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S. 3109

To require Inspectors General to make open recommendations publicly available.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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recommendations publicly available.

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 “Inspector General Rec-
5 ommendation Transparency Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL OPEN RECOMMENDATIONS.**

7 Section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
8 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
10 section (g); and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(f)(1) Not later than 1 year after the first semi-
 4 annual reporting deadline described in subsection (a) that
 5 occurs after the date of enactment of this subsection, each
 6 Inspector General shall make available on the website of
 7 the Office of the Inspector General a list of any open rec-
 8 ommendations for the establishment that have been open
 9 for more than 1 year.

10 “(2) The list required under paragraph shall—

11 “(A) include, at a minimum—

12 “(i) the number of recommendations issued
 13 by the Inspector General for the fiscal year;

14 “(ii) the number of recommendations de-
 15 scribed in clause (i) that are open recommenda-
 16 tions;

17 “(iii) the title of each report in which an
 18 open recommendation was issued;

19 “(iv) the assigned number of each open
 20 recommendation, as designated within a report
 21 described in clause (iii);

22 “(v) a short description of the open rec-
 23 ommendation;

24 “(vi) the date on which the open rec-
 25 ommendation was first issued;

1 “(vii) the current status of the open rec-
2 ommendation, such as whether the rec-
3 ommendation remains open or has been par-
4 tially implemented, or if the agency has ex-
5 pressed that the recommendation is expected to
6 be implemented soon;

7 “(viii) if available, any comments of the In-
8 specter General relating to why the rec-
9 ommendation remains open; and

10 “(ix) if available, any response from the es-
11 tablishment relating to why the recommenda-
12 tion remains open; and

13 “(B) be updated by the Inspector General not
14 less frequently than once every 6 months.

15 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘open recommenda-
16 tion’ means a recommendation issued by an Inspector
17 General and made publicly available, in accordance with
18 section 8M(b)(1)(A), that has not been adopted or imple-
19 mented by the establishment of the Inspector General.”.

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