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H. R. 9249

To amend title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of scientific data, incident data, or other pertinent data relied on by an agency to justify a rule.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. PFLUGER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Show Me the Science
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING REQUIREMENTS.**

7 Section 553 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-
8 ed by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f)(1) The publication of a rule under subsection (d)
2 shall include the scientific data, incident data, or other
3 pertinent data relied on by the agency to justify the rule,
4 except in the case that the head of the agency—

5 “(A) determines, on a nondelegable basis,
6 that publication of such data would impede
7 public safety or security;

8 “(B) submits to the Administrator of the
9 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
10 (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Adminis-
11 trator’) a notification disclosing the reasons for
12 the determination under subparagraph (A); and

13 “(C) publishes such notification, consistent
14 with public safety, security, and privacy inter-
15 ests, in the Federal Register.

16 “(2) The Administrator shall issue guidance for agen-
17 cies on compliance with this section and shall monitor such
18 compliance.

19 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘scientific data’
20 means recorded factual material that is commonly accept-
21 ed in the scientific community and is of sufficient quality
22 to validate and replicate research findings.”.

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