

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4382

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. MEADOWS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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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 “Integrity Committee
3 Transparency Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN**
5 **REQUESTS AND REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

6 Section 11(d) of the Inspector General Act of 1978
7 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (5)(B)(ii), by striking the pe-
9 riod at the end and inserting “, the Office of Inspec-
10 tor General involved, the length of time the Integrity
11 Committee has been evaluating the allegation of
12 wrongdoing, and a description of any previous writ-
13 ten notice provided under this clause with respect to
14 the allegation of wrongdoing, including the descrip-
15 tion provided for why additional time was needed.”;

16 (2) in paragraph (8)(A)(ii), by inserting “or
17 corrective action” after “disciplinary action”; and

18 (3) in paragraph (9)(A), by striking the period
19 at the end and inserting “, including with respect to
20 each Office of Inspector General with more than 50
21 employees, the number of allegations received with
22 respect to each such Office.”.

1 **SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION TO CONGRESS RE-**
2 **GARDING ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING**
3 **CLOSED WITHOUT REFERRAL.**

4 (a) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION TO CON-
5 GRESS.—Section 11(d)(5)(B) of the Inspector General Act
6 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 “(iii) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION
9 TO CONGRESS.—If the Integrity Committee
10 closes the allegation of wrongdoing without
11 referral to the Chairperson of the Integrity
12 Committee to initiate an investigation, the
13 Chairperson of the Integrity Committee
14 shall, not later than 30 days after receiving
15 a request from the Chair or ranking mi-
16 nority member of a Committee of Con-
17 gress, provide such Chair or ranking mi-
18 nority member a written description of the
19 nature of the allegation of wrongdoing and
20 how the Integrity Committee evaluated the
21 allegation of wrongdoing for referral.

22 “(iv) REQUIREMENT TO FORWARD.—
23 With respect to any written description
24 provided under clause (iii), the Integrity
25 Committee shall forward such description

1 to the members of the Integrity Committee
2 and to the Chairperson of the Council.”.

3 **SEC. 4. ORAL BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.**

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

7 “(14) ORAL BRIEFING.—

8 “(A) SEMIANNUAL ORAL BRIEFINGS FOR
9 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES.—Not later than 180
10 days after the date of the enactment of the In-
11 tegrity Committee Transparency Act of 2019,
12 and every 6 months thereafter, the Integrity
13 Committee shall seek to provide an oral briefing
14 to the Committee on Oversight and Reform of
15 the House of Representatives and the Com-
16 mittee on Homeland Security and Govern-
17 mental Affairs of the Senate on the activities of
18 the Integrity Committee, including—

19 “(i) the nature and number of the al-
20 legations received by the Integrity Council
21 in the preceding 6 months, including the
22 nature and number of allegations received
23 by the Integrity Council in the preceding 6
24 months with respect to each Office of In-
25 spector General;

1 “(ii) the nature and number of the al-
 2 legations the Integrity Council closed with-
 3 out referral in the preceding 6 months and
 4 the reason why each allegation was closed
 5 without referral;

6 “(iii) the nature of any difficulty en-
 7 countered by the Integrity Council when
 8 receiving, evaluating, or referring for inves-
 9 tigation allegations in the preceding 6
 10 months; and

11 “(iv) trends in the nature and number
 12 of allegations received by the Integrity
 13 Council overall and with respect to each
 14 Office of the Inspector General in the pre-
 15 ceding 5 years, respectively.

16 “(B) OTHER BRIEFINGS.—The Integrity
 17 Committee shall provide an oral briefing of
 18 identical content to any other Committee of
 19 Congress upon the request of such Com-
 20 mittee.”.

21 **SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP OF CIGIE AND INTEGRITY COM-**
 22 **MITTEE.**

23 Section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
 24 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 “(J) The former Inspector General ap-
4 pointed under paragraph (4).”;

5 (B) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(4) FORMER INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

7 “(A) APPOINTMENT.—The Chairperson of
8 the Council shall appoint a former Inspector
9 General who served at an office established
10 under section 2 or 8G to serve as a member of
11 the Council.

12 “(B) INITIAL TERM.—The initial term of
13 the former Inspector General appointed under
14 subparagraph (A) shall be 3 years.

15 “(C) ADDITIONAL TERM.—The Chair-
16 person of the Council may reappoint the former
17 Inspector General appointed under subpara-
18 graph (A) to serve for an additional 3-year
19 term.

20 “(D) RULES.—

21 “(i) LENGTH OF TERM UNAF-
22 FECTED.—The term of the former Inspec-
23 tor General appointed under subparagraph
24 (A) shall not be affected if the Chairperson
25 of the Council who appointed such former

Inspector General is no longer serving as the Chairperson of the Council at any point during such term.

“(ii) NO EFFECT OF ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON.—If a new Chairperson of the Council is elected during the initial or additional term of the former Inspector General appointed under subparagraph (A), the new Chairperson may not appoint a new former Inspector General to serve as a member of the Council until the expiration of the initial or additional term of the former Inspector General, as so may be the case.

“(E) COMPENSATION.—The former Inspector General appointed under subparagraph (A) shall not be compensated for services rendered under this Act and shall not be considered a Federal employee for any purpose other than for purposes of 81 (relating to compensation for injury) of title 5, United States Code, and sections 2671 through 2680 of title 28 (relating to tort claims) of title 18, United States Code.”; and

1 (2) in subsection (d)(2)(A), by adding at the
2 end the following:

3 “(iv) The former Inspector General
4 appointed under subsection (b)(4).”.

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