

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit doxing of special operations personnel, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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of special operations personnel, and for other purposes.

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 “Special Operator Pro-
5 tection Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS PER-**
7 **SONNEL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 **“§ 120. Protection of special operations personnel**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) COVERED PERSON.—The term ‘covered
4 person’ means—

5 “(A) a member of the special operations
6 forces;

7 “(B) an employee of the Department of
8 Defense or a member of the armed forces (as
9 defined in section 101(a) of title 10) designated
10 by the Secretary of Defense who conducts or
11 participates in Department of Defense sensitive
12 activities (as defined in section 130g of title
13 10); or

14 “(C) a Federal law enforcement officer as-
15 signed or attached to, or performing duty with
16 a member of, the special operations forces.

17 “(2) CRIME OF VIOLENCE.—The term ‘crime of
18 violence’ has the meaning given the term in section
19 16.

20 “(3) IMMEDIATE FAMILY.—The term ‘imme-
21 diate family’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
22 tion 115(c).

23 “(4) RESTRICTED PERSONAL INFORMATION.—
24 The term ‘restricted personal information’ means,
25 with respect to an individual—

1 “(A) the individual’s name in connection
2 with the individual’s place of employment;

3 “(B) a visual depiction of the individual’s
4 face or likeness in connection with the individ-
5 ual’s name and place of employment;

6 “(C) a visual depiction of the individual’s
7 home in connection with the individual’s name
8 and place of employment;

9 “(D) the date of birth, Social Security
10 number, home address, home phone number,
11 mobile phone number, personal email, or home
12 fax number of, and identifiable to, the indi-
13 vidual; or

14 “(E) the individual’s biometric data.

15 “(b) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful to knowingly
16 make restricted personal information about a covered per-
17 son, or a member of the immediate family of that covered
18 person, publicly available—

19 “(1) with the intent to threaten, intimidate, or
20 incite the commission of a crime of violence against
21 the covered person or a member of the immediate
22 family of the covered person; or

23 “(2) with the intent and knowledge that the re-
24 stricted personal information will be used to threat-
25 en, intimidate, or facilitate the commission of a

1 crime of violence against that covered person or a
2 member of the immediate family of the covered per-
3 son.

4 “(c) PENALTIES.—Any person who violates sub-
5 section (b)—

6 “(1) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned
7 for not more than 5 years, or both; or

8 “(2) if death or serious bodily injury results
9 from the violation, shall be fined under this title, im-
10 prisoned for any term of years or for life, or both.”.

11 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
12 The table of sections for chapter 7 of title 18, United
13 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing:

“120. Protection of special operations personnel.”.