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To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “National Cybersecurity
5 Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS CON-**
7 **SORTIUM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
9 rity may establish a consortium to be known as the “Na-

1 tional Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium” (in this
2 section referred to as the “Consortium”).

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Consortium is to
4 engage a range of academic, nonprofit, private industry,
5 and Federal, State, and local government partners to sup-
6 port efforts to address cybersecurity risks and incidents
7 (as such terms are defined in section 227 of the Homeland
8 Security Act of 2002), including threats of terrorism and
9 acts of terrorism.

10 (c) FUNCTIONS.—The Consortium may—

11 (1) provide training to State and local first re-
12 sponders and officials specifically for preparing for
13 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents
14 (as such terms are defined in section 227 of the
15 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148)), in-
16 cluding threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism, in
17 accordance with current law;

18 (2) develop and update a curriculum utilizing
19 existing programs and models in accordance with
20 section 227 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002,
21 for State and local first responders and officials, re-
22 lated to cybersecurity risks and incidents, including
23 threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism;

24 (3) provide technical assistance services to build
25 and sustain capabilities in support of preparedness

1 for and response to cybersecurity risks and inci-
2 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-
3 rorism, in accordance with section 227 of the Home-
4 land Security Act of 2002;

5 (4) conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training
6 and simulation exercises for entities, including State
7 and local governments, critical infrastructure owners
8 and operators, and private industry, to encourage
9 community-wide coordination in defending against
10 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,
11 including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,
12 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 228 of
13 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 149);

14 (5) coordinate with the national cybersecurity
15 and communications integration center of the De-
16 partment of Homeland Security to help States and
17 communities develop cybersecurity information shar-
18 ing programs, in accordance with section 227 of the
19 Homeland Security Act of 2002, for the dissemina-
20 tion of homeland security information related to cy-
21 bersecurity risks and incidents, including threats of
22 terrorism and acts of terrorism; and

23 (6) coordinate with appropriate Department of
24 Homeland Security cybersecurity and training offi-
25 cials to assist in the incorporation of cybersecurity

1 risk and incident prevention and response (including
2 related to threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism)
3 into existing State and local emergency plans.

4 (d) PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION.—In carrying out
5 the functions under subsection (c), the Consortium may
6 not duplicate existing programs or efforts.

7 (e) MEMBERSHIP.—The Consortium shall consist of
8 academic, nonprofit, industry, and government partners
9 that develop, update, and deliver cybersecurity training in
10 support of homeland security. Members shall have prior
11 experience conducting cybersecurity training and exercises
12 for State and local entities and shall be geographically di-
13 verse so as to cover different regions across the United
14 States.

15 (f) TERMINATION.—The Consortium shall terminate
16 on the date that is five years after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act.

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