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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1766

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To enhance cooperation between the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General to combat unfair and deceptive practices, 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 “FTC Collaboration Act
3 of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE PRACTICES COOPERATION**
5 **STUDY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—

7 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Fed-
9 eral Trade Commission shall conduct a study on fa-
10 cilitating and refining existing efforts with State At-
11 torneys General to prevent, publicize, and penalize
12 frauds and scams being perpetrated on individuals in
13 the United States.

14 (2) REQUIREMENTS OF STUDY.—In conducting
15 the study, the Commission shall examine the fol-
16 lowing:

17 (A) The roles and responsibilities of the
18 Commission and State Attorneys General that
19 best advance collaboration and consumer pro-
20 tection.

21 (B) The policies, procedures, and mecha-
22 nisms that facilitate cooperation and commu-
23 nications across the Commission.

24 (C) How resources should be dedicated to
25 best advance such collaboration and consumer
26 protection.

1 (D) The accountability mechanisms that
2 should be implemented to promote collaboration
3 and consumer protection.

4 (3) CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT.—In
5 producing the study required in paragraph (1), the
6 Commission shall—

7 (A) consult with—

8 (i) the National Association of State
9 Attorneys General;

10 (ii) public interest organizations dedi-
11 cated to consumer protection;

12 (iii) relevant private sector entities;

13 and

14 (iv) any other Federal or State agency
15 that the Federal Trade Commission con-
16 siders necessary; and

17 (B) provide opportunity for public com-
18 ment and advice relevant to the production of
19 the study.

20 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
21 months after the completion of the study required pursu-
22 ant to subsection (a), the Commission shall submit to the
23 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
24 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
25 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and make pub-

1 licy available on the website of the Commission, a report
2 that contains the following:

3 (1) The results of the study.

4 (2) Recommended best practices to enhance col-
5 laboration efforts between the Commission and State
6 Attorneys General with respect to preventing, publi-
7 cizing, and penalizing fraud and scams.

8 (3) Quantifiable metrics by which enhanced col-
9 laboration can be measured.

10 (4) Legislative recommendations, if any, to en-
11 hance collaboration efforts between the Commission
12 and State Attorneys General to prevent, publicize,
13 and penalize fraud and scams.

14 (c) COMMISSION DEFINED.—In this section, the term
15 “Commission” means the Federal Trade Commission.

Passed the House of Representatives April 14, 2021.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.