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To require the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate the cybersecurity practices and protocols of the Department, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 8 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 7), 2024

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. TILLIS, and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Strengthening Cyber-
5 security in Health Care Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION OF HHS CYBERSECURITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years there-

1 after, the Inspector General of the Department of Health
2 and Human Services shall evaluate the cybersecurity prac-
3 tices and protocols of the Department through the conduct
4 of penetration tests and other testing procedures to deter-
5 mine how systems processing, transmitting, or storing
6 mission critical or sensitive data by, for, or on behalf of
7 the Department is currently, or could be compromised
8 and—

9 (1) expose patient data, including Medicare
10 numbers of individuals; or

11 (2) impact patient safety.

12 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date
13 of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter—

14 (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
15 ices shall submit to Congress a report that describes
16 how the Secretary will update the cybersecurity
17 practices and protocols of the Department of Health
18 and Human Services to adapt to the latest
19 cyberattack strategies; and

20 (2) the Inspector General of the Department of
21 Health and Human Services shall submit to Con-
22 gress a report that describes—

23 (A) how the Inspector General is currently
24 using Federal funds of the Inspector General to
25 carry out subsection (a); and

1 (B) additional funding or legislative
2 changes required for the Inspector General to
3 maintain the evaluation described in subsection
4 (a).

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