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S. 3240

To require senior Department of State officials to maintain security clearances and to require the Secretary of State to notify Congress when the security clearances of such officials are suspended or revoked.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Mr. HAGERTY (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
6 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations

1 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
2 of the House of Representatives.

3 (2) COVERED OFFICIAL.—The term “covered
4 official” means any individual—

5 (A) holding a position at the level of As-
6 sistant Secretary or higher at the Department
7 of State;

8 (B) holding the position of chief of mission
9 or principal officer at any diplomatic or con-
10 sular post;

11 (C) holding the rank and status of ambas-
12 sador; or

13 (D) holding any other position that reports
14 directly to the Secretary of State, such as spe-
15 cial envoy.

16 **SEC. 2. SECURITY CLEARANCES REQUIRED FOR SENIOR**
17 **EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

18 All covered officials shall obtain and maintain a secu-
19 rity clearance that allows the covered official to access sen-
20 sitive compartmented information.

21 **SEC. 3. NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF**
22 **CLEARANCES.**

23 If the security clearance of any covered official is sus-
24 pended or revoked, the Secretary of State shall—

1 (1) not later than 15 days after such suspen-
2 sion or revocation, notify the appropriate congres-
3 sional committees of the name and position of the
4 individual whose security clearance was suspended or
5 revoked; and

6 (2) not later than 30 days after such suspen-
7 sion or revocation, provide a briefing for the appro-
8 priate congressional committees regarding—

9 (A) the documentation notifying such indi-
10 vidual of such suspension or revocation; and

11 (B) the current employment status and
12 conditions of such individual.

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