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H. R. 1293

[Report No. 115-118]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2017

Mr. ROSS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

MAY 11, 2017

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 1, 2017]

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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. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7131 of title 5, United*
5 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

6 *“(e)(1)(A) Not later than March 31 of each calendar*
7 *year, the Office of Personnel Management, in consultation*
8 *with the Office of Management and Budget, shall submit*
9 *to each House of Congress a report on the operation of this*
10 *section during the fiscal year last ending before the start*
11 *of such calendar year.*

12 *“(B) Not later than December 31 of each calendar*
13 *year, each agency (as defined by section 7103(a)(3)) shall*
14 *furnish to the Office of Personnel Management the informa-*
15 *tion which such Office requires, with respect to such agency,*
16 *for purposes of the report which is next due under subpara-*
17 *graph (A).*

18 *“(2) Each report by the Office of Personnel Manage-*
19 *ment under this subsection shall include, with respect to*
20 *the fiscal year described in paragraph (1)(A), at least the*
21 *following information:*

22 *“(A) The total amount of official time granted to*
23 *employees.*

24 *“(B) The average amount of official time ex-*
25 *pended per bargaining unit employee.*

1 “(C) *The specific types of activities or purposes*
2 *for which official time was granted, and the impact*
3 *which the granting of such official time for such ac-*
4 *tivities or purposes had on agency operations.*

5 “(D) *The total number of employees to whom of-*
6 *ficial time was granted, and, of that total, the number*
7 *who were not engaged in any activities or purposes*
8 *except activities or purposes involving the use of offi-*
9 *cial time.*

10 “(E) *The total amount of compensation (includ-*
11 *ing fringe benefits) afforded to employees in connec-*
12 *tion with activities or purposes for which they were*
13 *granted official time.*

14 “(F) *The total amount of official time spent by*
15 *employees representing Federal employees who are not*
16 *union members in matters authorized by this chapter.*

17 “(G) *A description of any room or space des-*
18 *ignated at the agency (or its subcomponent) where of-*
19 *ficial time activities will be conducted, including the*
20 *square footage of any such room or space.*

21 “(3) *All information included in a report by the Office*
22 *of Personnel Management under this subsection with respect*
23 *to a fiscal year—*

24 “(A) *shall be shown both agency-by-agency and*
25 *for all agencies; and*

1 “(B) shall be accompanied by the corresponding
2 information (submitted by the Office in its report
3 under this subsection) for the fiscal year before the fis-
4 cal year to which such report pertains, together with
5 appropriate comparisons and analyses.

6 “(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘official
7 time’ means any period of time, regardless of agency no-
8 menclature—

9 “(A) which may be granted to an employee
10 under this chapter (including a collective bargaining
11 agreement entered into under this chapter) to perform
12 representational or consultative functions; and

13 “(B) during which the employee would otherwise
14 be in a duty status.”.

15 (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—The amendment made by sub-
16 section (a) shall be effective beginning with the report
17 which, under the provisions of such amendment, is first re-
18 quired to be submitted by the Office of Personnel Manage-
19 ment to each House of Congress by a date which occurs at
20 least 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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