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**S. 664**

**[Report No. 117–94]**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10, 2021

Mr. PAUL (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

MARCH 16, 2022

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with amendments

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Duplication Scoring  
3 Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENTS OF REPORTED BILLS BY GAO.**

5 Section 719 of title 31, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(i)(1) In this subsection—

8 “(A) the term ‘covered bill or joint resolution’  
9 means a bill or joint resolution of a public character  
10 reported by any committee of Congress (including  
11 the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-  
12 mittee on the Budget of either House);

13 “(B) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of  
14 the Congressional Budget Office;

15 “(C) the term ‘existing duplicative or overlap-  
16 ping feature’ means an element of the Federal Gov-  
17 ernment previously identified as an area of duplica-  
18 tion, overlap, or fragmentation in a GAO duplication  
19 and overlap report;

20 “(D) the term ‘GAO duplication and overlap re-  
21 port’ means each annual report prepared by the  
22 Comptroller General under section 21 of ~~Public Law~~  
23 ~~441–139~~ *the Joint Resolution entitled ‘Joint Resolu-*  
24 *tion increasing the statutory limit on the public debt’,*  
25 *approved February 12, 2010* (31 U.S.C. 712 note);  
26 and

1           “(E) the term ‘new duplicative or overlapping  
 2           feature’ means a new Federal program, office, or  
 3           initiative created under a covered bill or joint resolu-  
 4           tion that would duplicate or overlap with an existing  
 5           duplicative or overlapping feature.

6           “(2) For each covered bill or joint resolution—

7                 “(A) the Comptroller General shall, to the ex-  
 8           tent practicable—

9                         “(i) determine the extent to which the cov-  
 10           ered bill or joint resolution creates a risk of a  
 11           new duplicative or overlapping feature and, if  
 12           the risk so warrants, identify—

13                                 “(I) the name of the new Federal pro-  
 14                                 gram, office, or initiative;

15                                 “(II) the section of the covered bill or  
 16                                 joint resolution at which the new duplica-  
 17                                 tive or overlapping feature is established;  
 18                                 and

19                                 “(III) the GAO duplication and over-  
 20                                 lap report in which the existing duplicative  
 21                                 or overlapping feature is identified; and

22                                 “(ii) submit the information described in  
 23                                 clause (i) to the Director and the committee  
 24                                 that reported the covered bill or joint resolu-  
 25                                 tion; and

1           “(iii) publish the information prepared  
2           under clause (i) on the website of the Govern-  
3           ment Accountability Office; and

4           “(B) subject to paragraph (3), the Director  
5           may include the information submitted by the Comp-  
6           troller General under subparagraph (A)(ii) as a sup-  
7           plement to the estimate for the covered bill or joint  
8           resolution to which the information pertains sub-  
9           mitted by the Director under section 402 of the  
10          Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 653).

11          “(3) If the Comptroller General has not submitted  
12          to the Director the information for a covered bill or joint  
13          resolution under paragraph (2)(A)(ii) on the date on  
14          which the Director submits the estimate for the covered  
15          bill or joint resolution to which the information pertains  
16          under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
17          1974 (2 U.S.C. 653), the Director may, on the date on  
18          which the Comptroller General submits the information to  
19          the Director, prepare and submit to each applicable com-  
20          mittee the information as a supplement to the estimate  
21          for the covered bill or joint resolution.”.

22   **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

23          The amendment made by this Act shall take effect  
24          on the earlier of—

1           (1) the date that is 60 days after the date on  
2           which the Director of the Office of Management and  
3           Budget next, in accordance with section 1122(a)  
4           (2)(D)(i) of title 31, United States Code, updates  
5           the information made available on the *single* website  
6           required under that section; or

7           (2) the date on which a new Congress begins  
8           after the date that is 1 year after the date of enact-  
9           ment of this Act.

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