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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCHENRY (for himself, Mr. JINDAL, Mr. ISSA, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. KLINE, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. WAMP, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. McCAUL of Texas, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. SHADEGG, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. GINGREY, and Mr. GUTKNECHT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to consolidate existing U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services databases into a comprehensive database that allows real-time access to data, in order to improve customer service and enhance national security and public safety, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Comprehensive Immi-  
3 gration Data And Technology Accountability Act of  
4 2005”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONSOLIDATION OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRA-**  
6 **TION SERVICES DATABASES.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
8 rity shall consolidate existing U.S. Citizenship and Immi-  
9 gration Services databases into a comprehensive database  
10 that allows all authorized users real-time access to data,  
11 in order to improve customer service and enhance national  
12 security and public safety.

13       (b) DATABASES INCLUDED.—The databases to be in-  
14 cluded in such consolidation are as follows:

15           (1) The Computer Linked Application Informa-  
16 tion Management Systems (CLAIMS), versions 3  
17 and 4.

18           (2) The National Tracking File Systems  
19 (NTFS).

20           (3) The Systematic Alien Verification for Enti-  
21 tlements (SAVE).

22           (4) Interagency Border Inspection System  
23 (IBIS).

24           (5) Treasury Enforcement Communications  
25 System II/NIIS (TECSII/NIIS).

1           (6) Any other system the Secretary determines  
2           to be appropriate.

3           (c) INTEROPERABILITY.—The comprehensive data-  
4           base described in subsection (a) shall facilitate real-time  
5           data exchange with all other databases of the Department  
6           of Homeland Security, the Department of State, Federal  
7           law enforcement agencies (as defined in section 2 of the  
8           Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of  
9           2002 (8 U.S.C. 1701), and the intelligence community (as  
10          so defined) relevant to all aspects of alien screening, in-  
11          cluding databases used for visa issuance and those used  
12          for determinations of admissibility and deportability.

13          (d) BIOMETRIC AND LINGUISTIC CAPABILITIES.—  
14          The comprehensive database described in subsection (a)  
15          shall incorporate full biometric and linguistic capabilities  
16          to prevent fraud and to verify the identity and immigra-  
17          tion status of aliens in the absence of documentation.

18          (e) DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBIL-  
19          ITIES.—The Secretary, acting through the Under Sec-  
20          retary for Management, shall be responsible for the design  
21          and maintenance of the comprehensive database described  
22          in subsection (a). Such database shall be annually evalu-  
23          ated by the Citizenship and Immigration Services Om-  
24          budsman.

25          (f) DEADLINES.—

1           (1) PLATFORM IDENTIFICATION.—By not later  
2           than 6 months after the date of the enactment of  
3           this Act, the Secretary shall identify a commercially  
4           or publicly available system platform suitable for the  
5           comprehensive database described in subsection (a).

6           (2) DATA TRANSFER.—By not later than 12  
7           months after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
8           the Secretary—

9                   (A) shall merge the data from the data-  
10           bases described in paragraphs (1) through (4)  
11           of subsection (b) into the comprehensive data-  
12           base described in subsection (a); and

13                   (B) shall ensure that all new information  
14           is entered into the comprehensive database in  
15           lieu of the databases described in paragraphs  
16           (1) through (4) of subsection (b).

17           (3) REPLACEMENT.—By not later than 18  
18           months after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
19           the Secretary shall ensure that the databases de-  
20           scribed in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection  
21           (b) are completely phased out and the comprehensive  
22           database described in subsection (a) is fully oper-  
23           ational.

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