

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To close out expired, empty grant accounts.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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**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.