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H. R. 9689

[Report No. 118–858]

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS
Cybersecurity Internship Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Ms. CLARKE of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Homeland Security

DECEMBER 10, 2024

Additional sponsor: Mr. GARBARINO

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and ordered to be printed

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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 “DHS Cybersecurity
5 Internship Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBERSE-**
7 **CURITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.”.**

8 (a) PROGRAM.—Subtitle D of title XIII of the Home-
9 land Security Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 1334. CYBERSECURITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

12 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall carry out a cy-
13 bersecurity internship program (in this section referred to
14 as the ‘Program’) under which an eligible individual par-
15 ticipates in a paid cybersecurity internship at the Depart-
16 ment with duties aligned to such participant’s respective
17 education, skills, and experience.

18 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to participate in
19 the Program, an individual shall—

20 “(1) be a citizen of the United States;

21 “(2) be at least 16 years old; and

22 “(3) be enrolled in a secondary school, tech-
23 nical, trade, or vocational school, or institution of
24 higher education, in accordance with subsection (c).

1 “(c) COMPOSITION.—The Secretary shall, as prac-
2 ticable, ensure that participants selected for the Program
3 for each intern class include students enrolled in each of
4 the following:

5 “(1) Secondary schools.

6 “(2) Junior or community colleges.

7 “(3) Undergraduate degree programs.

8 “(4) Postgraduate degree programs.

9 “(5) Technical, trade, or vocational schools.

10 “(d) REPORTS.—

11 “(1) REPORTS.—Not later than one year after
12 the date of the enactment of this section and annu-
13 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the
14 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
15 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
16 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
17 report on the Program.

18 “(2) MATTERS.—Each report under paragraph
19 (1) shall include, with respect to the most recent
20 Program year, the following:

21 “(A) A description of outreach efforts by
22 the Secretary to raise awareness of the Pro-
23 gram among secondary schools and institutions
24 of higher education, including among junior or
25 community colleges, historically-Black colleges

1 and universities, and other minority-serving in-
2 stitutions.

3 “(B) Information on specific recruiting ef-
4 forts by the Secretary to increase participation
5 in the Program.

6 “(C) The number of individuals partici-
7 pating in the Program, listed by the type of
8 school or program in which the individual is en-
9 rolled at the time of participation, and informa-
10 tion on the nature of each such participation,
11 including Department components supported,
12 and the duties of each such individual.

13 “(3) CONSOLIDATION.—Reports submitted
14 under this subsection may be consolidated with the
15 reports required under section 1333(e).

16 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNI-
18 VERSITY.—The term ‘historically Black college or
19 university’ has the meaning given the term ‘part B
20 institution’ in section 322 of the Higher Education
21 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

22 “(2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
23 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the
24 meaning given that term in section 101 of the High-
25 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

1 “(3) JUNIOR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The
2 term ‘junior or community college’ has the meaning
3 given that term in section 312 of the Higher Edu-
4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058).

5 “(4) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
6 term ‘minority-serving institution’ means an eligible
7 institution of higher education described in section
8 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
9 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

10 “(5) SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term ‘sec-
11 ondary school’ means a school or program that pro-
12 vides secondary education, as determined under
13 State law, except that the term does not include any
14 education beyond grade 12.

15 “(6) TECHNICAL, TRADE, OR VOCATIONAL
16 SCHOOL.—The term ‘technical, trade, or vocational
17 school’ has the meaning given that term in section
18 411.167 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
20 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
21 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
22 1333 the following new item:

 “Sec. 1334. Cybersecurity internship program.”.

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