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This amendment would require a workload assessment be implemented and provided to the public before any FSA county office closures take place and that the same comment period, and reporting to counties and Congress take place before any closure or relocation happens after a work load assessment is completed

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. \_\_\_\_\_**

**[2012 FARM BILL]**

**OFFERED BY MR. BOSWELL OF IOWA**

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At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the fol-

lowing new section:

1 **SEC. 12302. EVALUATION REQUIRED FOR PURPOSES OF**  
2 **PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION**  
3 **OF COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE FARM SERV-**  
4 **ICE AGENCY.**

5 (a) **PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF**  
6 **OFFICES WITH HIGH WORKLOAD VOLUME.**—Section  
7 14212 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008  
8 (7 U.S.C. 6932a) is amended by striking subsection (a)  
9 and inserting the following subsection:

10 “(a) **PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF**  
11 **OFFICES WITH HIGH WORKLOAD VOLUME.**—The Sec-  
12 retary of Agriculture may not close or relocate a county  
13 or field office of the Farm Service Agency in a State if  
14 the Secretary determines, after conducting the evaluation  
15 required under subsection (b)(1)(B), that the office has  
16 a high workload volume compared with other county of-  
17 fices in the State.”.

1 (b) WORKLOAD EVALUATION.—Section 14212(b)(1)  
2 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6932a(b)(1)) is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and  
4 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

5 (2) by striking “the Farm Service Agency, to  
6 the maximum extent practicable” and inserting “the  
7 Farm Service Agency—

8 “(A) to the maximum extent practicable”;

9 (3) in clause (ii) (as redesignated by paragraph  
10 (1))—

11 (A) by inserting “as of the date of the en-  
12 actment of this Act” after “employees”; and

13 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
14 inserting “; and”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following subpara-  
16 graph:

17 “(B) conduct and complete an evaluation  
18 of all workload assessments for Farm Service  
19 Agency county offices that were open and oper-  
20 ational as of January 1, 2012, during the pe-  
21 riod that begins on a date that is not later than  
22 180 days after the date of the enactment of the  
23 Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Manage-  
24 ment Act of 2012 and ends on the date that is  
25 18 months after such date of enactment.”.

1 (c) NOTICE REQUIRED.—Section 14212(b)(2) of  
2 such Act (7 U.S.C. 6932a(b)(2)) is amended—

3 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
4 by striking “After the period referred to in sub-  
5 section (a)(1), the Secretary of Agriculture may not  
6 close a county or field office of the Farm Service  
7 Agency unless—” and inserting “After carrying out  
8 each of the activities required under paragraph (1),  
9 the Secretary of Agriculture shall, before closing a  
10 county or field office of the Farm Service Agency—  
11 ”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “the Sec-  
13 retary holds” and inserting “hold”; and

14 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking “the Sec-  
15 retary notifies” and inserting “notify”.

16 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
17 14212(b)(1) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6932a(b)(1)) is amend-  
18 ed by striking “After the period referred to in subsection  
19 (a)(1), the Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”.

