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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, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. Boustany, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. PAULSEN) 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

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Standard Data and
3 Technology Advancement Act of 2013” or the “Standard
4 DATA Act of 2013”.

5 **SEC. 2. DATA STANDARDIZATION FOR IMPROVED DATA**
6 **MATCHING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part A of title XI of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301—1320b–5) is amended by
9 inserting after section 1121 the following:

10 **“SEC. 1121A. DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDIZATION FOR IM-**
11 **PROVED INTEROPERABILITY.**

12 “(a) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS.—

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

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

1 “(3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—In designating
2 data exchange standards under this subsection, the
3 Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, incor-
4 porate—

5 “(A) interoperable standards developed
6 and maintained by an international voluntary
7 consensus standards body, as defined by the Of-
8 fice of Management and Budget;

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

13 “(C) interoperable standards developed
14 and maintained by Federal entities with author-
15 ity over contracting and financial assistance.

16 “(b) DATA EXCHANGE REPORTING STANDARDS.—

17 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The head of the depart-
18 ment or agency responsible for administering a pro-
19 vision of law referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall,
20 in consultation with an interagency work group es-
21 tablished by the Office of Management and Budget,
22 and considering State government perspectives, by
23 rule, designate data exchange reporting standards to
24 govern the reporting required under the provision of
25 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 DATE.—The head of each depart-
18 ment or agency responsible for administering a proposed
19 rule under section 1121A of the Social Security Act shall
20 issue a final rule under such section, after public com-
21 ment, within 24 months after the date of the enactment
22 of this section. The rule shall also contain details and fu-
23 ture milestones for stakeholder implementation.

24 (c) CONFORMING REPEALS AND AMENDMENT.—

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

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

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