

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 113-14, H.R. 1947
FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013
OFFERED BY MR. REED OF NEW YORK

Strike section 4015 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 4015. DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDIZATION FOR IM-**
2 **PROVED INTEROPERABILITY.**

3 (a) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDIZATION.—Section
4 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(v) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS FOR IMPROVED
7 INTEROPERABILITY.—

8 “(1) DESIGNATION—The Secretary shall, in
9 consultation with an interagency work group estab-
10 lished by the Office of Management and Budget, and
11 considering State government perspectives, designate
12 data exchange standards to govern, under this
13 part—

14 “(A) necessary categories of information
15 that State agencies operating such programs
16 are required under applicable law to electroni-
17 cally exchange with another State agency; and

1 “(B) Federal reporting and data exchange
2 required under applicable law.

3 “(2) REQUIREMENTS—The data exchange
4 standards required by paragraph (1) shall, to the ex-
5 tent practicable—

6 “(A) incorporate a widely accepted, non-
7 proprietary, searchable, computer-readable for-
8 mat, such as the eXtensible Markup Language;

9 “(B) contain interoperable standards devel-
10 oped and maintained by intergovernmental
11 partnerships, such as the National Information
12 Exchange Model;

13 “(C) incorporate interoperable standards
14 developed and maintained by Federal entities
15 with authority over contracting and financial
16 assistance;

17 “(D) be consistent with and implement ap-
18 plicable accounting principles;

19 “(E) be implemented in a manner that is
20 cost-effective and improves program efficiency
21 and effectiveness; and

22 “(F) be capable of being continually up-
23 graded as necessary.

24 “(3) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
25 this subsection shall be construed to require a

1 change to existing data exchange standards for Fed-
2 eral reporting found to be effective and efficient.”.

3 (b) Effective Date—The Secretary shall issue a pro-
4 posed rule within 24 months after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act. The rule shall identify federally-required
6 data exchanges, include specification and timing of ex-
7 changes to be standardized, and address the factors used
8 in determining whether and when to standardize data ex-
9 changes. It should also specify state implementation op-
10 tions and describe future milestones.

