

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 9459

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## AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Producing Advanced  
3 Technologies for Homeland Security Act” or the “PATHS  
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACQUISITION**  
6 **PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 831 of the Homeland Se-  
8 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 391) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
11 by striking “Until September 30, 2024, and  
12 subject to subsection (d)” and inserting “Until  
13 September 30, 2027, and subject to subsection  
14 (c)”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
16 paragraph:

17 “(3) OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY INVOLV-  
18 ING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Not later than 72  
19 hours after the use or extension of the transaction  
20 authority authorized under paragraph (1) involving  
21 artificial intelligence technology, the Secretary shall  
22 notify the Committee on Appropriations and the  
23 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
24 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Appro-  
25 priations and the Committee on Homeland Security

1 of the House of Representatives and offer a briefing  
2 explaining the reason for the use or extension.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding  
4 subparagraph (A), by striking “September 30,  
5 2024” and inserting “September 30, 2027”.

6 (b) REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF COVERED CONTRACT  
7 AWARD.—Subparagraph (A) of section 7113(d)(1) of the  
8 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for  
9 Fiscal Year 2023 (6 U.S.C. 112 note; Public Law 117–  
10 263) is amended by striking “\$4,000,000” and inserting  
11 “\$1,000,000”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 23,  
2024.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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