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Mr. KHANNA (for himself and Ms. MACE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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 “Streamlining Effective
5 Access and Retrieval of Content to Help Act of 2023” or
6 the “SEARCH Act of 2023”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXECUTIVE AGENCY REQUIREMENT TO USE LATEST**
8 **AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY FOR WEBSITE**
9 **SEARCH FUNCTION.**

10 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) efficient and effective website search
2 functionality is crucial for American citizens, busi-
3 nesses, and other stakeholders to access information
4 and services provided by executive agencies;

5 (2) the use of the latest available technology
6 can significantly enhance website search capabilities,
7 enabling faster and more accurate retrieval of infor-
8 mation; and

9 (3) the adoption of the latest available tech-
10 nology in website search function can improve trans-
11 parency, accessibility, and usability of government
12 websites, thereby enhancing public engagement and
13 improving the delivery of services.

14 (b) GUIDANCE FOR EXECUTIVE AGENCY USE OF THE
15 LATEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY FOR WEBSITE SEARCH
16 FUNCTION.—

17 (1) OMB GUIDANCE.—Not later than one year
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
19 rector shall issue guidance to executive agencies to
20 encourage the adoption of the latest available tech-
21 nology available to improve the website search func-
22 tion of the agencies.

23 (2) PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later
24 than 180 days after the date on which the guidance
25 is issued pursuant to paragraph (1), the chief infor-

1 mation officer of each executive agency shall submit
2 to the Director a plan to meet the requirement de-
3 scribed in subsection (a) that includes a timeline for
4 implementation of the requirement, estimated costs,
5 and expected outcomes.

6 (3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than
7 one year after the date on which the guidance is
8 issued pursuant to paragraph (1), the head of each
9 executive agency shall submit to the Committee on
10 Oversight and Accountability of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
12 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report
13 that describes the progress made in meeting the
14 guidance described in paragraph (1), including any
15 challenges encountered and the measures taken to
16 overcome them.

17 (c) EXEMPTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY SYS-
18 TEMS.—This section shall not apply to any national secu-
19 rity system.

20 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
22 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-
23 et.

24 (2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
25 agency” has the meaning given the term “Executive

1 agency” in section 105 of title 5, United States
2 Code.

3 (3) NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM.—The term
4 “national security system” has the meaning given
5 that term in section 3552 of title 44, United States
6 Code.

7 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect 90
8 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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