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# H. R. 8513

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2026

Mr. HILL of Arkansas (for himself and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 “Providing Resources  
5       and Oversight to Ensure Confidentiality of Those who  
6       serve Act” or the “PROTECT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISSEMINATION OF DHS GUIDANCE REGARDING**  
2 **CERTAIN BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE**  
3 **HANDLING OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE**  
4 **INFORMATION.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act and quadrennially there-  
7 after, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall dissemi-  
8 nate to Federal, State, and local government agencies and  
9 appropriate private sector entities guidance regarding best  
10 practices regarding the following:

11 (1) The handling by such agencies and entities  
12 of personally identifiable information of officers, offi-  
13 cials, employees, and contractors of such agencies.

14 (2) Actions such officers, officials, and employ-  
15 ees can take to ensure their safety.

16 (b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “person-  
17 ally identifiable information” means any information that  
18 permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indi-  
19 rectly inferred, including any other information that is  
20 linked or linkable to such individual, regardless of whether  
21 such individual is a United States citizen, lawful perma-  
22 nent resident, or visitor to the United States.

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