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To close out expired, empty grant accounts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 10, 2013

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Grants Oversight and
5 New Efficiency Act” or the “GONE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFYING AND CLOSING OUT EXPIRED, EMPTY**
7 **GRANT ACCOUNTS.**

8 (a) INSPECTORS GENERAL REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Council
11 of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

1 shall submit to Congress and the head of each agen-
2 cy a report that—

3 (A) lists each covered grant account held
4 by the United States Government;

5 (B) recommends which of the covered
6 grant accounts described in subparagraph (A)
7 should be immediately closed; and

8 (C) for each covered grant account that
9 has been expired for more than 90 days, ex-
10 plains why the covered grant account has not
11 been closed out.

12 (2) CONSIDERATION.—In determining which
13 grant accounts held by the United States Govern-
14 ment are covered grant accounts, the Council of the
15 Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency shall
16 compare the information made available in the cash
17 payment management system and the grants pro-
18 gram management database to ensure that grant ac-
19 counts for grant awards that are not expired are not
20 listed under paragraph (1)(A).

21 (b) CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS REQUIRED; NOTICE.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the report is submitted under subsection (a),
24 the head of each agency with a covered grant ac-
25 count recommended for closure in the report de-

1 scribed in subsection (a) shall close out each expired
2 grant award associated with each covered grant ac-
3 count that is managed by the agency.

4 (2) NOTICE FROM AGENCIES.—Not later than
5 90 days after the date on which the 180-day period
6 described in paragraph (1) ends, the head of each
7 agency required to close a covered grant account
8 under paragraph (1) shall provide notice the Council
9 of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
10 specifying whether the head of the agency has closed
11 out grant awards associated with all of the covered
12 grant accounts required to be closed under para-
13 graph (1).

14 (3) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
15 days after the date on which the 90-day period de-
16 scribed in paragraph (2) ends, the Council of the In-
17 spectors General on Integrity and Efficiency shall
18 submit to Congress and the committees of jurisdic-
19 tion a report on the status of all the covered grant
20 accounts required to be closed under paragraph (1).

21 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

22 (1) the term “agency” has the meaning given
23 that term in section 551 of title 5, United States
24 Code; and

1 (2) the term “covered grant account” means a
2 grant account in a Federal agency payment manage-
3 ment system held by the United States Government
4 that has a zero balance for more than 180 days and
5 for which the grant award period has expired.

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