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To require an annual report on Federal funds distributed by Federal agencies through grant programs, formula programs, or otherwise, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO 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 “Territorial Funding
5 Information Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL FUNDING.**

7 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 6 months
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and December
9 31 each year beginning thereafter, the head of each Fed-

1 eral agency shall submit a report to the Comptroller Gen-
2 eral of the United States that describes Federal funds dis-
3 tributed by that Federal agency for the preceding fiscal
4 year, through grant programs, formula programs, or oth-
5 erwise, to each of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the
6 United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam,
7 and the Northern Mariana Islands (in this section referred
8 to as the “territories”), each State, and the District of
9 Columbia.

10 (b) REPORT CONTENTS.—A report submitted under
11 subsection (a) shall include the following with regard to
12 the Federal agency submitting the report:

13 (1) The title and a short description of the pro-
14 gram under which Federal funds were distributed.

15 (2) The formula, if any, used to distribute Fed-
16 eral funds under the program.

17 (3) A description of any difference between the
18 treatment of each of the territories, each State, and
19 the District of Columbia, concerning the distribution
20 of Federal funds under each program listed under
21 paragraph (1).

22 (4) A citation to the Federal law, if any, that
23 authorized the treatment described under paragraph
24 (3).

1 (5) The employment location of Federal agency
2 employees in each of the territories, each State, and
3 the District of Columbia.

4 (6) The number and location of all field offices
5 of the Federal agency in each of the territories, each
6 State, and the District of Columbia.

7 (c) GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT.—
8 Not later than 10 months after the date of enactment of
9 this Act, and April 30 each year beginning thereafter, the
10 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to
11 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the
13 Senate a comprehensive report describing and estimating
14 the effects of differential treatment of the territories as
15 described in the reports submitted under subsection (a).

16 (d) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Hereafter, no
17 Federal funds may be distributed through grant pro-
18 grams, formula programs, or otherwise, unless in such dis-
19 tribution each of the territories are treated on the same
20 basis and in the same manner as each of the States and
21 the District of Columbia, unless such treatment is—

22 (1) otherwise authorized by Federal law; or

23 (2) consented to, in writing, by the chief execu-
24 tive officer of each territory not so treated.

1 (e) FEDERAL AGENCY DEFINED.—In this Act, the
2 term “Federal agency” has the meaning given the term
3 “Executive agency” by section 105 of title 5, United
4 States Code.

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