

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2453

To consolidate duplicative and overlapping Federal programs and reduce spending.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 20, 2016

Mr. PAUL 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 “Duplication Reduction
5 and Scoring Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSOLIDATING UNNECESSARY DUPLICATIVE AND**
7 **OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “GAO
9 duplication and overlap reports” means—

1 (1) the March 2011 Government Accountability
2 Office report to Congress entitled “Opportunities to
3 Reduce Potential Duplication in Government Pro-
4 grams, Save Tax Dollars, and Enhance Revenue”
5 (GAO–11–318SP);

6 (2) the February 2012 Government Account-
7 ability Office report to Congress entitled “2012 An-
8 nual Report: Opportunities to Reduce Potential Du-
9 plication in Government Programs, Save Tax Dol-
10 lars, and Enhance Revenue” (GAO–12–342SP);

11 (3) the April 2013 Government Accountability
12 Office report to Congress entitled “2013 Annual Re-
13 port: Actions Needed to Reduce Fragmentation,
14 Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Other Finan-
15 cial Benefits” (GAO–13–279SP);

16 (4) the April 2014 Government Accountability
17 Office report to Congress entitled “2014 Annual Re-
18 port: Additional Opportunities to Reduce Frag-
19 mentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve
20 Other Financial Benefits” (GAO–14–343SP); and

21 (5) the April 2015 Government Accountability
22 Office report to Congress entitled “2015 Annual Re-
23 port: Additional Opportunities to Reduce Frag-
24 mentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve
25 Other Financial Benefits” (GAO–15–404SP).

1 (b) REDUCING DUPLICATION AND OVERLAP.—Not-
2 withstanding any other provision of law and not later than
3 150 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Di-
4 rector of the Office of Management and Budget shall co-
5 ordinate with the heads of the relevant department and
6 agencies to—

7 (1) use available administrative authority to
8 eliminate, consolidate, or streamline Government
9 programs and agencies with duplicative and overlap-
10 ping missions identified in the GAO duplication and
11 overlap reports;

12 (2) identify and report to Congress any legisla-
13 tive changes required to further eliminate, consoli-
14 date, or streamline Government programs and agen-
15 cies with duplicative and overlapping missions identi-
16 fied in the GAO duplication and overlap reports;

17 (3) determine the total cost savings that shall
18 result to each agency, office, and department from
19 the actions described in paragraph (1); and

20 (4) rescind from the appropriate accounts and
21 apply the savings towards deficit reduction the
22 greater of—

23 (A) \$10,000,000,000; or

24 (B) the total amount of cost savings esti-
25 mated by paragraph (3).

1 (c) ANALYSIS OF REPORTED BILLS BY CBO.—Sec-
2 tion 202(g) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2
3 U.S.C. 602(g)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(3) DUPLICATIVE AND OVERLAPPING GOVERN-
6 MENT PROGRAMS.—For each bill or joint resolution
7 of a public character reported by any committee (in-
8 cluding the Committee on Appropriations and the
9 Committee on the Budget) the Congressional Budget
10 Office shall submit to Congress an analysis of
11 whether the bill or joint resolution creates any new
12 Federal program, office, or initiative that would du-
13 plicate or overlap with any existing Federal pro-
14 gram, office, or initiative with similar mission, pur-
15 pose, goals, or activities along with a listing of all
16 of the overlapping or duplicative Federal program or
17 programs, office or offices, or initiative or initia-
18 tives.”.

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