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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide for a pilot program to require congressional notification of additional information for certain foreign assistance programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To provide for a pilot program to require congressional notification of additional information for certain foreign assistance programs.

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 “Transparency in For-
5 eign Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM TO REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL NO-**
2 **TIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
3 **FOR CERTAIN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PRO-**
4 **GRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall di-
6 rect the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Af-
7 fairs and the Coordinator for Counterterrorism to carry
8 out a one-year pilot program that requires such officials
9 to submit to the appropriate congressional committees a
10 notification of information, in addition to information re-
11 quired under existing law, for new and existing foreign as-
12 sistance programs under the authorities of such officials
13 that require funds that are in addition to funds made
14 available for such programs under existing law.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—The notification required by sub-
16 section (a) shall include, for each program, the following:

17 (1) The working name of the program.

18 (2) The country or countries where the program
19 will be implemented.

20 (3) The mechanism used for the program, such
21 as contract, grant, interagency agreement, bureau
22 transfer.

23 (4) The total amount of new funding for the
24 program.

1 (5) Whether the program is considered a new
2 program or a continuation or expansion of existing
3 program.

4 (6) The total amount of funding that will be
5 needed over the life of the program.

6 (7) The expected period of performance for the
7 program using the requested funds.

8 (8) The total period of performance of the pro-
9 gram up until the time of the request.

10 (9) The name of the implementing entity or
11 proposed implementing entity of the program, if se-
12 lected, and other identifying information about the
13 entity, such as whether the entity is a private or
14 public entity or a United States-based or inter-
15 national entity.

16 (10) The intended objectives of the program.

17 (11) A description of key components or activi-
18 ties of the program.

19 (12) A description of consultations with the
20 chief of mission of the respective country or coun-
21 tries.

22 (13) Whether the program has a significant
23 underspend or overspend of funds based on pro-
24 jected spend rates under the program.

1 (14) Whether a performance improvement plan
2 or other additional administrative oversight has been
3 established for the program.

4 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
6 sional committees” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
8 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives; and

10 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
11 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.