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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To require the Under Secretary of the Science and Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a Department-wide policy and process to safeguard research and development from unauthorized access to or disclosure of sensitive information in research and development acquisitions, and for other purposes.

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 “Research Security and
5 Accountability in DHS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SAFEGUARDING SENSITIVE RESEARCH IN THE DE-**
7 **PARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302 of the Homeland Se-
9 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 182) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (13), by striking “and” after
11 the semicolon;

12 (2) in paragraph (14), by striking the period
13 and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(15) developing, in coordination with appro-
17 priate agency officials, a Department-wide policy
18 and process to safeguard research and development
19 from unauthorized access to or disclosure of sen-
20 sitive information in research and development ac-
21 quisitions.”.

22 (b) GAO REPORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
25 Comptroller General of the United States shall sub-

1 mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
2 House of Representatives and the Committee on
3 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
4 Senate a report on how the Department has com-
5 plied with National Security Presidential Memo-
6 randum–33 (NSPM–33) and adopted the National
7 Science and Technology Council’s 2022 implementa-
8 tion guidance.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
10 paragraph (1) shall address the following:

11 (A) How the Department of Homeland Se-
12 curity has complied with disclosure require-
13 ments outlined in NSPM–33, and how viola-
14 tions are reported to the relevant executive
15 agencies, including in the intelligence commu-
16 nity (as such term is defined in section 3(4) of
17 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
18 3003(4)).

19 (B) Coordination and compliance with
20 guidelines established by the National Science
21 Foundation, the National Science Technology
22 Council, the Office of Science and Technology
23 Policy, and other executive agencies regarding
24 Federal research security.

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2024.

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