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To enhance cooperation between the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General to combat unfair and deceptive practices, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. O'HALLERAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 "FTC Collaboration Act
5 of 2021".

6 **SEC. 2. UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE PRACTICES COOPERATION**

7 **STUDY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

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

8 (2) REQUIREMENTS OF STUDY.—In conducting
9 the study, the Commission shall examine the fol-
10 lowing:

11 (A) The roles and responsibilities of the
12 Commission and State Attorneys General that
13 best advance collaboration and consumer pro-
14 tection.

15 (B) The policies, procedures, and mecha-
16 nisms that facilitate cooperation and commu-
17 nications across the Commission.

18 (C) How resources should be dedicated to
19 best advance such collaboration and consumer
20 protection.

21 (D) The accountability mechanisms that
22 should be implemented to promote collaboration
23 and consumer protection.

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

4 (A) consult with—

5 (i) the National Association of State
6 Attorneys General;

7 (ii) public interest organizations dedi-
8 cated to consumer protection;

9 (iii) relevant private sector entities;
10 and

11 (iv) any other Federal or State agency
12 that the Federal Trade Commission con-
13 siders necessary; and

14 (B) provide opportunity for public com-
15 ment and advice relevant to the production of
16 the study.

17 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
18 months after the completion of the study required pursu-
19 ant to subsection (a), the Commission shall submit to the
20 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
21 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
22 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and make pub-
23 licly available on the website of the Commission, a report
24 that contains the following:

25 (1) The results of the study.

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

5 (3) Quantifiable metrics by which enhanced col-
6 laboration can be measured.

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

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