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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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## 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 “Drain the Swamp Act  
5       of 2023”.

6       **SEC. 2. RELOCATION OF AGENCY HEADQUARTERS.**

7       (a) REPEAL OF HEADQUARTERS LOCATION RE-  
8       QUIREMENT.—Section 72 of title 4, United States Code,  
9       is repealed.

10       (b) HEADQUARTERS RELOCATION PLAN.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September  
2       30, 2024, the head of each executive agency shall  
3       develop and submit to Congress a plan for the relo-  
4       cation of the headquarters of that agency outside of  
5       the Washington metropolitan area.

6           (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan described in  
7       paragraph (1) shall—

8           (A) identify a location for a new head-  
9       quarters outside of the Washington metropoli-  
10      tan area;

11          (B) maximize any potential cost savings  
12      associated with the relocation;

13          (C) provide that, upon implementation of  
14      the plan, no more than 10 percent of the em-  
15      ployees of the agency are based in the Wash-  
16      ington metropolitan area; and

17          (D) consider any potential national secu-  
18      rity implications of the relocation.

19          (3) CERTIFICATION.—Prior to the submission  
20      of a plan under paragraph (1), the Director of the  
21      Office of Management and Budget and the Adminis-  
22      trator of General Services shall certify the compli-  
23      ance of the plan with the provisions of this section  
24      if the plan meets the requirements described in  
25      paragraph (2).

1           (4) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than Sep-  
2           tember 30, 2028, the head of each executive agency  
3           shall implement the plan for such agency submitted  
4           under paragraph (1).

5           (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

6           (1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive  
7           agency” has the meaning given the term “Executive  
8           agency” in section 105 of title 5, United States  
9           Code, except that the term does not include the Ex-  
10          ecutive Office of the President.

11          (2) WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA.—The  
12          term “Washington metropolitan area” means the ge-  
13          ographic area located within the boundaries of—

14                 (A) the District of Columbia;

15                 (B) Montgomery and Prince George’s  
16          Counties in the State of Maryland; and

17                 (C) Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, and  
18          Prince William Counties and the City of Alex-  
19          andria in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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