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To require the appointment or designation of emerging technology leads
in certain Federal agencies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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technology leads in certain Federal agencies.

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 “Oversee Emerging
5 Technology Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMERGING TECHNOLOGY LEADS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) COVERED AGENCY.—The term “covered
9 agency” means—

1 (A) an agency listed in section 901(b) of
2 title 31, United States Code; or

3 (B) an element of the intelligence commu-
4 nity, as defined in section 3 of the National Se-
5 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

6 (2) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered
7 individual” means—

8 (A) an individual serving in a Senior Exec-
9utive Service position, as that term is defined in
10 section 3132 of title 5, United States Code;

11 (B) an individual who—

12 (i) is serving in a position to which
13 section 5376 of title 5, United States
14 Code, applies; and

15 (ii) has a significant amount of se-
16 niority and experience, as determined by
17 the head of the applicable covered agency;
18 and

19 (C) another individual who is the equiva-
20 lent of an individual described in subparagraph
21 (A) or (B), as determined by the head of the
22 applicable covered agency.

23 (b) APPOINTMENT OR DESIGNATION.—The head of
24 each covered agency that is substantially engaged in the
25 development, application, or oversight of emerging tech-

1 nologies shall appoint or designate a covered individual as
2 an emerging technology lead to—

3 (1) advise the covered agency on the responsible
4 use of emerging technologies, including artificial in-
5 telligence;

6 (2) provide expertise on responsible policies and
7 practices;

8 (3) collaborate with interagency coordinating
9 bodies; and

10 (4) provide input for procurement policies.

11 (c) INFORMING CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the President
13 shall—

14 (1) inform Congress of each covered agency for
15 which a covered individual has been appointed or
16 designated as an emerging technology lead under
17 subsection (b); and

18 (2) provide to Congress a description of the au-
19 thorities and responsibilities of the covered individ-
20 uals described in paragraph (1).

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