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Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

AN ACT

To require the Council of the 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Inspector General Rec-
3 ommendation Transparency Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL OPEN RECOMMENDATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General Act of
6 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

7 (1) in section 5—

8 (A) in subsection (a)—

9 (i) in paragraph (2), by inserting “the
10 total number and” before “a description
11 of”; and

12 (ii) by striking paragraph (3) and in-
13 serting the following:

14 “(3) the total number of open recommendations
15 described in previous semiannual reports on which
16 corrective action has not been completed, and an
17 identification of each open recommendation, which
18 shall include—

19 “(A) the title of each report in which an
20 open recommendation was issued;

21 “(B) the assigned number of each open
22 recommendation, as designated within a report
23 described in subparagraph (A);

24 “(C) a short description of each open rec-
25 ommendation;

1 “(D) the date on which each open rec-
 2 ommendation was submitted in final form to
 3 the head of the establishment;

4 “(E) if available, any cost savings if the
 5 corrective action with respect to the open rec-
 6 ommendation were completed; and

7 “(F) any other information as determined
 8 appropriate by the Inspector General that clari-
 9 fies the progress of implementing the open rec-
 10 ommendation or the expected timeframe for im-
 11 plementation.”; and

12 (B) in subsection (f)—

13 (i) paragraph (6)(B), by striking
 14 “and” at the end;

15 (ii) in paragraph (7)(B), by striking
 16 the period at the end and inserting “;
 17 and”; and

18 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 19 lowing:

20 “(8) the term ‘open recommendation’ means a
 21 recommendation—

22 “(A) issued by an Inspector General of an
 23 establishment and made publicly available;

24 “(B) on which corrective action has not
 25 been completed by the establishment during the

1 1-year period following the date on which the
2 recommendation was issued; and

3 “(C) that has not been otherwise closed by
4 the Office.”; and

5 (2) in section 11(c), by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(5) ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.—Not
8 later than 18 months after the date on which the
9 first semiannual report is required to be prepared
10 under section 5(a) after the date of enactment of
11 this paragraph, the Council shall establish and oper-
12 ate a publicly available database that—

13 “(A) is accessible via the website of the
14 Council in a standardized, searchable format;
15 and

16 “(B) includes—

17 “(i) the information on open rec-
18 ommendations that is required to be in-
19 cluded in each semiannual report under
20 section 5(a)(3); and

21 “(ii) any other information as deter-
22 mined necessary by the Council.

23 “(6) SUBMISSION OF REPORTS.—Beginning not
24 later than 60 days after the date of enactment of
25 this paragraph, each Inspector General of an estab-

1 lishment or a designated Federal entity (as defined
2 in section 8G(a)) shall, not later than 30 days after
3 the date on which the Inspector General issues a
4 public report, submit to the Council the report for
5 publication on a centralized website.”.

6 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by sub-
7 section (a)(1) shall apply with respect to the first semi-
8 annual report prepared under section 5(a) of the Inspector
9 General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) after the date that
10 is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate May 23, 2018.

Attest:

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Secretary.