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A BILL

- To require the Comptroller General of the United States to study the consideration of insured depository institution merger applications by Federal prudential regulators to ensure they align with statutory requirements and are not in any way influenced by political issues or considerations, 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,

1	SECTION 1. GAO STUDY ON INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTI-		
2	TUTION MERGER APPLICATIONS.		
3	(a) Study.—The Comptroller General of the United		
4	States shall carry out a study to determine whether in-		
5	sured depository institution merger applications are re-		
6	viewed by prudential regulators in an objective manner		
7	that aligns with statutory requirements and is not in any		
8	way influenced by political issues or considerations.		
9	(b) Report.—Not later than 6 months after the date		
10	of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall		
11	issue a report to Congress containing all findings and de-		
12	terminations made in carrying out the study required		
13	under subsection (a).		
14	(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:		
15	(1) Insured depository institution.—The		
16	term "insured depository institution"—		
17	(A) has the meaning given that term in		
18	section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;		
19	and		
20	(B) means an insured credit union, as de-		
21	fined in section 101 of the Federal Credit		
22	Union Act.		
23	(2) PRUDENTIAL REGULATOR.—The term "pru-		
24	dential regulator" means the Board of Governors of		
25	the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the		
26	Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corpora-		

- 1 tion Board, and the National Credit Union Adminis-
- 2 tration Board.