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H. R. 3262

To amend title 31, United States Code, to increase Government transparency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUINTA (for himself and Mr. WALSH of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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Government transparency.

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 “Government Results
5 Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY OF**
7 **GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS.**

8 (a) **TRANSPARENCY AMENDMENTS.**—Section 1122 of
9 title 31, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
2 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
4 lowing new subsections:

5 “(c) SIMULTANEOUS REPORTING TO THE BOARD ON
6 AGENCY PROGRAMS, PRIORITY GOALS, AND RESULTS.—

7 “(1) AGENCY REQUIREMENT.—The head of
8 each agency shall submit to the Board all informa-
9 tion concerning the agency’s programs, priority
10 goals, and results that is required to be reported
11 under this section.

12 “(2) PUBLICATION ONLINE.—The Board shall
13 publish all such information online in its original
14 format.

15 “(3) COMPARISON OF SPENDING TO PERFORM-
16 ANCE.—To the extent practicable, for each fiscal
17 year the Board shall publish, for each program iden-
18 tified by an agency under subsection (a)(1)—

19 “(A) the amount spent for the program;
20 and

21 “(B) performance information for the pro-
22 gram.

23 “(d) COMMON DATA ELEMENTS FOR AGENCY PRI-
24 ORITY GOALS AND RESULTS.—

1 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Board shall, by rule,
2 designate common data elements, such as codes,
3 identifiers, and fields, for information required to be
4 reported by agencies under this section, including
5 common data elements that identify each agency,
6 each priority goal, each program, each program ac-
7 tivity, performance indicators, and any other infor-
8 mation that the Board determines should be stand-
9 ardized.

10 “(2) CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMON DATA ELE-
11 MENTS.—The common data elements designated
12 under this subsection shall, to the extent practicable,
13 be nonproprietary.

14 “(3) EXISTING COMMON DATA ELEMENTS.—In
15 designating common data elements under this sub-
16 section, the Board shall, to the extent practicable,
17 incorporate codes, identifiers, and fields that are al-
18 ready in use within the Federal government.

19 “(e) DATA REPORTING STANDARDS FOR AGENCY
20 PRIORITY GOALS AND RESULTS.—

21 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Board shall des-
22 ignate data reporting standards to govern the re-
23 porting required to be performed by agencies under
24 this section.

1 “(2) CHARACTERISTICS OF DATA REPORTING
2 STANDARDS.—The data reporting standards des-
3 igned under this subsection shall, to the extent
4 practicable—

5 “(A) incorporate a widely accepted, non-
6 proprietary, searchable, platform-independent
7 computer-readable format;

8 “(B) be consistent with and implement ap-
9 plicable best practices; and

10 “(C) be capable of being continually up-
11 graded as necessary.

12 “(3) EXISTING DATA REPORTING STAND-
13 ARDS.—In designating reporting standards under
14 this subsection, the Board shall, to the extent prac-
15 ticable, incorporate existing nonproprietary stand-
16 ards.”.

17 (b) DEFINITION OF BOARD.—Section 1122 of title
18 31, United States Code, is further amended by adding at
19 the end the following new subsection:

20 “(h) DEFINITION OF BOARD.—In this section, the
21 term ‘Board’ means the Recovery Accountability and
22 Transparency Board or any successor entity.”.

23 (c) ASSIGNMENT OF TRANSPARENCY RESPONSIBIL-
24 ITIES.—Section 1122 of title 31, United States Code, is

1 further amended by adding at the end the following new
2 subsection:

3 “(i) ASSIGNMENT OF TRANSPARENCY RESPONSIBIL-
4 ITIES.—In the event that the Recovery Accountability and
5 Transparency Board does not exist and there is no suc-
6 cessor entity to the Recovery Accountability and Trans-
7 parency Board, the Director of the Office of Management
8 and Budget shall carry out the Board’s responsibilities
9 under subsections (c), (d), and (e).”.

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