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# H. R. 6958

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. OGLES, and Mrs. HARSHBARGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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## 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 “Cabinet Accountability  
5 and Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS IF CABINET OFFICER**  
2 **UNABLE TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS AND DU-**  
3 **TIES OF POSITION.**

4 Section 3349 of title 5, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(c)(1) If an officer who is a member of the Presi-  
7 dent’s cabinet and whose appointment to office is required  
8 to be made by the President, by and with the advice and  
9 consent of the Senate, is temporarily unable to perform  
10 the functions and duties of the office, such officer shall  
11 notify (in writing) Congress not later than 24 hours before  
12 such absence begins.

13 “(2) The employing agency of such officer shall sub-  
14 mit the notice required under paragraph (1) in the event  
15 such officer is unable to submit such notice due to a med-  
16 ical emergency or any other unforeseen circumstance.”.

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