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116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend section 3553 of title 44, United States Code, to strengthen Federal networks, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Protecting Federal  
5 Networks Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING FEDERAL NETWORKS.**

7       (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Section 3553(b) of title 44, United  
8 States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (6)(D), by striking “; and” at  
2           the end and inserting a semicolon;

3           (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-  
4           graph (8); and

5           (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
6           lowing new paragraph:

7           “(7) hunting for and identifying, with or with-  
8           out advance notice, threats and vulnerabilities within  
9           Federal information systems; and”.

10          (b) **BINDING OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE.**—Not later  
11          than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section,  
12          the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue a binding  
13          operational directive pursuant to subsection (b)(2) of sec-  
14          tion 3553 of title 44, United States Code, to implement  
15          paragraph (7) of section 3553(b) of title 44, United States  
16          Code, as added by subsection (a).