

S 1550

Program Management Improvement Accountability Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Jun 10, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 6, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 3, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 21, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2943	Related bill	Dec 23, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-328.
114 HR 2144	Related bill	Apr 30, 2015: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 22, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill establishes as additional functions of the Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements to:

- adopt and oversee implementation of government-wide standards, policies, and guidelines for program and project management for executive agencies;
- chair the Program Management Policy Council (established by this Act);
- establish standards and policies for executive agencies consistent with widely accepted standards for program and project management planning and delivery;
- engage with the private sector to identify best practices in program and project management that would improve federal program and project management;
- conduct portfolio reviews to address programs identified as high risk by the Government Accountability Office (GAO);
- conduct portfolio reviews of agency programs at least annually to assess the quality and effectiveness of program management; and
- establish a five-year strategic plan for program and project management.

The bill exempts the Department of Defense (DOD) from such provisions to the extent that they are substantially similar to: (1) federal provisions governing the defense acquisition workforce; or (2) policy, guidance, or instruction of DOD related to program management.

The head of each federal agency that is required to have a Chief Financial Officer shall designate a Program Management Improvement Officer to implement agency program management policies and develop a strategy for enhancing the role of program managers within the agency. The OMB must submit a report containing such strategy within one year after enactment of this bill. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall be considered the Program Management Improvement Officer for DOD.

The Program Management Policy Council is established within OMB to act as the principal interagency forum for improving agency practices related to program and project management.

The Office of Personnel Management must issue regulations that: (1) identify key skills and competencies needed for an agency program and project manager, (2) establish a new job series or update and improve an existing job series for program and project management within an agency, and (3) establish a new career path for program and project managers.

The GAO must issue a report within three years of enactment, in conjunction with its high risk list, examining the effectiveness of the following (as required or established under this Act) on improving federal program and project management:

- the standards, policies, and guidelines for program and project management;
- the strategic plan;
- Program Management Improvement Officers; and

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-264.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate bill by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Senate agreed to House amendment to Senate bill by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 26, 2016:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5839)
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 11 (Roll no. 550).(text: CR 09/20/2016 H5668-5669)
- **Sep 22, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 11 (Roll no. 550). (text: CR 09/20/2016 H5668-5669)
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 20, 2016:** Mr. Carter (GA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 20, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5668-5670)
- **Sep 20, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1550.
- **Sep 20, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 114-637.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 495.
- **May 17, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 17, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 30, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
- **Nov 20, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8171-8173)
- **Nov 19, 2015:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (text of committee substitute as amended: CR S8171-8172)
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S8172-8173)
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8172-8173)
- **Nov 3, 2015:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-162.
- **Nov 3, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 288.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.