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# H. R. 7286

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAWTHORN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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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 “COVID–19 Excess Ac-  
5 countability and Surplus Expenditures Act” or the  
6 “CEASE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

8 There is established a commission to be known as the  
9 “COVID–19 Funding Accountability Commission” (in  
10 this Act referred to as the “Commission”).

1 **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

2       The Commission shall assess spending by the Federal  
3 Government related to relief during the COVID–19 pan-  
4 demic, including—

5           (1) the total amount of money spent by the  
6 Federal Government on such relief;

7           (2) the total amount of money designated by  
8 the Federal Government for such relief that has  
9 been unspent as of the date of the enactment of this  
10 Act; and

11          (3) any other matters regarding such spending  
12 as the Commission determines appropriate.

13 **SEC. 4. MEMBERS.**

14       (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission  
15 shall be composed of at least 2 but no more than 5 mem-  
16 bers from each agency (as such term is defined in section  
17 551 of title 5, United States Code), appointed by the head  
18 of the relevant agency.

19       (b) DETAILEES.—Each member so appointed shall be  
20 a detailee, on a non-reimbursable basis, to the Commis-  
21 sion.

22       (c) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed for the  
23 life of the Commission.

24       (d) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission  
25 shall not receive any additional compensation as a result  
26 of being such a member.

1 **SEC. 5. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

2 (a) HEARINGS.—The Commission may, for the pur-  
3 pose of carrying out this Act, hold hearings, sit and act  
4 at times and places, take testimony, and receive evidence  
5 as the Commission considers appropriate.

6 (b) OBTAINING DATA.—The Commission may secure  
7 directly from any department or agency of the United  
8 States information necessary to enable the Commission to  
9 carry out this Act. Upon request of the Commission, the  
10 head of that department or agency shall furnish that infor-  
11 mation to the Commission.

12 **SEC. 6. REPORT.**

13 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
14 ment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to Congress  
15 a report containing a detailed statement of the findings  
16 and conclusions of the Commission, together with the rec-  
17 ommendations of the Commission for legislation, adminis-  
18 trative actions, and any other matters the Commission  
19 considers appropriate.

20 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

21 The Commission shall terminate after submitting the  
22 report to Congress pursuant to section 6.

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