

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To improve provisions of law relating to sexual harassment and assault prevention at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO SEXUAL HAR-**  
4 **ASSMENT AND ASSAULT PREVENTION AT THE**  
5 **NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC AD-**  
6 **MINISTRATION.**

7 (a) ANONYMOUS REPORTING.—Subtitle C of title  
8 XXXV of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
9 cal Year 2017 (33 U.S.C. 894 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in section 3541(b)(3)(B) (33 U.S.C.  
2 894(b)(3)(B)), by striking “confidentially” and in-  
3 sserting “anonymously”; and

4 (2) in section 3542(b)(5)(B) (33 U.S.C.  
5 894a(b)(5)(B)), by striking “confidentially” and in-  
6 sserting “anonymously”.

7 (b) INVESTIGATIVE REQUIREMENT.—Such subtitle is  
8 amended—

9 (1) by redesignating sections 3546 and 3547 as  
10 sections 3548 and 3549, respectively; and

11 (2) by inserting after section 3545 the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 **“SEC. 3546. INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENT.**

14 **“(a) REQUIREMENT TO INVESTIGATE.—**

15 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of Com-  
16 merce, acting through the Under Secretary for  
17 Oceans and Atmosphere, shall ensure that each alle-  
18 gation of sexual assault reported under section 3541  
19 and each allegation of sexual harassment reported  
20 under section 3542 is investigated thoroughly and  
21 promptly.

22 **“(2) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON COMMENCEMENT**  
23 **OF INVESTIGATION.—**It is the sense of Congress  
24 that the Secretary should ensure that an investiga-  
25 tion of an alleged sexual assault reported under sec-

