

Union Calendar No. 382

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3737

[Report No. 115–512]

To provide for a study on the use of social media in security clearance investigations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

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

JANUARY 11, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Social Media Use in
5 Clearance Investigations Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN SECURITY**
7 **CLEARANCE INVESTIGATIONS.**

8 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and
10 Budget shall submit to Congress a report on the examina-
11 tion of social media activity during security clearance in-
12 vestigations, including—

13 (1) the current use of publicly available social
14 media in security clearance background investiga-
15 tions;

16 (2) any legal impediments to examining publicly
17 available social media activity, and whether those
18 impediments are statutory or regulatory in nature;

19 (3) the results of any pilot programs to incor-
20 porate social media checks in such investigations, in-
21 cluding the effectiveness and cost of such programs;

22 (4) options for widespread implementation of
23 the examination of social media activity during such
24 investigations; and

1 (5) estimates on the cost for such options as
2 part of—

3 (A) all Top Secret investigations; or

4 (B) all Secret and Top Secret investiga-
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