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To amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports.

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. HORN, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997''.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO STRATEGIC PLANS.

(a) CONTENT OF STRATEGIC PLANS.—Section 306(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the semicolon ", that is explicitly linked to the statutory authorities";

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the semicolon ", that are explicitly linked to the statutory authorities of the agency"; and

(3) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting a semicolon, and by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

"(7) a specific identification of any agency functions and programs that are similar to those of more than one component of the agency or those of other agencies, and an explanation of coordination and other efforts the agency has undertaken within the agency or with other agencies to ensure that such similar functions and programs are subject to complementary goals, strategies, and performance measures;

"(8) a description of any major management problems (including but not limited to programs and activities at high risk for waste, abuse, or mismanagement) affecting the agency that have been documented by the inspector general of the agency (or a comparable official, if the agency has no in-

spector general), the General Accounting Office, and others, and specific goals, strategies, and performance measures to resolve those problems; and

''(9) an assessment by the head of the agency, together with a separate assessment by the agency's inspector general of the agency (or a comparable official, if the agency has no inspector general), of the adequacy and reliability of the data sources and information and accounting systems of the agency to support its strategic plans under this section and performance plans and reports under sections 1115 and 1116 (respectively) of title 31, and, to the extent that material data or system inadequacies exist, an explanation of how the agency will resolve them.''.

(b) RESUBMISSION OF AGENCY STRATEGIC PLANS.—Section 306 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking ''submitted,'' and all that follows through the end of the subsection and inserting the following: ''submitted. The strategic plan shall be updated, revised, and resubmitted to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Congress by not later than September 30 of 1998 and of every third year thereafter.''; and

(2) in subsection (d), by inserting ''and updating'' after ''developing'', and by adding at the end thereof: ''The agency head shall provide promptly to any committee or subcommittee of the Congress any draft versions of a plan or other information pertinent to a plan that the committee or subcommittee requests.''.

(c) FORMAT FOR STRATEGIC PLANS.—Section 306 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g), and by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

''(f)(1) The strategic plan shall be a single document that covers the agency as a whole and addresses each of the elements required by this section on an agencywide basis. The head of an agency shall format the strategic plans of the agency in a manner that clearly demonstrates the linkages among the elements of the plan.

''(2)(A) The head of each executive department shall submit with the departmentwide strategic plan a separate component strategic plan for each of the major mission-related components of the department. Such a component strategic plan shall address each of the elements required by this section.

''(B) The head of an agency that is not an executive department shall submit separate component plans in ac-

cordance with subparagraph (A) to the extent that doing so would, in the judgment of the head of the agency, materially enhance the usefulness of the strategic plan of the agency.''.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO PERFORMANCE REPORTS.

(a) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDITS OF PERFORMANCE REPORTS.—Section 1116(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(3) The inspector general of the agency (or a comparable official, if the agency has no inspector general) shall audit each program performance report under this section, and shall report to the Congress on the results of each such audit no later than 45 days after submission of the performance report.''.

(b) GOVERNMENTWIDE PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORTS.—Section 1116 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

''(f)(1) No later than March 31, 2000, and no later than March 31 of each year thereafter, the Director of

the Office of Management and Budget shall prepare and submit to the Congress an integrated Federal Government performance report for the previous fiscal year.

"(2) In addition to such other content as the Director determines to be appropriate, each report shall include actual results and accomplishments under the Federal Government performance plan required by section 1105(a)(29) of this title for the fiscal year covered by the report.".

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