

Union Calendar No. 188

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3210

[Report No. 115–258]

To require the Director of the National Background Investigations Bureau to submit a report on the backlog of personnel security clearance investigations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2017

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

JULY 25, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 12, 2017]

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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 “Securely Expediting*
5 *Clearances Through Reporting Transparency Act of 2017”*
6 *or the “SECRET Act of 2017”.*

7 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON BACKLOG OF PERSONNEL SECURITY**
8 **CLEARANCE INVESTIGATIONS.**

9 *Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of*
10 *this Act, and quarterly thereafter for 5 years, the Director*
11 *of the National Background Investigations Bureau of the*
12 *Office of Personnel Management shall submit to Congress*
13 *a report on the backlog of security clearance investigations*
14 *that includes—*

15 *(1) the size of the personnel security clearance*
16 *investigation process backlog; and*

17 *(2) the average length of time, for each sensi-*
18 *tivity level, to carry out an initial investigation and*
19 *a periodic investigation.*

20 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON SECURITY CLEARANCE INVESTIGA-**
21 **TIONS OF PERSONNEL OF THE EXECUTIVE**
22 **OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

23 *Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of*
24 *this Act, the Director of the National Background Investiga-*
25 *tions Bureau of the Office of Personnel Management shall*

1 *submit to Congress a report that explains the process for*
2 *conducting and adjudicating security clearance investiga-*
3 *tions for personnel of the Executive Office of the President,*
4 *including White House personnel.*

5 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON DUPLICATIVE COSTS.**

6 *Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment*
7 *of this Act, the Director of the National Background Inves-*
8 *tigations Bureau of the Office of Personnel Management*
9 *shall submit to Congress a report on the cost of duplicating*
10 *resources under the control or direction of the National*
11 *Background Investigations Bureau for implementation of*
12 *the plan referenced in section 951(a)(1) of the National De-*
13 *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C.*
14 *1564 note).*

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