

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3657

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to study how certain individuals who are granted pretrial release are monitored, and for other purposes.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2019

Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. CLINE, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Ms. DEAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

---

## A BILL

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to study how certain individuals who are granted pretrial release are monitored, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bill’s Promise Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY.**

6 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Comptroller General of  
7 the United States shall conduct a study on how individuals

1 charged with Federal crimes and granted pretrial release  
2 are monitored. The study shall—

3 (1) provide a review of policies related to how  
4 United States probation and pretrial services officers  
5 monitor individuals on pretrial release;

6 (2) compare the policies of the Administrative  
7 Office of the United States Courts with respect to  
8 the monitoring of individuals on pretrial release to  
9 the policies of States and localities with respect to  
10 the monitoring of individuals on pretrial release;

11 (3) provide data on the number and type of of-  
12 fenses committed by individuals on Federal pretrial  
13 release over the past 10 years;

14 (4) describe how United States probation and  
15 pretrial services officers respond when an electronic  
16 monitoring device indicates that individuals are not  
17 complying with the conditions of their pretrial re-  
18 lease;

19 (5) describe how United States probation and  
20 pretrial services officers respond when there are in-  
21 dications that an electronic monitoring device has  
22 been tampered with;

23 (6) describe what measures the Administrative  
24 Office of the United States Courts takes to ensure  
25 that probation and pretrial services offices are ad-

1 hering to and correctly implementing policies related  
2 to the supervision of individuals on pretrial release;

3 (7) examine the capacity in which the United  
4 States Probation and Pretrial Services System en-  
5 lists the assistance of State and local law enforce-  
6 ment agencies in monitoring individuals on pretrial  
7 release and responding to indications an individual is  
8 not complying with the terms of the individual's pre-  
9 trial release; and

10 (8) examine resource and capacity issues cur-  
11 rently impacting officer retention and the adminis-  
12 tration of pretrial and probation services.

13 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
15 General of the United States shall submit to the Com-  
16 mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee  
17 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report  
18 summarizing the results of the study required under sub-  
19 section (a), together with any recommendations for legisla-  
20 tive or regulatory action that would improve the adminis-  
21 tration of pretrial release services.

○