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To require the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate the cybersecurity practices and protocols of the Department, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2024

Mrs. STEEL (for herself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. TRONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Strengthening Cyber-
5 security in Health Care Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION OF HHS CYBERSECURITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years there-

1 after, the Inspector General of the Department of Health
2 and Human Services shall evaluate the cybersecurity prac-
3 tices and protocols of the Department through the conduct
4 of penetration tests and other testing procedures to deter-
5 mine how systems processing, transmitting, or storing
6 mission critical or sensitive data by, for, or on behalf of
7 the Department is currently, or could be compromised
8 and—

9 (1) expose patient data, including Medicare
10 numbers of individuals; or

11 (2) impact patient safety.

12 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date
13 of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter—

14 (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
15 ices shall submit to Congress a report that describes
16 how the Secretary will update the cybersecurity
17 practices and protocols of the Department of Health
18 and Human Services to adapt to the latest
19 cyberattack strategies; and

20 (2) the Inspector General of the Department of
21 Health and Human Services shall submit to Con-
22 gress a report that describes—

23 (A) how the Inspector General is currently
24 using Federal funds of the Inspector General to
25 carry out subsection (a); and

1 (B) legislative changes required for the In-
2 specter General to maintain the evaluation de-
3 scribed in subsection (a).

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