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At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10. REPORT ON BACKLOG OF PERSONNEL SECURITY CLEARANCE ADJUDICATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and quarterly thereafter for five years, the Suitability Executive Agent, shall submit to Congress a report on the backlog of personnel security clearance adjudications. Such report shall include—

(1) the size of the backlog of personnel security clearance adjudications, by agency, for the fiscal quarter preceding the quarter during which the report is submitted;

(2) the average length of time, for each security clearance sensitivity level, to carry out an initial adjudication and an adjudication following a periodic reinvestigation, by agency;

(3) the number of cases referred to the Consolidated Adjudication Facility of the Department of Defense;
(4) the number of cases adjudicated by the Consolidated Adjudication Facility of the Department of Defense compared to the number of cases deferred to continuous evaluation or vetting;

(5) the number of adjudicators by agency; and

(6) a backlog mitigation plan, which shall include—

(A) the identification of the cause of, and recommendations to remedy, the adjudication backlog at Federal agencies; and

(B) the steps the Suitability Executive Agency shall take to reduce the adjudication backlog.

(b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be made publicly available.