

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6955

To establish a procedure to revoke the security clearance of a special counsel appointed by the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Mr. PANETTA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 “Special Counsel Secu-
5 rity Assurance Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
8 sion of law, the security clearance of a special counsel ap-

1 pointed by the Attorney General in accordance with part
2 600 of title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, or any other
3 official appointed by the Attorney General who exercises
4 a similar degree of independence from the normal Depart-
5 ment of Justice chain of command, may be revoked only
6 if the Attorney General files an action for revocation in
7 the United States District Court for the District of Colum-
8 bia and files a contemporaneous notice of the action with
9 the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
11 Senate.

12 (b) JUDICIAL PANEL.—Any action filed under sub-
13 section (a) shall be heard and determined by a court of
14 3 judges pursuant to section 2284 of title 28, United
15 States Code, and any appeal shall lie to the Supreme
16 Court.

17 (c) REVOCATION FOR CAUSE.—The security clear-
18 ance of a special counsel or official described in subsection
19 (a) may be revoked only after the court—

20 (1) considers the guidelines enumerated in sub-
21 part A of part 147 of title 32, Code of Federal Reg-
22 ulations; and

1 (2) issues an order finding that such security
2 clearance is no longer consistent with the interests
3 of national security.

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