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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LYNCH 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 “Social Media Use in
5 Clearance Investigations Act of 2019”.

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

1 Budget shall submit to Congress a report on the examina-
2 tion of social media activity during security clearance in-
3 vestigations, including—

4 (1) the current use of publicly available social
5 media in security clearance background investiga-
6 tions;

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

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

13 (4) options for widespread implementation of
14 the examination of social media activity during such
15 investigations; and

16 (5) estimates on the cost for such options as
17 part of—

18 (A) all Top Secret investigations; or

19 (B) all Secret and Top Secret investiga-
20 tions.