

Union Calendar No. 371

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2716

[Report No. 119–426]

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

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 *italie*]

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

A BILL

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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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