personnel Management, each
- 5 agency shall submit a report to the Office of Personnel
- 6 Management on the progress of the agency in imple-
- 7 menting this section, including measures used to assess
- 8 program effectiveness.".
- 9 (b) Technical and Conforming Amendments.—
- 10 (1) Table of sections.—The table of sections
- for chapter 43 of title 5, United States Code, is
- amended by striking the item relating to section
- 4305 and inserting the following:

14 (2) Reference.—Section 4304(b)(3) of title 5,

15 United States Code, is amended by striking "section

16 4305" and inserting "section 4306".

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[&]quot;4305. Management competencies.

[&]quot;4306. Regulations.".