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To provide for the identification and prevention of improper payments and the identification of strategic sourcing opportunities by reviewing and analyzing the use of Federal agency charge cards.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CARPER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Saving Federal Dollars
5 Through Better Use of Government Purchase and Travel
6 Cards Act of 2015”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

1 (1) STRATEGIC SOURCING.—The term “stra-
2 tegic sourcing” means analyzing and modifying a
3 Federal agency’s spending patterns to better lever-
4 age its purchasing power, reduce costs, and improve
5 overall performance.

6 (2) IMPROPER PAYMENT.—The term “improper
7 payment” has the meaning given the term in section
8 2 of the Improper Payments Information Act of
9 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note).

10 **SEC. 3. OFFICE OF FEDERAL CHARGE CARD ANALYTICS**
11 **AND REVIEW.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of General
13 Services shall establish an Office of Federal Charge Card
14 Analytics and Review for improving the use and oversight
15 of purchase and travel card transactions by Federal agen-
16 cies and programs, including for the general purposes of—

17 (1) identifying, preventing, and recovering im-
18 proper payments (including fraud), and identifying
19 and preventing other inappropriate use of purchase
20 and travel cards that do not conform with Federal
21 or agency purchase laws, policies, rules, or best
22 practices; and

23 (2) determining opportunities for strategic
24 sourcing.

1 (b) DUTIES.—The Office shall carry out the following
2 duties:

3 (1) INTERAGENCY REVIEW FOR IMPROPER PAY-
4 MENTS AND STRATEGIC SOURCING.—The review of
5 purchase and travel card transaction data of all
6 Federal agencies for the purposes described in sub-
7 section (a). The review shall include transactions for
8 individual Federal agencies as well as across mul-
9 tiple Federal agencies and programs. Findings of po-
10 tential improper payments (including fraud), oppor-
11 tunities for strategic sourcing, or issues of interest
12 shall be communicated to the appropriate agency of-
13 ficials. The office may, as appropriate, use existing
14 General Services Administration databases of pur-
15 chase and travel card transaction for the interagency
16 review. This analysis by the Office shall not end the
17 requirement for individual agency oversight as de-
18 scribed in the Government Charge Card Abuse Pre-
19 vention Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–194), but
20 shall be considered as complementary and used in
21 coordination with the individual agency.

22 (2) ANALYTICS LIBRARY.—The establishment of
23 a library of analytics tools and data sources for use
24 by all Federal agencies (including inspectors gen-
25 eral) for the purposes described in subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 4. GUIDANCE ON IMPROVING INFORMATION SHARING**
2 **TO CURB IMPROPER PAYMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Of-
5 fice of Management and Budget, in consultation with the
6 Administrator of General Services and agency heads, and
7 the interagency task force established under section 5,
8 shall issue guidance on improving information sharing by
9 government agencies (including inspectors general) for the
10 purposes of section 3(a)(1).

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The guidance issued under sub-
12 section (a) shall—

13 (1) require relevant officials at Federal agencies
14 to identify high-risk merchants and communicate
15 that information to the appropriate level of adminis-
16 tration within the agencies;

17 (2) ensure that appropriate officials at Federal
18 agencies review the reports issued by charge card-
19 issuing contractors of potential fraudulent or other-
20 wise inappropriate activity, including the suspension
21 of purchase and travel card accounts, travel card ac-
22 tivity outside of the official government travel loca-
23 tion, transactions that occur with high risk mer-
24 chant, and suspicious levels of cash withdrawals;

25 (3) provide for the appropriate sharing of infor-
26 mation related to potential fraudulent transactions,

1 fraud schemes, and high risk merchants with the Of-
2 fice of Federal Charge Card Analytics and Review
3 established under section 3 and the appropriate offi-
4 cials in Federal agencies; and

5 (4) other requirements determined appropriate
6 by the Director for the purposes of carrying out this
7 Act.

8 **SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of General
10 Services and the Director of the Office of Management
11 and Budget shall establish and co-chair an interagency
12 task force to develop and share best practices for the pur-
13 poses described in section 3(a).

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The best practices developed under
15 subsection (a) shall—

16 (1) cover rules, edits, and task order or con-
17 tract modifications related to charge card-issuing
18 contractors;

19 (2) include the review of purchase and travel
20 card transaction data of all Federal agencies for the
21 purpose of determining strategic sourcing opportuni-
22 ties; and

23 (3) include other best practices as determined
24 by the Administrator and Director.

1 (c) MEETINGS.—The interagency task force shall
2 meet regularly as determined by the co-chairs, for a dura-
3 tion of three years, and include those agencies as described
4 in section 2 of the Government Charge Card Abuse Pre-
5 vention Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–194) and others
6 identified by the co-chairs.

7 **SEC. 6. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION RE-
9 PORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the en-
10 actment of this Act, the Administrator for General Serv-
11 ices shall submit a report to Congress on the implementa-
12 tion of this Act, including the metrics used in determining
13 whether the analytic and investigatory efforts have re-
14 duced, or contributed to the reduction of, improper pay-
15 ments or improved strategic sourcing.

16 (b) AGENCY REPORTS.—Not later than one year
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of
18 each Federal agency described in section 2 of the Govern-
19 ment Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012 (Public
20 Law 112–194) shall submit a report to Congress on its
21 activities to implement this Act.