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H. R. 5057

To require the level of telework of employees of agencies to return to the level of telework of those employees on February 14, 2020, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 20, 2021

Mr. CRENSHAW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Return Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) **AGENCY.**—The term “agency” has the
8 meaning given the term in section 101 of title 31,
9 United States Code.

1 (2) COVERED PERIOD.—The term “covered pe-
2 riod” means the period beginning on February 14,
3 2020, and ending on the date of enactment of this
4 Act.

5 (3) TELEWORK.—The term “telework” has the
6 meaning given the term in section 6501 of title 5,
7 United States Code.

8 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO RETURN.**

9 Not later than September 30, 2021, the head of each
10 agency shall require the level of telework of employees of
11 the agency to return to the level of telework of those em-
12 ployees on February 14, 2020.

13 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

14 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
15 of this Act, the Administrator of General Services, in co-
16 ordination with the Director of the Office of Personnel
17 Management and the Director of the Office of Manage-
18 ment and Budget, shall submit to Congress a report that
19 includes a description of how, during the covered period,
20 agency services and response times for individuals in the
21 United States who benefit from services of agencies were
22 affected by—

23 (1) the increased level of telework of employees
24 of agencies; and

- 1 (2) the limited access to physical mail, data
- 2 servers, and voice mail at agencies.

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