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To amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Ross of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7131 of title 5, United

5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-

6 lowing:

7 “(e)(1) Not later than March 31 of each calendar

8 year, the Office of Personnel Management, in consultation

1 with the Office of Management and Budget, shall submit
2 to each House of Congress a report on the operation of
3 this section during the fiscal year last ending before the
4 start of such calendar year.

5 “(2) Each report under this subsection shall include,
6 with respect to the fiscal year described in paragraph (1),
7 at least the following information:

8 “(A) The total amount of official time granted
9 to employees.

10 “(B) The average obtained by dividing—

11 “(i) the number described in subparagraph
12 (A), by

13 “(ii) the total number of employees in an
14 appropriate unit represented by an exclusive
15 representative.

16 “(C) The specific types of activities or purposes
17 for which official time was granted.

18 “(D) The total number of employees to whom
19 official time was granted.

20 “(E) The total dollar amount paid to employ-
21 ees, in the form of salaries or basic pay, while they
22 were engaged in activities for which they were grant-
23 ed official time.

24 “(F) The fair market value of any office space,
25 furnishings, equipment, or supplies provided by the

1 Government in connection with activities for which
2 employees were granted official time.

3 “(3) All information included in a report under this
4 subsection—

5 “(A) shall be shown both agency-by-agency and
6 for all agencies; and

7 “(B) shall be accompanied by the corresponding
8 information for the fiscal year before the fiscal year
9 described in paragraph (1), together with appro-
10 priate comparisons and analyses.

11 “(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘offi-
12 cial time’ means any period of time, regardless of agency
13 nomenclature—

14 “(A) which may be granted to an employee
15 under this chapter (including a collective bargaining
16 agreement entered into under this chapter) to per-
17 form representational or consultative functions; and

18 “(B) during which the employee would other-
19 wise be in a duty status.”.

20 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
21 section (a) shall be effective beginning with the report
22 which, under the provisions of such amendment, is first
23 due at least 6 months after the date of the enactment of
24 this Act.

