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# S. 3788

To require studies on cyberexploitation of employees of certain Federal departments and their families, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19, 2018

Mr. SASSE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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. STUDY ON CYBEREXPLOITATION OF EMPLOY-**  
4                   **EES OF CERTAIN FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS**  
5                   **AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

6       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7               (1) COVERED DEPARTMENT.—The term “cov-  
8       ered department” includes the following:

- 9               (A) The Department of Justice.  
10              (B) The Department of Energy.

(C) The Department of Homeland Security.

3 (D) The Department of State.

4 (E) The Department of the Treasury.

(F) The United States Agency for International Development.

(G) The civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

19       (b) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 150 days  
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each head of  
21 a covered department shall complete a study on the cyber-  
22 exploitation of the personal information and accounts of  
23 employees of the covered department and their families.

1       (c) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection  
2 (b) shall include, with respect to a covered department,  
3 the following:

4                 (1) An assessment of the vulnerability of em-  
5 ployees described in subsection (b) and their families  
6 to inappropriate access to their personal information  
7 and accounts of such employees and their families,  
8 including identification of particularly vulnerable  
9 subpopulations.

10                 (2) Creation of a catalogue of past and current  
11 efforts by foreign governments and non-state actors  
12 at the cyberexploitation of the personal information  
13 and accounts of such employees and their families,  
14 including an assessment of the purposes of such ef-  
15 forts and their degrees of success.

16                 (3) An assessment of the actions taken by the  
17 department or agency to educate employees and  
18 their families, including particularly vulnerable sub-  
19 populations, about and actions that can be taken to  
20 otherwise reduce these threats.

21                 (4) Assessment of the potential for the cyberex-  
22 ploitation of misappropriated images and videos as  
23 well as deep fakes.

24                 (5) Development of recommendations for policy  
25 changes to reduce the vulnerability of such employ-

1       ees and their families to cyberexploitation, including  
2       recommendations for legislative or administrative ac-  
3       tion.

4       (d) REPORT.—

5               (1) IN GENERAL.—Each head of a covered de-  
6       partment shall submit to Congress a report on the  
7       findings of the head with respect to the study con-  
8       ducted by the head under subsection (b).

9               (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
10      (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may  
11      include a classified annex.

