

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3737

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

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-

1 tion of social media activity during security clearance in-
2 vestigations, including—

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

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

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

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

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

17 (A) all Top Secret investigations; or

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

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