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# S. 2135

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Wasteful Federal Pro-  
5 grams Reduction Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY AGENCY PRO-**  
2 **GRAMS OR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 11 of title 31, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 1127. Elimination of unnecessary agency programs**  
7 **or program activities**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ has the  
10 meaning given the term in section 1108(a).

11 “(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ has the  
12 meaning given the term in section 1122(a)(1), as  
13 amended by section 9601(a) of title XCVI of the  
14 William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-  
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law  
16 116–283).

17 “(3) PROGRAM ACTIVITY.—The term ‘program  
18 activity’ has the meaning given the term in section  
19 1115(h).

20 “(b) AGENCY IDENTIFICATION OF UNNECESSARY  
21 PROGRAMS OR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Not later than the  
22 date on which the Chief Operating Officer of each agency  
23 is required to provide a count of plans and programs  
24 under section 1125(a)(4) each year, and based on guid-  
25 ance provided by the Director of the Office of Management

1 and Budget, the Chief Operating Officer of each agency  
2 shall—

3 “(1) compile a list that identifies any program  
4 or program activity of the agency that is unneces-  
5 sary, defunct, or duplicative of another program or  
6 program activity of the agency;

7 “(2) in consultation with the congressional com-  
8 mittees that oversee a program or program activity  
9 identified under paragraph (1), determine—

10 “(A) whether the program or program ac-  
11 tivity is unnecessary, defunct, or duplicative of  
12 another program or program activity of the  
13 agency; and

14 “(B) whether the program or program ac-  
15 tivity could be eliminated or consolidated with  
16 another program or program activity of the  
17 agency or the Federal Government;

18 “(3) refine the list compiled under paragraph  
19 (1), in accordance with the determinations made  
20 under paragraph (2); and

21 “(4) submit to the Director of the Office of  
22 Management and Budget the list refined under  
23 paragraph (3).

24 “(c) PROPOSED LEGISLATION.—The Director of the  
25 Office of Management and Budget may submit to Con-

1 gress proposed legislation to eliminate or consolidate the  
2 programs or program activities identified in the lists sub-  
3 mitted under subsection (b)(4).”.

4 (b) INCLUSION IN BUDGET.—Section 1105(a) of title  
5 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following:

7 “(40) the lists identifying unnecessary, defunct,  
8 or duplicative programs or program activities sub-  
9 mitted to the Director of the Office of Management  
10 and Budget under section 1127(b)(4).”.

11 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
12 for chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, is amended  
13 by adding at the end the following:

“1127. Elimination of unnecessary agency programs or program activities”.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 this section shall take effect on the date that is 30 days  
16 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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