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To require reporting by the Secretary of Education on the implementation of recent Government Accountability Office recommendations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 12, 2017

Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Edu-
5 cation Accountability Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF GAO OUT-**
7 **STANDING RECOMMENDATIONS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means the Committee on Health, Edu-
4 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the
5 Committee on Education and the Workforce of the
6 House of Representatives.

7 (2) OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATION.—The
8 term “outstanding recommendation” means a rec-
9 ommendation of the Government Accountability Of-
10 fice that—

11 (A) relates to the Department of Edu-
12 cation;

13 (B) was made during the 10-year period
14 preceding the date of enactment of this Act;
15 and

16 (C) is classified by the Government Ac-
17 countability Office as “open” or “closed, not
18 implemented”.

19 (b) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Edu-
21 cation shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees and to the Comptroller General of the United
23 States a report listing all outstanding recommendations
24 from the Government Accountability Office.

1 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL RESPONSE.—Not later
2 than 60 days after the Secretary of Education submits
3 the report required under subsection (b), the Comptroller
4 General shall identify for the appropriate congressional
5 committees and for the Secretary of Education any dis-
6 crepancies between the list of outstanding recommenda-
7 tions included in such report and the Government Ac-
8 countability Office’s list of outstanding recommendations.

9 (d) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary of Education shall submit to the appropriate
13 congressional committees and to the Comptroller
14 General of the United States a report on the imple-
15 mentation status of each outstanding recommenda-
16 tion included in the report under subsection (b).

17 (2) JUSTIFICATION.—The report required
18 under paragraph (1) shall include—

19 (A) for any outstanding recommendation
20 the Department of Education has decided not
21 to implement, a detailed justification for the de-
22 cision;

23 (B) for any outstanding recommendation
24 the Department of Education has decided to
25 adopt, a timeline for full implementation; and

- 1 (C) an explanation for any discrepancies
- 2 included in the Comptroller General response
- 3 submitted under subsection (c).

