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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALKER (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. KATKO, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Ms. MCSALLY, and Mr. RATCLIFFE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Department of Home-
5 land Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability
6 Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECU-**
2 **RITY HEADQUARTERS CONSOLIDATION**
3 **PROJECT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
6 land Security, in coordination with the Administrator of
7 General Services, shall submit to the appropriate commit-
8 tees of Congress a report on the Department of Homeland
9 Security headquarters consolidation project within the Na-
10 tional Capital Region. Such report shall include each of
11 the following:

12 (1) A current list of the components and offices
13 proposed to be included in the consolidation project.

14 (2) A comprehensive assessment of the current
15 and future real property needed by the Department
16 in the National Capital Region in order to carry out
17 the mission of the Department to secure the home-
18 land and defend the Nation against future acts of
19 terrorism.

20 (3) An analysis of the difference between the
21 current and needed capital assets and facilities of
22 the Department.

23 (4) A current plan for construction of the head-
24 quarters consolidation at the St. Elizabeths campus
25 that includes—

1 (A) the estimated costs and schedule for
2 the current plan; and

3 (B) the estimated costs savings of reducing
4 the scope of the consolidation project and in-
5 creasing the use of existing capacity developed
6 under the project.

7 (5) A current plan for the leased portfolio of
8 the Department in the National Capital Region that
9 includes—

10 (A) the total rentable square feet, number
11 of personnel, and proposed utilization rates;

12 (B) the replacement and consolidation
13 plan, including timing and anticipated leased
14 terms, for leased space under the plan referred
15 to in paragraph (4); and

16 (C) the costs and benefits of leasing and
17 construction alternatives for the headquarters
18 consolidation project.

19 (6) A detailed list of alternatives considered by
20 the Department during the development of the plan
21 referred to in paragraph (4), including the costs and
22 benefits of alternatives to such plan.

23 (b) UPDATE OF COST AND SCHEDULE ESTIMATES.—
24 Not later than 90 days after date of the submittal of the
25 report required by subsection (a), the Secretary, in coordi-

1 nation with the Administrator of General Services, shall
2 complete the update of the cost and schedule estimates
3 for the portions of the consolidation project that are not
4 yet complete as of such date based on the information con-
5 tained in the report. Consistent with the recommendation
6 of the Government Accountability Office in GAO-14-648,
7 such estimates shall conform to relevant Federal guidance
8 for cost and schedule estimates.

9 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—

10 (1) REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Comptroller Gen-
11 eral of the United States shall review the update of
12 the cost and schedule estimates under subsection (b)
13 to evaluate the quality and reliability of such esti-
14 mates.

15 (2) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 60 days
16 after the completion of the update of the cost and
17 schedule estimates under subsection (b), the Comp-
18 troller General shall report to the appropriate con-
19 gressional committees on the results of the review
20 required by paragraph (1).

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

22 (1) The term “National Capital Region” has
23 the meaning given such term under section
24 2674(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

1 (2) The term “appropriate committees of Con-
2 gress” means the Committee on Homeland Security
3 and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
4 structure of the House of Representatives and the
5 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
6 Affairs and the Committee on Environment and
7 Public Works of the Senate.

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