

Union Calendar No. 438

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4743

[Report No. 114-565]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2016

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

MAY 13, 2016

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 15, 2016]

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, 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 “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 work with a consortium, including the National*
10 *Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, to support efforts*
11 *to address cybersecurity risks and incidents (as such terms*
12 *are defined in section 227 of the Homeland Security Act*
13 *of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148)), including threats of terrorism and*
14 *acts of terrorism.*

15 *(b) ASSISTANCE TO THE NCCIC.—The Secretary of*
16 *Homeland Security may work with a consortium to assist*
17 *the national cybersecurity and communications integration*
18 *center of the Department of Homeland Security (established*
19 *pursuant to section 227 of the Homeland Security Act of*
20 *2002) to—*

21 *(1) provide training to State and local first re-*
22 *sponders and officials specifically for preparing for*
23 *and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,*
24 *including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,*
25 *in accordance with current law;*

1 (2) *develop and update a curriculum utilizing*
2 *existing programs and models in accordance with*
3 *such section 227, for State and local first responders*
4 *and officials, related to cybersecurity risks and inci-*
5 *dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-*
6 *rorism;*

7 (3) *provide technical assistance services to build*
8 *and sustain capabilities in support of preparedness*
9 *for and response to cybersecurity risks and incidents,*
10 *including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,*
11 *in accordance with such section 227;*

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

21 (5) *help States and communities develop cyberse-*
22 *curity information sharing programs, in accordance*
23 *with section 227 of the Homeland Security Act of*
24 *2002, for the dissemination of homeland security in-*
25 *formation related to cybersecurity risks and incidents,*

1 *including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism;*
2 *and*

3 *(6) help incorporate cybersecurity risk and inci-*
4 *dent prevention and response (including related to*
5 *threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism) into exist-*
6 *ing State and local emergency plans, including con-*
7 *tinuity of operations plans.*

8 *(c) PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION.—In carrying out*
9 *the functions under subsection (b), the Secretary of Home-*
10 *land Security shall, to the greatest extent practicable, seek*
11 *to prevent unnecessary duplication of existing programs or*
12 *efforts of the Department of Homeland Security.*

13 *(d) CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING SELECTION OF A*
14 *CONSORTIUM.—In selecting a consortium with which to*
15 *work under this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security*
16 *shall take into consideration the following:*

17 *(1) Any prior experience conducting cybersecu-*
18 *rity training and exercises for State and local enti-*
19 *ties.*

20 *(2) Geographic diversity of the members of any*
21 *such consortium so as to cover different regions across*
22 *the United States.*

23 *(e) METRICS.—If the Secretary of Homeland Security*
24 *works with a consortium pursuant to subsection (a), the*

1 *Secretary shall measure the effectiveness of the activities un-*
2 *dertaken by such consortium under this Act.*

3 (f) *OUTREACH.*—*The Secretary of Homeland Security*
4 *shall conduct outreach to universities and colleges, includ-*
5 *ing historically Black colleges and universities, Hispanic-*
6 *serving institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and*
7 *other minority-serving institutions, regarding opportunities*
8 *to support efforts to address cybersecurity risks and inci-*
9 *dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,*
10 *by working with the Secretary pursuant to subsection (a).*

11 (g) *TERMINATION.*—*The authority to carry out this*
12 *Act shall terminate on the date that is five years after the*
13 *date of the enactment of this Act.*

14 (h) *CONSORTIUM DEFINED.*—*In this Act, the term*
15 *“consortium” means a group primarily composed of non-*
16 *profit entities, including academic institutions, that de-*
17 *velop, update, and deliver cybersecurity training in support*
18 *of homeland security.*

Union Calendar No. 438

114TH CONGRESS
2^D Session

H. R. 4743

[Report No. 114-565]

A BILL

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

MAY 13, 2016

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed