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S. 233

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Amendments of 1977 to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to report certain hiring to carry out the Safe Drinking Water Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2019

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “EPA Special Hiring
5 Authority Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO REPORT HIRING TO CARRY OUT**
2 **THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT.**

3 Section 11(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Amend-
4 ments of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 300j–10) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “(b) To the extent” and insert-
6 ing the following:

7 “(b) APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) REPORTING OF HIRING REQUIRED.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
12 days after an appointment is made under this
13 subsection, the Administrator of the Environ-
14 mental Protection Agency shall provide notifica-
15 tion of the appointment to—

16 “(i) the Committee on Environment
17 and Public Works of the Senate;

18 “(ii) the Committee on Homeland Se-
19 curity and Governmental Affairs of the
20 Senate;

21 “(iii) the Committee on Energy and
22 Commerce of the House of Representa-
23 tives; and

24 “(iv) the Committee on Oversight and
25 Reform of the House of Representatives.

1 “(B) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—The
2 notification required under subparagraph (A)
3 shall include the following information about
4 the appointment that was made under this sub-
5 section:

6 “(i) The name of the appointee.

7 “(ii) The title of the appointee.

8 “(iii) The salary of the appointee.

9 “(iv) A detailed justification explain-
10 ing why the Administrator of the Environ-
11 mental Protection Agency deemed the ap-
12 pointment necessary to appropriately dis-
13 charge the functions of the Administrator
14 under the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
15 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) and other provisions
16 of law.”.

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