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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. GUEST, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. LATTA, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. QUIGLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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## 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 Subaward Re-  
5 porting System Modernization and Expansion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FFATA FEDERAL SUBAWARD REPORTING SYSTEM.**

7 (a) REPORT ON FEDERAL SUBAWARD REPORTING  
8 SYSTEM.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the  
9 enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Gen-

1 eral Services Administration shall submit to Congress a  
2 report that contains the following:

3 (1) A comprehensive review of the FFATA  
4 subaward reporting system to identify problems  
5 within the system that contribute to inaccurate and  
6 incomplete subaward reporting and provide specific  
7 recommendations for improvements.

8 (2) An assessment of the effectiveness and effi-  
9 ciency of the system, including the following:

10 (A) Accuracy and completeness of  
11 subaward data reported through the system.

12 (B) Consistency of reporting requirements  
13 across Federal agencies.

14 (C) Burden on Federal award recipients to  
15 comply with reporting requirements.

16 (D) Accessibility and availability of  
17 subaward data to the public and stakeholders.

18 (E) Adequacy of enforcement mechanisms  
19 to ensure compliance with reporting require-  
20 ments.

21 (3) Recommendations for improving the system.

22 (b) PLAN AND REPORT FOR IMPROVING THE FED-  
23 ERAL SUBAWARD REPORTING SYSTEM.—Not later than  
24 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
25 annually thereafter until the plan is fully implemented (as

1 determined by the Administrator), the Administrator, in  
2 consultation with the Director and the Secretary, shall im-  
3 plement and submit to Congress a plan to update the  
4 FFATA subaward reporting system to ensure that the  
5 system provides accurate, timely, and comprehensive in-  
6 formation on the first tier of any subaward made under  
7 a prime Federal award that includes the following:

8           (1) Measures to improve the accuracy and com-  
9           pleteness of subaward data reported through the  
10          system.

11          (2) Standardized reporting requirements across  
12          Federal agencies, including a requirement that any  
13          prime recipient of a Federal award that does not  
14          make a subaward certifies that a subaward was not  
15          made.

16          (3) Provisions to reduce the burden on Federal  
17          award recipients to comply with reporting require-  
18          ments under the Federal Funding Accountability  
19          and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101  
20          note).

21          (4) Mechanisms to increase accessibility and  
22          availability of subaward data to the public and  
23          stakeholders.

24          (5) Adequate enforcement mechanisms to en-  
25          sure compliance with reporting requirements under

1 the Federal Funding Accountability and Trans-  
2 parency Act of 2006.

3 (c) EXPAND FEDERAL SUBAWARD REPORTING SYS-  
4 TEM.—

5 (1) SUBAWARD EXPANSION DATA.—Beginning  
6 not later than 1 year after the date on which the  
7 first plan is submitted pursuant to subsection (b),  
8 the head of each Federal agency shall collect infor-  
9 mation on the first 2 tiers of a subaward from a  
10 Federal award that includes the data elements re-  
11 quired to comply with the Federal Funding Account-  
12 ability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C.  
13 6101 note), as prescribed by the Director.

14 (2) PLAN FOR SUBAWARD REPORTING EXPAN-  
15 SION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the  
16 enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in con-  
17 sultation with the Director, shall issue reporting  
18 rules for Federal agencies under the Federal Fund-  
19 ing Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006  
20 and develop a plan to implement the requirements  
21 described in paragraph (1) with input from stake-  
22 holders and the public that includes the following:

23 (A) Measures to improve the accuracy and  
24 completeness of subaward data reported

1 through the system including the final recipient  
2 of a subaward under a Federal award.

3 (B) Standardized reporting requirements  
4 across Federal agencies.

5 (C) Provisions to reduce the burden on  
6 Federal award recipients to comply with report-  
7 ing requirements under the Federal Funding  
8 Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

9 (D) Mechanisms to increase accessibility  
10 and availability of subaward data including the  
11 final recipient of a subaward under a Federal  
12 award to the public and stakeholders.

13 (E) Adequate enforcement mechanisms to  
14 ensure compliance with reporting requirements  
15 under the Federal Funding Accountability and  
16 Transparency Act of 2006.

17 (3) SUBAWARD REPORTING EXPANSION BY  
18 FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Not later than 2 years after  
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of  
20 each Federal agency shall begin implementing the  
21 plan described in paragraph (2).

22 (4) REPORT ON SUBAWARD EXPANSION  
23 PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the  
24 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until  
25 the plan is fully implemented (as determined by the

1 Administrator), the Administrator, in consultation  
2 with the Director shall submit to Congress a report  
3 on the plan described in paragraph (2).

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
6 trator” means the Administrator of General Serv-  
7 ices.

8 (2) DIRECTOR; FEDERAL AGENCY; FEDERAL  
9 AWARD; SECRETARY.—The terms “Director”, “Fed-  
10 eral agency”, “Federal award”, and “Secretary”  
11 have the meaning given those terms in section 2(a)  
12 of the Federal Funding Accountability and Trans-  
13 parency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

14 (3) FFATA SUBAWARD REPORTING SYSTEM;  
15 SYSTEM.—The terms “FFATA subaward reporting  
16 system” and “system” mean the subaward reporting  
17 system described in section 2(d)(2) of the Federal  
18 Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of  
19 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

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