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H. R. 10004

To amend title 10, United States Code, to incorporate requirements for data centers for the protection of water resources, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2026

Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself and Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Defending Our Energy
5 and Water Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DATA CENTER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROTEC-**
2 **TION OF WATER RESOURCES.**

3 (a) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW DATA CEN-
4 TERS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
7 trator of the Office of Electronic Government shall
8 revise the minimum requirements for new data cen-
9 ters established pursuant to section 834(b) of the
10 Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon Na-
11 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
12 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 44 U.S.C. 3601 note)
13 to include requirements relating to protections for
14 water resources at such data centers, including the
15 use of the most water efficient cooling systems.

16 (2) EXTENSION OF SUNSET.—Section 834(e) of
17 the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon Na-
18 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
19 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 44 U.S.C. 3601 note)
20 is amended by striking “2026” and inserting
21 “2031”.

22 (b) ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGETS FOR DATA CEN-
23 TERS.—Section 2921(a)(1) of title 10, United States
24 Code, is amended—

25 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
26 the end;

1 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
2 paragraph (F); and

3 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(E) identify and integrate potential water
6 efficiency technologies to enhance resiliency at
7 the data center and minimize the effects of the
8 data center operation on water resources; and”.

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