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To require the evaluation of Federal agencies and programs for duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, and to recommend the elimination or realignment of such functions, and for other purposes.

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Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. FALLON, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. MOYLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the evaluation of Federal agencies and programs for duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, and to recommend the elimination or realignment of such functions, and for other purposes.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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Government Office Re-
5 alignment And Closure Act of 2025” or the “GORAC Act
6 of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION OF FEDERAL AGENCIES AND PRO-**
2 **GRAMS FOR DUPLICATIVE, WASTEFUL, OR**
3 **OUTDATED FUNCTIONS.**

4 (a) EVALUATION.—

5 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1 year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
7 every 10 years thereafter, the Comptroller General
8 shall, in accordance with paragraph (2), conduct an
9 evaluation of each Federal program carried out in
10 the preceding 10-year period.

11 (2) USE OF NON-FEDERAL AUDITOR.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller Gen-
13 eral shall—

14 (i) procure the services of a non-Fed-
15 eral auditor to—

16 (I) conduct the evaluation re-
17 quired by paragraph (1) on behalf of
18 the Comptroller General; and

19 (II) make recommendations in
20 accordance with paragraph (3) on
21 Federal agencies and Federal pro-
22 grams that should be realigned or
23 eliminated; and

24 (ii) take appropriate steps to assure
25 that any work performed by the non-Fed-
26 eral auditor complies with the standards

1 established by the Comptroller General for
2 audits of Federal establishments, organiza-
3 tions, programs, activities, and functions.

4 (B) DEADLINE FOR PROCURING OF SERV-
5 ICES FOR INITIAL EVALUATION.—With respect
6 to the evaluation required to be conducted not
7 later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
9 procure the services of a non-Federal auditor in
10 accordance with subparagraph (A)(i) not later
11 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of
12 this Act.

13 (3) EVALUATION CRITERIA.—The non-Federal
14 auditor shall recommend under paragraph
15 (2)(A)(ii)—

16 (A) the realignment of 2 or more Federal
17 agencies or Federal programs into a single con-
18 solidated or streamlined Federal agency or Fed-
19 eral program, if—

20 (i) such Federal agencies or Federal
21 programs have the same essential function;
22 and

23 (ii) such function can be carried out
24 through a single consolidated or stream-
25 lined Federal agency or Federal program;

1 (B) the realignment or elimination of any
2 Federal agency or Federal program that has
3 wasted Federal funds in the 10 year period pre-
4 ceding the evaluation by—

5 (i) egregious spending;

6 (ii) mismanagement of resources and
7 personnel; or

8 (iii) use of such funds for personal
9 benefit or the benefit of a special interest
10 group; and

11 (C) the elimination of any Federal agency
12 or Federal program that during any time in the
13 10 year period preceding the evaluation—

14 (i) completed its intended purpose;

15 (ii) became irrelevant; or

16 (iii) failed to meet its objectives.

17 (4) NON-FEDERAL AUDITOR REPORT.—Not
18 later than 1 year after the non-Federal auditor be-
19 gins conducting an evaluation under this subsection,
20 the non-Federal auditor shall submit to the Comp-
21 troller General a report containing the recommenda-
22 tions described under paragraph (2)(A)(ii) with re-
23 spect to such evaluation.

24 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
25 after the non-Federal audit submits a report required by

1 subsection (a)(4), the Comptroller General shall submit to
2 Congress a report that includes—

3 (1) the recommendations included in the report,
4 with supporting documentation for all recommenda-
5 tions; and

6 (2) the proposed legislation described under
7 subsection (c).

8 (c) PROPOSED LEGISLATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General
10 shall propose legislation in accordance with para-
11 graphs (2) and (3) to implement the recommenda-
12 tions included in the report submitted subsection
13 (a)(4).

14 (2) USE OF SAVINGS.—The legislation proposed
15 under paragraph (1) shall provide that all funds
16 saved by the implementation of the recommendations
17 described in the report submitted under subsection
18 (a)(3) shall be pay down the national debt.

19 (3) RELOCATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—
20 The legislation proposed under paragraph (1) shall
21 provide that if the position of an employee of a Fed-
22 eral agency is eliminated as a result of the imple-
23 mentation of the recommendations included in the
24 report, the head of the agency shall make reasonable

1 efforts to relocate such employee to another position
2 within the agency or within another Federal agency.

3 (d) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.—

4 (1) HEARINGS.—The non-Federal auditor may
5 request that the Comptroller General for the purpose
6 of carrying out this section require, by subpoena or
7 otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such wit-
8 nesses as any member of the Comptroller considers
9 advisable.

10 (2) PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN MATERIALS.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal audi-
12 tor may request that the Comptroller General
13 for the purpose of carrying out this section re-
14 quire, by subpoena or otherwise, the production
15 of such books, records, correspondence, memo-
16 randa, papers, documents, tapes, and other evi-
17 dentiary materials relating to any matter under
18 investigation by the non-Federal auditor.

19 (B) AUTHORITY TO DECLINE REQUEST.—

20 The Comptroller General may decline a request
21 described under subparagraph (A).

22 (C) ISSUANCE.—Subpoenas issued under
23 subparagraph (A) shall bear the signature of
24 the Comptroller General and shall be served by

1 any person or class of persons designated by
2 the chairperson for that purpose.

3 (D) ENFORCEMENT.—In the case of contu-
4 macy or failure to obey a subpoena issued
5 under subparagraph (A), the United States dis-
6 trict court for the judicial district in which the
7 subpoenaed person resides, is served, or may be
8 found, may issue an order requiring such per-
9 son to appear at any designated place to testify
10 or to produce documentary or other evidence.
11 Any failure to obey the order of the court may
12 be punished by the court as a contempt of that
13 court.

14 (E) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGEN-
15 CIES.—The Comptroller General may secure di-
16 rectly from any Federal department or agency
17 such information as the non-Federal auditor
18 considers necessary to carry out this section.
19 Upon a request made to the Comptroller Gen-
20 eral from the non-Federal auditor, the head of
21 an agency shall furnish such information to the
22 auditor.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM.—The term “enti-
25 tlement program” means any program that makes

1 payments (including loans and grants), the budget
2 authority for which is not provided for in advance by
3 appropriation Acts, to any person or government if,
4 under the provisions of the law containing such au-
5 thority, the United States is obligated to make such
6 payments to persons or governments who meet the
7 requirements established by such law.

8 (2) FEDERAL AGENCY.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
10 subparagraph (B), the term “Federal agency”
11 has the meaning given the term “Executive
12 agency” under section 105 of title 5, United
13 States Code.

14 (B) EXCEPTIONS.—The term “Federal
15 agency” does not include—

16 (i) a military installation, as such
17 term is defined in section 2801(c)(4) of
18 title 10, United States Code; or

19 (ii) any agency that solely administers
20 entitlement programs.

21 (3) FEDERAL PROGRAM.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
23 subparagraph (B), the term “program” means
24 any activity or function of an agency.

1 (B) EXCEPTION.—The term “program”
 2 does not include entitlement programs.

3 (4) NON-FEDERAL AUDITOR.—The term “non-
 4 Federal auditor” means the non-Federal auditor
 5 from which the Comptroller General procures serv-
 6 ices under subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF REFORM**
 8 **PROPOSALS.**

9 (a) INTRODUCTION; REFERRAL; AND REPORT OR
 10 DISCHARGE.—

11 (1) INTRODUCTION.—On the fifteenth calendar
 12 day on which both Houses are in session, on or im-
 13 mediately following the date on which the report is
 14 submitted to Congress under section 2(b), a single
 15 implementation bill shall be introduced (by re-
 16 quest)—

17 (A) in the Senate by the Chair of the Com-
 18 mittee on Homeland Security and Govern-
 19 mental Affairs; and

20 (B) in the House of Representatives by the
 21 Chair of the Committee on Oversight and Gov-
 22 ernment Reform of the House of Representa-
 23 tives.

24 (2) REFERRAL.—

1 (A) TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF
2 JURISDICTION.—The implementation bills intro-
3 duced under paragraph (1) shall be referred to
4 any appropriate committee of jurisdiction in the
5 Senate and any appropriate committee of juris-
6 diction in the House of Representatives.

7 (B) AUTHORITY OVER IMPLEMENTATION
8 BILL.—A committee to which an implementa-
9 tion bill is referred under this paragraph may
10 review and report on such bill, may report such
11 bill to the respective House, and may not
12 amend such bill.

13 (3) REPORT OR DISCHARGE.—If a committee to
14 which an implementation bill is referred has not re-
15 ported such bill by the end of the 15th calendar day
16 after the date of the introduction of such bill, such
17 committee shall be immediately discharged from fur-
18 ther consideration of such bill, and upon being re-
19 ported or discharged from the committee, such bill
20 shall be placed on the appropriate calendar.

21 (b) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—When the committee to
23 which an implementation bill is referred has re-
24 ported, or has been discharged under subsection
25 (b)(3), it is at any time thereafter in order (even

1 though a previous motion to the same effect has
2 been disagreed to) for any Member of the respective
3 House to move to proceed to the consideration of the
4 implementation bill, and all points of order against
5 the implementation bill (and against consideration of
6 the implementation bill) are waived. The motion is
7 highly privileged in the House of Representatives
8 and is privileged in the Senate and is not debatable.
9 The motion is not subject to amendment, or to a
10 motion to postpone, or to a motion to proceed to the
11 consideration of other business. A motion to recon-
12 sider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or
13 disagreed to shall not be in order. If a motion to
14 proceed to the consideration of the implementation
15 bill is agreed to, the implementation bill shall remain
16 the unfinished business of the respective House until
17 disposed of.

18 (2) AMENDMENTS.—An implementation bill
19 may not be amended in the Senate or the House of
20 Representatives.

21 (3) DEBATE.—Debate on the implementation
22 bill, and on all debatable motions and appeals in
23 connection therewith, shall be limited to not more
24 than 10 hours, which shall be divided equally be-
25 tween those favoring and those opposing the resolu-

1 tion. A motion further to limit debate is in order and
2 not debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to
3 postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consider-
4 ation of other business, or a motion to recommit the
5 implementation bill is not in order. A motion to re-
6 consider the vote by which the implementation bill is
7 agreed to or disagreed to is not in order.

8 (4) VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE.—Immediately
9 following the conclusion of the debate on an imple-
10 mentation bill, and a single quorum call at the con-
11 clusion of the debate if requested in accordance with
12 the rules of the appropriate House, the vote on final
13 passage of the implementation bill shall occur.

14 (5) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—
15 Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to
16 the application of the rules of the Senate or the
17 House of Representatives, as the case may be, to the
18 procedure relating to an implementation bill shall be
19 decided without debate.

20 (c) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER
21 HOUSE.—If, before the passage by 1 House of an imple-
22 mentation bill of that House, that House receives from
23 the other House an implementation bill, then the following
24 procedures shall apply:

1 (1) NONREFERRAL.—The implementation bill
2 of the other House shall not be referred to a com-
3 mittee.

4 (2) VOTE ON BILL OF OTHER HOUSE.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—If prior to the passage
6 by one House of an implementing bill of that
7 House, that House receives the same imple-
8 menting bill from the other House, then—

9 (i) the procedure in that House shall
10 be the same as if no implementing bill had
11 been received from the other House; and

12 (ii) the vote on final passage shall be
13 on the implementing bill of the other
14 House.

15 (B) EXCEPTION FOR REVENUE MEASURES
16 RECEIVED IN SENATE.—The provisions of sub-
17 paragraph (A) shall not apply in the Senate to
18 an implementing revenue bill.

19 (d) RULES OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENT-
20 ATIVES.—This section is enacted by Congress—

21 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
22 the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-
23 tively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules
24 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
25 respect to the procedure to be followed in that

1 House in the case of an implementation bill de-
2 scribed in subsection (a), and it supersedes other
3 rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with
4 such rules; and

5 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
6 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
7 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,
8 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
9 the case of any other rule of that House.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) CALENDAR DAY.—The term “calendar day”
12 means a calendar day other than 1 on which either
13 House is not in session because of an adjournment
14 of more than 3 days to a date certain.

15 (2) IMPLEMENTATION BILL.—The term “imple-
16 mentation bill” means only a bill which is introduced
17 as provided under subsection (a), and contains the
18 proposed legislation included in the report submitted
19 to Congress under section 2(d), without modifica-
20 tion.

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