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H. R. 5300

To provide agencies with discretion in securing information technology and information systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government 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 “Federal Information
5 Systems Safeguards Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. AGENCY DISCRETION TO SECURE INFORMATION**
7 **TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The authority described under
9 subsection (b) may not be—

1 (1) limited by a collective bargaining agree-
2 ment, memorandum of agreement, or any other
3 agreement entered into before, on, or after the date
4 of enactment of this Act pursuant to chapter 71 of
5 title 5, United States Code; or

6 (2) negotiated under section 7106(b) or any
7 other section of such chapter 71.

8 (b) **AUTHORITY COVERED.**—The authority described
9 in this subsection is the authority of the head of an agen-
10 cy, pursuant to section 3554 of title 44, United States
11 Code, to take any action to limit, restrict, or prohibit ac-
12 cess to a website or to test, deploy, or update a cybersecu-
13 rity measure if the head of the agency determines such
14 action is necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the
15 head of the agency under such section 3554.

16 (c) **DEFINITION OF AGENCY.**—In this section, the
17 term “agency” has the meaning given the term in section
18 3502 of title 44, United States Code.

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