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To improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, 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 “Payment Integrity In-
5 formation Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROPER PAYMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 31, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 **“Subchapter IV—Improper Payments**

2 **“§ 3351. Definitions**

3 “In this subchapter:

4 “(1) ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The
5 term ‘annual financial statement’ means the annual
6 financial statement required under section 3515 of
7 this title or similar provision of law.

8 “(2) COMPLIANCE.—The term ‘compliance’
9 means that an executive agency—

10 “(A) has—

11 “(i) published improper payments in-
12 formation with the annual financial state-
13 ment of the executive agency for the most
14 recent fiscal year; and

15 “(ii) posted on the website of the ex-
16 ecutive agency that statement and any ac-
17 companying materials required under guid-
18 ance of the Office of Management and
19 Budget;

20 “(B) if required, has conducted a program
21 specific risk assessment for each program or ac-
22 tivity that conforms with the requirements
23 under section 3352(a);

24 “(C) if required, publishes improper pay-
25 ments estimates for all programs and activities

1 identified under section 3352(a) in the accom-
2 panying materials to the annual financial state-
3 ment;

4 “(D) publishes programmatic corrective ac-
5 tion plans prepared under section 3352(d) that
6 the executive agency may have in the accom-
7 panying materials to the annual financial state-
8 ment;

9 “(E) publishes improper payments reduc-
10 tion targets established under section 3352(d)
11 that the executive agency may have in the ac-
12 companying materials to the annual financial
13 statement for each program or activity assessed
14 to be at risk, and has demonstrated improve-
15 ments and developed a plan to meet the reduc-
16 tion targets; and

17 “(F) has reported an improper payment
18 rate of less than 10 percent for each program
19 and activity for which an estimate was pub-
20 lished under section 3352(c).

21 “(3) DO NOT PAY INITIATIVE.—The term ‘Do
22 Not Pay Initiative’ means the initiative described in
23 section 3354(b).

24 “(4) IMPROPER PAYMENT.—The term ‘im-
25 proper payment’—

1 “(A) means any payment that should not
2 have been made or that was made in an incor-
3 rect amount, including an overpayment or un-
4 derpayment, under a statutory, contractual, ad-
5 ministrative, or other legally applicable require-
6 ment; and

7 “(B) includes—

8 “(i) any payment to an ineligible re-
9 cipient;

10 “(ii) any payment for an ineligible
11 good or service;

12 “(iii) any duplicate payment;

13 “(iv) any payment for a good or serv-
14 ice not received, except for those payments
15 where authorized by law; and

16 “(v) any payment that does not ac-
17 count for credit for applicable discounts.

18 “(5) PAYMENT.—The term ‘payment’ means
19 any transfer or commitment for future transfer of
20 Federal funds such as cash, securities, loans, loan
21 guarantees, and insurance subsidies to any non-Fed-
22 eral person or entity or a Federal employee, that is
23 made by a Federal agency, a Federal contractor, a
24 Federal grantee, or a governmental or other organi-
25 zation administering a Federal program or activity.

1 “(6) PAYMENT FOR AN INELIGIBLE GOOD OR
2 SERVICE.—The term ‘payment for an ineligible good
3 or service’ includes a payment for any good or serv-
4 ice that is rejected under any provision of any con-
5 tract, grant, lease, cooperative agreement, or other
6 funding mechanism.

7 “(7) RECOVERY AUDIT.—The term ‘recovery
8 audit’ means a recovery audit described in section
9 3352(i).

10 “(8) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each
11 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
12 each territory or possession of the United States,
13 and each Federally recognized Indian tribe.

14 **“§ 3352. Estimates of improper payments and reports**
15 **on actions to reduce improper payments**

16 “(a) IDENTIFICATION OF SUSCEPTIBLE PROGRAMS
17 AND ACTIVITIES.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of each executive
19 agency shall, in accordance with guidance prescribed
20 by the Director of the Office of Management and
21 Budget—

22 “(A) periodically review all programs and
23 activities that the head of the executive agency
24 administers; and

1 “(B) identify all programs and activities
2 with outlays exceeding the statutory threshold
3 dollar amount described in paragraph (3)(A)(i)
4 that may be susceptible to significant improper
5 payments.

6 “(2) FREQUENCY.—A review under paragraph
7 (1) shall be performed for each program and activity
8 that the head of an executive agency administers not
9 less frequently than once every 3 fiscal years.

10 “(3) RISK ASSESSMENTS.—

11 “(A) DEFINITION OF SIGNIFICANT.—In
12 this paragraph, the term ‘significant’ means
13 that, in the preceding fiscal year, the sum of a
14 program or activity’s improper payments and
15 payments whose propriety cannot be determined
16 by the executive agency due to lacking or insuf-
17 ficient documentation may have exceeded—

18 “(i) \$10,000,000 of all reported pro-
19 gram or activity payments of the executive
20 agency made during that fiscal year and
21 1.5 percent of program outlays; or

22 “(ii) \$100,000,000.

23 “(B) SCOPE.—In conducting a review
24 under paragraph (1), the head of each executive
25 agency shall take into account those risk factors

1 that are likely to contribute to a susceptibility
2 to significant improper payments, such as—

3 “(i) whether the program or activity
4 reviewed is new to the executive agency;

5 “(ii) the complexity of the program or
6 activity reviewed;

7 “(iii) the volume of payments made
8 through the program or activity reviewed;

9 “(iv) whether payments or payment
10 eligibility decisions are made outside of the
11 executive agency, such as by a State or
12 local government;

13 “(v) recent major changes in program
14 funding, authorities, practices, or proce-
15 dures;

16 “(vi) the level, experience, and quality
17 of training for personnel responsible for
18 making program eligibility determinations
19 or certifying that payments are accurate;

20 “(vii) significant deficiencies in the
21 audit report of the executive agency or
22 other relevant management findings that
23 might hinder accurate payment certifi-
24 cation;

1 “(viii) similarities to other programs
2 or activities that have reported improper
3 payment estimates or been deemed suscep-
4 tible to significant improper payments;

5 “(ix) the accuracy and reliability of
6 improper payment estimates previously re-
7 ported for the program or activity, or other
8 indicator of potential susceptibility to im-
9 proper payments identified by the Inspec-
10 tor General of the executive agency, the
11 Government Accountability Office, other
12 audits performed by or on behalf of the
13 Federal, State, or local government, disclo-
14 sures by the executive agency, or any other
15 means;

16 “(x) whether the program or activity
17 lacks information or data systems to con-
18 firm eligibility or provide for other pay-
19 ment integrity needs; and

20 “(xi) the risk of fraud as assessed by
21 the executive agency under the Standards
22 for Internal Control in the Federal Govern-
23 ment published by the Government Ac-
24 countability Office (commonly known as
25 the ‘Green Book’).

1 “(C) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each executive
2 agency shall publish an annual report that in-
3 cludes—

4 “(i) a listing of each program or activ-
5 ity identified under paragraph (1), includ-
6 ing the date on which the program or ac-
7 tivity was most recently assessed for risk
8 under paragraph (1); and

9 “(ii) a listing of any program or activ-
10 ity for which the executive agency makes
11 any substantial changes to the methodolo-
12 gies of the reviews conducted under para-
13 graph (1).

14 “(b) IMPROVING THE DETERMINATION OF IMPROPER
15 PAYMENTS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office
17 of Management and Budget shall on an annual
18 basis—

19 “(A) identify a list of high-priority Federal
20 programs for greater levels of oversight and re-
21 view—

22 “(i) in which the highest dollar value
23 or highest rate of improper payments
24 occur; or

1 “(ii) for which there is a higher risk
2 of improper payments; and

3 “(B) in coordination with the executive
4 agency responsible for administering a high-pri-
5 ority program identified under subparagraph
6 (A), establish annual targets and semi-annual
7 or quarterly actions for reducing improper pay-
8 ments associated with the high-priority pro-
9 gram.

10 “(2) REPORT ON HIGH-PRIORITY IMPROPER
11 PAYMENTS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to Federal
13 privacy policies and to the extent permitted by
14 law, each executive agency with a program iden-
15 tified under paragraph (1)(A) shall on an an-
16 nual basis submit to the Inspector General of
17 the executive agency and the Office of Manage-
18 ment and Budget, and make available to the
19 public, including through a website, a report on
20 that program.

21 “(B) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted
22 under subparagraph (A)—

23 “(i) shall describe any action the exec-
24 utive agency—

1 “(I) has taken or plans to take to
2 recover improper payments; and

3 “(II) intends to take to prevent
4 future improper payments; and

5 “(ii) shall not include—

6 “(I) any referrals the executive
7 agency made or anticipates making to
8 the Department of Justice; or

9 “(II) any information provided in
10 connection with a referral described in
11 subclause (I).

12 “(C) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY ON CENTRAL
13 WEBSITE.—The Office of Management and
14 Budget shall make each report submitted under
15 subparagraph (A) available on a central
16 website.

17 “(D) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION TO
18 INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B)(ii)
19 shall not prohibit any referral or information
20 being made available to an Inspector General as
21 otherwise provided by law.

22 “(E) ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDA-
23 TIONS.—The Inspector General of each execu-
24 tive agency that submits a report under sub-
25 paragraph (A) shall, for each program of the

1 executive agency that is identified under para-
2 graph (1)(A)—

3 “(i) review—

4 “(I) the assessment of the level
5 of risk associated with the program
6 and the quality of the improper pay-
7 ment estimates and methodology of
8 the executive agency relating to the
9 program; and

10 “(II) the oversight or financial
11 controls to identify and prevent im-
12 proper payments under the program;
13 and

14 “(ii) submit to the appropriate au-
15 thorizing and appropriations committees of
16 Congress recommendations, which may be
17 included in another report submitted by
18 the Inspector General to Congress, for
19 modifying any plans of the executive agen-
20 cy relating to the program, including im-
21 provements for improper payments deter-
22 mination and estimation methodology.

23 “(F) ANNUAL MEETING.—Not less fre-
24 quently than once every year, the head of each
25 executive agency with a program identified

1 under paragraph (1)(A), or a designee of the
2 head of the executive agency, shall meet with
3 the Director of the Office of Management and
4 Budget, or a designee of the Director, to report
5 on actions taken during the preceding year and
6 planned actions to prevent improper payments.

7 “(c) ESTIMATION OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS.—

8 “(1) ESTIMATION.—With respect to each pro-
9 gram and activity identified under subsection (a)(1),
10 the head of the relevant executive agency shall—

11 “(A) produce a statistically valid estimate,
12 or an estimate that is otherwise appropriate
13 using a methodology approved by the Director
14 of the Office of Management and Budget, of
15 the improper payments made under the pro-
16 gram or activity; and

17 “(B) include the estimates described in
18 subparagraph (A) in the accompanying mate-
19 rials to the annual financial statement of the
20 executive agency and as required in applicable
21 guidance of the Office of Management and
22 Budget.

23 “(2) LACKING OR INSUFFICIENT DOCUMENTA-
24 TION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of
2 producing an estimate under paragraph (1),
3 when the executive agency cannot determine,
4 due to lacking or insufficient documentation,
5 whether a payment is proper or not, the pay-
6 ment shall be treated as an improper payment.

7 “(B) SEPARATE REPORT.—The head of an
8 executive agency may report separately on what
9 portion of the improper payments estimate for
10 a program or activity of the executive agency
11 under paragraph (1) is attributable to lacking
12 or insufficient documentation.

13 “(d) REPORTS ON ACTIONS TO REDUCE IMPROPER
14 PAYMENTS.—With respect to any program or activity of
15 an executive agency with estimated improper payments
16 under subsection (c), the head of the executive agency
17 shall provide with the estimate required under subsection
18 (c) a report on what actions the executive agency is taking
19 to reduce improper payments, including—

20 “(1) a description of the causes of the improper
21 payments, actions planned or taken to correct those
22 causes, and the planned or actual completion date of
23 the actions taken to address those causes;

24 “(2) in order to reduce improper payments to
25 a level below which further expenditures to reduce

1 improper payments would cost more than the
2 amount those expenditures would save in prevented
3 or recovered improper payments, a statement of
4 whether the executive agency has what is needed
5 with respect to—

6 “(A) internal controls;

7 “(B) human capital; and

8 “(C) information systems and other infra-
9 structure;

10 “(3) if the executive agency does not have suffi-
11 cient resources to establish and maintain effective
12 internal controls as described in paragraph (2)(A), a
13 description of the resources the executive agency has
14 requested in the budget submission of the executive
15 agency to establish and maintain those internal con-
16 trols;

17 “(4) program-specific and activity-specific im-
18 proper payments reduction targets that have been
19 approved by the Director of the Office of Manage-
20 ment and Budget;

21 “(5) a description of the steps the executive
22 agency has taken to ensure that executive agency
23 managers, programs, and, where appropriate, States
24 and local governments are held accountable through
25 annual performance appraisal criteria for—

1 “(A) meeting applicable improper pay-
2 ments reduction targets; and

3 “(B) establishing and maintaining suffi-
4 cient internal controls, including an appropriate
5 control environment, that effectively—

6 “(i) prevent improper payments from
7 being made; and

8 “(ii) promptly detect and recover im-
9 proper payments that are made; and

10 “(6) a description of how the level of planned
11 or completed actions by the executive agency to ad-
12 dress the causes of the improper payments matches
13 the level of improper payments, including a break-
14 down by category of improper payment and specific
15 timelines for completion of those actions.

16 “(e) REPORTS ON ACTIONS TO RECOVER IMPROPER
17 PAYMENTS.—With respect to improper payments identi-
18 fied in a recovery audit, the head of the executive agency
19 shall provide with the estimate required under subsection
20 (c) a report on all actions the executive agency is taking
21 to recover the improper payments, including—

22 “(1) a discussion of the methods used by the
23 executive agency to recover improper payments;

24 “(2) the amounts recovered, outstanding, and
25 determined to not be collectable, including the per-

1 cent those amounts represent of the total improper
2 payments of the executive agency;

3 “(3) if a determination has been made that cer-
4 tain improper payments are not collectable, a jus-
5 tification of that determination;

6 “(4) an aging schedule of the amounts out-
7 standing;

8 “(5) a summary of how recovered amounts have
9 been disposed of;

10 “(6) a discussion of any conditions giving rise
11 to improper payments and how those conditions are
12 being resolved; and

13 “(7) if the executive agency has determined
14 under subsection (i) that performing recovery audits
15 for any applicable program or activity is not cost-ef-
16 fective, a justification for that determination.

17 “(f) GOVERNMENTWIDE REPORTING OF IMPROPER
18 PAYMENTS AND ACTIONS TO RECOVER IMPROPER PAY-
19 MENTS.—

20 “(1) REPORT.—Each fiscal year, the Director
21 of the Office of Management and Budget shall sub-
22 mit a report with respect to the preceding fiscal year
23 on actions that executive agencies have taken to re-
24 port information regarding improper payments and
25 actions to recover improper payments to—

1 “(A) the Committee on Homeland Security
2 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

3 “(B) the Committee on Oversight and Re-
4 form of the House of Representatives; and

5 “(C) the Comptroller General of the
6 United States.

7 “(2) CONTENTS.—Each report required under
8 paragraph (1) shall include—

9 “(A) a summary of the reports of each ex-
10 ecutive agency on improper payments and re-
11 covery actions submitted under this section;

12 “(B) an identification of the compliance
13 status of each executive agency, as determined
14 by the Inspector General of the executive agen-
15 cy under section 3353, to which this section ap-
16 plies;

17 “(C) Governmentwide improper payment
18 reduction targets;

19 “(D) a Governmentwide estimate of im-
20 proper payments; and

21 “(E) a discussion of progress made to-
22 wards meeting Governmentwide improper pay-
23 ment reduction targets.

24 “(g) GUIDANCE BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT
25 AND BUDGET.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of enactment of this section, the Director
3 of the Office of Management and Budget shall pre-
4 scribe guidance for executive agencies to implement
5 the requirements of this section, which shall not in-
6 clude any exemptions to those requirements that are
7 not specifically authorized by this section.

8 “(2) CONTENTS.—The guidance under para-
9 graph (1) shall prescribe—

10 “(A) the form of the reports on actions to
11 reduce improper payments, recovery actions,
12 and Governmentwide reporting; and

13 “(B) strategies for addressing risks and
14 establishing appropriate prepayment and
15 postpayment internal controls.

16 “(h) DETERMINATIONS OF AGENCY READINESS FOR
17 OPINION ON INTERNAL CONTROL.—The criteria required
18 to be developed under section 2(g) of the Improper Pay-
19 ments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010, as in effect
20 on the day before the date of enactment of this section—

21 “(1) shall continue to be in effect on and after
22 the date of enactment of this section; and

23 “(2) may be modified as determined appro-
24 priate by the Director of the Office of Management
25 and Budget.

1 “(i) RECOVERY AUDITS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

3 “(A) CONDUCT OF AUDITS.—Except as
4 provided under paragraph (3) and if not prohib-
5 ited under any other provision of law, the head
6 of each executive agency shall conduct recovery
7 audits with respect to each program and activ-
8 ity of the executive agency that expends
9 \$1,000,000 or more annually if conducting the
10 audits would be cost effective.

11 “(B) PROCEDURES.—In conducting a re-
12 covery audit under this subsection, the head of
13 an executive agency—

14 “(i) shall give priority to the most re-
15 cent payments and to payments made in
16 any program identified as susceptible to
17 significant improper payments under sub-
18 section (a);

19 “(ii) shall implement this subsection
20 in a manner designed to ensure the great-
21 est financial benefit to the Federal Govern-
22 ment; and

23 “(iii) may conduct the recovery audit
24 directly, by using other departments and
25 agencies of the United States, or by pro-

1 curing performance of recovery audits by
2 private sector sources by contract, subject
3 to the availability of appropriations, or by
4 any combination thereof.

5 “(C) RECOVERY AUDIT CONTRACTS.—With
6 respect to a recovery audit procured by an execu-
7 tive agency by contract—

8 “(i) subject to subparagraph (B)(iii),
9 and except to the extent such actions are
10 outside the authority of the executive agen-
11 cy under section 7103 of title 41, the head
12 of the executive agency may authorize the
13 contractor to—

14 “(I) notify entities, including in-
15 dividuals, of potential overpayments
16 made to those entities;

17 “(II) respond to questions con-
18 cerning potential overpayments; and

19 “(III) take other administrative
20 actions with respect to an overpay-
21 ment claim made or to be made by
22 the executive agency; and

23 “(ii) the contractor shall not have the
24 authority to make a final determination re-
25 lating to whether any overpayment oc-

1 curred or whether to compromise, settle, or
2 terminate an overpayment claim.

3 “(D) CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDI-
4 TIONS.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The executive
6 agency shall include in each contract for
7 procurement of performance of a recovery
8 audit a requirement that the contractor
9 shall—

10 “(I) provide to the executive
11 agency periodic reports on conditions
12 giving rise to overpayments identified
13 by the contractor and any rec-
14 ommendations on how to mitigate
15 those conditions;

16 “(II) notify the executive agency
17 of any overpayments identified by the
18 contractor pertaining to the executive
19 agency or to any other executive agen-
20 cy that are beyond the scope of the
21 contract; and

22 “(III) report to the executive
23 agency credible evidence of fraud or
24 vulnerabilities to fraud and conduct
25 appropriate training of personnel of

1 the contractor on identification of
2 fraud.

3 “(ii) REPORTS ON ACTIONS TAKEN.—

4 Each executive agency shall, on an annual
5 basis, include in annual financial statement
6 of the executive agency a report on actions
7 taken by the executive agency during the
8 preceding fiscal year to address the rec-
9 ommendations described in clause (i)(I).

10 “(E) AGENCY ACTION FOLLOWING NOTIFI-
11 CATION.—Each executive agency shall—

12 “(i) take prompt and appropriate ac-
13 tion in response to a report or notification
14 by a contractor under subclause (I) or (II)
15 of subparagraph (D)(i) to collect an over-
16 payment; and

17 “(ii) forward to other executive agen-
18 cies any information that applies to that
19 executive agency.

20 “(2) DISPOSITION OF AMOUNTS RECOVERED.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts collected by
22 executive agencies each fiscal year through re-
23 covery audits shall be treated in accordance
24 with this paragraph.

1 “(B) DISTRIBUTION.—The head of an ex-
2 ecutive agency shall determine the distribution
3 of collected amounts described in subparagraph
4 (A), less amounts needed to fulfill the purposes
5 of section 3562(a) of this title, in accordance
6 with subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E).

7 “(C) USE FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
8 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Not more than 25
9 percent of the amounts collected by an execu-
10 tive agency through recovery audits—

11 “(i) shall be available to the head of
12 the executive agency to carry out the fi-
13 nancial management improvement program
14 of the executive agency under paragraph
15 (3);

16 “(ii) may be credited, if applicable, for
17 the purpose described in clause (i) by the
18 head of an executive agency to any execu-
19 tive agency appropriations and funds that
20 are available for obligation at the time of
21 collection; and

22 “(iii) shall be used to supplement and
23 not supplant any other amounts available
24 for the purpose described in clause (i) and
25 shall remain available until expended.

1 “(D) USE FOR ORIGINAL PURPOSE.—Not
2 more than 25 percent of the amounts collected
3 by an executive agency through recovery au-
4 dits—

5 “(i) shall be credited to the appropria-
6 tion or fund, if any, available for obligation
7 at the time of collection for the same gen-
8 eral purposes as the appropriation or fund
9 from which the overpayment was made;

10 “(ii) shall remain available for the
11 same period and purposes as the appro-
12 priation or fund to which credited; and

13 “(iii) if the appropriation from which
14 an overpayment was made has expired—

15 “(I) in the case of recoveries of
16 overpayments that are made from a
17 trust or special fund account, shall re-
18 vert to that account; and

19 “(II) in the case of other recov-
20 eries of overpayments—

21 “(aa) for amounts that are
22 recovered more than 5 fiscal
23 years from the last fiscal year in
24 which the funds were available
25 for obligation, shall be deposited

1 in the Treasury as miscellaneous
2 receipts; and

3 “(bb) for other amounts,
4 shall be newly available for the
5 same time period as the funds
6 were originally available for obli-
7 gation.

8 “(E) USE FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL AC-
9 TIVITIES.—Not more than 5 percent of the
10 amounts collected by an executive agency
11 through recovery audits—

12 “(i) shall be available to the Inspector
13 General of that executive agency for—

14 “(I) the Inspector General to
15 carry out this Act; or

16 “(II) any other activities of the
17 Inspector General relating to inves-
18 tigating improper payments or audit-
19 ing internal controls associated with
20 payments; and

21 “(ii) shall remain available for the
22 same period and purposes as the appro-
23 priation or fund to which credited.

24 “(F) REMAINDER.—Amounts collected
25 that are not applied in accordance with sub-

1 paragraph (B), (C), (D), or (E) shall be depos-
2 ited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts,
3 except that in the case of recoveries of overpay-
4 ments that are made from trust or special fund
5 accounts, those amounts shall revert to those
6 accounts.

7 “(G) DISCRETIONARY AMOUNTS.—This
8 paragraph shall apply only to recoveries of over-
9 payments that are made from discretionary ap-
10 propriations, as defined in section 250(c)(7) of
11 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
12 Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900(c)(7)), and
13 shall not apply to recoveries of overpayments
14 that are made from discretionary amounts that
15 were appropriated before the date of enactment
16 of the Improper Payments Elimination and Re-
17 covery Act of 2010, as in effect on the day be-
18 fore the date of enactment of this section.

19 “(H) APPLICATION.—This paragraph shall
20 not apply to the recovery of an overpayment if
21 the appropriation from which the overpayment
22 was made has not expired.

23 “(3) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT
24 PROGRAM.—

1 “(A) REQUIREMENT.—The head of each
2 executive agency shall conduct a financial man-
3 agement improvement program consistent with
4 rules prescribed by the Director of the Office of
5 Management and Budget.

6 “(B) PROGRAM FEATURES.—In conducting
7 a program described in subparagraph (A), the
8 head of an executive agency—

9 “(i) shall, as the first priority of the
10 program, address problems that contribute
11 directly to executive agency improper pay-
12 ments; and

13 “(ii) may seek to reduce errors and
14 waste in other executive agency programs
15 and operations.

16 “(4) PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.—Any nongovern-
17 mental entity that, in the course of recovery auditing
18 or recovery activity under this subsection, obtains in-
19 formation that identifies an individual or with re-
20 spect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe
21 that the information can be used to identify an indi-
22 vidual, may not disclose the information for any pur-
23 pose other than the recovery auditing or recovery ac-
24 tivity and governmental oversight of the activity, un-
25 less disclosure for that other purpose is authorized

1 by the individual to the executive agency that con-
 2 tracted for the performance of the recovery auditing
 3 or recovery activity.

4 “(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except as pro-
 5 vided under paragraph (4), nothing in this sub-
 6 section shall be construed as terminating or in any
 7 way limiting authorities that are otherwise available
 8 to executive agencies under existing provisions of law
 9 to recover improper payments and use recovered
 10 amounts.

11 **“§ 3353. Compliance**

12 “(a) ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT BY INSPECTORS
 13 GENERAL OF EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each fiscal year, the In-
 15 spector General of each executive agency shall—

16 “(A) determine whether the executive
 17 agency is in compliance; and

18 “(B) submit a report on the determination
 19 made under subparagraph (A) to—

20 “(i) the head of the executive agency;

21 “(ii) the Committee on Homeland Se-
 22 curity and Governmental Affairs of the
 23 Senate;

1 “(iii) the Committee on Oversight and
2 Reform of the House of Representatives;
3 and

4 “(iv) the Comptroller General of the
5 United States.

6 “(2) DEVELOPMENT OR USE OF A CENTRAL
7 WEBSITE.—The Council of the Inspectors General
8 on Integrity and Efficiency (in this subsection re-
9 ferred to as the ‘Council’) shall develop a public cen-
10 tral website, or make use of a public central website
11 in existence on the date of enactment of this section,
12 to contain individual compliance determination re-
13 ports issued by Inspectors General under paragraph
14 (1)(B) and such additional information as deter-
15 mined by the Council.

16 “(3) OMB GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180
17 days after the date of enactment of this section, the
18 Director of the Office of Management and Budget,
19 in consultation with the Council and with consider-
20 ation given to the available resources and independ-
21 ence of individual Offices of Inspectors General,
22 shall develop and promulgate guidance for the com-
23 pliance determination reports issued by the Inspec-
24 tors General under paragraph (1)(B), which shall re-
25 quire that—

1 “(A) the reporting format used by the In-
2 spectors General is consistent;

3 “(B) Inspectors General evaluate and take
4 into account the adequacy of executive agency
5 risk assessments, improper payment estimates
6 methodology, and executive agency action plans
7 to address the causes of improper payments;

8 “(C) Inspectors General take into account
9 whether the executive agency has correctly iden-
10 tified the causes of improper payments and
11 whether the actions of the executive agency to
12 address those causes are adequate and effective;

13 “(D) Inspectors General evaluate the ade-
14 quacy of executive agency action plans on how
15 the executive agency addresses the causes of
16 improper payments; and

17 “(E) as part of the report, Inspectors Gen-
18 eral include an evaluation of executive agency
19 efforts to prevent and reduce improper pay-
20 ments and any recommendations for actions to
21 further improve that prevention and reduction.

22 “(4) CIGIE GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180
23 days after the date of enactment of this section, the
24 Council shall, with consideration given to the avail-
25 able resources and independence of individual Of-

1 fices of Inspectors General, develop and promulgate
2 guidance that specifies procedures for compliance
3 determinations made by the Inspectors General
4 under paragraph (1)(A), which shall describe proce-
5 dures for Inspectors General—

6 “(A) to make the determinations consistent
7 regarding compliance; and

8 “(B) to evaluate—

9 “(i) for compliance with the require-
10 ment described in section 3351(2)(B), the
11 risk assessment methodology of the execu-
12 tive agency, including whether the audits,
13 examinations, and legal actions of the In-
14 spector General indicate a higher risk of
15 improper payments or actual improper
16 payments that were not included in the
17 risk assessments of the executive agency
18 conducted under section 3352(a);

19 “(ii) for compliance with the require-
20 ment described in section 3351(2)(C), the
21 accuracy of the rate estimates and whether
22 the sampling and estimation plan used is
23 appropriate given program characteristics;

24 “(iii) for compliance with the require-
25 ment described in section 3351(2)(D), the

1 corrective action plans and whether the
2 plans are adequate and focused on the true
3 causes of improper payments, including
4 whether the corrective action plans are—

5 “(I) reducing improper pay-
6 ments;

7 “(II) effectively implemented;
8 and

9 “(III) prioritized within the execu-
10 utive agency;

11 “(iv) the adequacy of executive agency
12 action plans to address the causes of im-
13 proper payments;

14 “(v) executive agency efforts to pre-
15 vent and reduce improper payments, and
16 any recommendations for actions to fur-
17 ther improve; and

18 “(vi) whether an executive agency has
19 published an annual financial statement in
20 accordance with the requirement described
21 in section 3351(2)(A).

22 “(b) REMEDIATION.—

23 “(1) NONCOMPLIANCE.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If an executive agency
25 is determined by the Inspector General of that

1 executive agency not to be in compliance under
2 subsection (a) in a fiscal year with respect to a
3 program or activity, the head of the executive
4 agency shall submit to the appropriate author-
5 izing and appropriations committees of Con-
6 gress a plan describing the actions that the ex-
7 ecutive agency will take to come into compli-
8 ance.

9 “(B) PLAN.—The plan described in sub-
10 paragraph (A) shall include—

11 “(i) measurable milestones to be ac-
12 complished in order to achieve compliance
13 for each program or activity;

14 “(ii) the designation of a senior execu-
15 tive agency official who shall be account-
16 able for the progress of the executive agen-
17 cy in coming into compliance for each pro-
18 gram or activity; and

19 “(iii) the establishment of an account-
20 ability mechanism, such as a performance
21 agreement, with appropriate incentives and
22 consequences tied to the success of the of-
23 ficial designated under clause (ii) in lead-
24 ing the efforts of the executive agency to

1 come into compliance for each program or
2 activity.

3 “(2) NONCOMPLIANCE FOR 2 FISCAL YEARS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If an executive agency
5 is determined by the Inspector General of that
6 executive agency not to be in compliance under
7 subsection (a) for 2 consecutive fiscal years for
8 the same program or activity, the executive
9 agency shall propose to the Director of the Of-
10 fice of Management and Budget additional pro-
11 gram integrity proposals that would help the
12 executive agency come into compliance.

13 “(B) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If the Director of
15 the Office of Management and Budget de-
16 termines that additional funding would
17 help an executive agency described in sub-
18 paragraph (A) come into compliance, the
19 head of the executive agency shall obligate
20 additional funding, in an amount deter-
21 mined by the Director, to intensified com-
22 pliance efforts.

23 “(ii) REPROGRAMMING OR TRANSFER
24 AUTHORITY.—In providing additional fund-
25 ing under clause (i)—

1 “(I) the head of an executive
2 agency shall use any reprogramming
3 or transfer authority available to the
4 executive agency; and

5 “(II) if after exercising the re-
6 programming or transfer authority de-
7 scribed in subclause (I), additional
8 funding is necessary to obligate the
9 full level of funding determined by the
10 Director of the Office of Management
11 and Budget under clause (i), the exec-
12 utive agency shall submit a request to
13 Congress for additional reprogram-
14 ming or transfer authority.

15 “(3) REAUTHORIZATION AND STATUTORY PRO-
16 POSALS.—If an executive agency is determined by
17 the Inspector General of that executive agency not
18 to be in compliance under subsection (a) for 3 con-
19 secutive fiscal years for the same program or activ-
20 ity, the head of the executive agency shall, not later
21 than 30 days after the date of that determination,
22 submit to the appropriate authorizing and appro-
23 priations committees of Congress and the Comp-
24 troller General of the United States—

1 “(A)(i) reauthorization proposals for each
2 program or activity that has not been in compli-
3 ance for 3 or more consecutive fiscal years; and

4 “(ii) proposed statutory changes necessary
5 to bring the program or activity into compli-
6 ance; or

7 “(B) if the head of the executive agency
8 determines that clauses (i) and (ii) of subpara-
9 graph (A) will not bring the program or activity
10 into compliance, a description of the actions
11 that the executive agency is undertaking to
12 bring the program or activity into compliance
13 and a timeline of when the compliance will be
14 achieved.

15 “(4) PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR COMPLIANCE.—
16 If an executive agency is determined by the Inspec-
17 tor General of that executive agency not to be in
18 compliance under subsection (a) for 4 or more con-
19 secutive fiscal years for the same program or activ-
20 ity, the head of the executive agency shall, not later
21 than 30 days after such determination, submit to
22 the appropriate authorizing and appropriations com-
23 mittees of Congress a report that includes—

1 “(A) the activities taken to comply with
2 the requirements for 1, 2, 3, 4, or more years
3 of noncompliance;

4 “(B) a description of any requirements
5 that were fulfilled for 1, 2, or 3 consecutive
6 years of noncompliance that are still relevant
7 and being pursued as a means to bring the pro-
8 gram or activity into compliance and prevent
9 and reduce improper payments;

10 “(C) a description of any new corrective
11 actions; and

12 “(D) a timeline for when the program or
13 activity will achieve compliance based on the ac-
14 tions described within the report.

15 “(5) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each executive agency
16 shall submit to the appropriate authorizing and ap-
17 propriations committees of Congress and the Comp-
18 troller General of the United States—

19 “(A) a list of each program or activity that
20 was determined to not be in compliance under
21 paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4); and

22 “(B) actions that are planned to bring the
23 program or activity into compliance.

24 “(c) COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT PILOT PRO-
25 GRAMS.—The Director of the Office of Management and

1 Budget may establish 1 or more pilot programs that shall
 2 test potential accountability mechanisms with appropriate
 3 incentives and consequences tied to success in ensuring
 4 compliance with this section and eliminating improper
 5 payments.

6 “(d) IMPROVED ESTIMATES GUIDANCE.—The guid-
 7 ance required to be provided under section 3(b) of the Im-
 8 proper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement
 9 Act of 2012, as in effect on the day before the date of
 10 enactment of this section—

11 “(1) shall continue to be in effect on and after
 12 the date of enactment of this section; and

13 “(2) may be modified as determined appro-
 14 priate by the Director of the Office of Management
 15 and Budget.

16 **“§ 3354. Do Not Pay Initiative**

17 “(a) PREPAYMENT AND PREAWARD PROCEDURES.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each executive agency shall
 19 review prepayment and preaward procedures and en-
 20 sure that a thorough review of available databases
 21 with relevant information on eligibility occurs to de-
 22 termine program or award eligibility and prevent im-
 23 proper payments before the release of any Federal
 24 funds.

1 “(2) DATABASES.—At a minimum and before
2 issuing any payment or award, each executive agen-
3 cy shall review as appropriate the following data-
4 bases to verify eligibility of the payment and award:

5 “(A) The death records maintained by the
6 Commissioner of Social Security.

7 “(B) The System for Award Management
8 Exclusion Records, formerly known as the Ex-
9 cluded Parties List System, of the General
10 Services Administration.

11 “(C) The Debt Check Database of the De-
12 partment of the Treasury.

13 “(D) The Credit Alert System or Credit
14 Alert Interactive Voice Response System of the
15 Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
16 ment.

17 “(E) The List of Excluded Individuals/En-
18 tities of the Office of Inspector General of the
19 Department of Health and Human Services.

20 “(F) Information regarding incarcerated
21 individuals maintained by the Commissioner of
22 Social Security under sections 202(x) and
23 1611(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
24 402(x), 1382(e)).

25 “(b) DO NOT PAY INITIATIVE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is the Do Not Pay
2 Initiative, which shall include—

3 “(A) use of the databases described in sub-
4 section (a)(2); and

5 “(B) use of other databases designated by
6 the Director of the Office of Management and
7 Budget, or the designee of the Director, in con-
8 sultation with executive agencies and in accord-
9 ance with paragraph (2).

10 “(2) OTHER DATABASES.—In making designa-
11 tions of other databases under paragraph (1)(B), the
12 Director of the Office of Management and Budget,
13 or the head of any executive agency designated by
14 the Director, shall—

15 “(A) consider any database that substan-
16 tially assists in preventing improper payments;
17 and

18 “(B) provide public notice and an oppor-
19 tunity for comment before designating a data-
20 base under paragraph (1)(B).

21 “(3) ACCESS AND REVIEW.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of iden-
23 tifying and preventing improper payments, each
24 executive agency shall have access to, and use
25 of, the Do Not Pay Initiative to verify payment

1 or award eligibility in accordance with sub-
2 section (a).

3 “(B) MATCHING PROGRAMS.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The head of the
5 agency operating the Working System
6 may, in consultation with the Office of
7 Management and Budget, waive the re-
8 quirements of section 552a(o) of title 5 in
9 any case or class of cases for computer
10 matching activities conducted under this
11 section.

12 “(ii) GUIDANCE.—The Director of the
13 Office of Management and Budget may
14 issue guidance that establishes require-
15 ments governing waivers under clause (i).

16 “(C) OTHER ENTITIES.—Each State and
17 any contractor, subcontractor, or agent of a
18 State, including a State auditor or State pro-
19 gram responsible for reducing improper pay-
20 ments of a federally funded State-administered
21 program, and the judicial and legislative
22 branches of the United States, as defined in
23 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively, of section
24 202(e) of title 18, shall have access to, and use
25 of, the Do Not Pay Initiative for the purpose of

1 verifying payment or award eligibility for pay-
2 ments.

3 “(D) CONSISTENCY WITH PRIVACY ACT OF
4 1974.—To ensure consistency with the principles
5 of section 552a of title 5 (commonly known as
6 the ‘Privacy Act of 1974’), the Director of the
7 Office of Management and Budget may issue
8 guidance that establishes privacy and other re-
9 quirements that shall be incorporated into Do
10 Not Pay Initiative access agreements with
11 States, including any contractor, subcontractor,
12 or agent of a State, and the judicial and legisla-
13 tive branches of the United States, as defined
14 in paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively, of sec-
15 tion 202(e) of title 18.

16 “(4) PAYMENT OTHERWISE REQUIRED.—When
17 using the Do Not Pay Initiative, an executive agency
18 shall recognize that there may be circumstances
19 under which the law requires a payment or award to
20 be made to a recipient, regardless of whether that
21 recipient is identified as potentially ineligible under
22 the Do Not Pay Initiative.

23 “(5) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Director of the
24 Office of Management and Budget shall submit to
25 Congress an annual report, which may be included

1 as part of another report submitted to Congress by
2 the Director, regarding the operation of the Do Not
3 Pay Initiative, which shall—

4 “(A) include an evaluation of whether the
5 Do Not Pay Initiative has reduced improper
6 payments or improper awards; and

7 “(B) provide the frequency of corrections
8 or identification of incorrect information.

9 “(c) INITIAL WORKING SYSTEM.—The working sys-
10 tem required to be established under section 5(d) of the
11 Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improve-
12 ment Act of 2012, as in effect on the day before the date
13 of enactment of this section—

14 “(1) shall continue to be in effect on and after
15 the date of enactment of this section; and

16 “(2) shall require each executive agency to re-
17 view all payments and awards for all programs and
18 activities of that executive agency through the work-
19 ing system.

20 “(d) FACILITATING DATA ACCESS BY FEDERAL
21 AGENCIES AND OFFICES OF INSPECTORS GENERAL FOR
22 PURPOSES OF PROGRAM INTEGRITY.—

23 “(1) COMPUTER MATCHING BY EXECUTIVE
24 AGENCIES FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATION AND

1 PREVENTION OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS AND
2 FRAUD.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
4 this paragraph, in accordance with section 552a
5 of title 5 (commonly known as the ‘Privacy Act
6 of 1974’), the head of each executive agency
7 may enter into computer matching agreements
8 with other heads of executive agencies that
9 allow ongoing data matching, which shall in-
10 clude automated data matching, in order to as-
11 sist in the detection and prevention of improper
12 payments.

13 “(B) REVIEW.—Not later than 60 days
14 after the date on which a proposal for an agree-
15 ment under subparagraph (A) has been pre-
16 sented to a Data Integrity Board established
17 under section 552a(u) of title 5 for consider-
18 ation, the Data Integrity Board shall respond
19 to the proposal.

20 “(C) TERMINATION DATE.—An agreement
21 described in subparagraph (A)—

22 “(i) shall have a termination date of
23 less than 3 years; and

24 “(ii) during the 3-month period end-
25 ing on the date on which the agreement is

1 scheduled to terminate, may be renewed by
2 the executive agencies entering the agree-
3 ment for not more than 3 years.

4 “(D) MULTIPLE AGENCIES.—For purposes
5 of this paragraph, section 552a(o)(1) of title 5
6 shall be applied by substituting ‘between the
7 source agency and the recipient agency or non-
8 Federal agency or an agreement governing mul-
9 tiple agencies’ for ‘between the source agency
10 and the recipient agency or non-Federal agency’
11 in the matter preceding subparagraph (A).

12 “(E) COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS.—A jus-
13 tification under section 552a(o)(1)(B) of title 5
14 relating to an agreement under subparagraph
15 (A) is not required to contain a specific esti-
16 mate of any savings under the computer match-
17 ing agreement.

18 “(2) GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES BY THE OF-
19 FICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.—The guid-
20 ance, rules, and procedures required to be issued,
21 clarified, and established under paragraphs (3) and
22 (4) of section 5(e) of the Improper Payments Elimini-
23 nation and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, as
24 in effect on the day before the date of enactment of
25 this section—

1 “(A) shall continue to be in effect on and
2 after the date of enactment of this section; and

3 “(B) may be modified as determined ap-
4 propriate by the Director of the Office of Man-
5 agement and Budget.

6 “(3) COMPLIANCE.—The head of each executive
7 agency, in consultation with the Inspector General of
8 the executive agency, shall ensure that any informa-
9 tion provided to an individual or entity under this
10 subsection is provided in accordance with protocols
11 established under this subsection.

12 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
13 this subsection shall be construed—

14 “(A) to affect the rights of an individual
15 under section 552a(p) of title 5; or

16 “(B) to impede the exercise of an exemp-
17 tion provided to Inspectors General or by an ex-
18 ecutive agency in coordination with an Inspec-
19 tor General under section 6(j) of the Inspector
20 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

21 “(e) PLAN TO CURB FEDERAL IMPROPER PAYMENTS
22 TO DECEASED INDIVIDUALS BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY
23 AND USE BY FEDERAL AGENCIES OF THE SOCIAL SECU-
24 RITY ADMINISTRATION DEATH MASTER FILE AND OTHER
25 DEATH DATA.—

1 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—In conjunction with
2 the Commissioner of Social Security and in consulta-
3 tion with relevant stakeholders that have an interest
4 in or responsibility for providing the data, and each
5 State, the Director of the Office of Management and
6 Budget shall conduct a study and update the plan
7 required to be established under section 5(g) of the
8 Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Im-
9 provement Act of 2012, as in effect on the day be-
10 fore the date of enactment of this section, for im-
11 proving the quality, accuracy, and timeliness of
12 death data maintained by the Social Security Ad-
13 ministration, including death information reported to
14 the Commissioner under section 205(r) of the Social
15 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r)).

16 “(2) ADDITIONAL ACTIONS UNDER PLAN.—The
17 plan described in this subsection shall include rec-
18 ommended actions by executive agencies to—

19 “(A) increase the quality and frequency of
20 access to the Death Master File and other
21 death data;

22 “(B) achieve a goal of at least daily access
23 as appropriate;

1 “(C) provide for all States and other data
2 providers to use improved and electronic means
3 for providing data;

4 “(D) identify improved methods by execu-
5 tive agencies for determining ineligible pay-
6 ments due to the death of a recipient through
7 proactive verification means; and

8 “(E) address improper payments made by
9 executive agencies to deceased individuals as
10 part of Federal retirement programs.

11 “(3) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after
12 the date of enactment of this section, the Director
13 of the Office of Management and Budget shall sub-
14 mit a report to Congress on the plan described in
15 this subsection, including recommended legislation.

16 **“§ 3355. Improving recovery of improper payments**

17 “The Director of the Office of Management and
18 Budget shall determine—

19 “(1) current and historical rates and amounts
20 of recovery of improper payments, or, in cases in
21 which improper payments are identified solely on the
22 basis of a sample, recovery rates and amounts esti-
23 mated on the basis of the applicable sample, includ-
24 ing a list of executive agency recovery audit contract
25 programs and specific information of amounts and

1 payments recovered by recovery audit contractors;
2 and

3 “(2) targets for recovering improper payments,
4 including specific information on amounts and pay-
5 ments recovered by recovery audit contractors.

6 **“§ 3356. Improving the use of data by executive agen-**
7 **cies for curbing improper payments**

8 “(a) PROMPT REPORTING OF DEATH INFORMATION
9 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF DEFENSE.—The procedure required to be established
11 under section 7(a) of the Improper Payments Elimination
12 and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, as in effect on
13 the day before the date of enactment of this section—

14 “(1) shall continue to be in effect on and after
15 the date of enactment of this section; and

16 “(2) may be modified as determined appro-
17 priate by the Director of the Office of Management
18 and Budget.

19 “(b) PROMPT REPORTING OF DEATH INFORMATION
20 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE
21 OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.—Not later than
22 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-
23 retary of Veterans Affairs and the Director of the Office
24 of Personnel Management shall establish a procedure
25 under which the Secretary and the Director—

1 “(1) shall promptly and on a regular basis sub-
2 mit information relating to the deaths of individuals,
3 including stopped payments data as applicable, to
4 each executive agency for which the Director of the
5 Office of Management and Budget determines re-
6 ceiving and using such information would be rel-
7 evant and necessary; and

8 “(2) to facilitate the centralized access of death
9 data for the use of reducing improper payments,
10 may identify additional Federal sources of death
11 data and direct the data owner to provide that data
12 to 1 or more executive agencies for that purpose.

13 “(c) GUIDANCE TO EXECUTIVE AGENCIES REGARD-
14 ING DATA ACCESS AND USE FOR IMPROPER PAYMENTS
15 PURPOSES.—The guidance required to be issued under
16 section 7(b) of the Improper Payments Elimination and
17 Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, as in effect on the
18 day before the date of enactment of this section—

19 “(1) shall continue to be in effect on and after
20 the date of enactment of this section; and

21 “(2) may be modified as determined appro-
22 priate by the Director of the Office of Management
23 and Budget.

1 **“§ 3357. Financial and administrative controls relat-**
2 **ing to fraud and improper payments**

3 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘agency’
4 has the meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5.

5 “(b) GUIDELINES.—The guidelines required to be es-
6 tablished under section 3(a) of the Fraud Reduction and
7 Data Analytics Act of 2015, as in effect on the day before
8 the date of enactment of this section—

9 “(1) shall continue to be in effect on and after
10 the date of enactment of this section; and

11 “(2) may be periodically modified by the Direc-
12 tor of the Office of Management and Budget, in con-
13 sultation with the Comptroller General of the United
14 States, as the Director and Comptroller General may
15 determine necessary.

16 “(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTROLS.—The guide-
17 lines described in subsection (b) shall include—

18 “(1) conducting an evaluation of fraud risks
19 and using a risk-based approach to design and im-
20 plement financial and administrative control activi-
21 ties to mitigate identified fraud risks;

22 “(2) collecting and analyzing data from report-
23 ing mechanisms on detected fraud to monitor fraud
24 trends and using that data and information to con-
25 tinuously improve fraud prevention controls; and

1 “(3) using the results of monitoring, evaluation,
2 audits, and investigations to improve fraud preven-
3 tion, detection, and response.

4 “(d) REPORT.—For each of fiscal years 2019 and
5 2020, each agency shall submit to Congress, as part of
6 the annual financial report of the agency, a report of the
7 agency on—

8 “(1) implementing—

9 “(A) the financial and administrative con-
10 trols described in subsection (b);

11 “(B) the fraud risk principle in the Stand-
12 ards for Internal Control in the Federal Gov-
13 ernment published by the Government Account-
14 ability Office (commonly known as the ‘Green
15 Book’); and

16 “(C) Office of Management and Budget
17 Circular A–123, or any successor thereto, with
18 respect to the leading practices for managing
19 fraud risk;

20 “(2) identifying risks and vulnerabilities to
21 fraud, including with respect to payroll, beneficiary
22 payments, grants, large contracts, and purchase and
23 travel cards; and

24 “(3) establishing strategies, procedures, and
25 other steps to curb fraud.

1 **“§ 3358. Interagency working group for Government-**
2 **wide payment integrity improvement**

3 “(a) WORKING GROUP.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days
5 after the date of enactment of this section, there is
6 established an interagency working group on pay-
7 ment integrity—

8 “(A) to improve—

9 “(i) State-administered Federal pro-
10 grams to determine eligibility processes
11 and data sharing practices;

12 “(ii) the guidelines described in sec-
13 tion 3357(b) and other best practices and
14 techniques for detecting, preventing, and
15 responding to improper payments, includ-
16 ing improper payments that are the result
17 of fraud; and

18 “(iii) the sharing and development of
19 data analytics techniques to help prevent
20 and identify potential improper payments,
21 including those that are the result of
22 fraud; and

23 “(B) to identify any additional activities
24 that will improve payment integrity of Federal
25 programs.

1 “(2) COMPOSITION.—The interagency working
2 group established under paragraph (1) shall be com-
3 posed of—

4 “(A) the Director of the Office of Manage-
5 ment and Budget;

6 “(B) 1 representative from each of the
7 agencies described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
8 section 901(b) of this title; and

9 “(C) any other representatives of other ex-
10 ecutive agencies determined appropriate by the
11 Director of the Office of Management and
12 Budget, which may include the Chief Informa-
13 tion Officer, the Chief Procurement Officer, the
14 Chief Risk Officer, or the Chief Operating Offi-
15 cer of an executive agency.

16 “(b) CONSULTATION.—The working group estab-
17 lished under subsection (a)(1) may consult with Offices
18 of Inspectors General and Federal and non-Federal ex-
19 perts on fraud risk assessments, administrative controls
20 over payment integrity, financial controls, and other rel-
21 evant matters.

22 “(c) MEETINGS.—The working group established
23 under subsection (a)(1) shall hold not fewer than 4 meet-
24 ings per year.

1 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 240 days after the
 2 date of enactment of this section, the working group estab-
 3 lished under subsection (a)(1) shall submit to Congress
 4 a report that includes—

5 “(1) a plan containing tangible solutions to pre-
 6 vent and reduce improper payments; and

7 “(2) a plan for State agencies to work with
 8 Federal agencies to regularly review lists of bene-
 9 ficiaries of State-managed Federal programs for du-
 10 plicate enrollment between States, including how the
 11 Do Not Pay Business Center and the data analytics
 12 initiative of the Department of the Treasury could
 13 aid in the detection of duplicate enrollment.”.

14 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
 15 The table of sections for chapter 33 of title 31, United
 16 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 17 lowing:

“SUBCHAPTER IV—IMPROPER PAYMENTS

“3351. Definitions.

“3352. Estimates of improper payments and reports on actions to reduce im-
 proper payments.

“3353. Compliance.

“3354. Do Not Pay Initiative.

“3355. Improving recovery of improper payments.

“3356. Improving the use of data by executive agencies for curbing improper
 payments.

“3357. Financial and administrative controls relating to fraud and improper
 payments.

“3358. Interagency working group for Governmentwide payment integrity im-
 provement.”.

18 **SEC. 3. REPEALS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) IMPROPER PAYMENTS INFORMATION ACT OF
2 2002.—The Improper Payments Information Act of
3 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) is repealed.

4 (2) IMPROPER PAYMENTS ELIMINATION AND
5 RECOVERY ACT OF 2010.—The Improper Payments
6 Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 (Public Law
7 114–204; 124 Stat. 2224) is repealed.

8 (3) IMPROPER PAYMENTS ELIMINATION AND
9 RECOVERY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2012.—The Im-
10 proper Payments Elimination and Recovery Im-
11 provement Act of 2012 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) is re-
12 pealed.

13 (4) FRAUD REDUCTION AND DATA ANALYTICS
14 ACT OF 2015.—The Fraud Reduction and Data Ana-
15 lytics Act of 2015 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) is repealed.

16 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

17 (1) GOVERNMENT CHARGE CARD ABUSE PRE-
18 VENTION ACT OF 2012.—Section 6(a) of the Govern-
19 ment Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012 (5
20 U.S.C. 5701 note) is amended by striking “section
21 3512 of title 31, United States Code, or in the Im-
22 proper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31
23 U.S.C. 3321 note)” and inserting “section 3512 or
24 subchapter IV of chapter 33 of title 31, United
25 States Code”.

1 (2) HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002.—Sec-
2 tion 2022(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
3 (6 U.S.C. 612(a)) is amended—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking “Con-
5 sistent with the Improper Payments Informa-
6 tion Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note)” and
7 inserting “Consistent with subchapter IV of
8 chapter 33 of title 31, United States Code”;
9 and

10 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “section
11 2(h) of the Improper Payments Elimination
12 and Recovery Act of 2010 (31 U.S.C. 3321
13 note)” and inserting “section 3352(i) of title
14 31, United States Code,”.

15 (3) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Section 2105 of
16 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee(c)) is
17 amended by striking “Improper Payments Informa-
18 tion Act of 2002” each place that term appears and
19 inserting “subchapter IV of chapter 33 of title 31,
20 United States Code”.

21 (4) TITLE 31.—Section 3562(a) of title 31,
22 United States Code, is amended—

23 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph
24 (1)—

1 (i) by striking “section 3561” and in-
2 sserting “section 3352(i)”; and

3 (ii) by striking “agency for the fol-
4 lowing purposes:” and all that follows
5 through “To reimburse” and inserting
6 “agency to reimburse”; and

7 (B) by striking paragraph (2).

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