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H. R. 8469

To direct the Attorney General to modify the uniform crime reporting program to include data on internet platforms used in connection with criminal offenses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2022

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BACON, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. COSTA, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. CARSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Combating Harmful
5 Actions with Transparency on Social Act of 2022” or the
6 “CHATS Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. COLLECTION OF DATA ON INTERNET PLATFORMS**
2 **USED IN CONNECTION WITH CRIMINAL OF-**
3 **FENSES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Under the authority of section
5 534 of title 28, United States Code, the Attorney General
6 shall modify the uniform crime reporting program in the
7 Federal Bureau of Investigation to include, for any offense
8 for which data is collected under the program, data on
9 any internet platform used in connection with such of-
10 fense.

11 (b) **GUIDELINES.**—Not later than 180 days after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
13 establish guidelines for the collection of the data described
14 in subsection (a), including criteria for use by law enforce-
15 ment agencies in determining whether an internet plat-
16 form was used in connection with an offense.

17 (c) **NO RIGHT OF ACTION.**—Nothing in this section
18 may be construed to—

19 (1) create a private right of action; or

20 (2) limit any existing right of action, including
21 any action under chapter 7 of title 5, United States
22 Code.

23 (d) **NO PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMA-**
24 **TION.**—Data collected under this section may be used only
25 for research or statistical purposes and may not contain
26 any personally identifiable information.

1 (e) PUBLICATION.—The Attorney General shall pub-
2 lish an annual summary of the data collected under this
3 section, including—

4 (1) the specific internet platforms used in con-
5 nection with offenses for which data is collected
6 under the uniform crime reporting program; and

7 (2) offenses committed by, and offenses com-
8 mitted against, juveniles, with respect to which an
9 internet platform was used in connection with such
10 offense.

11 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “used in connection with” in-
13 cludes, with respect to an offense, planning, con-
14 spiring, facilitating, and perpetrating the offense.

15 (2) The term “internet platform” means a com-
16 mercial electronic service provided by means of the
17 internet, including through a software application
18 that connects to the internet.

19 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
21 essary to carry out this section.

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