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H. R. 478

To amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to require annual reviews by Inspectors General of the operations, efficiency, and effectiveness of Federal programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2009

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio 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 “Federal Agency Per-
5 formance Review and Efficiency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL INSPECTOR GENERAL PERFORMANCE RE-**
 2 **VIEWS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND AGEN-**
 3 **CIES.**

4 (a) **PRINCIPAL DUTY.**—Section 4 of the Inspector
 5 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (a), (b), (c),
 7 and (d) as subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e), respec-
 8 tively;

9 (2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so re-
 10 designated) the following new subsection:

11 “(a) It shall be the principal duty and responsibility
 12 of each Inspector General, with respect to the establish-
 13 ment within which his Office is established, to review an-
 14 nually the operations, efficiency, and effectiveness of all
 15 Federal programs within such establishment and submit
 16 to the Congress and the President not later than Sep-
 17 tember 1 of each year recommendations, accompanied by
 18 proposed legislation, on whether an abolishment, reorga-
 19 nization, consolidation, or transfer of existing Federal pro-
 20 grams and agencies is necessary—

21 “(1) to reduce Federal expenditures;

22 “(2) to increase efficiency of government oper-
 23 ations;

24 “(3) to eliminate overlap and duplication in
 25 Federal programs and offices;

1 “(4) to abolish agencies or programs that no
2 longer serve an important governmental purpose;
3 and

4 “(5) to identify reductions in amounts of discre-
5 tionary budget authority or direct spending that can
6 be dedicated to Federal deficit reduction.”; and

7 (3) in subsection (e)(1) (as so redesignated), by
8 striking “(a)(1)” and inserting “(b)(1)”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Inspector
10 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is further amend-
11 ed—

12 (1) in section 8(d), by striking “section 4(d)”
13 and inserting “section 4(e)”; and

14 (2) in section 8D(k)(2)(A), by striking “section
15 4(d)” and inserting “section 4(e)”.

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