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Government programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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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overlapping Government programs.

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 “Improving All Govern-
5 ment Efficiency Act of 2015” or the “IMAGE Act of
6 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSOLIDATING UNNECESSARY DUPLICATIVE AND**
2 **OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Director of the Office of Management and
5 Budget shall coordinate with the heads of the relevant de-
6 partments or agencies to—

7 (1) use available administrative authority to
8 eliminate, consolidate, or streamline Government
9 programs and agencies with duplicative and overlap-
10 ping missions identified in—

11 (A) the March 2015 Government Account-
12 ability Office report to Congress, titled “Gov-
13 ernment Efficiency and Effectiveness: Opportu-
14 nities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, Du-
15 plication, and Improper Payments and Achieve
16 Other Financial Benefits” (GAO–15–440T);

17 (B) the April 2014 Government Account-
18 ability Office report to Congress, titled “Gov-
19 ernment Efficiency and Effectiveness: Opportu-
20 nities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, Du-
21 plication, and Improper Payments and Achieve
22 Other Financial Benefits” (GAO–14–478T);
23 and

24 (C) the April 2013 Government Account-
25 ability Office report to Congress, titled “Actions
26 Needed to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and

1 Duplication and Achieve Other Financial Bene-
2 fits” (GAO–13–279SP);

3 (2) identify and report to Congress any legisla-
4 tive changes required to further eliminate, consoli-
5 date, or streamline Government programs and agen-
6 cies with duplicative and overlapping missions identi-
7 fied in—

8 (A) the March 2015 Government Account-
9 ability Office report referred to in paragraph
10 (1)(A);

11 (B) the April 2014 Government Account-
12 ability Office report referred to in paragraph
13 (1)(B); and

14 (C) the April 2013 Government Account-
15 ability Office report referred to in paragraph
16 (1)(C);

17 (3) estimate the total cost savings expected to
18 result to each department or agency from the ac-
19 tions described in paragraph (1); and

20 (4) rescind from the amounts made available to
21 such departments or agencies the total amount of
22 cost savings estimated by paragraph (3).

23 (b) APPLICATION OF RESCISSION.—The rescission
24 required under subsection (a)(4) shall only apply to
25 amounts made available for Government programs that

1 are eliminated, consolidated, or streamlined under this
2 section.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2015,
4 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget
5 shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations
6 of the House of Representatives and the Senate listing the
7 accounts reduced by the rescission in subsection (a)(4)
8 and the amounts rescinded from each such account.

9 (d) RESCISSION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—With re-
10 spect to a department or agency that does not meet the
11 requirements of subsection (a) before September 30, 2015,
12 there is rescinded from the funds made available to such
13 department or agency in fiscal year 2015 an amount equal
14 to 1 percent of such funds.

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