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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Indiana (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Program Management
5 Improvement and Accountability Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MANAGEMENT.**

7 (a) **ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS.**—Section 503 of title
8 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
9 the following new subsection:

1 “(c) PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT.—Sub-
2 ject to the direction and approval of the Director, the Dep-
3 uty Director for Management or designee shall—

4 “(1) adopt governmentwide standards, policies,
5 and guidelines for program and project management
6 for executive agencies;

7 “(2) oversee program and project management
8 for the standards, policies, and guidelines estab-
9 lished under paragraph (1);

10 “(3) chair the Program Management Policy
11 Council established by section 1126(b);

12 “(4) issue regulations and establish standards
13 and policies for executive agencies in accordance
14 with nationally accredited standards for program
15 and project management planning and delivery
16 issues;

17 “(5) engage with the private sector;

18 “(6) conduct portfolio reviews to address pro-
19 grams identified as high risk by the Government Ac-
20 countability Office;

21 “(7) not less than annually, conduct portfolio
22 reviews of agency programs in coordination with
23 project management improvement officers; and

24 “(8) establish a five-year strategic plan for pro-
25 gram and project management.”.

1 (b) DEADLINE FOR STANDARDS, POLICIES, AND
2 GUIDELINES.—Not later than 120 days after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act, the Deputy Director for Man-
4 agement of the Office of Management and Budget shall
5 issue the standards, policies, and guidelines required
6 under section 503(c)(1) of title 31, United States Code,
7 as added by subsection (a).

8 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 150 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Deputy Director
10 for Management of the Office of Management and Budget,
11 in consultation with the Council and the Director of the
12 Office of Management and Budget, shall issue any regula-
13 tions as are necessary to implement the requirements of
14 section 503(c) of title 31, United States Code, as added
15 by subsection (a).

16 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT OFFICERS**
17 **AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT POLICY COUN-**
18 **CIL.**

19 (a) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 11 of title 31, United
20 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
21 lowing:

22 **“§ 1126. Program Management Improvement Officers**
23 **and Program Management Policy Council**

24 **“(a) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT OFFI-**
25 **CERS.—**

1 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The head of each agency
2 described in section 901(b) shall designate a senior
3 executive of the agency as the agency Program Man-
4 agement Improvement Officer. The Program Man-
5 agement Improvement Officer shall report directly to
6 the head of the agency.

7 “(2) FUNCTIONS.—The Program Management
8 Improvement Officer shall—

9 “(A) implement agency program manage-
10 ment policies established under section 503(c);
11 and

12 “(B) develop a written strategy for en-
13 hancing the role of program managers within
14 the agency that includes the following:

15 “(i) Enhanced training and edu-
16 cational opportunities for program man-
17 agers.

18 “(ii) Mentoring of current and future
19 program managers by experienced senior
20 executives and program managers within
21 the agency.

22 “(iii) Improved career paths and ca-
23 reer opportunities for program managers.

1 “(iv) Incentives for the recruitment
2 and retention of highly qualified individ-
3 uals to serve as program managers.

4 “(v) Improved resources and support,
5 including relevant competencies encom-
6 passed with program and project manage-
7 ment within the private sector for program
8 managers.

9 “(vi) Improved means of collecting
10 and disseminating best practices and les-
11 sons learned to enhance program manage-
12 ment across the agency.

13 “(vii) Common templates and tools to
14 support improved data gathering and anal-
15 ysis for program management and over-
16 sight purposes.

17 “(b) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT POLICY COUNCIL.—

18 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
19 the Office of Management and Budget a council to
20 be known as the ‘Program Management Policy
21 Council’ (in this section referred to as the ‘Council’).

22 “(2) PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS.—The Council
23 shall act as the principal interagency forum for im-
24 proving agency practices related to program and
25 project management. The Council shall—

1 “(A) advise and assist the Deputy Director
2 for Management of the Office of Management
3 and Budget;

4 “(B) review programs identified as high
5 risk by the General Accountability Office and
6 make recommendations for actions to be taken
7 by the Deputy Director for Management of the
8 Office of Management and Budget or designee;

9 “(C) discuss topics of importance to the
10 workforce, including—

11 “(i) career development and workforce
12 development needs;

13 “(ii) policy to support continuous im-
14 provement in program and project manage-
15 ment; and

16 “(iii) major challenges across agencies
17 in managing programs;

18 “(D) advise on the development and appli-
19 cability of standards governmentwide for pro-
20 gram management transparency; and

21 “(E) review the information published on
22 the website pursuant to section 1122.

23 “(3) MEMBERSHIP.—

24 “(A) COMPOSITION.—The Council shall be
25 composed of the following members:

1 “(i) Five members from the Office of
2 Management and Budget as follows:

3 “(I) The Deputy Director for
4 Management.

5 “(II) The Administrator of the
6 Office of Electronic Government.

7 “(III) The Administrator of the
8 Office of Federal Procurement Policy.

9 “(IV) The Controller of the Of-
10 fice of Federal Financial Manage-
11 ment.

12 “(V) The Director of the Office
13 of Performance and Personnel Man-
14 agement.

15 “(ii) The Program Management Im-
16 provement Officer from each agency de-
17 scribed in section 901(b).

18 “(iii) Other individuals as determined
19 appropriate by the Chairperson.

20 “(B) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR-
21 PERSON.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Di-
23 rector for Management of the Office of
24 Management and Budget shall be the
25 Chairperson of the Council. A Vice Chair-

1 person shall be elected by the members and
2 shall serve a term of not more than one
3 year.

4 “(ii) DUTIES.—The Chairperson shall
5 preside at the meetings of the Council, de-
6 termine the agenda of the Council, direct
7 the work, of the Council and establish and
8 direct subgroups of the Council as appro-
9 priate.

10 “(4) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet not
11 less than twice per fiscal year and may meet at the
12 call of the Chairperson or a majority of the members
13 of the Council.

14 “(5) SUPPORT.—The head of each agency with
15 a Project Management Improvement Officer serving
16 on the Council shall provide administrative support
17 to the Council, as appropriate, at the request of the
18 Chairperson.

19 “(6) COMMITTEE DURATION.—Section 14(a)(2)
20 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.
21 App.) shall not apply to the Council.”.

22 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of
24 each agency described in section 901(b) of title 31, United
25 States Code, shall submit to Congress and the Office of

1 Management and Budget a report containing the strategy
2 developed under section 1126(a)(2)(B) of such title, as
3 added by subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT PER-**
5 **SONNEL STANDARDS.**

6 (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 270
7 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director
8 of the Office of Personnel Management, in consultation
9 with the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
10 et, shall issue regulations that—

11 (1) identify key skills and competencies needed
12 for a program and project manager in an agency;

13 (2) establish a new job series for program and
14 project management within an agency; and

15 (3) establish a new career path for program
16 and project managers within an agency.

17 (b) AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section, the term
18 “agency” means each agency described in section 901(b)
19 of title 31, United States Code.

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