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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Office of Compliance
3 Administrative and Technical Corrections Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROCEDURES FOR MEDIATION AND HEARINGS**
5 **UNDER CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**
6 **ACT OF 1995.**

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

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

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

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

19 “(1) **DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF**
20 **MASTER LIST.**—The Executive Director shall develop
21 and maintain a master list of individuals who are ex-
22 perience in adjudicating, arbitrating, or mediating
23 the kinds of personnel and other matters for which
24 mediation may be held under this section. Such list
25 may include, but not be limited to, members of the

1 bar of a State or the District of Columbia and re-
2 tired judges of the United States courts.

3 “(2) CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES.—In de-
4 veloping the master list under this subsection, the
5 Executive Director shall consider candidates rec-
6 ommended by the Federal Mediation and Concilia-
7 tion Service or the Administrative Conference of the
8 United States.”.

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

18 (c) NOTIFICATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIRE-
19 MENTS.—

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

1 person who violates the confidentiality require-
2 ment.”.

3 (2) HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS.—Section
4 416(c) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1416(c)) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following: “The Executive
6 Director shall notify each person participating in a
7 proceeding or deliberation to which this subsection
8 applies of the requirements of this subsection and of
9 the sanctions applicable to any person who violates
10 the requirements of this subsection.”.

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

15 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL TERM FOR MEMBERS OF BOARD OF**
16 **DIRECTORS OF OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE.**

17 Notwithstanding section 301(e)(1) of the Congres-
18 sional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1381(e)(1)),
19 any individual serving as a member of the Board of Direc-
20 tors of the Office of Compliance as of February 28, 2015,

1 may be appointed to serve for one additional term of 2
2 years.

Passed the House of Representatives March 4,
2015.

Attest:

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Clerk.