

## Union Calendar No.

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3210

[Report No. 115-]

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 --, 2017

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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

# **A BILL**

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.

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).*