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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Governmental Affairs

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## AN ACT

To provide for a study on the use of social media in security  
clearance investigations.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Social Media Use in  
3 Clearance Investigations Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN SECURITY**  
5 **CLEARANCE INVESTIGATIONS.**

6 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment  
7 of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and  
8 Budget shall submit to Congress a report on the examina-  
9 tion of social media activity during security clearance in-  
10 vestigations, including—

11 (1) the current use of publicly available social  
12 media in security clearance background investiga-  
13 tions;

14 (2) any legal impediments to examining publicly  
15 available social media activity, and whether those  
16 impediments are statutory or regulatory in nature;

17 (3) the results of any pilot programs to incor-  
18 porate social media checks in such investigations, in-  
19 cluding the effectiveness and cost of such programs;

20 (4) options for widespread implementation of  
21 the examination of social media activity during such  
22 investigations; and

23 (5) estimates on the cost for such options as  
24 part of—

25 (A) all Top Secret investigations; or

1 (B) all Secret and Top Secret investiga-  
2 tions.

Passed the House of Representatives March 6,  
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*