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To establish the Office of Security Training and Counterintelligence in the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. KIM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To establish the Office of Security Training and Counterintelligence in the Executive Office of the President, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Operational Security
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF SECURITY TRAINING AND COUNTER-**
2 **INTELLIGENCE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF**
3 **THE PRESIDENT.**

4 (a) OFFICE OF SECURITY TRAINING AND COUNTER-
5 INTELLIGENCE.—There is in the Executive Office of the
6 President an Office of Security Training and Counterintel-
7 ligence (in this section referred to as the “Office”).

8 (b) DIRECTOR.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be at the head
10 of the Office a Director of the Office of Security
11 Training and Counterintelligence (in this section re-
12 ferred to as the “Director”) who shall be appointed
13 by the President, by and with the advice and consent
14 of the Senate.

15 (2) INITIAL APPOINTMENT.—The President
16 shall make an initial appointment of the Director
17 not later than the date that is 30 days after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act.

19 (3) QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR.—The
20 Director shall—

21 (A) be a recognized security expert, includ-
22 ing expertise in cybersecurity, physical security,
23 or counterintelligence; and

24 (B) be eligible to access classified informa-
25 tion at the level of “Top Secret” and be eligible
26 to access sensitive compartmented information.

1 (c) DETAILEES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),
3 the Office shall be staffed by career security and
4 counterintelligence professionals detailed from Fed-
5 eral agencies.

6 (2) FROM OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL
7 INTELLIGENCE.—Subject to paragraph (3), the Di-
8 rector of National Intelligence may detail to the Of-
9 fice any of the personnel of the Office of the Direc-
10 tor of National Intelligence to assist in carrying out
11 the functions of the Office under subsection (e).

12 (3) CLEARANCE.—Any personnel detailed to the
13 Office under this subsection shall possess a security
14 clearance in accordance with applicable laws and
15 regulations concerning the handling of classified in-
16 formation.

17 (d) FUNCTIONS.—The primary functions of the Of-
18 fice are to provide, within the Executive Office of the
19 President, advice on the following:

20 (1) SECURITY TRAINING.—Training, education,
21 and research activities to equip and prepare per-
22 sonnel of the Executive Office of the President
23 through the development and management of on-line
24 and in-person courses, curricula, conferences, and
25 other products.

1 (2) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND INSIDER
 2 THREAT.—Activities to identify, assess, deter, and
 3 mitigate foreign and insider threats to the Executive
 4 Office of the President, both directly and through
 5 collaborative engagement with other intelligence and
 6 law enforcement organizations.

7 (3) PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMA-
 8 TION.—Protection and preservation of classified in-
 9 formation and other sensitive information, including
 10 with regard to the use by personnel of the Executive
 11 Office of the President of unclassified commercially
 12 available messaging applications, as well as preserva-
 13 tion of such information through collaborative en-
 14 gagement with the National Archives and Records
 15 Administration.

16 (e) ADVISORY BOARD.—

17 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby estab-
 19 lished an advisory board to advise the Presi-
 20 dent, the Assistant to the President for Na-
 21 tional Security Affairs, the Director of the Of-
 22 fice, and such other personnel of the Executive
 23 Office of the President as the Board considers
 24 appropriate on best practices in security train-

1 ing, counterintelligence and insider threats, and
2 protection of classified information.

3 (B) DESIGNATION.—The advisory board
4 established by subparagraph (A) shall be known
5 as the “Security Training and Counterintel-
6 ligence Advisory Board” (in this section re-
7 ferred to as the “Board”).

8 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

9 (A) COMPOSITION.—Subject to subpara-
10 graph (B), the Board shall be composed of 4
11 members, appointed as follows:

12 (i) One member appointed by the
13 Democratic leader of the Senate.

14 (ii) One member appointed by the Re-
15 publican leader of the Senate.

16 (iii) One member appointed by the
17 Democratic leader of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives.

19 (iv) One member appointed by the Re-
20 publican leader of the House of Represent-
21 atives.

22 (B) CRITERIA.—The members appointed
23 under subparagraph (A) shall meet the fol-
24 lowing criteria:

1 (i) Each member shall be a recognized
2 expert in security, including expertise in
3 cybersecurity, physical security, or counter-
4 intelligence.

5 (ii) Each member shall be eligible to
6 access classified information at the level of
7 “Top Secret” and be eligible to access sen-
8 sitive compartmented information.

9 (C) TERMS.—

10 (i) IN GENERAL.—Each member ap-
11 pointed to the Board, including the Chair-
12 person selected under paragraph (3), shall
13 be appointed or elected, as applicable, for
14 a 2-year term and members of the Board
15 may be reappointed for additional terms of
16 service as members of the Board. Members
17 may continue to serve until they are either
18 reappointed or replaced.

19 (ii) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Board
20 shall submit to the congressional intel-
21 ligence committees (as defined in section 3
22 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
23 U.S.C. 3003)), in writing, an annual re-
24 port which shall set forth the recommenda-
25 tions of the Board for improving security

1 training, counterintelligence and insider
2 threat awareness, and the protection of
3 classified information and other sensitive
4 information used by personnel of the Exec-
5 utive Office of the President.

6 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—During the first meet-
8 ing of the Board, the members of the Board
9 shall elect a Chairperson of the Board.

10 (B) LIMITATION.—In addition to meeting
11 the criteria under paragraph (2)(B), the Chair-
12 person may not be an employee, or former em-
13 ployee, of the Executive Office of the President.

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