

# Union Calendar No. 371

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2716

[Report No. 119-426]

To improve coordination between Federal and State agencies and the Do  
Not Pay working system.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2025

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred  
to the Committee on Ways and Means

JANUARY 7, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. MEUSER and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 8, 2025]

# **A BILL**

To improve coordination between Federal and State agencies  
and the Do Not Pay working system.

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 “Ending Improper Pay-*  
5 *ments to Deceased People Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING COORDINATION BETWEEN FEDERAL**  
7 **AND STATE AGENCIES AND THE DO NOT PAY**  
8 **WORKING SYSTEM.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(r) of the Social Secu-*  
10 *rity Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r)), as amended by section*  
11 *801(a)(7) of title VIII of division FF of the Consolidated*  
12 *Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260), is amend-*  
13 *ed by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the following:*

14 *“(11) The Commissioner of Social Security shall,*  
15 *to the extent feasible, provide information furnished*  
16 *to the Commissioner under paragraph (1) to the*  
17 *agency operating the Do Not Pay working system de-*  
18 *scribed in section 3354(c) of title 31, United States*  
19 *Code, for the authorized uses of the Do Not Pay work-*  
20 *ing system to help prevent improper payments of, and*  
21 *support the recovery of improperly paid, benefits or*  
22 *other payments through a cooperative arrangement*  
23 *with such agency, provided that the requirements of*  
24 *subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (3) are met*  
25 *with respect to such arrangement with such agency.*

1        *The Commissioner of Social Security and the agency*  
2        *operating the Do Not Pay working system shall, while*  
3        *the data described in the preceding sentence is being*  
4        *provided to the agency operating the Do Not Pay*  
5        *working system, enter into an agreement based upon*  
6        *an agreed upon methodology, which covers the propor-*  
7        *tional share of State death data costs, which the Com-*  
8        *missioner of Social Security and the agency operating*  
9        *the Do Not Pay working system may periodically re-*  
10       *view.*

11                *“(12) The Commissioner of Social Security may*  
12        *not record a death to a record that may be provided*  
13        *under this section for any individual unless the Com-*  
14        *missioner of Social Security has found it has clear*  
15        *and convincing evidence to support that the indi-*  
16        *vidual should be presumed to be deceased.”.*

17        *(b) IMPROVING COORDINATION REGARDING INDIVID-*  
18        *UALS INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED AS DECEASED.—Section*  
19        *205(r)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r)(7)),*  
20        *as added by section 801(a)(4) of title VIII of division FF*  
21        *of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law*  
22        *116-260), is amended by striking “and” at the end of sub-*  
23        *paragraph (A), by striking the period at the end of subpara-*  
24        *graph (B) and inserting “; and”, and by adding at the end*  
25        *the following new subparagraph:*

1                   “(C) notify any agency that has a coopera-  
2                   tive arrangement with the Commissioner of So-  
3                   cial Security under paragraph (3) or (11) of the  
4                   error.”.

5                   (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made by this  
6 section shall take effect on December 27, 2026.

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