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# H. R. 1213

To make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional  
Accountability Act of 1995.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (for herself and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

To make administrative and technical corrections to the  
Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

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 “Office of Compliance  
5 Administrative and Technical Corrections Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROCEDURES FOR MEDIATION AND HEARINGS**  
2 **UNDER CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**  
3 **ACT OF 1995.**

4 (a) **REQUIRING MEDIATORS TO BE APPOINTED**  
5 **FROM MASTER LIST.**—Section 403 of the Congressional  
6 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1403) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “after con-  
8 sidering recommendations by organizations com-  
9 posed primarily of individuals experienced in adjudi-  
10 cating or arbitrating personnel matters” and insert-  
11 ing “from the master list developed and maintained  
12 under subsection (e)”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
14 section:

15 “(e) **MASTER LIST OF MEDIATORS.**—

16 “(1) **DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF**  
17 **MASTER LIST.**—The Executive Director shall develop  
18 and maintain a master list of individuals who are ex-  
19 periented in adjudicating, arbitrating, or mediating  
20 the kinds of personnel and other matters for which  
21 mediation may be held under this section. Such list  
22 may include, but not be limited to, members of the  
23 bar of a State or the District of Columbia and re-  
24 tired judges of the United States courts.

25 “(2) **CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES.**—In de-  
26 veloping the master list under this subsection, the

1 Executive Director shall consider candidates rec-  
2 ommended by the Federal Mediation and Concilia-  
3 tion Service or the Administrative Conference of the  
4 United States.”.

5 (b) CLARIFICATION OF DEADLINE TO ELECT PRO-  
6 CEEDINGS AFTER END OF PERIOD OF MEDIATION.—Sec-  
7 tion 404 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1404) is amended by strik-  
8 ing “Not later than 90 days after a covered employee re-  
9 ceives notice of the end of the period of mediation, but  
10 no sooner than 30 days after receipt of such notification,  
11 such covered employee” and inserting “Not later than 90  
12 days, but not sooner than 30 days, after the end of the  
13 period of mediation, a covered employee”.

14 (c) NOTIFICATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIRE-  
15 MENTS.—

16 (1) MEDIATIONS.—Section 416(b) of such Act  
17 (2 U.S.C. 1416(b)) is amended by striking the pe-  
18 riod at the end and inserting the following: “, and  
19 the Executive Director shall notify each person par-  
20 ticipating in the mediation of the confidentiality re-  
21 quirement and of the sanctions applicable to any  
22 person who violates the confidentiality require-  
23 ment.”.

24 (2) HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS.—Section  
25 416(c) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1416(c)) is amended

1 by adding at the end the following: “The Executive  
2 Director shall notify each person participating in a  
3 proceeding or deliberation to which this subsection  
4 applies of the requirements of this subsection and of  
5 the sanctions applicable to any person who violates  
6 the requirements of this subsection.”.

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 this section shall apply with respect to mediations and  
9 other proceedings which are first initiated after the date  
10 of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL TERM FOR MEMBERS OF BOARD OF**  
12 **DIRECTORS OF OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE.**

13 Notwithstanding section 301(e)(1) of the Congres-  
14 sional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1381(e)(1)),  
15 any individual serving as a member of the Board of Direc-  
16 tors of the Office of Compliance as of February 28, 2015,  
17 may be appointed to serve for one additional term of 2  
18 years.

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