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To modify the annual reporting requirements of the Social Security Act,
and for other purposes.

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Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. WELLER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. OSE, Mr. BASS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. COX, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. OTTER, Mr. KIRK, and Ms. HART) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To modify the annual reporting requirements of the Social
Security Act, and for other purposes.

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 “Social Security Right
5 To Know Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN ANNUAL REPORT**
2 **OF TRUSTEES.**

3 Section 201(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 401(c)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
6 (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively;

7 (2) by striking “under paragraph (2)” and in-
8 serting “under subparagraph (B)”;

9 (3) by inserting “(1)” after “(c)”;

10 (4) by redesignating the undesignated text fol-
11 lowing subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by para-
12 graph (1) of this section) as paragraph (2);

13 (5) by moving the last sentence of paragraph
14 (2) (as redesignated by paragraph (4) of this sec-
15 tion) so that it follows the fifth sentence of para-
16 graph (1) (as redesignated by paragraph (3) of this
17 section);

18 (6)(A) by moving the text of the fifth sentence
19 of paragraph (2) (as redesignated by paragraph (4)
20 of this section) beginning with “shall be printed”
21 and ending with “report is made” so that it follows
22 “above” in the first sentence of paragraph (2) (as
23 redesignated by paragraph (4) of this section);

24 (B) by striking the remainder of the fifth sen-
25 tence of paragraph (2) (as redesignated by para-
26 graph (4) of this section); and

1 (C) by inserting “and” after the text so moved;
2 (7) in the fourth sentence of paragraph (2) (as
3 redesignated by paragraph (4) of this section), by
4 striking “Such report shall also include an” and in-
5 serting the following:

6 “(C) An”;

7 (8) in the third sentence of paragraph (2) (as
8 redesignated by paragraph (4) of this section), by
9 striking “Such report shall include an” and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(B) An”;

12 (9) in the first sentence of paragraph (2) (as
13 redesignated by paragraph (4) of this section)—

14 (A) by striking “(2) above” after “para-
15 graph” and inserting “(1)(B)”;

16 (B) by striking “shall include a statement”
17 and inserting “shall include the following:

18 “(A) A statement”;

19 (10) by inserting after subparagraph (C) (as re-
20 designating by paragraph (7) of this section) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(D) A statement, in terms of inflation-ad-
23 justed dollars, present discounted value, and nominal
24 dollars, of—

1 “(i) the aggregate amount of the unfunded
2 long-term projected liability of the social secu-
3 rity system and any change in that amount
4 from the preceding year; and

5 “(ii) the amount of deficit or surplus that
6 the social security system will run in the last
7 year of such long-term projection period, with
8 any aggregate assets or liabilities held by the
9 Trust Funds in that final projected year.

10 “(E) The economic model and relevant data
11 used to make the financial projections required to be
12 reported under this paragraph, including any
13 changes in the model and data from the preceding
14 year.

15 “(F) A conspicuous summary of the items re-
16 quired by clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (D),
17 in terms of inflation-adjusted dollars.

18 “(G) An explanation that states in substance
19 that the Trust Funds balances reflect resources au-
20 thorized by Congress to pay future social security
21 benefits, but do not consist of real economic assets
22 that can be used in the future to fund benefits, and
23 that such balances are claims against the United
24 States Treasury that, when redeemed, must be fi-
25 nanced through increased taxes, public borrowing,

1 benefit reduction, or elimination of other Federal ex-
2 penditures.”.

3 **SEC. 3. MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN SOCIAL SECURITY**
4 **ACCOUNT STATEMENT.**

5 Section 1143(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1320b–13(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2)(C) by striking “and”;

8 (2) in paragraph (2)(D) by striking the period
9 and inserting “; and”;

10 (3) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
11 following new subparagraph:

12 “(E)(i) as determined by the Chief Actuary of
13 the Social Security Administration—

14 “(I) a comparison of the annual social se-
15 curity tax inflows (including amounts appro-
16 priated under subsections (a) and (b) of section
17 201 of this Act and section 121(e) of the Social
18 Security Amendments of 1983 (26 U.S.C. 401
19 note)) to the amount paid in benefits annually;
20 and

21 “(II) a statement whether the ratio de-
22 scribed in subclause (I) will result in a cash
23 flow deficit and what year any such deficit will
24 commence, as well as the first year in which
25 funds in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors In-

1 insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability
2 Insurance Trust Fund will cease to be sufficient
3 to cover any such deficit and the percentage of
4 benefits due at that time that could be paid
5 from the annual social security tax inflows (as
6 that term is used in subclause (I));

7 “(ii) the explanation required by section
8 201(c)(2)(G); and

9 “(iii) an explanation, in simple and easily un-
10 derstood terms, of the average rate of return that a
11 taxpayer can expect to receive on old-age insurance
12 benefits as compared to the total amount of social
13 security taxes a taxpayer expects to pay, including
14 the inflation-adjusted average rate of return for
15 workers born in every year beginning with 1900, set
16 out in chart or graph form, with an explanatory cap-
17 tion or legend, as determined by the Chief Actuary
18 of the Social Security Administration.”.

19 **SEC. 4. USE OF CONTINUOUS WORK HISTORY SAMPLE FOR**
20 **STATISTICAL RESEARCH.**

21 (a) DATA TO BE MADE AVAILABLE.—Notwith-
22 standing any other provision of law, the Social Security
23 Administration shall make available to the public the Con-
24 tinuous Work History Sample (referred to in this section
25 as the “CWHIS”) data administered by such Administra-

1 tion subject to the restrictions provided for in subsections
2 (b) and (c).

3 (b) LIMITATIONS ON RELEASE OF DATA.—The Of-
4 fice of Research and Statistics of the Social Security Ad-
5 ministration shall make statistical samples of individual
6 records from the CWHS available to a user if the user—

7 (1) agrees to make use of the data from the
8 CWHS solely for the purpose of conducting statis-
9 tical research activities;

10 (2) agrees in writing to such conditions as may
11 be reasonably determined by the Commissioner of
12 the Social Security Administration to be necessary
13 to ensure that data from the CWHS is not made
14 available in individually identifiable form; and

15 (3) fully reimburses the Office of Research and
16 Statistics for the cost of supplying the data.

17 (c) NO PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMA-
18 TION.—To protect privacy, the Office of Research and
19 Statistics of the Social Security Administration shall re-
20 move all identifiers which can link CWHS records to the
21 identity of an individual respondent prior to the release
22 of the data.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

24 (1) the term “Continuous Work History Sam-
25 ple” means the statistical sample of individual ad-

1 ministrative records held by the Social Security Ad-
2 ministration; and

3 (2) the term “user” means any individual or
4 legal entity, including an employee of the Federal
5 Government, who receives access to the Continuous
6 Work History Sample.

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