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H. R. 579

To provide for incentives for agencies and the judiciary to increase operating efficiency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEBSTER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 provide for incentives for agencies and the judiciary to increase operating efficiency.

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 “To Help Reduce Ineffi-
5 cient Federal Tendencies Act of 2015” or as the
6 “THRIFT Act of 2015”.

7 **SEC. 2. AGENCY INCENTIVE AND SAVINGS PROGRAM.**

8 (a) PURPOSE.—In order to provide an incentive for
9 agencies and the judicial branch to re-engineer business

1 processes and otherwise increase operating efficiency, it is
2 the intent of the Congress to allow agencies and the judi-
3 cial branch to retain a portion of the savings produced
4 by internally generated agency or judicial branch program
5 efficiencies and cost reductions.

6 (b) RETENTION OF FUNDS.—To be eligible to retain
7 funds, an agency or the Chief Justice of the Supreme
8 Court must submit a plan and an associated request to
9 amend its approved operating budget to the committees
10 of Congress having jurisdiction over appropriations speci-
11 fying—

12 (1) the modifications to approved programs re-
13 sulting in efficiencies and cost savings;

14 (2) the amount and source of the funds and po-
15 sitions saved;

16 (3) the specific positions, rate, amounts, and
17 sources of funds the agency or the judicial branch
18 wishes to include in its incentive expenditures;

19 (4) how the agency or the judicial branch will
20 meet the goals and objectives established in its stra-
21 tegic plans;

22 (5) how the agency or the judicial branch will
23 meet performance standards, including those in its
24 performance plans; and

1 (6) any other incentive expenditures which the
2 agency or the judicial branch believes will enhance
3 its performance.

4 (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—All plans and budg-
5 et amendments submitted to the committees of Congress
6 having jurisdiction over appropriations pursuant to this
7 section shall be delivered at least 30 days prior to the date
8 of the committee meetings at which the request will be
9 considered.

10 (d) DETERMINATION.—In determining the amount
11 the agency or the judicial branch will be allowed to retain,
12 the committees shall consider the actual savings projected
13 for the current budget year and the annualized savings.

14 (e) AMOUNT OF FUNDING RETAINED.—The amount
15 to be retained by the agency or the judicial branch shall
16 be no less than 5 percent and no more than 25 percent
17 of the annual savings and may be used by the agency or
18 the judicial branch for salary increases, including awards
19 authorized in section 4512 of title 5, United States Code,
20 or other expenditures specified in the agency's or the judi-
21 cial branch's plan if the salary increases or other expendi-
22 tures do not create a recurring cost to the Treasury in
23 excess of the recurring savings achieved by the agency or
24 the judicial branch in the plan.

1 (f) SUBMISSION OF BUDGET REQUEST.—Each agen-
2 cy or judicial branch allowed to retain funds pursuant to
3 this section shall submit in its next budget request a
4 schedule showing how it used such funds.

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