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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To require the Director of the Office of Management and
Budget to issue a directive on the management of soft-
ware licenses, and for other purposes.

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 “Making Electronic
3 Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Effi-
4 ciencies Act of 2016” or the “MEGABYTE Act of 2016”.

5 **SEC. 2. OMB DIRECTIVE ON MANAGEMENT OF SOFTWARE**
6 **LICENSES.**

7 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section—

8 (1) the term “Director” means the Director of
9 the Office of Management and Budget; and

10 (2) the term “executive agency” has the mean-
11 ing given that term in section 105 of title 5, United
12 States Code.

13 (b) OMB DIRECTIVE.—The Director shall issue a di-
14 rective to require the Chief Information Officer of each
15 executive agency to develop a comprehensive software li-
16 censing policy, which shall—

17 (1) identify clear roles, responsibilities, and cen-
18 tral oversight authority within the executive agency
19 for managing enterprise software license agreements
20 and commercial software licenses; and

21 (2) require the Chief Information Officer of
22 each executive agency to—

23 (A) establish a comprehensive inventory,
24 including 80 percent of software license spend-
25 ing and enterprise licenses in the executive
26 agency, by identifying and collecting informa-

1 tion about software license agreements using
2 automated discovery and inventory tools;

3 (B) regularly track and maintain software
4 licenses to assist the executive agency in imple-
5 menting decisions throughout the software li-
6 cense management life cycle;

7 (C) analyze software usage and other data
8 to make cost-effective decisions;

9 (D) provide training relevant to software
10 license management;

11 (E) establish goals and objectives of the
12 software license management program of the
13 executive agency; and

14 (F) consider the software license manage-
15 ment life cycle phases, including the requisition,
16 reception, deployment and maintenance, retire-
17 ment, and disposal phases, to implement effec-
18 tive decisionmaking and incorporate existing
19 standards, processes, and metrics.

20 (c) REPORT ON SOFTWARE LICENSE MANAGE-
21 MENT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in the first fiscal
23 year beginning after the date of enactment of this
24 Act, and in each of the following 5 fiscal years, the
25 Chief Information Officer of each executive agency

1 shall submit to the Director a report on the financial
2 savings or avoidance of spending that resulted from
3 improved software license management.

4 (2) AVAILABILITY.—The Director shall make
5 each report submitted under paragraph (1) pub-
6 lically available.

Passed the House of Representatives June 7, 2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.