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To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. FISCHER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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 “Budget and Account-
5 ing Transparency Act of 2014”.

6 **TITLE I—FAIR VALUE**
7 **ESTIMATES**

8 **SEC. 101. CREDIT REFORM.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Congressional
10 Budget Act of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

1 **“TITLE V—FAIR VALUE**

2 **“SEC. 500. SHORT TITLE.**

3 “‘This title may be cited as the ‘Fair Value Account-
4 ing Act of 2014’.

5 **“SEC. 501. PURPOSES.**

6 “‘The purposes of this title are to—

7 “(1) measure more accurately the costs of Fed-
8 eral credit programs by accounting for them on a
9 fair value basis;

10 “(2) place the cost of credit programs on a
11 budgetary basis equivalent to other Federal spend-
12 ing;

13 “(3) encourage the delivery of benefits in the
14 form most appropriate to the needs of beneficiaries;
15 and

16 “(4) improve the allocation of resources among
17 Federal programs.

18 **“SEC. 502. DEFINITIONS.**

19 “‘For purposes of this title:

20 “(1) The term ‘direct loan’ means a disburse-
21 ment of funds by the Government to a non-Federal
22 borrower under a contract that requires the repay-
23 ment of such funds with or without interest. The
24 term includes the purchase of, or participation in, a
25 loan made by another lender and financing arrange-

1 ments that defer payment for more than 90 days, in-
2 cluding the sale of a Government asset on credit
3 terms. The term does not include the acquisition of
4 a federally guaranteed loan in satisfaction of default
5 claims or the price support loans of the Commodity
6 Credit Corporation.

7 “(2) The term ‘direct loan obligation’ means a
8 binding agreement by a Federal agency to make a
9 direct loan when specified conditions are fulfilled by
10 the borrower.

11 “(3) The term ‘loan guarantee’ means any
12 guarantee, insurance, or other pledge with respect to
13 the payment of all or a part of the principal or inter-
14 est on any debt obligation of a non-Federal borrower
15 to a non-Federal lender, but does not include the in-
16 surance of deposits, shares, or other withdrawable
17 accounts in financial institutions.

18 “(4) The term ‘loan guarantee commitment’
19 means a binding agreement by a Federal agency to
20 make a loan guarantee when specified conditions are
21 fulfilled by the borrower, the lender, or any other
22 party to the guarantee agreement.

23 “(5)(A) The term ‘cost’ means the sum of the
24 Treasury discounting component and the risk com-

1 ponent of a direct loan or loan guarantee, or a modi-
 2 fication thereof.

3 “(B) The Treasury discounting component shall
 4 be the estimated long-term cost to the Government
 5 of a direct loan or loan guarantee, or modification
 6 thereof, calculated on a net present value basis, ex-
 7 cluding administrative costs and any incidental ef-
 8 fects on governmental receipts or outlays.

9 “(C) The risk component shall be an amount
 10 equal to the difference between—

11 “(i) the estimated long-term cost to the
 12 Government of a direct loan or loan guarantee,
 13 or modification thereof, estimated on a fair
 14 value basis, applying the guidelines set forth by
 15 the Financial Accounting Standards Board in
 16 Financial Accounting Standards #157, or a
 17 successor thereto, excluding administrative
 18 costs and any incidental effects on govern-
 19 mental receipts or outlays; and

20 “(ii) the Treasury discounting component
 21 of such direct loan or loan guarantee, or modi-
 22 fication thereof.

23 “(D) The Treasury discounting component of a
 24 direct loan shall be the net present value, at the time

1 when the direct loan is disbursed, of the following
2 estimated cash flows:

3 “(i) Loan disbursements.

4 “(ii) Repayments of principal.

5 “(iii) Essential preservation expenses, pay-
6 ments of interest and other payments by or to
7 the Government over the life of the loan after
8 adjusting for estimated defaults, prepayments,
9 fees, penalties, and other recoveries, including
10 the effects of changes in loan terms resulting
11 from the exercise by the borrower of an option
12 included in the loan contract.

13 “(E) The Treasury discounting component of a
14 loan guarantee shall be the net present value, at the
15 time when the guaranteed loan is disbursed, of the
16 following estimated cash flows:

17 “(i) Payments by the Government to cover
18 defaults and delinquencies, interest subsidies,
19 essential preservation expenses, or other pay-
20 ments.

21 “(ii) Payments to the Government includ-
22 ing origination and other fees, penalties, and re-
23 coveries, including the effects of changes in loan
24 terms resulting from the exercise by the guar-
25 anteed lender of an option included in the loan

1 guarantee contract, or by the borrower of an
2 option included in the guaranteed loan contract.

3 “(F) The cost of a modification is the sum of—

4 “(i) the difference between the current es-
5 timate of the Treasury discounting component
6 of the remaining cash flows under the terms of
7 a direct loan or loan guarantee and the current
8 estimate of the Treasury discounting component
9 of the remaining cash flows under the terms of
10 the contract, as modified; and

11 “(ii) the difference between the current es-
12 timate of the risk component of the remaining
13 cash flows under the terms of a direct loan or
14 loan guarantee and the current estimate of the
15 risk component of the remaining cash flows
16 under the terms of the contract as modified.

17 “(G) In estimating Treasury discounting com-
18 ponents, the discount rate shall be the average inter-
19 est rate on marketable Treasury securities of similar
20 duration to the cash flows of the direct loan or loan
21 guarantee for which the estimate is being made.

22 “(H) When funds are obligated for a direct loan
23 or loan guarantee, the estimated cost shall be based
24 on the current assumptions, adjusted to incorporate

1 the terms of the loan contract, for the fiscal year in
2 which the funds are obligated.

3 “(6) The term ‘program account’ means the
4 budget account into which an appropriation to cover
5 the cost of a direct loan or loan guarantee program
6 is made and from which such cost is disbursed to
7 the financing account.

8 “(7) The term ‘financing account’ means the
9 nonbudget account or accounts associated with each
10 program account which holds balances, receives the
11 cost payment from the program account, and also
12 includes all other cash flows to and from the Gov-
13 ernment resulting from direct loan obligations or
14 loan guarantee commitments made on or after Octo-
15 ber 1, 1991.

16 “(8) The term ‘liquidating account’ means the
17 budget account that includes all cash flows to and
18 from the Government resulting from direct loan obli-
19 gations or loan guarantee commitments made prior
20 to October 1, 1991. These accounts shall be shown
21 in the budget on a cash basis.

22 “(9) The term ‘modification’ means any Gov-
23 ernment action that alters the estimated cost of an
24 outstanding direct loan (or direct loan obligation) or
25 an outstanding loan guarantee (or loan guarantee

1 commitment) from the current estimate of cash
 2 flows. This includes the sale of loan assets, with or
 3 without recourse, and the purchase of guaranteed
 4 loans (or direct loan obligations) or loan guarantees
 5 (or loan guarantee commitments) such as a change
 6 in collection procedures.

7 “(10) The term ‘current’ has the same meaning
 8 as in section 250(c)(9) of the Balanced Budget and
 9 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

10 “(11) The term ‘Director’ means the Director
 11 of the Office of Management and Budget.

12 “(12) The term ‘administrative costs’ means
 13 costs related to program management activities, but
 14 does not include essential preservation expenses.

15 “(13) The term ‘essential preservation ex-
 16 penses’ means servicing and other costs that are es-
 17 sential to preserve the value of loan assets or collat-
 18 eral.

19 **“SEC. 503. OMB AND CBO ANALYSIS, COORDINATION, AND**
 20 **REVIEW.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For the executive branch, the
 22 Director shall be responsible for coordinating the esti-
 23 mates required by this title. The Director shall consult
 24 with the agencies that administer direct loan or loan guar-
 25 antee programs.

1 “(b) DELEGATION.—The Director may delegate to
2 agencies authority to make estimates of costs. The delega-
3 tion of authority shall be based upon written guidelines,
4 regulations, or criteria consistent with the definitions in
5 this title.

6 “(c) COORDINATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL
7 BUDGET OFFICE.—In developing estimation guidelines,
8 regulations, or criteria to be used by Federal agencies, the
9 Director shall consult with the Director of the Congres-
10 sional Budget Office.

11 “(d) IMPROVING COST ESTIMATES.—The Director
12 and the Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall
13 coordinate the development of more accurate data on his-
14 torical performance and prospective risk of direct loan and
15 loan guarantee programs. They shall annually review the
16 performance of outstanding direct loans and loan guaran-
17 tees to improve estimates of costs. The Office of Manage-
18 ment and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office
19 shall have access to all agency data that may facilitate
20 the development and improvement of estimates of costs.

21 “(e) HISTORICAL CREDIT PROGRAMS COSTS.—The
22 Director shall review, to the extent possible, historical data
23 and develop the best possible estimates of adjustments
24 that would convert aggregate historical budget data to
25 credit reform accounting.

1 **“SEC. 504. BUDGETARY TREATMENT.**

2 “(a) PRESIDENT’S BUDGET.—Beginning with fiscal
3 year 2017, the President’s budget shall reflect the costs
4 of direct loan and loan guarantee programs. The budget
5 shall also include the planned level of new direct loan obli-
6 gations or loan guarantee commitments associated with
7 each appropriations request. For each fiscal year within
8 the five-fiscal year period beginning with fiscal year 2017,
9 such budget shall include, on an agency-by-agency basis,
10 subsidy estimates and costs of direct loan and loan guar-
11 antee programs with and without the risk component.

12 “(b) APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding
13 any other provision of law, new direct loan obligations may
14 be incurred and new loan guarantee commitments may be
15 made for fiscal year 2017 and thereafter only to the extent
16 that—

17 “(1) new budget authority to cover their costs
18 is provided in advance in an appropriation Act;

19 “(2) a limitation on the use of funds otherwise
20 available for the cost of a direct loan or loan guar-
21 antee program has been provided in advance in an
22 appropriation Act; or

23 “(3) authority is otherwise provided in appro-
24 priation Acts.

25 “(c) EXEMPTION FOR DIRECT SPENDING PRO-
26 GRAMS.—Subsections (b) and (e) shall not apply to—

1 “(1) any direct loan or loan guarantee program
2 that constitutes an entitlement (such as the guaran-
3 teed student loan program or the veteran’s home
4 loan guaranty program);

5 “(2) the credit programs of the Commodity
6 Credit Corporation existing on the date of enactment
7 of this title; or

8 “(3) any direct loan (or direct loan obligation)
9 or loan guarantee (or loan guarantee commitment)
10 made by the Federal National Mortgage Association
11 or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

12 “(d) BUDGET ACCOUNTING.—

13 “(1) The authority to incur new direct loan ob-
14 ligations, make new loan guarantee commitments, or
15 modify outstanding direct loans (or direct loan obli-
16 gations) or loan guarantees (or loan guarantee com-
17 mitments) shall constitute new budget authority in
18 an amount equal to the cost of the direct loan or
19 loan guarantee in the fiscal year in which definite
20 authority becomes available or indefinite authority is
21 used. Such budget authority shall constitute an obli-
22 gation of the program account to pay to the financ-
23 ing account.

24 “(2) The outlays resulting from new budget au-
25 thority for the cost of direct loans or loan guaran-

1 tees described in paragraph (1) shall be paid from
2 the program account into the financing account and
3 recorded in the fiscal year in which the direct loan
4 or the guaranteed loan is disbursed or its costs al-
5 tered.

6 “(3) All collections and payments of the financ-
7 ing accounts shall be a means of financing.

8 “(e) MODIFICATIONS.—An outstanding direct loan
9 (or direct loan obligation) or loan guarantee (or loan guar-
10 antee commitment) shall not be modified in a manner that
11 increases its costs unless budget authority for the addi-
12 tional cost has been provided in advance in an appropria-
13 tion Act.

14 “(f) REESTIMATES.—When the estimated cost for a
15 group of direct loans or loan guarantees for a given pro-
16 gram made in a single fiscal year is re-estimated in a sub-
17 sequent year, the difference between the reestimated cost
18 and the previous cost estimate shall be displayed as a dis-
19 tinct and separately identified subaccount in the program
20 account as a change in program costs and a change in
21 net interest. There is hereby provided permanent indefi-
22 nite authority for these re-estimates.

23 “(g) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—All funding for
24 an agency’s administrative costs associated with a direct
25 loan or loan guarantee program shall be displayed as dis-

1 tinct and separately identified subaccounts within the
 2 same budget account as the program's cost.

3 **“SEC. 505. AUTHORIZATIONS.**

4 “(a) AUTHORIZATION FOR FINANCING ACCOUNTS.—

5 In order to implement the accounting required by this
 6 title, the President is authorized to establish such non-
 7 budgetary accounts as may be appropriate.

8 “(b) TREASURY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE FINANC-
 9 ING ACCOUNTS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the
 11 Treasury shall borrow from, receive from, lend to, or
 12 pay to the financing accounts such amounts as may
 13 be appropriate. The Secretary of the Treasury may
 14 prescribe forms and denominations, maturities, and
 15 terms and conditions for the transactions described
 16 in the preceding sentence, except that the rate of in-
 17 terest charged by the Secretary on lending to financ-
 18 ing accounts (including amounts treated as lending
 19 to financing accounts by the Federal Financing
 20 Bank (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as
 21 the ‘Bank’) pursuant to section 405(b)) and the rate
 22 of interest paid to financing accounts on uninvested
 23 balances in financing accounts shall be the same as
 24 the rate determined pursuant to section 502(5)(G).

1 “(2) LOANS.—For guaranteed loans financed
2 by the Bank and treated as direct loans by a Fed-
3 eral agency pursuant to section 406(b)(1), any fee
4 or interest surcharge (the amount by which the in-
5 terest rate charged exceeds the rate determined pur-
6 suant to section 502(5)(G) that the Bank charges to
7 a private borrower pursuant to section 6(c) of the
8 Federal Financing Bank Act of 1973 shall be con-
9 sidered a cash flow to the Government for the pur-
10 poses of determining the cost of the direct loan pur-
11 suant to section 502(5). All such amounts shall be
12 credited to the appropriate financing account.

13 “(3) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Bank is author-
14 ized to require reimbursement from a Federal agen-
15 cy to cover the administrative expenses of the Bank
16 that are attributable to the direct loans financed for
17 that agency. All such payments by an agency shall
18 be considered administrative expenses subject to sec-
19 tion 504(g). This subsection shall apply to trans-
20 actions related to direct loan obligations or loan
21 guarantee commitments made on or after October 1,
22 1991.

23 “(4) AUTHORITY.—The authorities provided in
24 this subsection shall not be construed to supersede
25 or override the authority of the head of a Federal

1 agency to administer and operate a direct loan or
2 loan guarantee program.

3 “(5) TITLE 31.—All of the transactions pro-
4 vided in the subsection shall be subject to the provi-
5 sions of subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31,
6 United States Code.

7 “(6) TREATMENT OF CASH BALANCES.—Cash
8 balances of the financing accounts in excess of cur-
9 rent requirements shall be maintained in a form of
10 uninvested funds and the Secretary of the Treasury
11 shall pay interest on these funds. The Secretary of
12 the Treasury shall charge (or pay if the amount is
13 negative) financing accounts an amount equal to the
14 risk component for a direct loan or loan guarantee,
15 or modification thereof. Such amount received by the
16 Secretary of the Treasury shall be a means of fi-
17 nancing and shall not be considered a cash flow of
18 the Government for the purposes of section 502(5).

19 “(c) AUTHORIZATION FOR LIQUIDATING AC-
20 COUNTS.—(1) Amounts in liquidating accounts shall be
21 available only for payments resulting from direct loan obli-
22 gations or loan guarantee commitments made prior to Oc-
23 tober 1, 1991, for—

1 “(A) interest payments and principal repay-
2 ments to the Treasury or the Federal Financing
3 Bank for amounts borrowed;

4 “(B) disbursements of loans;

5 “(C) default and other guarantee claim pay-
6 ments;

7 “(D) interest supplement payments;

8 “(E) payments for the costs of foreclosing,
9 managing, and selling collateral that are capitalized
10 or routinely deducted from the proceeds of sales;

11 “(F) payments to financing accounts when re-
12 quired for modifications;

13 “(G) administrative costs and essential preser-
14 vation expenses, if—

15 “(i) amounts credited to the liquidating ac-
16 count would have been available for administra-
17 tive costs and essential preservation expenses
18 under a provision of law in effect prior to Octo-
19 ber 1, 1991; and

20 “(ii) no direct loan obligation or loan guar-
21 antee commitment has been made, or any modi-
22 fication of a direct loan or loan guarantee has
23 been made, since September 30, 1991; or

1 “(H) such other payments as are necessary for
2 the liquidation of such direct loan obligations and
3 loan guarantee commitments.

4 “(2) Amounts credited to liquidating accounts in any
5 year shall be available only for payments required in that
6 year. Any unobligated balances in liquidating accounts at
7 the end of a fiscal year shall be transferred to miscella-
8 neous receipts as soon as practicable after the end of the
9 fiscal year.

10 “(3) If funds in liquidating accounts are insufficient
11 to satisfy obligations and commitments of such accounts,
12 there is hereby provided permanent, indefinite authority
13 to make any payments required to be made on such obliga-
14 tions and commitments.

15 “(d) REINSURANCE.—Nothing in this title shall be
16 construed as authorizing or requiring the purchase of in-
17 surance or reinsurance on a direct loan or loan guarantee
18 from private insurers. If any such reinsurance for a direct
19 loan or loan guarantee is authorized, the cost of such in-
20 surance and any recoveries to the Government shall be in-
21 cluded in the calculation of the cost.

22 “(e) ELIGIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE.—Nothing in this
23 title shall be construed to change the authority or the re-
24 sponsibility of a Federal agency to determine the terms

1 and conditions of eligibility for, or the amount of assist-
 2 ance provided by a direct loan or a loan guarantee.

3 **“SEC. 506. TREATMENT OF DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND AGEN-**
 4 **CIES AND OTHER INSURANCE PROGRAMS.**

5 “This title shall not apply to the credit or insurance
 6 activities of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
 7 National Credit Union Administration, Resolution Trust
 8 Corporation, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Na-
 9 tional Flood Insurance, National Insurance Development
 10 Fund, Crop Insurance, or Tennessee Valley Authority.

11 **“SEC. 507. EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.**

12 “(a) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—This title shall su-
 13 percede, modify, or repeal any provision of law enacted
 14 prior to the date of enactment of this title to the extent
 15 such provision is inconsistent with this title. Nothing in
 16 this title shall be construed to establish a credit limitation
 17 on any Federal loan or loan guarantee program.

18 “(b) CREDITING OF COLLECTIONS.—Collections re-
 19 sulting from direct loans obligated or loan guarantees
 20 committed prior to October 1, 1991, shall be credited to
 21 the liquidating accounts of Federal agencies. Amounts so
 22 credited shall be available, to the same extent that they
 23 were available prior to the date of enactment of this title,
 24 to liquidate obligations arising from such direct loans obli-
 25 gated or loan guarantees committed prior to October 1,

1 1991, including repayment of any obligations held by the
 2 Secretary of the Treasury or the Federal Financing Bank.
 3 The unobligated balances of such accounts that are in ex-
 4 cess of current needs shall be transferred to the general
 5 fund of the Treasury. Such transfers shall be made from
 6 time to time but, at least once each year.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
 8 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget
 9 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by
 10 striking the items relating to title V and inserting the fol-
 11 lowing:

“TITLE V—FAIR VALUE

“Sec. 500. Short title.

“Sec. 501. Purposes.

“Sec. 502. Definitions.

“Sec. 503. OMB and CBO analysis, coordination, and review.

“Sec. 504. Budgetary treatment.

“Sec. 505. Authorizations.

“Sec. 506. Treatment of deposit insurance and agencies and other insurance
 programs.

“Sec. 507. Effect on other laws.”.

12 **SEC. 102. BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENT.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 251(b)(1) of the Balanced
 14 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is
 15 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:
 16 “A change in discretionary spending solely as a result of
 17 the amendment to title V of the Congressional Budget Act
 18 of 1974 made by the Budget and Accounting Trans-
 19 parency Act of 2014 shall be treated as a change of con-
 20 cept under this paragraph.”.

(b) REPORT.—Before adjusting the discretionary caps pursuant to the authority provided in subsection (a), the Office of Management and Budget shall report to the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the amount of that adjustment, the methodology used in determining the size of that adjustment, and a program-by-program itemization of the components of that adjustment.

(c) SCHEDULE.—The Office of Management and Budget shall not make an adjustment pursuant to the authority provided in subsection (a) sooner than 60 days after providing the report required in subsection (b).

SEC. 103. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by section 101 shall take effect beginning with fiscal year 2017.

TITLE II—BUDGETARY TREATMENT

**SEC. 201. CBO AND OMB STUDIES RESPECTING BUDGETING
FOR COSTS OF FEDERAL INSURANCE PRO-
GRAMS.**

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Directors of the Congressional Budget Office and of the Office of Management and Budget shall each prepare a study and make recommendations to the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representa-

1 tives and the Senate as to the feasibility of applying fair
 2 value concepts to budgeting for the costs of Federal insur-
 3 ance programs.

4 **SEC. 202. ON-BUDGET STATUS OF FANNIE MAE AND**
 5 **FREDDIE MAC.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the re-
 7 ceipts and disbursements, including the administrative ex-
 8 penses, of the Federal National Mortgage Association and
 9 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation shall be
 10 counted as new budget authority, outlays, receipts, or def-
 11 icit or surplus for purposes of—

12 (1) the budget of the United States Govern-
 13 ment as submitted by the President;

14 (2) the congressional budget; and

15 (3) the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-
 16 icit Control Act of 1985.

17 **SEC. 203. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 Section 202 shall not apply with respect to an enter-
 19 prise (as such term is defined in section 1303 of the Fed-
 20 eral Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness
 21 Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4502)) after the date that all of
 22 the following have occurred:

23 (1) The conservatorship for such enterprise
 24 under section 1367 of such Act (12 U.S.C. 4617)
 25 has been terminated.

(2) The Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency has certified in writing that such enterprise has repaid to the Federal Government the maximum amount consistent with minimizing total cost to the Federal Government of the financial assistance provided to the enterprise by the Federal Government pursuant to the amendments made by section 1117 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–289; 122 Stat. 2683) or otherwise.

(3) The charter for the enterprise has been revoked, annulled, or terminated and the authorizing statute (as such term is defined in such section 1303) with respect to the enterprise has been repealed.

TITLE III—BUDGET REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

SEC. 301. CBO AND OMB REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS RESPECTING RECEIPTS AND COLLECTIONS.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall prepare a study of the history of offsetting collections against expenditures and the amount of receipts collected annually, the historical application of the budgetary terms “revenue”, “offsetting collections”, and

1 “offsetting receipts”, and review the application of those
2 terms and make recommendations to the Committees on
3 the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
4 ate of whether such usage should be continued or modi-
5 fied. The Director of the Congressional Budget Office
6 shall review the history and recommendations prepared by
7 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and
8 shall submit comments and recommendations to such
9 Committees.

10 **SEC. 302. AGENCY BUDGET JUSTIFICATIONS.**

11 Section 1108 of title 31, United States Code, is
12 amended by inserting at the end the following new sub-
13 sections:

14 “(h)(1) Whenever any agency prepares and submits
15 written budget justification materials for any committee
16 of the House of Representatives or the Senate, such agen-
17 cy shall post such budget justification on the same day
18 of such submission on the ‘open’ page of the public website
19 of the agency, and the Office of Management and Budget
20 shall post such budget justification in a centralized loca-
21 tion on its website, in the format developed under para-
22 graph (2). Each agency shall include with its written
23 budget justification the process and methodology the agen-
24 cy is using to comply with the Fair Value Accounting Act
25 of 2014.

1 “(2) The Office of Management and Budget, in con-
2 sultation with the Congressional Budget Office and the
3 Government Accountability Office, shall develop and notify
4 each agency of the format in which to post a budget jus-
5 tification under paragraph (1). Such format shall be de-
6 signed to ensure that posted budget justifications for all
7 agencies—

8 “(A) are searchable, sortable, and downloadable
9 by the public;

10 “(B) are consistent with generally accepted
11 standards and practices for machine-discoverability;

12 “(C) are organized uniformly, in a logical man-
13 ner that makes clear the contents of a budget jus-
14 tification and relationships between data elements
15 within the budget justification and among similar
16 documents; and

17 “(D) use uniform identifiers, including for
18 agencies, bureaus, programs, and projects.

19 “(i)(1) Not later than the day that the Office of Man-
20 agement and Budget issues guidelines, regulations, or cri-
21 teria to agencies on how to calculate the risk component
22 under the Fair Value Accounting Act of 2014, it shall sub-
23 mit a written report to the Committees on the Budget of
24 the House of Representatives and the Senate containing
25 all such guidelines, regulations, or criteria.

1 “(2) For fiscal year 2017 and each of the next four
2 fiscal years thereafter, the Comptroller General shall sub-
3 mit an annual report to the Committees on the Budget
4 of the House of Representatives and the Senate reviewing
5 and evaluating the progress of agencies in the implementa-
6 tion of the Fair Value Accounting Act of 2014.

7 “(3) Such guidelines, regulations, or criteria shall be
8 deemed to be a rule for purposes of section 553 of title
9 5 and shall be issued after notice and opportunity for pub-
10 lic comment in accordance with the procedures under such
11 section.”.

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