

119TH CONGRESS
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To codify Executive Order 14290, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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 “Free Americans from
5 Ideological Reporting Act” or the “FAIR Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 396 of the Communica-
8 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 396) is amended by adding
9 at the end the following:

10 “(m) PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDING FOR
11 NPR AND PBS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—After the date of enact-
2 ment of this subsection, no Federal funds may, di-
3 rectly or indirectly, be made available to or used to
4 support an organization described in paragraph (2),
5 including through the payment of dues to or the
6 purchase of programming from the organization by
7 a public broadcast station using Federal funds re-
8 ceived by the station. The Corporation shall cancel
9 any direct and indirect funding to the maximum ex-
10 tent allowed by law and shall decline to provide fu-
11 ture funding to such organizations, including by en-
12 suring that licensees and permittees of public radio
13 and television stations, as well as any other recipi-
14 ents of funds under this section, do not use Federal
15 funds for such organizations.

16 “(2) ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED.—The organi-
17 zations described in this paragraph are—

18 “(A) the organization known, as of the
19 date of enactment of this subsection, as ‘Na-
20 tional Public Radio’;

21 “(B) the organization known, as of the
22 date of enactment of this subsection, as ‘Public
23 Broadcasting Service’;

1 “(C) any successor organization to an or-
2 ganization described in subparagraph (A) or
3 (B); or

4 “(D) any licensee or permittee of an orga-
5 nization described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

6 “(3) GRANTS REVISIONS.—The Corporation
7 shall revise the applicable Television Community
8 Service Grants General Provisions and Eligibility
9 Criteria and Radio Community Service Grants Gen-
10 eral Provisions and Eligibility Criteria to prohibit di-
11 rect or indirect funding to the organizations de-
12 scribed in paragraph (2) and take all other nec-
13 essary steps to minimize or eliminate its indirect
14 funding of such organizations.”.

15 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
16 Title III of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
17 301 et seq.) is amended—

18 (1) in section 396(k) (47 U.S.C. 396(k))—

19 (A) in paragraph (4), in the first sentence,
20 by striking “, unless the governing body” and
21 all that follows through “reasons for closing the
22 meeting” and inserting a period; and

23 (B) by striking paragraph (9);

1 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (10),
2 (11), and (12) as paragraphs (9), (10), and
3 (11), respectively ; and

4 (D) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated,
5 in subparagraph (D), by striking “paragraphs
6 (4), (5), (8), and (9)” and inserting “para-
7 graphs (4), (5), and (8)”

8 (2) in section 398(b)(1) (47 U.S.C. 398(b)(1)),
9 by striking “by the Public Broadcasting Service and
10 National Public Radio (or any successor organiza-
11 tion) and”.

12 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

13 The heads of each Federal agency shall—

14 (1) identify and terminate, to the maximum ex-
15 tent consistent with applicable law, any direct or in-
16 direct funding of the organizations described in sub-
17 section (m)(2) of section 396 of the Communications
18 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 396), as added by this Act;

19 (2) identify any remaining grants, contracts, or
20 other funding instruments entered into with such or-
21 ganizations and determine such organizations are in
22 compliance with the terms of those instruments, tak-
23 ing appropriate steps under the terms of those in-
24 struments if a determination of noncompliance is
25 made.

1 **SEC. 4. SEVERABILITY.**

2 If any provision of this Act, an amendment made by
3 this Act, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act shall
4 not be affected thereby. If the application of any provision
5 of this Act, or an amendment made by this Act, to any
6 agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the appli-
7 cation of such provision to another agency, person, or cir-
8 cumstance shall not be affected thereby.

9 **SEC. 5. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this order shall be con-
11 strued to impair or otherwise affect—

12 (1) the authority granted by law to an executive
13 department or agency, or the head thereof; or

14 (2) the functions of the Director of the Office
15 of Management and Budget relating to budgetary,
16 administrative, or legislative proposals.

17 (b) NO PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—This Act is not
18 intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, sub-
19 stantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by
20 any party against the United States, its departments,
21 agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or
22 any other person.