Joint Resolution

Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Section 1. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (division C of Public Law 115–245) is further amended—
(1) in section 105—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by inserting “except as provided in paragraph (4),” before “December”; and

(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) with respect to appropriations and funds made available, and other authorities granted, pursuant to section 101(5) of this joint resolution for the Department of Homeland Security, February 28, 2019.”; and

(2) in section 110, by adding at the end the following:

“(c) With respect to mandatory payments whose budget authority was provided in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2018 (division F of Public Law 115–141), subsections (a) and (b) shall be applied by substituting ‘section 105(4)’ for ‘section 105(3)’ each place it appears.”.

Sec. 2. (a) Amounts appropriated by operation of the amendments made by section 1 for the salaries and expenses of employees shall be available for payment of sala-
ries in accordance with section 1341(c) of title 31, United States Code (as added by the Government Employee Fair Treatment Act of 2019).

(b) All obligations incurred in anticipation of the appropriations made and authority granted by this joint resolution for the purposes of maintaining the essential level of activity to protect life and property and bringing about orderly termination of Government functions, and for purposes as otherwise authorized by law, are hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with the provisions of this joint resolution, and for purposes of such obligations the time period covered by this joint resolution shall be considered to include the period beginning on or about December 22, 2018, during which there occurred a lapse in appropriations.

SEC. 3. (a) If a State (or another Federal grantee) used State funds (or the grantee’s non-Federal funds) to continue carrying out a Federal program or furloughed State employees (or the grantee’s employees) whose compensation is advanced or reimbursed in whole or in part by the Federal Government—

(1) such furloughed employees shall be compensated at their standard rate of compensation for such period;
(2) the State (or such other grantee) shall be reimbursed for expenses that would have been paid by the Federal Government during such period had appropriations been available, including the cost of compensating such furloughed employees, together with interest thereon calculated under section 6503(d) of title 31, United States Code; and

(3) the State (or such other grantee) may use funds available to the State (or the grantee) under such Federal program to reimburse such State (or the grantee), together with interest thereon calculated under section 6503(d) of title 31, United States Code.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term “State” and the term “grantee”, including United States territories and possessions, shall have the meaning given such terms under the applicable Federal program under subsection (a). In addition, “to continue carrying out a Federal program” means the continued performance by a State or other Federal grantee, during the period of a lapse in appropriations, of a Federal program that the State or such other grantee had been carrying out prior to the period of the lapse in appropriations.

(c) The authority under this section applies with respect to the period of a lapse in appropriations beginning
on or about December 22, 2018, and ending on the date
of enactment of this joint resolution with respect to the
Department of Homeland Security which, but for such
lapse in appropriations, would have paid, or made reim-
bursement relating to, any of the expenses referred to in
this section with respect to the program involved. Pay-
ments and reimbursements under this authority shall be
made only to the extent and in amounts provided in ad-
vance in appropriations Acts.

Passed the House of Representatives January 24,
2019.

Attest:

Clerk.
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