

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

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To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for participation in the Exchange of the President, Vice-President, Members of Congress, political appointees, and congressional staff.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. GRASSLEY 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 “Health Reform Ac-
5 countability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT,**
2 **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, POLITICAL AP-**
3 **POINTEES, AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF IN**
4 **THE EXCHANGE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1312(d)(3)(D) of the Pa-
6 tient Protection and Affordable Care Act is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 “(D) PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, MEM-
9 BERS OF CONGRESS, POLITICAL APPOINTEES,
10 AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF IN THE EX-
11 CHANGE.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
13 chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code,
14 or any provision of this title—

15 “(I) the President, Vice Presi-
16 dent, each Member of Congress, each
17 political appointee, and each Congres-
18 sional employee shall be treated as a
19 qualified individual entitled to the
20 right under this paragraph to enroll in
21 a qualified health plan in the indi-
22 vidual market offered through an Ex-
23 change in the State in which the indi-
24 vidual resides; and

25 “(II) any employer contribution
26 under such chapter on behalf of the

1 President, Vice President, any Mem-
2 ber of Congress, any political ap-
3 pointee, and any Congressional em-
4 ployee may be paid only to the issuer
5 of a qualified health plan in which the
6 individual enrolled in through such
7 Exchange and not to the issuer of a
8 plan offered through the Federal em-
9 ployees health benefit program under
10 such chapter.

11 “(ii) PAYMENTS BY FEDERAL GOV-
12 ERNMENT.—The Secretary, in consultation
13 with the Director of the Office of Per-
14 sonnel Management, shall establish proce-
15 dures under which—

16 “(I) the employer contributions
17 under such chapter on behalf of the
18 President, Vice President, each Mem-
19 ber of Congress, each political ap-
20 pointee, and each Congressional em-
21 ployee are determined and actuarially
22 adjusted for individual or family cov-
23 erage, rating areas, and age (in ac-
24 cordance with clauses (i) through (iii)

1 of section 2701(a)(1)(A) of the Public
2 Health Service Act); and

3 “(II) the employer contributions
4 may be made directly to an Exchange
5 for payment to an issuer.

6 “(iii) POLITICAL APPOINTEE.—In this
7 subparagraph, the term ‘political ap-
8 pointee’ means any individual who—

9 “(I) is employed in a position de-
10 scribed under sections 5312 through
11 5316 of title 5, United States Code,
12 (relating to the Executive Schedule);

13 “(II) is a limited term appointee,
14 limited emergency appointee, or non-
15 career appointee in the Senior Execu-
16 tive Service, as defined under para-
17 graphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively,
18 of section 3132(a) of title 5, United
19 States Code; or

20 “(III) is employed in a position
21 in the executive branch of the Govern-
22 ment of a confidential or policy-deter-
23 mining character under schedule C of
24 subpart C of part 213 of title 5 of the
25 Code of Federal Regulations.

1 “(iv) CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEE.—
2 In this subparagraph, the term ‘Congres-
3 sional employee’ means an employee whose
4 pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the
5 Senate or the Chief Administrative Officer
6 of the House of Representatives.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 this section shall take effect as if included in the Patient
9 Protection and Affordable Care Act.