

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “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).