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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. BICE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Decreasing Overlap-
5 ping Grants Efficiently Act” or the “DOGE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF FEDERAL GRANTS TO**
2 **APPLICANTS SUBMITTING DUPLICATIVE OR**
3 **FRAUDULENT APPLICATIONS.**

4 (a) NO AWARD ON BASIS OF DUPLICATIVE APPLICA-
5 TION.—

6 (1) PROHIBITION.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided for
8 under subparagraph (B), the head of an execu-
9 tive agency may not award a grant to an appli-
10 cant determined by the head of the agency or
11 the Inspector General of the agency to have re-
12 ceived another grant from the head of another
13 executive agency for the same or identical pur-
14 pose.

15 (B) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under
16 subparagraph (A) related to the award of
17 grants for the same or identical purposes shall
18 not apply to an applicant that is an institution
19 of higher education.

20 (2) DETERMINATION.—In the case that the
21 head of an executive agency or the Inspector General
22 of the agency determines that an applicant for a
23 grant has submitted an application for another
24 grant from another executive agency for the same or
25 identical purpose, the heads of such agencies shall
26 jointly determine which agency is the appropriate

1 agency to award the grant, if such grant is to be
2 awarded to such applicant.

3 (b) NO AWARD ON BASIS OF FRAUDULENT APPLICA-
4 TION.—The head of an executive agency may not award
5 a grant to an applicant determined by the head of the
6 agency or the Inspector General of the agency to have sub-
7 mitted a fraudulent application for such grant.

8 **SEC. 3. TRACKING AND DECONFLICTION SYSTEM FOR FED-**
9 **ERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
12 Office of Management and Budget shall make available
13 to the heads of executive agencies, including the Inspec-
14 tors General of such agencies, an electronic system
15 through which the head of an executive agency may deter-
16 mine before awarding a grant, or through which an In-
17 spector General of an executive agency may determine in
18 conducting an audit or investigation, whether any appli-
19 cant for such grant has received, or submitted an applica-
20 tion to the head of another executive agency for, another
21 grant for the same or identical purpose.

22 (b) CONTENTS OF SYSTEM.—The system shall con-
23 tain at a minimum, the name of the awardee, the principal
24 investigator, the award period, agency point of contact,
25 and an abstract.

1 (c) ESSENTIALLY EQUIVALENT WORK.—The Direc-
2 tor of the Office of Management and Budget shall estab-
3 lish an electronic system which contains information for
4 all federal research awards through which the head of an
5 executive agency may determine before awarding a grant,
6 or through which an Inspector General of an executive
7 agency may determine in conducting an audit or investiga-
8 tion, whether any applicant for such award has received,
9 or submitted an application to the head of another execu-
10 tive agency for, another award for essentially equivalent
11 work.

12 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF LEVERAGING ARTIFI-**
13 **CIAL INTELLIGENCE TO IDENTIFY DUPLICA-**
14 **TIVE FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS.**

15 The Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
16 et, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, the Di-
17 rector of the National Science Foundation, and the Direc-
18 tor of the National Institute of Standards and Technology,
19 shall submit to the appropriate Congressional committees
20 a report on the feasibility of leveraging artificial intel-
21 ligence to rapidly identify, with respect to an application
22 for a grant submitted to the head of an executive agency—
23 (1) whether an applicant for such grant has re-
24 ceived, or submitted an application to the head of

1 another executive agency for, another grant for the
2 same or identical purpose; and

3 (2) waste, fraud, and abuse.

4 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD.—The term “ap-
7 plicable time period” means—

8 (A) with respect to a covered application
9 for a grant awarded after the date on which
10 system is established under section 2(a), during
11 the period—

12 (i) beginning on the date on which
13 such application is submitted; and

14 (ii) ending on the date on which
15 amounts under the grant are no longer
16 being expended; and

17 (B) with respect to a covered application
18 for a grant awarded before the date on which
19 the system is established under section 2(a),
20 during the period—

21 (i) beginning on that date; and

22 (ii) ending on the date on which
23 amounts under the grant are no longer
24 being expended.

1 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Oversight and Ac-
5 countability and the Committee on Appropria-
6 tions of the House of Representatives; and

7 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
8 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee
9 on Appropriations of the Senate.

10 (3) COVERED APPLICATION.—The term “cov-
11 ered application” means an application for a grant
12 submitted to the head of an executive agency—

13 (A) after the date on which the system is
14 established under section 2(a); and

15 (B) before that date, if amounts under the
16 grant are still being expended on such date.

17 (4) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
18 agency” means an agency in the executive branch of
19 the Federal Government.

20 (5) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
21 term “institution of higher education” has the
22 meaning given such term in section 102 of the High-
23 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.1002).