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119TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. PRESSLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To direct the Secretary of Labor to perform additional duties, to modernize certain laws regarding the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and for other purposes.

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 “Better Labor Statistics  
5 Act” or the “BLS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODERNIZING DUTIES AND TERMS RELATING TO**  
7 **THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.**

8 (a) **ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—**

1           (1) LABOR STATISTICS.—Section 4 of the Act  
2 of March 4, 1913, titled “An Act to create a Depart-  
3 ment of Labor” (29 U.S.C. 2; Chap. 141), is amend-  
4 ed—

5           (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Sec-  
6 retary of Labor may collate” and inserting  
7 “Secretary of Labor shall collate”; and

8           (B) in the third sentence, by striking  
9 “Such statistics shall be reported” and insert-  
10 ing “Such statistics shall be publicly reported,  
11 in accordance with the first section of Public  
12 Law 94–311, online by the first Friday of each  
13 month, including”.

14          (2) DEMOGRAPHICS.—The first section of Pub-  
15 lic Law 94–311 (29 U.S.C. 8; 90 Stat. 688) fol-  
16 lowing the resolving clause is amended by striking  
17 “unemployment data” and all that follows and in-  
18 serting “unemployment data relating to individual  
19 demographics. In each labor statistics report re-  
20 quired by section 4 of the Act of March 4, 1913, en-  
21 titled ‘An Act to create a Department of Labor’ (29  
22 U.S.C. 2; Chap. 141), the Secretary of Labor shall  
23 include, at a minimum, data disaggregated by the  
24 demographic categories of geography, race, ethnicity,  
25 and gender.”.

1 (b) MODERNIZING TERMS.— Section 4 of the Act of  
2 March 4, 1913, titled “An Act to create a Department  
3 of Labor” (29 U.S.C. 2; Chap. 141), as amended by sub-  
4 section (a), is further amended—

5 (1) in the first sentence—

6 (A) by striking “report at least once each  
7 year, or oftener” and inserting “publicly report,  
8 in accordance with the first section of Public  
9 Law 94–311, at least once each year, or more  
10 frequently”;

11 (B) by striking “provided for his depart-  
12 ment” and inserting “provided for the Depart-  
13 ment of Labor”; and

14 (C) by striking “such manner as to him”  
15 and inserting “such manner as the Secretary”;  
16 and

17 (2) in the last sentence, by striking “such man-  
18 ner as he may deem satisfactory” and inserting  
19 “such manner as the Secretary may deem satisfac-  
20 tory”.

21 (c) HEADING.—The Law Revision Counsel is directed  
22 to, where the first section of Public Law 94–311 (29  
23 U.S.C. 8; 90 Stat. 688), as amended by subsection (a)(2),  
24 is displayed in the United States Code, designate the head-

1 ing of such section as “Unemployment data relating to  
2 individual demographics”.