

116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 1065

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 7, 2019

Mr. Lynch introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and 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 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
- 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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