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H. R. 8103

To amend section 3553 of title 44, United States Code, to strengthen Federal networks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 25, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. KATKO, and Mr. GALLAGHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Federal
5 Networks Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING FEDERAL NETWORKS.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Section 3553(b) of title 44, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (6)(D), by striking “; and” at
10 the end and inserting a semicolon;

1 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
2 graph (8); and

3 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(7) hunting for and identifying, with or with-
6 out advance notice, threats and vulnerabilities within
7 Federal information systems; and”.

8 (b) BINDING OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE.—Not later
9 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section,
10 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue a binding
11 operational directive pursuant to subsection (b)(2) of sec-
12 tion 3553 of title 44, United States Code, to implement
13 paragraph (7) of section 3553(b) of title 44, United States
14 Code, as added by subsection (a).

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