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H. R. 3737

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2018

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

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.