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To provide for reforming agencies of the Federal Government to improve efficiency and effectiveness, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

A BILL

To provide for reforming agencies of the Federal Government to improve efficiency and effectiveness, 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 “Reforming Government
5 Act of 2018”.

6 SEC. 2. PROVIDING CONSOLIDATION AUTHORITY.

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 902 of title 5, United
8 States Code, is amended—
(1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4) and moving that paragraph to appear after paragraph (3);

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) ‘efficiency-enhancing plan’ means a reorganization plan that the Director of the Office of Management and Budget determines will result in, or is likely to result in—

“(A) a decrease in the number of agencies; or

“(B) cost savings in performing the functions that are the subject of that plan;”;

(3) in paragraph (3), by striking the period and inserting ‘; and’; and

(4) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

(A) by striking ‘or abolition’ and inserting ‘abolition, or creation’; and

(B) by striking ‘; and’ and inserting a period.

(b) Modernizing Reorganization Authority.—

(1) Limitation on Powers.—Section 905(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:
“(1) abolishing or transferring an independent regulatory agency, or all the functions thereof, or consolidating 2 or more independent regulatory agencies, or all the functions thereof;”;

(B) by striking paragraph (5); and

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively.

(2) REORGANIZATION PLANS.—Section 903(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (5), by striking “or”;

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) the creation of a new agency that is not a component or part of an existing Executive department or independent agency.”.

(c) DURATION AND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 905(b) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “if the plan” and all that follows and inserting the following: “if the plan is—

“(1) transmitted to Congress (in accordance with section 903(b)) on or before the date that is 2
years after the date of the enactment of the Reform-
ing Government Act of 2018; and

“(2) an efficiency-enhancing plan.”.

(2) Exercise of rulemaking power.—Section 908(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amend-
ed by striking “chapter) on or before December 31, 1984” and inserting “title) on or before the date that is 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Reforming Government Act of 2018”.

(3) Terms of resolution.—Section 909 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “the matter after the re-
solving clause” and all that follows through “such modifications” and inserting “the matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows:

“That Congress approves the reorganization plan numbered _________ transmitted to Con-
gress by the President on ________________,”, and includes such modifications”; and

(B) by striking “chapter” and inserting “title”.

(d) Technical amendment.—Section 910 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—
(A) by striking “Government Operations Committee of the House” and inserting “Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives”; and

(B) by striking “Governmental Affairs Committee” and inserting “Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “Governmental Affairs” and inserting “Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs”; and

(B) by striking “Government Operations of the House” and inserting “Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives”.

SEC. 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of the provisions of such to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.