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To require new policies and procedures to address duplication and inefficient spending in the Federal grants process.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TIPTON (for himself and [see ATTACHED LIST of cosponsors]) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Eliminating Duplica-
5 tive and Inefficient Taxpayer Spending Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL GRANT APPLICANTS**
2 **TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT**
3 **SIMILAR FEDERAL GRANTS IN GRANT APPLI-**
4 **CATIONS.**

5 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Each applicant for a grant from
6 an Executive agency shall submit, as part of the applica-
7 tion for the grant, the following information:

8 (1) A list of each similar Federal grant the ap-
9 plicant applied for during the one-year period pre-
10 ceding the date of submission of the application.

11 (2) A list of each similar Federal grant the ap-
12 plicant received during the five-year period preceding
13 the date of submission of the application.

14 (3) A statement of whether the applicant has
15 ever been debarred or suspended by an Executive
16 agency from receiving Federal grants and, if so, a
17 list of each such debarment or suspension.

18 (b) **ENFORCEMENT.**—If an applicant does not include
19 the information required by subsection (a) in an applica-
20 tion for a grant—

21 (1) the head of the Executive agency may pro-
22 pose that the applicant be debarred or suspended
23 from receiving Federal grants in the future; and

24 (2) in the case of—

1 (A) a grant awarded through merit-based
2 selection procedures, the Executive agency may
3 not award the grant to the applicant; and

4 (B) a grant that is a block grant or for-
5 mula grant for which Federal funds are re-
6 quired to be allocated in accordance with a dis-
7 tribution formula prescribed by law or regula-
8 tion or in which the allocation methodology for
9 the grant funds is mandated by law, the Execu-
10 tive agency may require the forfeiture or repay-
11 ment of the grant.

12 **SEC. 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT**
13 **AND BUDGET.**

14 (a) GUIDANCE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of
16 Management and Budget shall issue guidance to im-
17 plement this Act. The guidance shall include the
18 policies and procedures described in paragraph (2)
19 as well as such other additional policies and proce-
20 dures that the Director considers appropriate for
21 carrying out this Act.

22 (2) INFORMATION SHARING.—In the guidance
23 issued under paragraph (1), the Director shall estab-
24 lish uniform policies and procedures to ensure that
25 each Executive agency shares information about

1 grants awarded by the agency both within the agen-
2 cy and among other appropriate Executive agencies
3 that might be awarding similar Federal grants.

4 (b) ENFORCEMENT OF INFORMATION SHARING.—

5 (1) SABBATICALS.—If an Executive agency
6 does not comply with the information sharing re-
7 quirements of the guidance issued under subsection
8 (a) during a fiscal year, a senior executive within
9 that agency may not be granted, during the suc-
10 ceeding fiscal year, a sabbatical under section
11 3396(e) of title 5, United States Code.

12 (2) INCENTIVE AWARDS.—If an Executive agen-
13 cy does not comply with the information sharing re-
14 quirements of the guidance issued under subsection
15 (a) during a fiscal year, a senior executive within
16 that agency may not receive, during the succeeding
17 fiscal year, any incentive award under subchapter I
18 of chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code.

19 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act:

21 (1) The term “Executive agency” has the
22 meaning provided by section 105 of title 5, United
23 States Code, except the term does not include the
24 Government Accountability Office.

1 (2) The term “similar Federal grant”, with re-
2 spect to an application submitted for a Federal
3 grant, means another Federal grant to provide a
4 program, service, or product that is substantially
5 overlapping or duplicative in nature, as determined
6 by the Director of the Office of Management and
7 Budget, or identical, to the program, service, or
8 product to be provided under the grant for which the
9 application is being submitted.

10 **SEC. 5. APPLICABILITY.**

11 This Act shall apply to grant applications submitted
12 on or after the date occurring 120 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act.