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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky (for himself and Mr. DOGGETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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**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 “Standard Data and  
5 Technology Advancement Act” or the “Standard DATA  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DATA STANDARDIZATION FOR IMPROVED DATA**  
2 **MATCHING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part A of title XI of the Social  
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301–1320b-25) is amended by  
5 inserting after section 1121 the following:

6 **“SEC. 1121A. DATA STANDARDIZATION FOR IMPROVED**  
7 **DATA MATCHING.**

8 “(a) STANDARD DATA ELEMENTS.—

9 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The head of the depart-  
10 ment or agency responsible for administering a pro-  
11 vision of title III, IV, IX, XII, XVI, or subtitle A  
12 of title XX, or section 511, shall, in consultation  
13 with an interagency work group established by the  
14 Office of Management and Budget and considering  
15 State perspectives, by rule, designate standard data  
16 elements for any category of information required to  
17 be reported under the provision of law.

18 “(2) DATA ELEMENTS MUST BE NONPROPRI-  
19 ETARY AND INTEROPERABLE.—The standard data  
20 elements designated under paragraph (1) shall, to  
21 the extent practicable, be nonproprietary and inter-  
22 operable.

23 “(3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—In designating  
24 standard data elements under this subsection, the  
25 Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, incor-  
26 porate—

1           “(A) interoperable standards developed  
2           and maintained by an international voluntary  
3           consensus standards body, as defined by the Of-  
4           fice of Management and Budget, such as the  
5           International Organization for Standardization;

6           “(B) interoperable standards developed  
7           and maintained by intergovernmental partner-  
8           ships, such as the National Information Ex-  
9           change Model; and

10           “(C) interoperable standards developed  
11           and maintained by Federal entities with author-  
12           ity over contracting and financial assistance,  
13           such as the Federal Acquisition Regulatory  
14           Council.

15           “(b) DATA STANDARDS FOR REPORTING.—

16           “(1) DESIGNATION.—The head of the depart-  
17           ment or agency responsible for administering a pro-  
18           vision of law referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall,  
19           in consultation with an interagency work group es-  
20           tablished by the Office of Management and Budget,  
21           and considering State government perspectives, by  
22           rule, designate data reporting standards to govern  
23           the reporting required under the provision of law.

1           “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The data reporting  
2 standards required by paragraph (1) shall, to the ex-  
3 tent practicable—

4                   “(A) incorporate a widely-accepted, non-  
5 proprietary, searchable, computer-readable for-  
6 mat;

7                   “(B) be consistent with and implement ap-  
8 plicable accounting principles; and

9                   “(C) be capable of being continually up-  
10 graded as necessary.

11           “(3) INCORPORATION OF NONPROPRIETARY  
12 STANDARDS.—In designating reporting standards  
13 under this subsection, the Secretary shall, to the ex-  
14 tent practicable, incorporate existing nonproprietary  
15 standards, such as the eXtensible Business Report-  
16 ing Language.”.

17           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
18 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2012, and  
19 shall apply with respect to information required to be re-  
20 ported on or after such date.

21           (c) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Effective on the date of  
22 the enactment of this Act, section 105 of the Child and  
23 Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Public  
24 Law 112–34) is repealed.