

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2305

To enhance cybersecurity education.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2021

Mr. OSSOFF introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Cybersecurity Oppor-  
5 tunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DR. DAVID SATCHER CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION**

7 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS.**—The Secretary of  
9 Homeland Security shall—

10 (1) award grants to assist public institutions of  
11 higher education that have an enrollment of needy  
12 students (as defined in section 312(d) of the Higher

1 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(d))), His-  
2 torically Black Colleges and Universities, and minor-  
3 ity-serving institutions, to establish or expand cyber-  
4 security programs, to build and upgrade institutional  
5 capacity to better support new or existing cybersecu-  
6 rity programs, including cybersecurity partnerships  
7 with public and private entities, and to support such  
8 institutions on the path to producing qualified en-  
9 trants in the cybersecurity workforce or becoming a  
10 National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyberse-  
11 curity through the program carried out by the Na-  
12 tional Security Agency and the Department of  
13 Homeland Security; and

14 (2) award grants for a 5-year pilot period to  
15 build capacity to public institutions of higher edu-  
16 cation that have an enrollment of needy students (as  
17 defined in section 312(d) of the Higher Education  
18 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(d))), Historically  
19 Black Colleges and Universities, and minority-serv-  
20 ing institutions, to expand cybersecurity education  
21 opportunities, cybersecurity technology and pro-  
22 grams, cybersecurity research, and cybersecurity  
23 partnerships with public and private entities.

24 (b) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible institution seeking a  
25 grant under subsection (a) shall submit an application to

1 the Secretary of Homeland Security at such time, in such  
2 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary  
3 may reasonably require, including a statement of how the  
4 institution will use the funds awarded through the grant  
5 to expand cybersecurity education opportunities at the eli-  
6 gible institution.

7 (c) ACTIVITIES.—An eligible institution that receives  
8 a grant under this section may use the funds awarded  
9 through such grant for increasing research, education,  
10 technical, partnership, and innovation capacity, including  
11 for—

12 (1) building and upgrading institutional capac-  
13 ity to better support new or existing cybersecurity  
14 programs, including cybersecurity partnerships with  
15 public and private entities; and

16 (2) building and upgrading institutional capac-  
17 ity to provide hands-on research and training experi-  
18 ences for undergraduate and graduate students.

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