

S 1115

GONE Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Law: 114-117 (Enacted Jan 28, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]

Party: Republican • State: NE • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Apr 28, 2015
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Jun 11, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 30, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3089	Related bill	Sep 29, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on December 18, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **Grants Oversight and New Efficiency Act or the GONE Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Office of Management and Budget to instruct each agency, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to submit to Congress and HHS by December 31 of the first calendar year beginning after this Act's enactment a report that:

- lists each federal grant award held by such agency;
- provides the total number of federal grant awards, including the number of grants by time period of expiration, the number with zero dollar balances, and the number with undisbursed balances;
- describes the challenges leading to delays in grant closeout; and
- explains, for the 30 oldest federal grant awards, why each has not been closed out.

If an agency head is unable to submit all of such information, the report shall include an explanation of why the information was not available, including any shortcomings with and plans to improve existing grant systems, including data systems.

Each agency, within one year after submitting such report, shall provide notice to HHS specifying: (1) whether it has closed out all of the federal grant awards in the report, and (2) which awards have not been closed out. HHS, within 90 days after all of such notices have been provided or by March 31 of the calendar year following the first calendar year beginning after this Act's enactment, whichever is sooner, shall compile, and report to Congress on, such notices.

The Inspector General of an agency with more than \$500 million in annual grant funding, within one year after such agency has provided the notice to Congress, shall conduct a risk assessment to determine if an audit or review of the agency's grant closeout process is warranted.

The OMB, within six months after the second such report on notices is submitted, shall report to Congress on recommendations for legislation to improve accountability and oversight in grants management, including the timely closeout of a federal grant award.

The bill defines "federal grant award" as a grant, including a cooperative agreement, in an agency cash payment management system held by the U.S. government for which: (1) the grant award period of performance has been expired for more than two years, and (2) closeout has not yet occurred.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 28, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 28, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-117.
- **Jan 19, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 11, 2016:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 11, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H244-246)
- **Jan 11, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1115.
- **Jan 11, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H244-245)
- **Jan 11, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H244-245)
- **Jan 11, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 4, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Jan 4, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8906-8907; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S8906-8907)
- **Dec 18, 2015:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8907)
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 114-169.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 303.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 28, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 28, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.