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H. R. 3089

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To close out expired grants, and for other purposes.

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 “Grants Oversight and
3 New Efficiency Act” or the “GONE Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFYING AND CLOSING OUT EXPIRED GRANTS.**

5 (a) EXPIRED GRANT REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
8 rector of the Office of Management and Budget
9 shall instruct the head of each agency, in coordina-
10 tion with the Secretary, to submit to Congress and
11 the Secretary a report, not later than December 31
12 of the first calendar year beginning after the date of
13 the enactment of this Act, that—

14 (A) lists each covered grant held by such
15 agency;

16 (B) provides the total number of covered
17 grants, including the number of grants—

18 (i) by time period of expiration;

19 (ii) with zero dollar balances; and

20 (iii) with undisbursed balances;

21 (C) for an agency with covered grants, de-
22 scribes the challenges leading to delays in grant
23 closeout; and

24 (D) for the 30 oldest covered grants of an
25 agency, explains why each covered grant has
26 not been closed out.

1 (2) USE OF DATA SYSTEMS.—An agency may
2 use existing multiagency data systems in order to
3 submit the report required under paragraph (1).

4 (3) EXPLANATION OF MISSING INFORMATION.—
5 If the head of an agency is unable to submit all of
6 the information required to be included in the report
7 under paragraph (1), the report shall include an ex-
8 planation of why the information was not available,
9 including any shortcomings with and plans to im-
10 prove existing grant systems, including data sys-
11 tems.

12 (b) NOTICE FROM AGENCIES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
14 the date on which the head of an agency submits the
15 report required under subsection (a), the head of the
16 agency shall provide notice to the Secretary speci-
17 fying whether the head of the agency has closed out
18 grant awards associated with all of the covered
19 grants in the report and which covered grants in the
20 report have not been closed out.

21 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
22 days after the date on which all of the notices re-
23 quired pursuant to paragraph (1) have been pro-
24 vided or March 31 of the calendar year following the
25 calendar year described in subsection (a)(1), which-

1 ever is sooner, the Secretary shall compile the no-
2 tices submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) and sub-
3 mit to Congress a report on such notices.

4 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later than
5 1 year after the date on which the head of an agency pro-
6 vides notice to Congress under subsection (b)(2), the In-
7 specter General of such agency with more than \$500 mil-
8 lion in grant funding shall conduct a risk assessment to
9 determine if an audit or review of the agency’s grant close-
10 out process is warranted.

11 (d) REPORT ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVER-
12 SIGHT.—Not later than 6 months after the date on which
13 the second report is submitted pursuant to subsection
14 (b)(2), the Director of Office of Management and Budget,
15 in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human
16 Services, shall submit to Congress a report on rec-
17 ommendations for legislation to improve accountability
18 and oversight in grants management, including the timely
19 closeout of a covered grant.

20 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
22 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
23 United States Code.

24 (2) CLOSEOUT.—The term “closeout” means a
25 closeout of a grant account conducted in accordance

1 with part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal Regula-
2 tions, including sections 200.16 and 200.343 of such
3 title, or any successor thereto.

4 (3) COVERED GRANT.—The term “covered
5 grant” means a grant in an agency cash payment
6 management system held by the United States Gov-
7 ernment for which—

8 (A) the grant award period of perform-
9 ance, including any extensions, has been expired
10 for not less than 2 years; and

11 (B) closeout has not yet occurred in ac-
12 cordance with section 200.343 of title 2, Code
13 of Federal Regulations, or any successor there-
14 to.

15 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Passed the House of Representatives September 28,
2015.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.