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To establish a National Secure Data Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

To establish a National Secure Data Service, and for other
purposes.

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 “National Secure Data
5 Service Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL SECURE DATA SERVICE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director, in consultation with
8 the Chief Statistician of the United States, shall establish
9 a demonstration project to develop, refine and test models

1 to inform the full implementation of the Commission on
2 Evidence-Based Policymaking recommendation for a gov-
3 ernment-wide data linkage and access infrastructure for
4 statistical activities conducted for statistical purposes, as
5 defined in chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code.

6 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after
7 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall estab-
8 lish a National Secure Data Service demonstration
9 project. The National Secure Data Service demonstration
10 project shall be—

11 (1) aligned with the principles, best practices,
12 and priority actions recommended by the Advisory
13 Committee on Data for Evidence Building, to the ex-
14 tent feasible; and

15 (2) operated directly by or via a contract that
16 is managed by the National Center for Science and
17 Engineering Statistics.

18 (c) DATA.—In carrying out this subsection, the Di-
19 rector shall engage with State and federal agencies to col-
20 lect, acquire, analyze, report, and disseminate statistical
21 data in the United States and other nations to support
22 governmentwide evidence-building activities consistent
23 with the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking
24 Act of 2018.

1 (d) PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY PROTEC-
2 TIONS.—If the Director issues a management contract
3 under subsection (b), the awardee shall be designated as
4 an “agent” under chapter 35 of title 44, United States
5 Code Subchapter III, section 3561 et seq., with all re-
6 quirements and obligations for protecting confidential in-
7 formation delineated in the Confidential Information Pro-
8 tection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018 and the Pri-
9 vacy Act of 1974.

10 (e) TECHNOLOGY.—In carrying out this subsection,
11 the Director shall consider application and use of systems
12 and technologies that incorporate protection measures to
13 reasonably ensure confidential data and statistical prod-
14 ucts are protected in accordance with obligations under
15 chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, subchapter III,
16 section 3561 et seq., including systems and technologies
17 that ensure raw data and other sensitive inputs are not
18 accessible to recipients of statistical outputs from the Na-
19 tional Secure Data Service demonstration project.

20 (f) TRANSPARENCY.—The National Secure Data
21 Service established under subsection (b) shall maintain a
22 public website with up-to-date information on supported
23 projects.

24 (g) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
25 of enactment of this Act, the National Secure Data Serv-

1 ice demonstration project established under subsection (b)
2 shall submit a report to Congress that includes—

3 (1) a description of policies for protecting data,
4 consistent with applicable Federal law;

5 (2) a comprehensive description of all completed
6 or active data linkage activities and projects;

7 (3) an assessment of the effectiveness of the
8 demonstration project for mitigating risks and re-
9 moving barriers to a sustained implementation of
10 the National Secure Data Service as recommended
11 by the Commission on Evidence-Based Policy-
12 making; and

13 (4) if deemed effective by the Director, a plan
14 for scaling up the demonstration project to facilitate
15 data access for evidence building while ensuring
16 transparency and privacy.

17 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated to the Director to carry
19 out this subsection \$56,000,000 for each of fiscal years
20 2022 through 2026.