

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

March 7, 2022.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 658) entitled “An Act to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “National Cybersecurity*
3 *Preparedness Consortium Act of 2021”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS CON-***
5 ***SORTIUM.***

6 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may work with one*
7 *or more consortia to support efforts to address cybersecurity*
8 *risks and incidents.*

9 *(b) ASSISTANCE TO DHS.—The Secretary may work*
10 *with one or more consortia to carry out the Secretary’s re-*
11 *sponsibility pursuant to section 2202(e)(1)(P) of the Home-*
12 *land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 652(e)(1)(P)) to—*

13 *(1) provide training and education to State,*
14 *Tribal, and local first responders and officials specifi-*
15 *cally for preparing for and responding to cybersecu-*

1 *city risks and incidents, in accordance with applica-*
2 *ble law;*

3 *(2) develop and update a curriculum utilizing*
4 *existing training and educational programs and mod-*
5 *els in accordance with section 2209 of the Homeland*
6 *Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 659), for State, Trib-*
7 *al, and local first responders and officials, related to*
8 *cybersecurity risks and incidents;*

9 *(3) provide technical assistance services, train-*
10 *ing, and educational programs to build and sustain*
11 *capabilities in support of preparedness for and re-*
12 *sponse to cybersecurity risks and incidents, including*
13 *threats of acts of terrorism, in accordance with such*
14 *section 2209;*

15 *(4) conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training,*
16 *education, and simulation exercises for entities, in-*
17 *cluding State and local governments and Tribal orga-*
18 *nizations, critical infrastructure owners and opera-*
19 *tors, and private industry, to encourage community-*
20 *wide coordination in defending against and respond-*
21 *ing to cybersecurity risks and incidents, in accord-*
22 *ance with section 2210(c) of the Homeland Security*
23 *Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 660(c));*

24 *(5) help States, Tribal organizations, and com-*
25 *munities develop cybersecurity information sharing*

1 *programs, in accordance with section 2209 of the*
 2 *Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 659), for*
 3 *the dissemination of homeland security information*
 4 *related to cybersecurity risks and incidents;*

5 *(6) help incorporate cybersecurity risk and inci-*
 6 *dent prevention and response into existing State,*
 7 *Tribal, and local emergency plans, including con-*
 8 *tinuity of operations plans; and*

9 *(7) assist State governments and Tribal organi-*
 10 *zations in developing cybersecurity plans.*

11 *(c) CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING SELECTION OF A*
 12 *CONSORTIUM.—In selecting a consortium with which to*
 13 *work under this Act, the Secretary shall take into consider-*
 14 *ation the following:*

15 *(1) Prior experience conducting cybersecurity*
 16 *training, education, and exercises for State and local*
 17 *entities.*

18 *(2) Geographic diversity of the members of any*
 19 *such consortium so as to maximize coverage of the dif-*
 20 *ferent regions of the United States.*

21 *(3) The participation in such consortium of one*
 22 *or more historically Black colleges and universities,*
 23 *Hispanic-serving institutions, Tribal Colleges and*
 24 *Universities, other minority-serving institutions, and*
 25 *community colleges that participate in the National*

1 *Centers of Excellence in Cybersecurity program, as*
 2 *carried out by the Department of Homeland Security.*

3 (d) *METRICS.*—*If the Secretary works with a consor-*
 4 *tium under subsection (a), the Secretary shall measure the*
 5 *effectiveness of the activities undertaken by the consortium*
 6 *under this Act.*

7 (e) *OUTREACH.*—*The Secretary shall conduct outreach*
 8 *to universities and colleges, including, in particular, out-*
 9 *reach to historically Black colleges and universities, His-*
 10 *panic-serving institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities,*
 11 *other minority-serving institutions, and community col-*
 12 *leges, regarding opportunities to support efforts to address*
 13 *cybersecurity risks and incidents, by working with the Sec-*
 14 *retary under subsection (a).*

15 (f) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this section*
 16 *may be construed to authorize a consortium to control or*
 17 *direct any law enforcement agency in the exercise of the*
 18 *duties of the law enforcement agency.*

19 (g) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section—*

20 (1) *the term “community college” has the mean-*
 21 *ing given the term “junior or community college” in*
 22 *section 312 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20*
 23 *U.S.C. 1058);*

24 (2) *the term “consortium” means a group pri-*
 25 *marily composed of nonprofit entities, including aca-*

1 *demic institutions, that develop, update, and deliver*
2 *cybersecurity training and education in support of*
3 *homeland security;*

4 (3) *the terms “cybersecurity risk” and “inci-*
5 *dent” have the meanings given those terms in section*
6 *2209(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6*
7 *U.S.C. 659(a));*

8 (4) *the term “Department” means the Depart-*
9 *ment of Homeland Security;*

10 (5) *the term “Hispanic-serving institution” has*
11 *the meaning given the term in section 502 of the*
12 *Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a);*

13 (6) *the term “historically Black college and uni-*
14 *versity” has the meaning given the term “part B in-*
15 *stitution” in section 322 of the Higher Education Act*
16 *of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061);*

17 (7) *the term “minority-serving institution”*
18 *means an institution of higher education described in*
19 *section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965*
20 *(20 U.S.C. 1067q(a));*

21 (8) *the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of*
22 *Homeland Security;*

23 (9) *The term “State” means any State of the*
24 *United States, the District of Columbia, the Common-*
25 *wealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Is-*

1 *lands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of*
2 *the Northern Mariana Islands, and any possession of*
3 *the United States;*

4 *(10) the term “Tribal Colleges and Universities”*
5 *has the meaning given the term in section 316 of the*
6 *Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c); and*

7 *(11) the term “Tribal organization” has the*
8 *meaning given the term in section 4(e) of the Indian*
9 *Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25*
10 *U.S.C. 5304(e)).*

Attest:

Clerk.

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