119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION



To increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HUSTED 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 "Susan Muffley Act of5 2025".

6 SEC. 2. GUARANTEED BENEFIT CALCULATION FOR CER-

- 7 TAIN PLANS.
- 8 (a) IN GENERAL.—
- 9 (1) INCREASE TO FULL VESTED PLAN BEN-10 EFIT.—

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1 (A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of deter-2 mining what benefits are guaranteed under sec-3 tion 4022 of the Employee Retirement Income 4 Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1322) with re-5 spect to an eligible participant or beneficiary 6 under a covered plan specified in paragraph (4) 7 in connection with the termination of such plan. 8 the amount of monthly benefits shall be equal 9 to the full vested plan benefit with respect to 10 the participant. 11 (B) NO EFFECT ON PREVIOUS DETER-12 MINATIONS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to change the allocation of assets and re-

13 14 coveries under sections 4044(a) and 4022(c) of 15 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act 16 of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1344(a); 1322(c)) as pre-17 viously determined by the Pension Benefit 18 Guaranty Corporation (referred to in this sec-19 tion as the "corporation") for the covered plans 20 specified in paragraph (4), and the corpora-21 tion's applicable rules, practices, and policies on 22 benefits payable in terminated single-employer 23 plans shall, except as otherwise provided in this 24 section, continue to apply with respect to such 25 covered plans.

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1	(2) Recalculation of certain benefits.—
2	(A) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which
3	the amount of monthly benefits with respect to
4	an eligible participant or beneficiary described
5	in paragraph (1) was calculated prior to the
6	date of enactment of this Act, the corporation
7	shall recalculate such amount pursuant to para-
8	graph (1), and shall adjust any subsequent pay-
9	ments of such monthly benefits accordingly, as
10	soon as practicable after such date.
11	(B) LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS OF PAST-DUE
12	BENEFITS.—Not later than 180 days after the
13	date of enactment of this Act, the corporation,
14	in consultation with the Secretary of the Treas-
15	ury and the Secretary of Labor, shall make a
16	lump-sum payment to each eligible participant
17	or beneficiary whose guaranteed benefits are re-
18	calculated under subparagraph (A) in an
19	amount equal to—
20	(i) in the case of an eligible partici-
21	pant, the excess of—
22	(I) the total of the full vested
23	plan benefits of the participant for all
24	months for which such guaranteed

1	benefits were paid prior to such recal-
2	culation, over
3	(II) the sum of any applicable
4	payments made to the eligible partici-
5	pant; and
6	(ii) in the case of an eligible bene-
7	ficiary, the sum of—
8	(I) the amount that would be de-
9	termined under clause (i) with respect
10	to the participant of which the eligible
11	beneficiary is a beneficiary if such
12	participant were still in pay status;
13	plus
14	(II) the excess of—
15	(aa) the total of the full
16	vested plan benefits of the eligi-
17	ble beneficiary for all months for
18	which such guaranteed benefits
19	were paid prior to such recalcula-
20	tion, over
21	(bb) the sum of any applica-
22	ble payments made to the eligible
23	beneficiary.
24	Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the cor-
25	poration shall increase each lump-sum payment

made under this subparagraph to account for
foregone interest in an amount determined by
the corporation designed to reflect a 6 percent
annual interest rate on each past-due amount
attributable to the underpayment of guaranteed
benefits for each month prior to such recalcula-
tion.
(C) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND BENE-
FICIARIES.—
(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of
this section, an eligible participant or bene-
ficiary is a participant or beneficiary
who—
(I) as of the date of the enact-
ment of this Act, is in pay status
under a covered plan or is eligible for
future payments under such plan;
(II) has received or will receive
applicable payments in connection
with such plan (within the meaning of
clause (ii)) that does not exceed the
full vested plan benefits of such par-
ticipant or beneficiary; and
(III) is not covered by the 1999
agreements between General Motors

1	and various unions providing a top-up
2	benefit to certain hourly employees
3	who were transferred from the Gen-
4	eral Motors Hourly-Rate Employees
5	Pension Plan to the Delphi Hourly-
6	Rate Employees Pension Plan.
7	(ii) Applicable payments.—For
8	purposes of this paragraph, applicable pay-
9	ments to a participant or beneficiary in
10	connection with a plan consist of the fol-
11	lowing:
12	(I) Payments under the plan
13	equal to the normal benefit guarantee
14	of the participant or beneficiary.
15	(II) Payments to the participant
16	or beneficiary made pursuant to sec-
17	tion 4022(c) of the Employee Retire-
18	ment Income Security Act of 1974
19	(29 U.S.C. 1322(c)) or otherwise re-
20	ceived from the corporation in connec-
21	tion with the termination of the plan.
22	(3) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
23	section—
24	(A) Full vested plan benefit.—The
25	term "full vested plan benefit" means the

amount of monthly benefits that would be guar-
anteed under section 4022 of the Employee Re-
tirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29
U.S.C. 1322) as of the date of plan termination
with respect to an eligible participant or bene-
ficiary if such section were applied without re-
gard to the phase-in limit under subsection
(b)(1) of such section and the maximum guar-
anteed benefit limitation under subsection
(b)(3) of such section (including the accrued-at-
normal limitation).
(B) NORMAL BENEFIT GUARANTEE.—The
term "normal benefit guarantee" means the
amount of monthly benefits guaranteed under
section 4022 of the Employee Retirement In-
come Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1322)
with respect to an eligible participant or bene-
ficiary without regard to this Act.
(4) COVERED PLANS.—The covered plans speci-
fied in this paragraph are the following:
(A) The Delphi Hourly-Rate Employees
Pension Plan.
(B) The Delphi Retirement Program for
Salaried Employees.

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1	(C) The PHI Non-Bargaining Retirement
2	Plan.
3	(D) The ASEC Manufacturing Retirement
4	Program.
5	(E) The PHI Bargaining Retirement Plan.
6	(F) The Delphi Mechatronic Systems Re-
7	tirement Program.
8	(5) TREATMENT OF PBGC DETERMINATIONS.—
9	Any determination made by the corporation under
10	this section concerning a recalculation of benefits or
11	lump-sum payment of past-due benefits shall be sub-
12	ject to administrative review by the corporation. Any
13	new determination made by the corporation under
14	this section shall be governed by the same adminis-
15	trative review process as any other benefit deter-
16	mination by the corporation.
17	(b) Trust Fund for Payment of Increased
18	Benefits.—
19	(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
20	the Treasury a trust fund to be known as the "Del-
21	phi Full Vested Plan Benefit Trust Fund" (referred
22	to in this subsection as the "Fund"), consisting of
23	such amounts as may be appropriated or credited to
24	the Fund as provided in this section.
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1 (2) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of 2 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, 3 such amounts as are necessary for the costs of pay-4 ments of the portions of monthly benefits guaran-5 teed to participants and beneficiaries pursuant to 6 subsection (a) and for necessary administrative and 7 operating expenses of the corporation relating to 8 such payments. The Fund shall be credited with 9 amounts from time to time as the Secretary of the 10 Treasury, in coordination with the Director of the 11 corporation, determines appropriate, out of amounts 12 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(3) EXPENDITURES FROM FUND.—Amounts in
the Fund shall be available for the payment of the
portion of monthly benefits guaranteed to a participant or beneficiary pursuant to subsection (a) and
for necessary administrative and operating expenses
of the corporation relating to such payment.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The corporation, in consultation
with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of
Labor, may issue such regulations as necessary to carry
out this section.