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H. R. 7751

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. KIM of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Transparency in Secu-
5 rity Clearance Denials Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT BY SECRETARY OF STATE ON CER-**
2 **TAIN ADVERSE SECURITY CLEARANCE ADJU-**
3 **DICATIONS.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the
6 Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on For-
7 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
8 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report that
9 contains, for the year covered by the report, the following:

10 (1) For each type of covered adjudicative out-
11 come, the number of individuals who received such
12 outcome from the Assistant Secretary of State for
13 Diplomatic Security.

14 (2) The number of individuals who submitted to
15 the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Se-
16 curity an appeal with respect to a covered adjudica-
17 tive outcome.

18 (3) The success rate of such appeals.

19 (4) A description of the considerations and cri-
20 teria used by such employees to determine whether
21 a covered adjudicative outcome is warranted.

22 (b) DISAGGREGATION OF DATA.—The data specified
23 in paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (a) shall be
24 disaggregated by the following:

25 (1) Position held by the individual, including by
26 the following:

1 (A) Foreign Service officer.

2 (B) Civil service employee.

3 (C) Other position.

4 (2) Ethnicity, national origin, and race, to the
5 extent such information is available.

6 (3) Gender, to the extent such information is
7 available.

8 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) CONTINUOUS VETTING.—The term “contin-
10 uous vetting” has the meaning given that term in
11 section 6601 of the Damon Paul Nelson and Mat-
12 thew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act
13 for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (50 U.S.C.
14 3352).

15 (2) COVERED ADJUDICATIVE OUTCOME.—The
16 term “covered adjudicative outcome” means the fol-
17 lowing:

18 (A) With respect to an initial security
19 clearance background investigation, an adju-
20 dication that was unfavorable and resulted in a
21 denial, suspension, or revocation of a security
22 clearance.

23 (B) With respect to a periodic reinvestiga-
24 tion, an adjudication that was unfavorable and

1 resulted in a denial, suspension, or revocation
2 of a security clearance.

3 (C) With respect to a program of contin-
4 uous vetting, a denial, suspension, or revocation
5 of a security clearance taken by an authorized
6 adjudicative agency as a result of such contin-
7 uous vetting.

8 (3) PERIODIC REINVESTIGATION.—The term
9 “periodic reinvestigation” has the meaning given
10 that terms in section 3001 of the Intelligence Re-
11 form and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (50
12 U.S.C. 3341).

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