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To establish a commission to study the relocation of certain agencies outside of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN 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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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 “Commission to Relo-
5 cate the Federal Bureaucracy Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AGENCY RELOCATION COMMISSION.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

8 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
9 meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5,
10 United States Code.

1 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
2 means the Commission established under subsection
3 (b).

4 (3) COVERED AGENCY.—The term “covered
5 agency” means an agency that is not a security-re-
6 lated agency, as determined by the President.

7 (4) TELEWORK.—The term “telework” has the
8 meaning given the term in section 6501 of title 5,
9 United States Code.

10 (5) WASHINGTON, D.C. METROPOLITAN AREA.—
11 The term “Washington, D.C. metropolitan area”
12 means—

13 (A) the District of Columbia;

14 (B) Montgomery and Prince George’s
15 Counties in the State of Maryland; and

16 (C) Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, and
17 Prince William Counties and the City of Alex-
18 andria in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

19 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Com-
20 mission to study the relocation of covered agencies based
21 in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area to other areas
22 throughout the United States.

23 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be com-
24 posed of—

- 1 (1) the Director of the White House Presi-
2 dential Personnel Office;
- 3 (2) the Director of the Office of Personnel
4 Management;
- 5 (3) the Comptroller General of the United
6 States;
- 7 (4) the Director of the Office of Management
8 and Budget;
- 9 (5) the Secretary of Agriculture;
- 10 (6) the Secretary of Commerce;
- 11 (7) the Secretary of Education;
- 12 (8) the Secretary of Energy;
- 13 (9) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
14 ices;
- 15 (10) the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
16 velopment;
- 17 (11) the Secretary of the Interior;
- 18 (12) the Secretary of Labor;
- 19 (13) the Secretary of Transportation;
- 20 (14) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;
- 21 (15) the Administrator of the Environmental
22 Protection Agency; and
- 23 (16) the Commissioner of Food and Drugs.
- 24 (d) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission
3 shall submit to Congress a report on the study de-
4 scribed in subsection (b).

5 (2) FACTORS.—In developing the report re-
6 quired under paragraph (1), the Commission shall
7 recommend the transfer of covered agencies with
8 consideration of—

9 (A) financial efficiency, including whether
10 the cost of living of an area is below the na-
11 tional average;

12 (B) whether an area has adequate pre-ex-
13 isting infrastructure and available private land
14 to be used for the purpose of covered agencies;

15 (C) whether an area has existing industries
16 relating to the business of a covered agency
17 that can serve as public and private sector part-
18 ners of the covered agency and strengthen the
19 ability of the covered agency to carry out the
20 duties of the covered agency; and

21 (D) whether, at any time during the 5-year
22 period preceding the date of enactment of this
23 Act, a sizeable portion of the workforce of the
24 covered agency has participated in telework.

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