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S. 2178

To require the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to make open recommendations of Inspectors General publicly available, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mrs. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To require the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to make open recommendations of Inspectors General publicly available, and for other purposes.

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 “Inspector General Rec-
5 ommendation Transparency Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL OPEN RECOMMENDATIONS**
2 **DATABASE.**

3 Section 11(c) of the Inspector General Act of 1978
4 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(5) OPEN RECOMMENDATIONS DATABASE.—

7 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

8 “(i) the term ‘designated Federal enti-
9 ty’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
10 tion 8G(a)(2); and

11 “(ii) the term ‘open recommendation’
12 means a recommendation—

13 “(I) issued by an Inspector Gen-
14 eral of an establishment or designated
15 Federal entity and made publicly
16 available; and

17 “(II) that has not been adopted
18 or implemented by the establishment
19 or designated Federal entity during
20 the 1-year period following the date
21 on which the recommendation was
22 issued.

23 “(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.—

24 The Council shall establish and operate a pub-
25 licly available database that—

1 “(i) is accessible via the website of the
2 Council; and

3 “(ii) includes the information on open
4 recommendations submitted by each In-
5 spector General of an establishment or des-
6 ignated Federal entity under subparagraph
7 (C).

8 “(C) CONTENTS.—Not later than 1 year
9 after the first semiannual reporting deadline de-
10 scribed in section 5(a) that occurs after the
11 date of enactment of this paragraph, and not
12 less frequently than every 6 months thereafter,
13 each Inspector General of an establishment or
14 designated Federal entity shall submit to the
15 Council, in a manner determined by the Coun-
16 cil, the status and disposition of each open rec-
17 ommendation of the establishment or des-
18 ignated Federal entity, which shall include—

19 “(i) the number of recommendations
20 issued by the Inspector General for the fis-
21 cal year;

22 “(ii) the number of recommendations
23 described in clause (i) that are open rec-
24 ommendations;

1 “(iii) the title of each report in which
2 an open recommendation was issued;

3 “(iv) the assigned number of each
4 open recommendation, as designated within
5 a report described in clause (iii);

6 “(v) a short description of each open
7 recommendation;

8 “(vi) the date on which each open rec-
9 ommendation was submitted in final form
10 to the head of the establishment or des-
11 ignated Federal entity;

12 “(vii) the current status of each open
13 recommendation, such as whether the rec-
14 ommendation remains open or has been
15 partially implemented, or if the establish-
16 ment or designated Federal entity has ex-
17 pressed that the recommendation is ex-
18 pected to be implemented soon;

19 “(viii) if available, any comments of
20 the Inspector General relating to why the
21 recommendation remains open;

22 “(ix) if available, any response from
23 the establishment or designated Federal
24 entity relating to why the recommendation
25 remains open; and

1 “(x) any other information as deter-
2 mined by the Council.”.

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