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To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to disseminate guidance regarding certain best practices relating to the handling of personally identifiable information, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILL of Arkansas (for himself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York) 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 “Providing Resources
5 and Oversight to Ensure Confidentiality of Those who
6 serve Act” or the “PROTECT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISSEMINATION OF DHS GUIDANCE REGARDING**
2 **CERTAIN BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE**
3 **HANDLING OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE**
4 **INFORMATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act and quadrennially there-
7 after, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall dissemi-
8 nate to Federal, State, and local government agencies and
9 appropriate private sector entities guidance regarding best
10 practices regarding the following:

11 (1) The handling by such agencies and entities
12 of personally identifiable information of officers, offi-
13 cials, employees, and contractors of such agencies.

14 (2) Actions such officers, officials, and employ-
15 ees can take to ensure their safety.

16 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “person-
17 ally identifiable information” means any information that
18 permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indi-
19 rectly inferred, including any other information that is
20 linked or linkable to such individual, regardless of whether
21 such individual is a United States citizen, lawful perma-
22 nent resident, or visitor to the United States.

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