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H. R. 6279

To improve the collection of labor data by Federal agencies to better measure and evaluate the outsourcing and off-shoring of public and private sector business operations and services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To improve the collection of labor data by Federal agencies to better measure and evaluate the outsourcing and off-shoring of public and private sector business operations and services.

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; PURPOSE.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Understanding Off-shoring and Outsourcing Act of
6 2006”.

7 (b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to improve
8 Federal government data collection for evaluating and

1 measuring the outsourcing and off-shoring of public and
2 private sector business operations and services.

3 **SEC. 2. BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS DATA.**

4 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the De-
6 partment of Commerce shall revise its requirements for
7 mandatory industry reporting of international services
8 transactions. Such revisions shall lower by 50 percent the
9 per-company monetary thresholds above which companies
10 are required to report import and export services trans-
11 actions.

12 **SEC. 3. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS DATA.**

13 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
14 of this Act , the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Depart-
15 ment of Labor shall make the following revisions to the
16 procedures and methodologies related to its collection and
17 disaggregation of data relating to mass layoffs, reloca-
18 tions, and employment:

19 (1) REPORTING OF SMALLER MASS LAYOFFS.—

20 The Bureau shall include in the collection of ex-
21 tended mass layoff statistics any private sector non-
22 farm employers who indicate that 25 or more work-
23 ers were separated from their jobs for a period of at
24 least 31 days.

1 (2) DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS RELOCATIONS.—

2 The Bureau shall disaggregate data relating to mass
3 layoffs due to relocations to provide separate statis-
4 tics for domestic and overseas relocations and shall
5 publish subsets of such data disaggregated by indus-
6 try and region.

7 (3) OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATIS-

8 TICS.—The Bureau shall make the changes it deter-
9 mines appropriate to its methodologies for collecting
10 and analyzing occupational employment data in
11 order to create time-series data on all 820 occupa-
12 tions in the Standard Occupational Classification
13 (SOC) by industry and geographic area.

14 **SEC. 4. JOINT STUDY ON COORDINATING DATA.**

15 (a) STUDY.—The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the
16 Department of Labor and the Bureau of Economic Anal-
17 ysis of the Department of Commerce shall jointly conduct
18 a study to determine whether linking or coordinating their
19 independent data relating to mass layoffs and import and
20 export services transactions would improve the quality of
21 information available about outsourcing and off-shoring of
22 private sector business operations and services.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
24 date of enactment of this Act, Bureaus referred to in sub-

1 section (a) shall jointly transmit to Congress a report of
2 the findings of the study.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of the study con-
4 ducted pursuant to this section—

5 (1) the term “off-shoring” refers to United
6 States businesses shifting service and manufacturing
7 activities to unaffiliated firms or their own affiliates
8 in locations outside the United States; and

9 (2) the term “outsourcing” refers to the use, by
10 a United States business, of contracts with unaffili-
11 ated firms located either domestically or in foreign
12 countries for the provision of services and manufac-
13 turing activities that were once performed directly
14 by that United States business.

15 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000
17 to carry out this Act.

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