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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REVIEW AND UPDATE OF GUIDANCE REGARD-**
2 **ING SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR CERTAIN**
3 **SENATE EMPLOYEES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

5 (1) the term “covered committee of the Senate”
6 means—

7 (A) the Committee on Armed Services of
8 the Senate;

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
10 the Senate;

11 (C) the Subcommittee on Defense of the
12 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

13 (D) the Subcommittee on State, Foreign
14 Operations, and Related Programs of the Com-
15 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate;

16 (E) the Committee on Homeland Security
17 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

18 (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
19 Senate;

20 (2) the term “covered Member of the Senate”
21 means a Member of the Senate who serves on a cov-
22 ered committee of the Senate; and

23 (3) the term “Senate employee” means an em-
24 ployee whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of
25 the Senate.

26 (b) REVIEW OF PROCEDURES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of
3 Senate Security, in coordination with the Director of
4 National Intelligence and the Chairperson of the
5 Suitability and Security Clearance Performance Ac-
6 countability Council established under Executive
7 Order 13467 (73 Fed. Reg. 38103), shall—

8 (A) conduct a review of whether proce-
9 dures in effect enable 1 Senate employee des-
10 ignated by each covered Member of the Senate
11 to obtain security clearances necessary for ac-
12 cess to classified national security information,
13 including top secret and sensitive compartmen-
14 talized information, if the Senate employee
15 meets the criteria for such clearances; and

16 (B) if the Director of Senate Security, in
17 coordination with the Director of National In-
18 telligence and the Chairperson of the Suitability
19 and Security Clearance Performance Account-
20 ability Council established under Executive
21 Order 13467 (73 Fed. Reg. 38103), determines
22 the procedures described in subparagraph (A)
23 are inadequate, issue guidelines on the estab-
24 lishment and implementation of such proce-
25 dures.

1 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of Senate
3 Security shall submit to each covered committee of
4 the Senate a report regarding the review conducted
5 under paragraph (1)(A) and guidance, if any, issued
6 under paragraph (1)(B).

7 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
8 tion shall be construed to alter—

9 (1) the rule of the Information Security Over-
10 sight Office implementing Standard Form 312,
11 which Members of Congress sign in order to be per-
12 mitted to access classified information;

13 (2) the requirement that Members of the Sen-
14 ate satisfy the “need-to-know” requirement to access
15 classified information;

16 (3) the scope of the jurisdiction of any com-
17 mittee or subcommittee of the Senate; or

18 (4) the inherent authority of the executive
19 branch of the Government, the Office of Senate Se-
20 curity, any Committee of the Senate, or the Depart-
21 ment of Defense to determine recipients of all classi-
22 fied information.

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