

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 378
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Bonuses for Cost-Cut-

3 ters Act of 2017”.

4 SEC. 2. COST SAVINGS ENHANCEMENTS.

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 4511 of title 5, United
6 States Code, is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**Definition**” and inserting “**Definitions**”; and

9 (2) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by striking the period at the end and
11 inserting “; and”;

(B) by striking “this subchapter, the term” and inserting the following: “this subchapter—

15 “(1) the term”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(2) the term ‘wasteful expenses’ means
18 amounts made available for salaries and expenses

1 accounts, operations and maintenance accounts, or
2 other equivalent accounts—

3 “(A) that are identified by an employee of
4 the agency under section 4512(a) as wasteful;
5 and

6 “(B) that the Chief Financial Officer of
7 the agency determines are not required for the
8 purpose for which the amounts were made
9 available.”.

10 (b) AUTHORITY.—Section 4512 of title 5, United
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) by inserting “The head of an agency
14 may pay a cash award to any employee of such
15 agency whose identification of wasteful expenses
16 to the Chief Financial Officer of the agency has
17 resulted in cost savings for the agency.” after
18 the first sentence;

19 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking
20 “\$10,000” and inserting “\$20,000”;

21 (C) in paragraph (2)—

22 (i) by inserting “Chief Financial Offi-
23 cer,” after “Inspector General,” ;

1 (ii) by striking “employee designated
2 under subsection (b)” and inserting “des-
3 ignated employee”; and

4 (iii) by inserting “or identification”
5 after “disclosure”; and

6 (D) in the matter following paragraph
7 (2)—

8 (i) by inserting “, Chief Financial Of-
9 ficer,” after “Inspector General”; and

10 (ii) by inserting “or identification”
11 after “disclosure”;

12 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “awards per-
13 mitted under this section” and inserting “awards for
14 the disclosure of fraud, waste, or mismanagement
15 under this section”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(c)(1) If the Chief Financial Officer of the agency
18 determines that potential wasteful expenses identified by
19 an employee meet the requirements of section
20 4511(a)(2)(B), the head of the agency shall notify the
21 President for purposes of proposing the expenses for re-
22 scission under title X of the Congressional Budget and
23 Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 681 et seq.).

24 “(2) In the case of an agency for which there is no
25 Chief Financial Officer, the head of the agency shall des-

1 designate an agency employee who shall have the authority
2 to make the determinations for identification of wasteful
3 expenses under this section.

4 “(d) The head of each agency shall make available,
5 along with, and in the same manner and form as, the pro-
6 vision of information required under section 1116 of title
7 31, information on disclosures of wasteful expenses under
8 this section, including—

9 “(1) a description of each disclosure of possible
10 wasteful expenses identified by an employee and de-
11 termined by the agency to have merit; and

12 “(2) the number and amount of cash awards
13 provided by the agency under subsection (a).

14 “(e) An individual may not receive a cash award
15 under this subchapter if the individual is—

16 “(1) an officer or employee of the Office of the
17 Inspector General of an agency; or

18 “(2) ineligible for a cash award under section
19 4509.

20 “(f) The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-
21 ment shall—

22 “(1) ensure that the cash award program of
23 each agency complies with this section; and

1 “(2) submit to Congress an annual certification
2 indicating whether the cash award program of each
3 agency complies with this section.

4 “(g) Not later than 3 years after the date of enact-
5 ment of the Bonuses for Cost-Cutters Act of 2017, and
6 every 3 years thereafter for 6 years, the Comptroller Gen-
7 eral of the United States shall submit to Congress a report
8 on the operation of the cost savings and awards program
9 under this section, including any recommendations for leg-
10 islative changes.”.

11 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
12 The table of sections for subchapter II of chapter 45 of
13 title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the
14 item relating to section 4511 and inserting the following:

“4511. Definitions and general provisions.”.

