

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To require the heads of Federal agencies to submit to Congress an annual report regarding official time authorized under title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Taxpayer-Funded
5 Union Time Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICIAL TIME.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) AGENCY; EMPLOYEE; LABOR ORGANIZA-
2 TION.—The terms “agency”, “employee”, and “labor
3 organization” have the meanings given those terms
4 in section 7103 of title 5, United States Code.

5 (2) SECTION 7131.—The term “section 7131”
6 means section 7131 of title 5, United States Code.

7 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than June 30 of
8 each year that begins after the year in which this Act is
9 enacted, the head of each agency shall submit to Congress,
10 and post on the public website of the agency, a report that
11 details the following for the year covered by the report:

12 (1) The cost to the agency of official time au-
13 thorized under section 7131.

14 (2) A detailed explanation of the purpose for
15 which the agency made each authorization of official
16 time under section 7131.

17 (3) With respect to each employee of the agency
18 for whom official time was authorized under section
19 7131—

20 (A) the position and annual rate of basic
21 pay of the employee;

22 (B) the total number of hours the em-
23 ployee spent on activities for which the official
24 time was authorized; and

1 (C) the percentage that the number of
2 hours described in subparagraph (B) rep-
3 resented with respect to the total number of
4 hours worked by the employee for the applicable
5 year.

6 (4) The number of hours for which the agency
7 permitted labor organizations, or employees of the
8 agency for whom official time was authorized under
9 section 7311, to use agency property at no cost or
10 at a discounted rate.

11 (5) The total monetary value of the uses de-
12 scribed in paragraph (4).

13 (6) The amount of any reimbursement collected
14 by the agency with respect to a use described in
15 paragraph (4).

16 (7) Any expenses paid by the agency for activi-
17 ties conducted by a labor organization or a private
18 individual with respect to official time authorized by
19 the agency under section 7131.

20 (8) An explanation of any increase, as com-
21 pared to the report submitted in the previous year,
22 in the amount of official time authorized by the
23 agency under section 7131.