

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2225
OFFERED BY MR. BEYER OF VIRGINIA

Page 59, after line 20, insert the following new subsection:

1 (e) NATIONAL SECURE DATA SERVICE.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director, in collabora-
3 tion with the Chief Statistician of the United States,
4 shall establish a demonstration project to develop,
5 refine and test models to inform the full implemen-
6 tation of the Commission on Evidence-Based Policy-
7 making recommendation for a government-wide data
8 linkage and access infrastructure for statistical ac-
9 tivities conducted for statistical purposes, as defined
10 in Chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code.

11 (2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year
12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director
13 shall establish a National Secure Data Service dem-
14 onstration project. The National Secure Data Serv-
15 ice demonstration project shall be—

16 (A) aligned with the principles, best prac-
17 tices, and priority actions recommended by the
18 Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence
19 Building, to the extent feasible; and

1 (B) operated directly by or via a contract
2 that is managed by the National Center for
3 Science and Engineering Statistics.

4 (3) DATA.—In carrying out this subsection, the
5 Director shall engage with State and federal agen-
6 cies to collect, acquire, analyze, report, and dissemi-
7 nate statistical data in the United States and other
8 nations to support governmentwide evidence-building
9 activities consistent with the Foundations for Evi-
10 dence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018.

11 (4) PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY PROTEC-
12 TIONS.—If the Director issues a management con-
13 tract under paragraph (2), the awardee shall be des-
14 ignated as an “agent” under Chapter 35 of title 44
15 United States Code Subchapter III, Section 3561 et
16 seq., with all requirements and obligations for pro-
17 tecting confidential information delineated in the
18 Confidential Information Protection and Statistical
19 Efficiency Act of 2018 and the Privacy Act of 1974.

20 (5) TECHNOLOGY.—In carrying out this sub-
21 section, the Director shall consider application and
22 use of systems and technologies that incorporate
23 protection measures to reasonably ensure confiden-
24 tial data and statistical products are protected in ac-
25 cordance with obligations under Chapter 35 of title

1 44 United States Code Subchapter III, Section 3561
2 et seq., including systems and technologies that en-
3 sure raw data and other sensitive inputs are not ac-
4 cessible to recipients of statistical outputs from the
5 National Secure Data Service demonstration project.

6 (6) TRANSPARENCY.—The National Secure
7 Data Service established under paragraph (2) shall
8 maintain a public website with up-to-date informa-
9 tion on supported projects.

10 (7) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the National Secure
12 Data Service demonstration project established
13 under paragraph (2) shall submit a report to Con-
14 gress that includes—

15 (A) a description of policies for protecting
16 data, consistent with applicable federal law;

17 (B) a comprehensive description of all
18 completed or active data linkage activities and
19 projects;

20 (C) an assessment of the effectiveness of
21 the demonstration project for mitigating risks
22 and removing barriers to a sustained implemen-
23 tation of the National Secure Data Service as
24 recommended by the Commission on Evidence-
25 Based Policymaking; and

1 (D) if deemed effective by the Director, a
2 plan for scaling up the demonstration project to
3 facilitate data access for evidence building while
4 ensuring transparency and privacy.

5 (8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Di-
7 rector to carry out this subsection \$9,000,000 for
8 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

