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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To require the President to provide a report detailing the sequester required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on January 2, 2013.

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 “Sequestration Trans-

5 parency Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEQUESTER PREVIEW.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the

8 date of enactment of this Act, the President shall submit

9 to Congress a detailed report on the sequestration re-

1 quired to be ordered by paragraphs (7)(A) and (8) of sec-
2 tion 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
3 Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901a) for fiscal year 2013
4 on January 2, 2013.

5 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by
6 subsection (a) shall include—

7 (1) for discretionary appropriations—

8 (A) an estimate for each category of the
9 sequestration percentages and amounts nec-
10 essary to achieve the required reduction; and

11 (B)(i) for accounts that are funded pursu-
12 ant to an enacted regular appropriation bill for
13 fiscal year 2013, an identification of each ac-
14 count to be sequestered and estimates of the
15 level of sequestrable budgetary resources and
16 resulting reductions at the program, project,
17 and activity level based upon the enacted level
18 of appropriations; and

19 (ii) for accounts that have not been funded
20 pursuant to an enacted regular appropriation
21 bill for fiscal year 2013, an identification of
22 each account to be sequestered and estimates
23 pursuant to a continuing resolution at a rate of
24 operations as provided in the applicable appro-
25 priation Act for fiscal year 2012 of the level of

1 sequestrable budgetary resources and resulting
2 reductions at the program, project, and activity
3 level;

4 (2) for direct spending—

5 (A) an estimate for the defense and non-
6 defense functions based on current law of the
7 sequestration percentages and amount nec-
8 essary to achieve the required reduction; and

9 (B) an identification of the reductions re-
10 quired for each nonexempt direct spending ac-
11 count at the program, project, and activity
12 level;

13 (3) an identification of all exempt discretionary
14 accounts and of all exempt direct spending accounts;
15 and

16 (4) any other data and explanations that en-
17 hance public understanding of the sequester and ac-
18 tions to be taken under it.

19 (c) AGENCY ASSISTANCE.—(1) Upon the request of
20 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (in
21 assisting the President in the preparation of the report
22 under subsection (a)), the head of each agency, after con-
23 sultation with the chairs and ranking members of the
24 Committees on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
25 atives and the Senate, shall promptly provide to the Direc-

1 tor information at the program, project, and activity level
2 necessary for the Director to prepare the report under
3 subsection (a).

4 (2) As used in this subsection, the term “agency”
5 means any executive agency as defined in section 105 of
6 title 5, United States Code.

Passed the House of Representatives July 18, 2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.

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