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To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a precious metals investment option in the Thrift Savings Fund.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Thrift Savings Fund
5 Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRECIOUS METALS INVESTMENT FUND.**

7 (a) **FUND DEFINED.**—Section 8438(a) of title 5,
8 United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (9), by striking “and” at the
10 end;

1 (2) in paragraph (10), by striking the period
2 and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(11) the term ‘Precious Metals Investment
5 Fund’ means the Precious Metals Investment Fund
6 established under subsection (b)(1)(F).”.

7 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8438(b)(1) of title
9 5, United States Code, is amended—

10 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking
11 “and” at the end;

12 (B) in subparagraph (F), by striking the
13 period and inserting “; and”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(G) a Precious Metals Investment Fund
16 as provided in paragraph (6).”.

17 (2) FUND REQUIREMENTS.—Section 8438(b) of
18 title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding
19 at the end the following:

20 “(6)(A) The Board shall establish a Precious Metals
21 Investment Fund.

22 “(B) Contributions to the Precious Metals Invest-
23 ment Fund shall be invested in physical gold, silver, or
24 platinum bullion (rather than any mining company shares,
25 certificates, derivatives, or futures options), and any bul-

1 lion so acquired shall constitute the assets of the Precious
2 Metals Investment Fund and shall be stored in a vault
3 in a federally chartered or State chartered bank. Each
4 share in the Precious Metals Investment Fund shall rep-
5 resent a direct investment in the precious metal itself.”.

6 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The Federal Retirement
8 Thrift Investment Board—

9 (1) shall study the operation of existing pre-
10 cious metals funds to determine the best practices of
11 those funds; and

12 (2) not later than 1 year after the date of the
13 enactment of this Act—

14 (A) shall establish the Precious Metals In-
15 vestment Fund, incorporating the best practices
16 referred to in paragraph (1) to such extent and
17 in such manner as the Board shall determine;
18 and

19 (B) shall make the Precious Metals Invest-
20 ment Fund available to individuals participating
21 in the Thrift Savings Plan.

22 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section—

23 (1) the term “Precious Metals Investment
24 Fund” has the meaning given such term by section

1 8438(a)(11) of title 5, United States Code (as
2 amended by section 2(a)); and

3 (2) the term “Thrift Savings Plan” refers to
4 the plan described in subchapter III of chapter 84
5 of such title 5.

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