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# H. R. 9228

To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the information security policies and practices of the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Ensuring Cybersecu-  
5 rity at the NIH Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. NIH INFORMATION SECURITY POLICIES AND PRAC-**  
7 **TICES.**

8 Section 402(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 282(b)) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (24), by striking “and” at the  
2 end;

3           (2) in paragraph (25), by striking the period at  
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(26) shall, in consultation with the Office of  
7 the Chief Information Officer, oversee information  
8 security policies and practices of the National Insti-  
9 tutes of Health, including—

10                   “(A) developing and overseeing the imple-  
11 mentation of policies, principles, standards, and  
12 guidelines on information security, including  
13 through ensuring timely adoption of and com-  
14 pliance with standards promulgated under sec-  
15 tion 11331 of title 40, United States Code, in-  
16 cluding—

17                           “(i) developing and reporting a com-  
18 plete inventory of all major information  
19 systems;

20                           “(ii) fully developing a risk manage-  
21 ment strategy and assessing risks for re-  
22 viewed systems;

23                           “(iii) fully developing and docu-  
24 menting system security plans; and

1                   “(iv) consistently authorizing systems  
2                   based on defined system boundaries; and

3                   “(B) identifying and providing information  
4                   security protections commensurate with the risk  
5                   and magnitude of the harm that could result  
6                   from the unauthorized access, use, disclosure,  
7                   disruptions, modification, or destruction of—

8                   “(i) information collected or main-  
9                   tained by or on behalf of the National In-  
10                  stitutes of Health;

11                  “(ii) information systems used or op-  
12                  erated by the National Institutes of Health  
13                  or by a contractor of the agency or other  
14                  organization on behalf of the agency; and

15                  “(iii) coordinating information secu-  
16                  rity policies and procedures with related  
17                  information resources management policies  
18                  and procedures.”.

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