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H. R. 2250

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. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois) 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

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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 “Standard Data And
5 Technology Advancement Act of 2017” or the “Standard
6 DATA Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. DATA STANDARDIZATION FOR IMPROVED DATA**
2 **MATCHING.**

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

6 **“SEC. 1121A. DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDIZATION FOR IM-**
7 **PROVED INTEROPERABILITY.**

8 “(a) DESIGNATION AND USE OF DATA EXCHANGE
9 STANDARDS.—

10 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The head of the depart-
11 ment or agency responsible for administering a pro-
12 gram funded under title III, IV, IX, XII, XVI, or
13 subtitle A of title XX, or section 511, shall, in con-
14 sultation with an interagency work group established
15 by the Office of Management and Budget and con-
16 sidering State perspectives, designate data exchange
17 standards for necessary categories of information
18 that a State agency operating the program is re-
19 quired to electronically exchange with another State
20 agency under applicable Federal law.

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

18 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The head of the depart-
19 ment or agency responsible for administering a pro-
20 gram referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall, in con-
21 sultation with an interagency work group established
22 by the Office of Management and Budget, and con-
23 sidering State government perspectives, designate
24 data exchange standards to govern Federal reporting

1 and exchange requirements under applicable Federal
2 law.

3 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The data exchange re-
4 porting standards required by paragraph (1) shall,
5 to the extent practicable—

6 “(A) incorporate a widely accepted, non-
7 proprietary, searchable, computer-readable for-
8 mat;

9 “(B) be consistent with and implement ap-
10 plicable accounting principles;

11 “(C) be implemented in a manner that is
12 cost-effective and improves program efficiency
13 and effectiveness; and

14 “(D) be capable of being continually up-
15 graded as necessary.

16 “(3) INCORPORATION OF NONPROPRIETARY
17 STANDARDS.—In designating data exchange stand-
18 ards under this subsection, the Secretary shall, to
19 the extent practicable, incorporate existing non-
20 proprietary standards, such as the eXtensible Mark-
21 up Language.

22 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
23 this subsection shall be construed to require a
24 change to existing data exchange standards for Fed-
25 eral reporting about a program referred to in sub-

1 section (a)(1), if the head of the department or
2 agency responsible for administering the program
3 finds the standards to be effective and efficient.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING REPEALS AND AMENDMENT.—

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

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

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act and the amend-
16 ments and repeals made by this Act shall take effect 2
17 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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