

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for transparency of payments made from the Judgment Fund.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) 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 “Judgment Fund Ac-
5 countability Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. JUDGMENT FUND TRANSPARENCY.**

7 (a) **TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENT.**—Section 1304
8 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at
9 the end the following:

1 “(d) Unless the disclosure of such information is oth-
2 erwise prohibited by law or court order, the Secretary of
3 the Treasury shall make available to the public on a
4 website, as soon as practicable, but not later than 30 days
5 after the date on which a payment under this section is
6 tendered, the following information with regard to that
7 payment:

8 “(1) The name of the specific agency or entity
9 whose actions gave rise to the claim or judgment.

10 “(2) The name of the plaintiff or claimant.

11 “(3) The name of counsel for the plaintiff or
12 claimant.

13 “(4) The amount paid representing principal li-
14 ability and any amounts paid representing any ancil-
15 lary liability, including attorney fees, costs, and in-
16 terest.

17 “(5) A brief description of the facts that gave
18 rise to the claim.

19 “(6) The name of the agency that submitted
20 the claim.

21 “(e) No payment may be made under this section to
22 an individual who has entered, or attempted to enter, the
23 United States unlawfully.”.

24 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of the Treas-
25 ury shall implement the amendment made by this section

1 beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enact-
2 ment of this Act.