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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 29), 2020

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Van Hollen, and Mr. Brown) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Chai Suthammanont
5 Remembrance Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. TELEWORK, LEAVE, AND RETURNING TO WORK FOR**
2 **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**

3 (a) ISSUANCE OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BY
4 AGENCIES.—Not later than 30 days before the date on
5 which an agency plans to reopen a facility and after con-
6 sultation with the Chief Human Capital Officer and direc-
7 tor of administration or the equivalent, the head of an
8 agency shall publish on the website of that agency a re-
9 opening plan that details the procedures and policies re-
10 lated to sending employees back to workstations during
11 the covered period that includes the following:

12 (1) The personal protective equipment that will
13 be provided by the agency, the additional cleaning
14 protocols to be implemented, and efforts to ensure
15 social distancing at worksites.

16 (2) The actions the agency will take to protect
17 employees who are required to work in locations out-
18 side of Federal office buildings for activities such as
19 audits and inspections.

20 (3) The requirements that members of the pub-
21 lic must meet in order to enter Federal office spaces.

22 (4) A description of the proper contingencies
23 for employees who have a high risk of contracting
24 coronavirus.

25 (5) Ensures the continuity of operations, in-
26 cluding plans to reverse reopening measures if there

1 is a resurgence in coronavirus cases in certain geo-
2 graphic areas.

3 (b) INSPECTORS GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later than
4 6 months after the date of the enactment of this section,
5 the inspector general for each agency shall submit to the
6 Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
8 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a review on
9 whether that agency has provided adequate personal pro-
10 tective equipment for the employees who are returning to
11 a Federal office location for the agency and published the
12 policies and procedures required pursuant to subsection
13 (a).

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
16 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
17 United States Code.

18 (2) COVERED PERIOD.—The term “covered pe-
19 riod” means a period during which a nationwide dec-
20 laration of a public health emergency by the Sec-
21 retary of Health and Human Services under section
22 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
23 247d) is in effect.

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