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To improve information security, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. BONO MACK (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, the Judiciary, Armed Services, and Select Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To improve information security, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Strengthening and Enhancing Cybersecurity by Using  
6 Research, Education, Information, and Technology Act of  
7 2012” or the “SECURE IT Act of 2012”.

8 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
9 this Act is as follows:

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1 **TITLE I—FACILITATING SHAR-**  
2 **ING OF CYBER THREAT IN-**  
3 **FORMATION**

4 **SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this title:

6 (1) **AGENCY.**—The term “agency” has the  
7 meaning given the term in section 3502 of title 44,  
8 United States Code.

9 (2) **ANTITRUST LAWS.**—The term “antitrust  
10 laws”—

11 (A) has the meaning given the term in sec-  
12 tion 1(a) of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12(a));

13 (B) includes section 5 of the Federal  
14 Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the  
15 extent that section 5 of that Act applies to un-  
16 fair methods of competition; and

17 (C) includes any State law that has the  
18 same intent and effect as the laws under sub-  
19 paragraphs (A) and (B).

20 (3) **COUNTERMEASURE.**—The term “counter-  
21 measure” means an automated or a manual action  
22 with defensive intent to mitigate cyber threats.

23 (4) **CYBER THREAT INFORMATION.**—The term  
24 “cyber threat information” means information that  
25 may be indicative of or describes—

1 (A) a technical or operation vulnerability  
2 or a cyber threat mitigation measure;

3 (B) an action or operation to mitigate a  
4 cyber threat;

5 (C) malicious reconnaissance, including  
6 anomalous patterns of network activity that ap-  
7 pear to be transmitted for the purpose of gath-  
8 ering technical information related to a cyberse-  
9 curity threat;

10 (D) a method of defeating a technical con-  
11 trol;

12 (E) a method of defeating an operational  
13 control;

14 (F) network activity or protocols known to  
15 be associated with a malicious cyber actor or  
16 that signify malicious cyber intent;

17 (G) a method of causing a user with legiti-  
18 mate access to an information system or infor-  
19 mation that is stored on, processed by, or  
20 transiting an information system to inadvert-  
21 ently enable the defeat of a technical or oper-  
22 ational control;

23 (H) any other attribute of a cybersecurity  
24 threat or cyber defense information that would  
25 foster situational awareness of the United

1 States cybersecurity posture, if disclosure of  
2 such attribute or information is not otherwise  
3 prohibited by law;

4 (I) the actual or potential harm caused by  
5 a cyber incident, including information  
6 exfiltrated when it is necessary in order to iden-  
7 tify or describe a cybersecurity threat; or

8 (J) any combination thereof.

9 (5) CYBERSECURITY CENTER.—The term “cy-  
10 bersecurity center” means the Department of De-  
11 fense Cyber Crime Center, the Intelligence Commu-  
12 nity Incident Response Center, the United States  
13 Cyber Command Joint Operations Center, the Na-  
14 tional Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force, the Na-  
15 tional Security Agency/Central Security Service  
16 Threat Operations Center, the National Cybersecu-  
17 rity and Communications Integration Center, and  
18 any successor center.

19 (6) CYBERSECURITY SYSTEM.—The term “cy-  
20 bersecurity system” means a system designed or em-  
21 ployed to ensure the integrity, confidentiality, or  
22 availability of, or to safeguard, a system or network,  
23 including measures intended to protect a system or  
24 network from—

1 (A) efforts to degrade, disrupt, or destroy  
2 such system or network; or

3 (B) theft or misappropriations of private  
4 or government information, intellectual prop-  
5 erty, or personally identifiable information.

6 (7) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means any  
7 private entity, non-Federal Government agency or  
8 department, or State, tribal, or local government  
9 agency or department (including an officer, em-  
10 ployee, or agent thereof).

11 (8) INFORMATION SECURITY.—The term “infor-  
12 mation security” means protecting information and  
13 information systems from disruption or unauthorized  
14 access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction  
15 in order to provide—

16 (A) integrity, by guarding against im-  
17 proper information modification or destruction,  
18 including by ensuring information nonrepudi-  
19 ation and authenticity;

20 (B) confidentiality, by preserving author-  
21 ized restrictions on access and disclosure, in-  
22 cluding means for protecting personal privacy  
23 and proprietary information; or

24 (C) availability, by ensuring timely and re-  
25 liable access to and use of information.

1           (9) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The term “infor-  
2           mation system” has the meaning given the term in  
3           section 3502 of title 44, United States Code.

4           (10) MALICIOUS RECONNAISSANCE.—The term  
5           “malicious reconnaissance” means a method for ac-  
6           tively probing or passively monitoring an information  
7           system for the purpose of discerning technical  
8           vulnerabilities of the information system, if such  
9           method is associated with a known or suspected cy-  
10          bersecurity threat.

11          (11) OPERATIONAL CONTROL.—The term  
12          “operational control” means a security control for  
13          an information system that primarily is implemented  
14          and executed by people.

15          (12) OPERATIONAL VULNERABILITY.—The  
16          term “operational vulnerability” means any attribute  
17          of policy, process, or procedure that could enable or  
18          facilitate the defeat of an operational control.

19          (13) PRIVATE ENTITY.—The term “private en-  
20          tity” means any individual or any private group, or-  
21          ganization, or corporation, including an officer, em-  
22          ployee, or agent thereof.

23          (14) TECHNICAL CONTROL.—The term “tech-  
24          nical control” means a hardware or software restric-  
25          tion on, or audit of, access or use of an information

1 system or information that is stored on, processed  
2 by, or transiting an information system that is in-  
3 tended to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, or  
4 availability of that system.

5 (15) TECHNICAL VULNERABILITY.—The term  
6 “technical vulnerability” means any attribute of  
7 hardware or software that could enable or facilitate  
8 the defeat of a technical control.

9 **SEC. 102. AUTHORIZATION TO SHARE CYBER THREAT IN-**  
10 **FORMATION.**

11 (a) VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE.—

12 (1) PRIVATE ENTITIES.—Notwithstanding any  
13 other provision of law, a private entity may, for the  
14 purpose of preventing, investigating, or otherwise  
15 mitigating threats to information security, on its  
16 own networks, or as authorized by another entity, on  
17 such entity’s networks, employ countermeasures and  
18 use cybersecurity systems in order to obtain, iden-  
19 tify, or otherwise possess cyber threat information.

20 (2) ENTITIES.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
21 vision of law, an entity may disclose cyber threat in-  
22 formation to—

23 (A) a cybersecurity center; or



1 (B) any other entity in order to assist with  
2 preventing, investigating, or otherwise miti-  
3 gating threats to information security.

4 (3) INFORMATION SECURITY PROVIDERS.—If  
5 the cyber threat information described in paragraph  
6 (1) is obtained, identified, or otherwise possessed in  
7 the course of providing information security prod-  
8 ucts or services under contract to another entity,  
9 that entity shall, at any time prior to disclosure of  
10 such information, be given a reasonable opportunity  
11 to authorize or prevent such disclosure or to request  
12 anonymization of such information.

13 (b) REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity providing elec-  
15 tronic communication services, remote computing  
16 services, or cybersecurity services under contract to  
17 a Federal agency or department shall immediately  
18 provide to such agency or department, and may pro-  
19 vide to a cybersecurity center, any cyber threat in-  
20 formation directly related to such contract that is  
21 obtained, identified, or otherwise possessed by such  
22 entity.

23 (2) DISCLOSURE TO CYBERSECURITY CEN-  
24 TERS.—A Federal agency or department receiving  
25 cyber threat information under paragraph (1) shall

1 immediately disclose such information to a cyberse-  
2 curity center.

3 (3) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—This sub-  
4 section shall not apply with respect to services pro-  
5 vided under a contract in effect on the date of the  
6 enactment of this Act.

7 (c) INFORMATION SHARED WITH OR PROVIDED TO  
8 A CYBERSECURITY CENTER.—Cyber threat information  
9 provided to a cybersecurity center under this section—

10 (1) may be disclosed to and used by, consistent  
11 with otherwise applicable law, any Federal agency or  
12 department, component, officer, employee, or agent  
13 of the Federal Government for a cybersecurity pur-  
14 pose, a national security purpose, or in order to pre-  
15 vent, investigate, or prosecute any of the offenses  
16 listed in section 2516 of title 18, United States  
17 Code;

18 (2) may, with the prior written consent of the  
19 entity submitting such information, be disclosed to  
20 and used by a State, tribal, or local government or  
21 government agency for the purpose of protecting in-  
22 formation systems, or in furtherance of preventing,  
23 investigating, or prosecuting a criminal act, except  
24 that if the need for immediate disclosure prevents  
25 obtaining written consent, such consent may be pro-

1 vided orally with subsequent documentation of such  
2 consent;

3 (3) shall be considered the commercial, finan-  
4 cial, or proprietary information of the entity pro-  
5 viding such information to the Federal Government  
6 and any disclosure outside the Federal Government  
7 may only be made upon the prior written consent by  
8 such entity and shall not constitute a waiver of any  
9 applicable privilege or protection provided by law,  
10 except that if the need for immediate disclosure pre-  
11 vents obtaining written consent, such consent may  
12 be provided orally with subsequent documentation of  
13 such consent;

14 (4) shall be deemed voluntarily shared informa-  
15 tion and exempt from disclosure under section 552  
16 of title 5, United States Code, and any State, tribal,  
17 or local law requiring disclosure of information or  
18 records;

19 (5) shall be, without discretion, withheld from  
20 the public under section 552(b)(3)(B) of title 5,  
21 United States Code, and any State, tribal, or local  
22 law requiring disclosure of information or records;

23 (6) shall not be subject to the rules of any Fed-  
24 eral agency or department or any judicial doctrine

1 regarding ex parte communications with a decision-  
2 making official;

3 (7) shall not, if subsequently provided to a  
4 State, tribal, or local government or government  
5 agency, otherwise be disclosed or distributed to any  
6 entity by such State, tribal, or local government or  
7 government agency without the prior written consent  
8 of the entity submitting such information, notwith-  
9 standing any State, tribal, or local law requiring dis-  
10 closure of information or records, except that if the  
11 need for immediate disclosure prevents obtaining  
12 written consent, such consent may be provided orally  
13 with subsequent documentation of such consent; and

14 (8) shall not be directly used by any Federal,  
15 State, tribal, or local department or agency to regu-  
16 late the lawful activities of an entity, including ac-  
17 tivities relating to obtaining, identifying, or other-  
18 wise possessing cyber threat information, except that  
19 the procedures required to be developed and imple-  
20 mented under this title shall not be considered regu-  
21 lations within the meaning of this paragraph.

22 (d) PROCEDURES RELATING TO INFORMATION SHAR-  
23 ING WITH A CYBERSECURITY CENTER.—Not later than  
24 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the heads  
25 of each department or agency containing a cybersecurity

1 center shall jointly develop, promulgate, and submit to  
2 Congress procedures to ensure that cyber threat informa-  
3 tion shared with or provided to—

4 (1) a cybersecurity center under this section—

5 (A) may be submitted to a cybersecurity  
6 center by an entity, to the greatest extent pos-  
7 sible, through a uniform, publicly available  
8 process or format that is easily accessible on  
9 the Web site of such cybersecurity center, and  
10 that includes the ability to provide relevant de-  
11 tails about the cyber threat information and  
12 written consent to any subsequent disclosures  
13 authorized by this paragraph;

14 (B) shall immediately be further shared  
15 with each cybersecurity center in order to pre-  
16 vent, investigate, or otherwise mitigate threats  
17 to information security across the Federal Gov-  
18 ernment;

19 (C) is handled by the Federal Government  
20 in a reasonable manner, including consideration  
21 of the need to protect the privacy and civil lib-  
22 erties of individuals through anonymization or  
23 other appropriate methods, while fully accom-  
24 plishing the objectives of this title; and

1 (D) except as provided in this section, shall  
2 only be used, disclosed, or handled in accord-  
3 ance with the provisions of subsection (c); and

4 (2) a Federal agency or department under sub-  
5 section (b) is provided immediately to a cybersecu-  
6 rity center in order to prevent, investigate, or other-  
7 wise mitigate threats to information security across  
8 the Federal Government.

9 (e) INFORMATION SHARED BETWEEN PRIVATE EN-  
10 TITIES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—A private entity sharing  
12 cyber threat information with another private entity  
13 under this title may restrict the use or sharing of  
14 such information by such other private entity.

15 (2) FURTHER SHARING.—Cyber threat informa-  
16 tion shared by any private entity with another pri-  
17 vate entity under this title—

18 (A) shall only be further shared in accord-  
19 ance with any restrictions placed on the sharing  
20 of such information by the private entity au-  
21 thorizing such sharing, such as appropriate  
22 anonymization of such information; and

23 (B) may not be used by any private entity  
24 to gain an unfair competitive advantage to the  
25 detriment of the private entity authorizing the

1 sharing of such information, except that the  
2 conduct described in paragraph (3) shall not  
3 constitute unfair competitive conduct.

4 (3) ANTITRUST EXEMPTION.—The exchange or  
5 provision of cyber threat information or assistance  
6 between 2 or more private entities under this title  
7 shall not be considered a violation of any provision  
8 of antitrust laws if exchanged or provided in order  
9 to assist with—

10 (A) facilitating the prevention, investiga-  
11 tion, or mitigation of threats to information se-  
12 curity; or

13 (B) communicating or disclosing of cyber  
14 threat information to help prevent, investigate  
15 or otherwise mitigate the effects of a threat to  
16 information security.

17 (f) FEDERAL PREEMPTION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section supersedes any  
19 statute or other law of a State or political subdivi-  
20 sion of a State that restricts or otherwise expressly  
21 regulates an activity authorized under this section.

22 (2) STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Nothing in  
23 this section shall be construed to supercede any stat-  
24 ute or other law of a State or political subdivision

1 of a State concerning the use of authorized law en-  
2 forcement techniques.

3 (3) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—No information  
4 shared with or provided to a State, tribal, or local  
5 government or government agency pursuant to this  
6 section shall be made publicly available pursuant to  
7 any State, tribal, or local law requiring disclosure of  
8 information or records.

9 (g) CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY.—

10 (1) GENERAL PROTECTIONS.—

11 (A) PRIVATE ENTITIES.—No cause of ac-  
12 tion shall lie or be maintained in any court  
13 against any private entity for—

14 (i) the use of countermeasures and cy-  
15 bersecurity systems as authorized by this  
16 title;

17 (ii) the use, receipt, or disclosure of  
18 any cyber threat information as authorized  
19 by this title; or

20 (iii) the subsequent actions or inac-  
21 tions of any lawful recipient of cyber threat  
22 information provided by such private enti-  
23 ty.



1 (B) ENTITIES.—No cause of action shall  
2 lie or be maintained in any court against any  
3 entity for—

4 (i) the use, receipt, or disclosure of  
5 any cyber threat information as authorized  
6 by this title; or

7 (ii) the subsequent actions or inac-  
8 tions of any lawful recipient of cyber threat  
9 information provided by such entity.

10 (2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sub-  
11 section shall be construed as creating any immunity  
12 against, or otherwise affecting, any action brought  
13 by the Federal Government, or any agency or de-  
14 partment thereof, to enforce any law, executive  
15 order, or procedure governing the appropriate han-  
16 dling, disclosure, and use of classified information.

17 (h) OTHERWISE LAWFUL DISCLOSURES.—Nothing  
18 in this section shall be construed to limit or prohibit other-  
19 wise lawful disclosures of communications, records, or  
20 other information by a private entity to any other govern-  
21 mental or private entity not covered under this section.

22 (i) WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION.—Nothing in this  
23 Act shall be construed to preempt or preclude any em-  
24 ployee from exercising rights currently provided under any  
25 whistleblower law, rule, or regulation.

1 **SEC. 103. INFORMATION SHARING BY THE FEDERAL GOV-**  
2 **ERNMENT.**

3 (a) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—

4 (1) PROCEDURES.—Consistent with the protec-  
5 tion of intelligence sources and methods, and as oth-  
6 erwise determined appropriate, the Director of Na-  
7 tional Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense  
8 shall, in consultation with the heads of the appro-  
9 priate Federal departments or agencies, develop and  
10 promulgate procedures to facilitate and promote—

11 (A) the immediate sharing, through the cy-  
12 bersecurity centers, of classified cyber threat in-  
13 formation in the possession of the Federal Gov-  
14 ernment with appropriately cleared representa-  
15 tives of any appropriate entity; and

16 (B) the declassification and immediate  
17 sharing, through the cybersecurity centers, with  
18 any entity or, if appropriate, public availability  
19 of cyber threat information in the possession of  
20 the Federal Government.

21 (2) HANDLING OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—

22 The procedures developed under paragraph (1) shall  
23 ensure that each entity receiving classified cyber  
24 threat information pursuant to this section has ac-  
25 knowledged in writing the ongoing obligation to com-  
26 ply with all laws, executive orders, and procedures

1 concerning the appropriate handling, disclosure, or  
2 use of classified information.

3 (b) UNCLASSIFIED CYBER THREAT INFORMATION.—

4 The head of each department or agency containing a cy-  
5 bersecurity center shall jointly develop and promulgate  
6 procedures that ensure that, consistent with the provisions  
7 of this section, unclassified cyber threat information, in-  
8 cluding sensitive but unclassified cyber information, in the  
9 possession of the Federal Government—

10 (1) is shared in an immediate and adequate  
11 manner with appropriate entities; and

12 (2) if appropriate, is made publicly available.

13 (c) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES.—

14 (1) EXISTING PROCESSES.—The procedures de-  
15 veloped under this section shall, to the greatest ex-  
16 tent possible, incorporate existing processes utilized  
17 by sector-specific information sharing and analysis  
18 centers.

19 (2) COORDINATION WITH ENTITIES.—In devel-  
20 oping the procedures required under this section, the  
21 Director of National Intelligence and the head of  
22 each department or agency containing a cybersecu-  
23 rity center shall coordinate with appropriate entities  
24 to ensure that protocols are implemented that will

1 facilitate and promote the sharing of cyber threat in-  
2 formation by the Federal Government.

3 (d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60  
4 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director  
5 of National Intelligence, in coordination with the appro-  
6 priate head of a department or an agency containing a  
7 cybersecurity center, shall submit the procedures required  
8 by this section to Congress.

9 **SEC. 104. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.**

10 (a) CONTENT OF REPORT.—Not later than 1 year  
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, and biennially  
12 thereafter, the heads of each department or agency con-  
13 taining a cybersecurity center shall jointly submit, in co-  
14 ordination with the privacy and civil liberties officials of  
15 such departments or agencies and the Privacy and Civil  
16 Liberties Oversight Board, a detailed report to Congress  
17 concerning the implementation of this title, including—

18 (1) an assessment of the sufficiency of the pro-  
19 cedures developed under section 103 of this Act in  
20 ensuring that cyber threat information in the posses-  
21 sion of the Federal Government is provided in an  
22 immediate and adequate manner to appropriate enti-  
23 ties or, if appropriate, is made publicly available;

24 (2) an assessment of whether information has  
25 been appropriately classified and an accounting of

1 the number of security clearances authorized by the  
2 Federal Government for purposes of this title;

3 (3) a review of the type of cyber threat infor-  
4 mation shared with a cybersecurity center under sec-  
5 tion 102 of this Act, including whether such infor-  
6 mation meets the definition of cyber threat informa-  
7 tion under section 101, the degree to which such in-  
8 formation may impact the privacy and civil liberties  
9 of individuals, and the adequacy of any steps taken  
10 to reduce such impact;

11 (4) a review of actions taken by the Federal  
12 Government based on information provided to a cy-  
13 bersecurity center under section 102 of this Act, in-  
14 cluding the appropriateness of any subsequent use  
15 under section 102(c)(1)(A) of this Act;

16 (5) a description of any violations of the re-  
17 quirements of this title by the Federal Government;

18 (6) with respect to an entity providing elec-  
19 tronic communication services, remote computing  
20 service, or cybersecurity services to a Federal agency  
21 or department, a description of any violations of the  
22 requirements of subsection (b) or (c) of section 102  
23 of this Act related to the performance of such serv-  
24 ices;

1           (7) a classified list of entities that received clas-  
2           sified information from the Federal Government  
3           under section 103 of this Act and a description of  
4           any indication that such information may not have  
5           been appropriately handled;

6           (8) a summary of any breach of information se-  
7           curity, if known, attributable to a specific failure by  
8           the Federal Government to act on cyber threat infor-  
9           mation in the possession of the Federal Government  
10          that resulted in substantial economic harm or injury  
11          to a specific entity or the Federal Government; and

12          (9) any recommendation for improvements or  
13          modifications to the authorities under this title.

14          (b) FORM OF REPORT.—The report under subsection  
15         (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but shall in-  
16         clude a classified annex.

17         **SEC. 105. INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.**

18          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Council of the Inspectors  
19         General on Integrity and Efficiency may review compli-  
20         ance by the cybersecurity centers, and by any Federal de-  
21         partment or agency receiving cyber threat information  
22         from such cybersecurity centers, with the procedures re-  
23         quired under section 102.

24          (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—Each review described in  
25         subsection (a) shall consider whether the Federal Govern-

1 ment has handled such cyber threat information in a rea-  
2 sonable manner, including consideration of the need to  
3 protect the privacy and civil liberties of individuals  
4 through anonymization or other appropriate methods,  
5 while fully accomplishing the objectives of this title.

6 (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Council shall  
7 provide the results of any review conducted under this sec-  
8 tion to Congress no later than 30 days after the date of  
9 completion of the review.

10 **SEC. 106. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

11 Section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code, is  
12 amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “or”;

14 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking “wells.” and  
15 inserting “wells; or”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(10) information shared with or provided to a  
18 cybersecurity center under section 102 of title I of  
19 the Strengthening and Enhancing Cybersecurity by  
20 Using Research, Education, Information, and Tech-  
21 nology Act of 2012.”.

22 **SEC. 107. ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED.—No person shall be  
24 provided with access to classified information (as defined  
25 in section 6.1 of Executive Order 13526 (50 U.S.C. 435

1 note; relating to classified national security information))  
2 relating to cyber security threats or cyber security  
3 vulnerabilities under this title without the appropriate se-  
4 curity clearances.

5 (b) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—The appropriate Fed-  
6 eral agencies or departments shall, consistent with appli-  
7 cable procedures and requirements, and if otherwise  
8 deemed appropriate, assist an individual in timely obtain-  
9 ing an appropriate security clearance where such indi-  
10 vidual has been determined to be eligible for such clear-  
11 ance and has a need-to-know (as defined in section 6.1  
12 of that Executive Order) classified information to carry  
13 out this title.

14 **TITLE II—COORDINATION OF**  
15 **FEDERAL INFORMATION SE-**  
16 **CURITY POLICY**

17 **SEC. 201. COORDINATION OF FEDERAL INFORMATION SE-**  
18 **CURITY POLICY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 35 of title 44, United  
20 States Code, is amended by striking subchapters II and  
21 III and inserting the following:

22 “SUBCHAPTER II—INFORMATION SECURITY  
23 “§ 3551. **Purposes**

24 “The purposes of this subchapter are—



1           “(1) to provide a comprehensive framework for  
2           ensuring the effectiveness of information security  
3           controls over information resources that support  
4           Federal operations and assets;

5           “(2) to recognize the highly networked nature  
6           of the current Federal computing environment and  
7           provide effective government-wide management of  
8           policies, directives, standards, and guidelines, as well  
9           as effective and nimble oversight of and response to  
10          information security risks, including coordination of  
11          information security efforts throughout the Federal  
12          civilian, national security, and law enforcement com-  
13          munities;

14          “(3) to provide for development and mainte-  
15          nance of controls required to protect agency infor-  
16          mation and information systems and contribute to  
17          the overall improvement of agency information secu-  
18          rity posture;

19          “(4) to provide for the development of tools and  
20          methods to assess and respond to real-time situa-  
21          tional risk for Federal information system operations  
22          and assets; and

23          “(5) to provide a mechanism for improving  
24          agency information security programs through con-  
25          tinuous monitoring of agency information systems

1 and streamlined reporting requirements rather than  
2 overly prescriptive manual reporting.

3 **“§ 3552. Definitions**

4 “In this subchapter:

5 “(1) ADEQUATE SECURITY.—The term ‘ade-  
6 quate security’ means security commensurate with  
7 the risk and magnitude of the harm resulting from  
8 the unauthorized access to or loss, misuse, destruc-  
9 tion, or modification of information.

10 “(2) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ has the  
11 meaning given the term in section 3502 of title 44.

12 “(3) CYBERSECURITY CENTER.—The term ‘cy-  
13 bersecurity center’ means the Department of De-  
14 fense Cyber Crime Center, the Intelligence Commu-  
15 nity Incident Response Center, the United States  
16 Cyber Command Joint Operations Center, the Na-  
17 tional Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force, the Na-  
18 tional Security Agency/Central Security Service  
19 Threat Operations Center, the National Cybersecu-  
20 rity and Communications Integration Center, and  
21 any successor center.

22 “(4) CYBER THREAT INFORMATION.—The term  
23 ‘cyber threat information’ means information that  
24 may be indicative of or describes—

1           “(A) a technical or operation vulnerability  
2 or a cyber threat mitigation measure;

3           “(B) an action or operation to mitigate a  
4 cyber threat;

5           “(C) malicious reconnaissance, including  
6 anomalous patterns of network activity that ap-  
7 pear to be transmitted for the purpose of gath-  
8 ering technical information related to a cyberse-  
9 curity threat;

10          “(D) a method of defeating a technical  
11 control;

12          “(E) a method of defeating an operational  
13 control;

14          “(F) network activity or protocols known  
15 to be associated with a malicious cyber actor or  
16 that may signify malicious intent;

17          “(G) a method of causing a user with le-  
18 gitimate access to an information system or in-  
19 formation that is stored on, processed by, or  
20 transiting an information system to inadvert-  
21 ently enable the defeat of a technical or oper-  
22 ational control;

23          “(H) any other attribute of a cybersecurity  
24 threat or information that would foster situa-  
25 tional awareness of the United States security

1 posture, if disclosure of such attribute or infor-  
2 mation is not otherwise prohibited by law;

3 “(I) the actual or potential harm caused by  
4 a cyber incident, including information  
5 exfiltrated when it is necessary in order to iden-  
6 tify or describe a cybersecurity threat; or

7 “(J) any combination thereof.

8 “(5) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means  
9 the Director of the Office of Management and Budg-  
10 et unless otherwise specified.

11 “(6) ENVIRONMENT OF OPERATION.—The term  
12 ‘environment of operation’ means the information  
13 system and environment in which those systems op-  
14 erate, including changing threats, vulnerabilities,  
15 technologies, and missions and business practices.

16 “(7) FEDERAL INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The  
17 term ‘Federal information system’ means an infor-  
18 mation system used or operated by an executive  
19 agency, by a contractor of an executive agency, or by  
20 another organization on behalf of an executive agen-  
21 cy.

22 “(8) INCIDENT.—The term ‘incident’ means an  
23 occurrence that—

24 “(A) actually or imminently jeopardizes  
25 the integrity, confidentiality, or availability of

1 an information system or the information that  
2 system controls, processes, stores, or transmits;  
3 or

4 “(B) constitutes a violation of law or an  
5 imminent threat of violation of a law, a security  
6 policy, a security procedure, or an acceptable  
7 use policy.

8 “(9) INFORMATION RESOURCES.—The term ‘in-  
9 formation resources’ has the meaning given the term  
10 in section 3502 of title 44.

11 “(10) INFORMATION SECURITY.—The term ‘in-  
12 formation security’ means protecting information  
13 and information systems from disruption or unau-  
14 thorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or de-  
15 struction in order to provide—

16 “(A) integrity, by guarding against im-  
17 proper information modification or destruction,  
18 including by ensuring information nonrepudi-  
19 ation and authenticity;

20 “(B) confidentiality, by preserving author-  
21 ized restrictions on access and disclosure, in-  
22 cluding means for protecting personal privacy  
23 and proprietary information; or

24 “(C) availability, by ensuring timely and  
25 reliable access to and use of information.

1           “(11) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The term ‘infor-  
2           mation system’ has the meaning given the term in  
3           section 3502 of title 44.

4           “(12) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—The term  
5           ‘information technology’ has the meaning given the  
6           term in section 11101 of title 40.

7           “(13) MALICIOUS RECONNAISSANCE.—The term  
8           ‘malicious reconnaissance’ means a method for ac-  
9           tively probing or passively monitoring an information  
10          system for the purpose of discerning technical  
11          vulnerabilities of the information system, if such  
12          method is associated with a known or suspected cy-  
13          bersecurity threat.

14          “(14) NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM.—

15                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘national se-  
16                 curity system’ means any information system  
17                 (including any telecommunications system) used  
18                 or operated by an agency or by a contractor of  
19                 an agency, or other organization on behalf of an  
20                 agency—

21                         “(i) the function, operation, or use of  
22                         which—

23                                 “(I) involves intelligence activi-  
24                                 ties;

1                   “(II) involves cryptologic activi-  
2                   ties related to national security;

3                   “(III) involves command and  
4                   control of military forces;

5                   “(IV) involves equipment that is  
6                   an integral part of a weapon or weap-  
7                   ons system; or

8                   “(V) subject to subparagraph  
9                   (B), is critical to the direct fulfillment  
10                  of military or intelligence missions; or

11                  “(ii) is protected at all times by proce-  
12                  dures established for information that have  
13                  been specifically authorized under criteria  
14                  established by an Executive Order or an  
15                  Act of Congress to be kept classified in the  
16                  interest of national defense or foreign pol-  
17                  icy.

18                  “(B)           LIMITATION.—Subparagraph  
19                  (A)(i)(V) does not include a system that is to  
20                  be used for routine administrative and business  
21                  applications (including payroll, finance, logis-  
22                  tics, and personnel management applications).

23                  “(15)   OPERATIONAL CONTROL.—The term  
24                  ‘operational control’ means a security control for an

1 information system that primarily is implemented  
2 and executed by people.

3 “(16) PERSON.—The term ‘person’ has the  
4 meaning given the term in section 3502 of title 44.

5 “(17) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’  
6 means the Secretary of Commerce unless otherwise  
7 specified.

8 “(18) SECURITY CONTROL.—The term ‘security  
9 control’ means the management, operational, and  
10 technical controls, including safeguards or counter-  
11 measures, prescribed for an information system to  
12 protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability  
13 of the system and its information.

14 “(19) TECHNICAL CONTROL.—The term ‘tech-  
15 nical control’ means a hardware or software restric-  
16 tion on, or audit of, access or use of an information  
17 system or information that is stored on, processed  
18 by, or transiting an information system that is in-  
19 tended to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, or  
20 availability of that system.

21 **“§ 3553. Federal information security authority and**  
22 **coordination**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation  
24 with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall—



1           “(1) issue compulsory and binding policies and  
2 directives governing agency information security op-  
3 erations, and require implementation of such policies  
4 and directives, including—

5           “(A) policies and directives consistent with  
6 the standards and guidelines promulgated  
7 under section 11331 of title 40 to identify and  
8 provide information security protections  
9 prioritized and commensurate with the risk and  
10 impact resulting from the unauthorized access,  
11 use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or de-  
12 struction of—

13           “(i) information collected or main-  
14 tained by or on behalf of an agency; or

15           “(ii) information systems used or op-  
16 erated by an agency or by a contractor of  
17 an agency or other organization on behalf  
18 of an agency;

19           “(B) minimum operational requirements  
20 for Federal Government to protect agency in-  
21 formation systems and provide common situa-  
22 tional awareness across all agency information  
23 systems;

1           “(C) reporting requirements, consistent  
2 with relevant law, regarding information secu-  
3 rity incidents and cyber threat information;

4           “(D) requirements for agencywide informa-  
5 tion security programs;

6           “(E) performance requirements and  
7 metrics for the security of agency information  
8 systems;

9           “(F) training requirements to ensure that  
10 agencies are able to fully and timely comply  
11 with the policies and directives issued by the  
12 Secretary under this subchapter;

13           “(G) training requirements regarding pri-  
14 vacy, civil rights, and civil liberties, and infor-  
15 mation oversight for agency information secu-  
16 rity personnel;

17           “(H) requirements for the annual reports  
18 to the Secretary under section 3554(d);

19           “(I) any other information security oper-  
20 ations or information security requirements as  
21 determined by the Secretary in coordination  
22 with relevant agency heads; and

23           “(J) coordinating the development of  
24 standards and guidelines under section 20 of  
25 the National Institute of Standards and Tech-

1 nology Act (15 U.S.C. 278g–3) with agencies  
2 and offices operating or exercising control of  
3 national security systems (including the Na-  
4 tional Security Agency) to assure, to the max-  
5 imum extent feasible, that such standards and  
6 guidelines are complementary with standards  
7 and guidelines developed for national security  
8 systems;

9 “(2) review the agencywide information security  
10 programs under section 3554; and

11 “(3) designate an individual or an entity at  
12 each cybersecurity center, among other responsibil-  
13 ities—

14 “(A) to receive reports and information  
15 about information security incidents, cyber  
16 threat information, and deterioration of security  
17 control affecting agency information systems;  
18 and

19 “(B) to act on or share the information  
20 under subparagraph (A) in accordance with this  
21 subchapter.

22 “(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—When issuing policies and  
23 directives under subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-  
24 sider any applicable standards or guidelines developed by

1 the National Institute of Standards and Technology under  
2 section 11331 of title 40.

3 “(c) LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authorities  
4 of the Secretary under this section shall not apply to na-  
5 tional security systems. Information security policies, di-  
6 rectives, standards and guidelines for national security  
7 systems shall be overseen as directed by the President and,  
8 in accordance with that direction, carried out under the  
9 authority of the heads of agencies that operate or exercise  
10 authority over such national security systems.

11 “(d) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
12 subchapter shall be construed to alter or amend any law  
13 regarding the authority of any head of an agency over  
14 such agency.

15 **“§ 3554. Agency responsibilities**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The head of each agency shall—

17 “(1) be responsible for—

18 “(A) complying with the policies and direc-  
19 tives issued under section 3553;

20 “(B) providing information security protec-  
21 tions commensurate with the risk resulting  
22 from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, dis-  
23 ruption, modification, or destruction of—

24 “(i) information collected or main-  
25 tained by the agency or by a contractor of

1 an agency or other organization on behalf  
2 of an agency; and

3 “(ii) information systems used or op-  
4 erated by an agency or by a contractor of  
5 an agency or other organization on behalf  
6 of an agency;

7 “(C) complying with the requirements of  
8 this subchapter, including—

9 “(i) information security standards  
10 and guidelines promulgated under section  
11 11331 of title 40;

12 “(ii) for any national security systems  
13 operated or controlled by that agency, in-  
14 formation security policies, directives,  
15 standards and guidelines issued as directed  
16 by the President; and

17 “(iii) for any non-national security  
18 systems operated or controlled by that  
19 agency, information security policies, direc-  
20 tives, standards and guidelines issued  
21 under section 3553;

22 “(D) ensuring that information security  
23 management processes are integrated with  
24 agency strategic and operational planning proc-  
25 esses;

1           “(E) reporting and sharing, for an agency  
2 operating or exercising control of a national se-  
3 curity system, information about information  
4 security incidents, cyber threat information,  
5 and deterioration of security controls to the in-  
6 dividual or entity designated at each cybersecu-  
7 rity center and to other appropriate entities  
8 consistent with policies and directives for na-  
9 tional security systems issued as directed by the  
10 President; and

11           “(F) reporting and sharing, for those  
12 agencies operating or exercising control of non-  
13 national security systems, information about in-  
14 formation security incidents, cyber threat infor-  
15 mation, and deterioration of security controls to  
16 the individual or entity designated at each cy-  
17 bersecurity center and to other appropriate en-  
18 tities consistent with policies and directives for  
19 non-national security systems as prescribed  
20 under section 3553(a); including information to  
21 assist the Secretary of Homeland Security with  
22 carrying out the ongoing security analysis  
23 under section 3555;

24           “(2) ensure that each senior agency official pro-  
25 vides information security for the information and

1 information systems that support the operations and  
2 assets under the senior agency official’s control, in-  
3 cluding by—

4 “(A) assessing the risk and impact that  
5 could result from the unauthorized access, use,  
6 disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruc-  
7 tion of such information or information sys-  
8 tems;

9 “(B) determining the level of information  
10 security appropriate to protect such information  
11 and information systems in accordance with  
12 policies and directives issued under section  
13 3553(a), and standards and guidelines promul-  
14 gated under section 11331 of title 40 for infor-  
15 mation security classifications and related re-  
16 quirements;

17 “(C) implementing policies, procedures,  
18 and capabilities to reduce risks to an acceptable  
19 level in a cost-effective manner;

20 “(D) actively monitoring the effective im-  
21 plementation of information security controls  
22 and techniques; and

23 “(E) reporting information about informa-  
24 tion security incidents, cyber threat informa-  
25 tion, and deterioration of security controls in a

1           timely and adequate manner to the entity des-  
2           ignated under section 3553(a)(3) in accordance  
3           with paragraph (1);

4           “(3) assess and maintain the resiliency of infor-  
5           mation technology systems critical to agency mission  
6           and operations;

7           “(4) designate the agency Inspector General (or  
8           an independent entity selected in consultation with  
9           the Director and the Council of Inspectors General  
10          on Integrity and Efficiency if the agency does not  
11          have an Inspector General) to conduct the annual  
12          independent evaluation required under section 3556,  
13          and allow the agency Inspector General to contract  
14          with an independent entity to perform such evalua-  
15          tion;

16          “(5) delegate to the Chief Information Officer  
17          or equivalent (or to a senior agency official who re-  
18          ports to the Chief Information Officer or equiva-  
19          lent)—

20                  “(A) the authority and primary responsi-  
21                  bility to implement an agencywide information  
22                  security program; and

23                  “(B) the authority to provide information  
24                  security for the information collected and main-  
25                  tained by the agency (or by a contractor, other



1 agency, or other source on behalf of the agency)  
2 and for the information systems that support  
3 the operations, assets, and mission of the agen-  
4 cy (including any information system provided  
5 or managed by a contractor, other agency, or  
6 other source on behalf of the agency);

7 “(6) delegate to the appropriate agency official  
8 (who is responsible for a particular agency system or  
9 subsystem) the responsibility to ensure and enforce  
10 compliance with all requirements of the agency’s  
11 agencywide information security program in coordi-  
12 nation with the Chief Information Officer or equiva-  
13 lent (or the senior agency official who reports to the  
14 Chief Information Officer or equivalent) under para-  
15 graph (5);

16 “(7) ensure that an agency has trained per-  
17 sonnel who have obtained any necessary security  
18 clearances to permit them to assist the agency in  
19 complying with this subchapter;

20 “(8) ensure that the Chief Information Officer  
21 or equivalent (or the senior agency official who re-  
22 ports to the Chief Information Officer or equivalent)  
23 under paragraph (5), in coordination with other sen-  
24 ior agency officials, reports to the agency head on  
25 the effectiveness of the agencywide information secu-

1 rity program, including the progress of any remedial  
2 actions; and

3 “(9) ensure that the Chief Information Officer  
4 or equivalent (or the senior agency official who re-  
5 ports to the Chief Information Officer or equivalent)  
6 under paragraph (5) has the necessary qualifications  
7 to administer the functions described in this sub-  
8 chapter and has information security duties as a pri-  
9 mary duty of that official.

10 “(b) CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS.—Each Chief  
11 Information Officer or equivalent (or the senior agency of-  
12 ficial who reports to the Chief Information Officer or  
13 equivalent) under subsection (a)(5) shall—

14 “(1) establish and maintain an enterprise secu-  
15 rity operations capability that on a continuous  
16 basis—

17 “(A) detects, reports, contains, mitigates,  
18 and responds to information security incidents  
19 that impair adequate security of the agency’s  
20 information or information system in a timely  
21 manner and in accordance with the policies and  
22 directives under section 3553; and

23 “(B) reports any information security inci-  
24 dent under subparagraph (A) to the entity des-  
25 igned under section 3555;

1           “(2) develop, maintain, and oversee an agency-  
2 wide information security program;

3           “(3) develop, maintain, and oversee information  
4 security policies, procedures, and control techniques  
5 to address applicable requirements, including re-  
6 quirements under section 3553 of this title and sec-  
7 tion 11331 of title 40; and

8           “(4) train and oversee the agency personnel  
9 who have significant responsibility for information  
10 security with respect to that responsibility.

11       “(c) AGENCYWIDE INFORMATION SECURITY PRO-  
12 GRAMS.—

13           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each agencywide informa-  
14 tion security program under subsection (b)(2) shall  
15 include—

16           “(A) security engineering throughout the  
17 development and acquisition lifecycle;

18           “(B) security testing commensurate with  
19 risk and impact;

20           “(C) mitigation of deterioration of security  
21 controls commensurate with risk and impact;

22           “(D) risk-based continuous monitoring of  
23 the operational status and security of agency  
24 information systems to enable evaluation of the  
25 effectiveness of and compliance with informa-

1 tion security policies, procedures, and practices,  
2 including a relevant and appropriate selection of  
3 security controls of information systems identi-  
4 fied in the inventory under section 3505(c);

5 “(E) operation of appropriate technical ca-  
6 pabilities in order to detect, mitigate, report,  
7 and respond to information security incidents,  
8 cyber threat information, and deterioration of  
9 security controls in a manner that is consistent  
10 with the policies and directives under section  
11 3553, including—

12 “(i) mitigating risks associated with  
13 such information security incidents;

14 “(ii) notifying and consulting with the  
15 entity designated under section 3555; and

16 “(iii) notifying and consulting with, as  
17 appropriate—

18 “(I) law enforcement and the rel-  
19 evant Office of the Inspector General;  
20 and

21 “(II) any other entity, in accord-  
22 ance with law and as directed by the  
23 President;

24 “(F) a process to ensure that remedial ac-  
25 tion is taken to address any deficiencies in the

1 information security policies, procedures, and  
2 practices of the agency; and

3 “(G) a plan and procedures to ensure the  
4 continuity of operations for information systems  
5 that support the operations and assets of the  
6 agency.

7 “(2) RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES.—Each  
8 agencywide information security program under sub-  
9 section (b)(2) shall include the development and  
10 maintenance of a risk management strategy for in-  
11 formation security. The risk management strategy  
12 shall include—

13 “(A) consideration of information security  
14 incidents, cyber threat information, and deterio-  
15 ration of security controls; and

16 “(B) consideration of the consequences  
17 that could result from the unauthorized access,  
18 use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or de-  
19 struction of information and information sys-  
20 tems that support the operations and assets of  
21 the agency, including any information system  
22 provided or managed by a contractor, other  
23 agency, or other source on behalf of the agency.

24 “(3) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—Each agen-  
25 cywide information security program under sub-

1 section (b)(2) shall include policies and procedures  
2 that—

3 “(A) are based on the risk management  
4 strategy under paragraph (2);

5 “(B) reduce information security risks to  
6 an acceptable level in a cost-effective manner;

7 “(C) ensure that cost-effective and ade-  
8 quate information security is addressed  
9 throughout the life cycle of each agency infor-  
10 mation system; and

11 “(D) ensure compliance with—

12 “(i) this subchapter; and

13 “(ii) any other applicable require-  
14 ments.

15 “(4) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—Each agency-  
16 wide information security program under subsection  
17 (b)(2) shall include information security, privacy,  
18 civil rights, civil liberties, and information oversight  
19 training that meets any applicable requirements  
20 under section 3553. The training shall inform each  
21 information security personnel that has access to  
22 agency information systems (including contractors  
23 and other users of information systems that support  
24 the operations and assets of the agency) of—

1           “(A) the information security risks associ-  
2           ated with the information security personnel’s  
3           activities; and

4           “(B) the individual’s responsibility to com-  
5           ply with the agency policies and procedures that  
6           reduce the risks under subparagraph (A).

7           “(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each agency shall submit a  
8           report annually to the Secretary of Homeland Security on  
9           its agencywide information security program and informa-  
10          tion systems.

11       **“§ 3555. Multiagency ongoing threat assessment**

12          “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to  
13          provide a framework for each agency to provide to the des-  
14          ignee of the Secretary of Homeland Security under sub-  
15          section (b)—

16               “(1) timely and actionable cyber threat infor-  
17               mation; and

18               “(2) information on the environment of oper-  
19               ation of an agency information system.

20          “(b) DESIGNEE.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
21          rity shall designate an entity within the Department of  
22          Homeland Security—

23               “(1) to conduct ongoing security analysis con-  
24               cerning agency information systems—

25                       “(A) based on cyber threat information;

1           “(B) based on agency information system  
2 and environment of operation changes, includ-  
3 ing—

4                   “(i) an ongoing evaluation of the in-  
5 formation system security controls; and

6                   “(ii) the security state, risk level, and  
7 environment of operation of an agency in-  
8 formation system, including—

9                           “(I) a change in risk level due to  
10 a new cyber threat;

11                           “(II) a change resulting from a  
12 new technology;

13                           “(III) a change resulting from  
14 the agency’s mission; and

15                           “(IV) a change resulting from  
16 the business practice; and

17           “(C) using automated processes to the  
18 maximum extent possible—

19                   “(i) to increase information system se-  
20 curity;

21                   “(ii) to reduce paper-based reporting  
22 requirements; and

23                   “(iii) to maintain timely and action-  
24 able knowledge of the state of the informa-  
25 tion system security.



1           “(2) STANDARDS.—The National Institute of  
2 Standards and Technology may promulgate stand-  
3 ards, in coordination with the Secretary of Home-  
4 land Security, to assist an agency with its duties  
5 under this section.

6           “(3) COMPLIANCE.—The head of each appro-  
7 priate agency shall be responsible for ensuring com-  
8 pliance with this section. The Secretary of Home-  
9 land Security, in consultation with the head of each  
10 appropriate agency, shall—

11                   “(A) monitor compliance under this sec-  
12 tion;

13                   “(B) develop a timeline for each agency—

14                           “(i) to adopt any technology, system,  
15 or method that facilitates continuous moni-  
16 toring of an agency information system;  
17 and

18                           “(ii) to adopt any technology, system,  
19 or method that satisfies a requirement  
20 under this section.

21           “(4) LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY.—The au-  
22 thorities of the Secretary of Homeland Security  
23 under this section shall not apply to national secu-  
24 rity systems.

1           “(5) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after  
2           the date of enactment of the Strengthening and En-  
3           hancing Cybersecurity by Using Research, Edu-  
4           cation, Information, and Technology Act of 2012,  
5           the Secretary of Homeland Security shall report to  
6           Congress each agency’s status toward implementing  
7           this section.

8   **“§ 3556. Independent evaluations**

9           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Council of Inspectors Gen-  
10          eral on Integrity and Efficiency, in consultation with the  
11          Director and the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Sec-  
12          retary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Defense, shall  
13          issue and maintain criteria for the timely, cost-effective,  
14          risk-based, and independent evaluation of each agencywide  
15          information security program (and practices) to determine  
16          the effectiveness of the agencywide information security  
17          program (and practices). The criteria shall include meas-  
18          ures to assess any conflicts of interest in the performance  
19          of the evaluation and whether the agencywide information  
20          security program includes appropriate safeguards against  
21          disclosure of information where such disclosure may ad-  
22          versely affect information security.

23          “(b) ANNUAL INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS.—Each  
24          agency shall perform an annual independent evaluation of

1 its agencywide information security program (and prac-  
2 tices) in accordance with the criteria under subsection (a).

3 “(c) DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS.—Not later than 30  
4 days after receiving an independent evaluation under sub-  
5 section (b), each agency head shall transmit a copy of the  
6 independent evaluation to the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
7 curity, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of  
8 Defense.

9 “(d) NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEMS.—Evaluations  
10 involving national security systems shall be conducted as  
11 directed by President.

12 **“§ 3557. National security systems.**

13 “The head of each agency operating or exercising  
14 control of a national security system shall be responsible  
15 for ensuring that the agency—

16 “(1) provides information security protections  
17 commensurate with the risk and magnitude of the  
18 harm resulting from the unauthorized access, use,  
19 disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction of  
20 the information contained in such system; and

21 “(2) implements information security policies  
22 and practices as required by standards and guide-  
23 lines for national security systems, issued in accord-  
24 ance with law and as directed by the President.”.

25 (b) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

1           (1) POLICY AND COMPLIANCE GUIDANCE.—Pol-  
2           icy and compliance guidance issued by the Director  
3           before the date of enactment of this Act under sec-  
4           tion 3543(a)(1) of title 44, United States Code, (as  
5           in effect on the day before the date of enactment of  
6           this Act) shall continue in effect, according to its  
7           terms, until modified, terminated, superseded, or re-  
8           pealed pursuant to section 3553(a)(1) of title 44,  
9           United States Code.

10           (2) STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.—Standards  
11           and guidelines issued by the Secretary of Commerce  
12           or by the Director before the date of enactment of  
13           this Act under section 11331(a)(1) of title 40,  
14           United States Code, (as in effect on the day before  
15           the date of enactment of this Act) shall continue in  
16           effect, according to their terms, until modified, ter-  
17           minated, superseded, or repealed pursuant to section  
18           11331(a)(1) of title 40, United States Code, as  
19           amended by this Act.

20           (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21           (1) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The chapter analysis  
22           for chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, is  
23           amended—

24                   (A) by striking the items relating to sec-  
25                   tions 3531 through 3538;

1 (B) by striking the items relating to sec-  
2 tions 3541 through 3549; and

3 (C) by inserting the following:

“3551. Purposes.

“3552. Definitions.

“3553. Federal information security authority and coordination.

“3554. Agency responsibilities.

“3555. Multiagency ongoing threat assessment.

“3556. Independent evaluations.

“3557. National security systems.”.

4 (2) OTHER REFERENCES.—

5 (A) Section 1001(c)(1)(A) of the Home-  
6 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 511(1)(A))  
7 is amended by striking “section 3532(3)” and  
8 inserting “section 3552”.

9 (B) Section 2222(j)(5) of title 10, United  
10 States Code, is amended by striking “section  
11 3542(b)(2)” and inserting “section 3552”.

12 (C) Section 2223(c)(3) of title 10, United  
13 States Code, is amended, by striking “section  
14 3542(b)(2)” and inserting “section 3552”.

15 (D) Section 2315 of title 10, United States  
16 Code, is amended by striking “section  
17 3542(b)(2)” and inserting “section 3552”.

18 (E) Section 20 of the National Institute of  
19 Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C.  
20 278g–3) is amended—

1 (i) in subsection (a)(2), by striking  
2 “section 3532(b)(2)” and inserting “sec-  
3 tion 3552”;

4 (ii) in subsection (c)(3), by striking  
5 “Director of the Office of Management and  
6 Budget” and inserting “Secretary of Com-  
7 merce”;

8 (iii) in subsection (d)(1), by striking  
9 “Director of the Office of Management and  
10 Budget” and inserting “Secretary of Com-  
11 merce”;

12 (iv) in subsection (d)(8) by striking  
13 “Director of the Office of Management and  
14 Budget” and inserting “Secretary of Com-  
15 merce”;

16 (v) in subsection (d)(8), by striking  
17 “submitted to the Director” and inserting  
18 “submitted to the Secretary”;

19 (vi) in subsection (e)(2), by striking  
20 “section 3532(1) of such title” and insert-  
21 ing “section 3552 of title 44”; and

22 (vii) in subsection (e)(5), by striking  
23 “section 3532(b)(2) of such title” and in-  
24 serting “section 3552 of title 44”.

1 (F) Section 8(d)(1) of the Cyber Security  
2 Research and Development Act (15 U.S.C.  
3 7406(d)(1)) is amended by striking “section  
4 3534(b)” and inserting “section 3554(b)(2)”.

5 **SEC. 202. MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11331 of title 40, United  
7 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 11331. Responsibilities for Federal information sys-**  
9 **tems standards**

10 “(a) STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.—

11 “(1) AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE.—Except as  
12 provided under paragraph (2), the Secretary of  
13 Commerce shall prescribe standards and guidelines  
14 pertaining to Federal information systems—

15 “(A) in consultation with the Secretary of  
16 Homeland Security; and

17 “(B) on the basis of standards and guide-  
18 lines developed by the National Institute of  
19 Standards and Technology under paragraphs  
20 (2) and (3) of section 20(a) of the National In-  
21 stitute of Standards and Technology Act (15  
22 U.S.C. 278g–3(a)(2) and (a)(3)).

23 “(2) NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEMS.—Stand-  
24 ards and guidelines for national security systems  
25 shall be developed, prescribed, enforced, and over-

1       seen as otherwise authorized by law and as directed  
2       by the President.

3       “(b) MANDATORY STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.—

4               “(1) AUTHORITY TO MAKE MANDATORY STAND-  
5       ARDS AND GUIDELINES.—The Secretary of Com-  
6       merce shall make standards and guidelines under  
7       subsection (a)(1) compulsory and binding to the ex-  
8       tent determined necessary by the Secretary of Com-  
9       merce to improve the efficiency of operation or secu-  
10      rity of Federal information systems.

11              “(2) REQUIRED MANDATORY STANDARDS AND  
12      GUIDELINES.—

13              “(A) IN GENERAL.—Standards and guide-  
14      lines under subsection (a)(1) shall include infor-  
15      mation security standards that—

16              “(i) provide minimum information se-  
17      curity requirements as determined under  
18      section 20(b) of the National Institute of  
19      Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C.  
20      278g-3(b)); and

21              “(ii) are otherwise necessary to im-  
22      prove the security of Federal information  
23      and information systems.



1                   “(B) BINDING EFFECT.—Information se-  
2                   curity standards under subparagraph (A) shall  
3                   be compulsory and binding.

4                   “(c) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY.—To ensure fiscal  
5                   and policy consistency, the Secretary of Commerce shall  
6                   exercise the authority conferred by this section subject to  
7                   direction by the President and in coordination with the  
8                   Director.

9                   “(d) APPLICATION OF MORE STRINGENT STAND-  
10                  ARDS AND GUIDELINES.—The head of an executive agen-  
11                  cy may employ standards for the cost-effective information  
12                  security for information systems within or under the su-  
13                  pervision of that agency that are more stringent than the  
14                  standards and guidelines the Secretary of Commerce pre-  
15                  scribes under this section if the more stringent standards  
16                  and guidelines—

17                   “(1) contain at least the applicable standards  
18                   and guidelines made compulsory and binding by the  
19                   Secretary of Commerce; and

20                   “(2) are otherwise consistent with the policies,  
21                   directives, and implementation memoranda issued  
22                   under section 3553(a) of title 44.

23                   “(e) DECISIONS ON PROMULGATION OF STANDARDS  
24                  AND GUIDELINES.—The decision by the Secretary of  
25                  Commerce regarding the promulgation of any standard or

1 guideline under this section shall occur not later than 6  
2 months after the date of submission of the proposed stand-  
3 ard to the Secretary of Commerce by the National Insti-  
4 tute of Standards and Technology under section 20 of the  
5 National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15  
6 U.S.C. 278g-3).

7 “(f) NOTICE AND COMMENT.—A decision by the Sec-  
8 retary of Commerce to significantly modify, or not promul-  
9 gate, a proposed standard submitted to the Secretary by  
10 the National Institute of Standards and Technology under  
11 section 20 of the National Institute of Standards and  
12 Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278g-3) shall be made after  
13 the public is given an opportunity to comment on the Sec-  
14 retary’s proposed decision.

15 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) FEDERAL INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The  
17 term ‘Federal information system’ has the meaning  
18 given the term in section 3552 of title 44.

19 “(2) INFORMATION SECURITY.—The term ‘in-  
20 formation security’ has the meaning given the term  
21 in section 3552 of title 44.

22 “(3) NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM.—The term  
23 ‘national security system’ has the meaning given the  
24 term in section 3552 of title 44.”.

1 **SEC. 203. NO NEW FUNDING.**

2 An applicable Federal agency shall carry out the pro-  
3 visions of this title with existing facilities and funds other-  
4 wise available, through such means as the head of the  
5 agency considers appropriate.

6 **SEC. 204. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

7 Section 21(b) of the National Institute of Standards  
8 and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278g-4(b)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and the Di-  
10 rector of the Office of Management and Budget”  
11 and inserting “, the Secretary of Commerce, and the  
12 Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, the Sec-  
14 retary of Homeland Security,” after “the Secretary  
15 of Commerce”.

16 **TITLE III—CRIMINAL PENALTIES**

17 **SEC. 301. PENALTIES FOR FRAUD AND RELATED ACTIVITY**  
18 **IN CONNECTION WITH COMPUTERS.**

19 Section 1030(c) of title 18, United States Code, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 “(c) The punishment for an offense under subsection  
22 (a) or (b) of this section is—

23 “(1) a fine under this title or imprisonment for  
24 not more than 20 years, or both, in the case of an  
25 offense under subsection (a)(1) of this section;

1           “(2)(A) except as provided in subparagraph  
2 (B), a fine under this title or imprisonment for not  
3 more than 3 years, or both, in the case of an offense  
4 under subsection (a)(2); or

5           “(B) a fine under this title or imprisonment for  
6 not more than ten years, or both, in the case of an  
7 offense under subsection (a)(2) of this section, if—

8           “(i) the offense was committed for pur-  
9 poses of commercial advantage or private finan-  
10 cial gain;

11           “(ii) the offense was committed in the fur-  
12 therance of any criminal or tortuous act in vio-  
13 lation of the Constitution or laws of the United  
14 States, or of any State; or

15           “(iii) the value of the information obtained,  
16 or that would have been obtained if the offense  
17 was completed, exceeds \$5,000;

18           “(3) a fine under this title or imprisonment for  
19 not more than 10 years, or both, in the case of an  
20 offense under subsection (a)(3) of this section;

21           “(4) a fine under this title or imprisonment of  
22 not more than 20 years, or both, in the case of an  
23 offense under subsection (a)(4) of this section;

24           “(5)(A) except as provided in subparagraph  
25 (C), a fine under this title, imprisonment for not

1 more than 20 years, or both, in the case of an of-  
2 fense under subsection (a)(5)(A) of this section, if  
3 the offense caused—

4 “(i) loss to 1 or more persons during any  
5 1-year period (and, for purposes of an inves-  
6 tigation, prosecution, or other proceeding  
7 brought by the United States only, loss result-  
8 ing from a related course of conduct affecting  
9 1 or more other protected computers) aggreg-  
10 ating at least \$5,000 in value;

11 “(ii) the modification or impairment, or  
12 potential modification or impairment, of the  
13 medical examination, diagnosis, treatment, or  
14 care of 1 or more individuals;

15 “(iii) physical injury to any person;

16 “(iv) a threat to public health or safety;

17 “(v) damage affecting a computer used by,  
18 or on behalf of, an entity of the United States  
19 Government in furtherance of the administra-  
20 tion of justice, national defense, or national se-  
21 curity; or

22 “(vi) damage affecting 10 or more pro-  
23 tected computers during any 1-year period;

24 “(B) a fine under this title, imprisonment for  
25 not more than 20 years, or both, in the case of an

1 offense under subsection (a)(5)(B), if the offense  
2 caused a harm provided in clause (i) through (vi) of  
3 subparagraph (A) of this subsection;

4 “(C) if the offender attempts to cause or know-  
5 ingly or recklessly causes death from conduct in vio-  
6 lation of subsection (a)(5)(A), a fine under this title,  
7 imprisonment for any term of years or for life, or  
8 both;

9 “(D) a fine under this title, imprisonment for  
10 not more than 10 years, or both, for any other of-  
11 fense under subsection (a)(5);

12 “(E) a fine under this title or imprisonment for  
13 not more than 10 years, or both, in the case of an  
14 offense under subsection (a)(6) of this section; or

15 “(F) a fine under this title or imprisonment for  
16 not more than 10 years, or both, in the case of an  
17 offense under subsection (a)(7) of this section.”.

18 **SEC. 302. TRAFFICKING IN PASSWORDS.**

19 Section 1030(a)(6) of title 18, United States Code,  
20 is amended to read as follows:

21 “(6) knowingly and with intent to defraud traf-  
22 fics (as defined in section 1029) in any password or  
23 similar information or means of access through  
24 which a protected computer (as defined in subpara-

1 graphs (A) and (B) of subsection (e)(2)) may be  
2 accessed without authorization.”.

3 **SEC. 303. CONSPIRACY AND ATTEMPTED COMPUTER**  
4 **FRAUD OFFENSES.**

5 Section 1030(b) of title 18, United States Code, is  
6 amended by inserting “as if for the completed offense”  
7 after “punished as provided”.

8 **SEC. 304. CRIMINAL AND CIVIL FORFEITURE FOR FRAUD**  
9 **AND RELATED ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION**  
10 **WITH COMPUTERS.**

11 Section 1030 of title 18, United States Code, is  
12 amended by striking subsections (i) and (j) and inserting  
13 the following:

14 “(i) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.—

15 “(1) The court, in imposing sentence on any  
16 person convicted of a violation of this section, or  
17 convicted of conspiracy to violate this section, shall  
18 order, in addition to any other sentence imposed and  
19 irrespective of any provision of State law, that such  
20 person forfeit to the United States—

21 “(A) such person’s interest in any prop-  
22 erty, real or personal, that was used, or in-  
23 tended to be used, to commit or facilitate the  
24 commission of such violation; and

1           “(B) any property, real or personal, consti-  
2           tuting or derived from any gross proceeds, or  
3           any property traceable to such property, that  
4           such person obtained, directly or indirectly, as  
5           a result of such violation.

6           “(2) The criminal forfeiture of property under  
7           this subsection, including any seizure and disposition  
8           of the property, and any related judicial or adminis-  
9           trative proceeding, shall be governed by the provi-  
10          sions of section 413 of the Comprehensive Drug  
11          Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (21  
12          U.S.C. 853), except subsection (d) of that section.

13          “(j) CIVIL FORFEITURE.—

14           “(1) The following shall be subject to forfeiture  
15          to the United States and no property right, real or  
16          personal, shall exist in them:

17           “(A) Any property, real or personal, that  
18           was used, or intended to be used, to commit or  
19           facilitate the commission of any violation of this  
20           section, or a conspiracy to violate this section.

21           “(B) Any property, real or personal, con-  
22           stituting or derived from any gross proceeds ob-  
23           tained directly or indirectly, or any property  
24           traceable to such property, as a result of the



1           commission of any violation of this section, or  
2           a conspiracy to violate this section.

3           “(2) Seizures and forfeitures under this sub-  
4           section shall be governed by the provisions in chap-  
5           ter 46 relating to civil forfeitures, except that such  
6           duties as are imposed on the Secretary of the Treas-  
7           ury under the customs laws described in section  
8           981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents  
9           and other persons as may be designated for that  
10          purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security or  
11          the Attorney General.”.

12 **SEC. 305. DAMAGE TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COM-**  
13 **PUTERS.**

14          (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United  
15 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1030  
16 the following:

17 **“§ 1030A. Aggravated damage to a critical infrastruc-**  
18 **ture computer**

19          “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

20                 “(1) the term ‘computer’ has the meaning given  
21 the term in section 1030;

22                 “(2) the term ‘critical infrastructure computer’  
23 means a computer that manages or controls systems  
24 or assets vital to national defense, national security,  
25 national economic security, public health or safety,

1 or any combination of those matters, whether pub-  
2 licly or privately owned or operated, including—

3 “(A) gas and oil production, storage, con-  
4 version, and delivery systems;

5 “(B) water supply systems;

6 “(C) telecommunication networks;

7 “(D) electrical power generation and deliv-  
8 ery systems;

9 “(E) finance and banking systems;

10 “(F) emergency services;

11 “(G) transportation systems and services;

12 and

13 “(H) government operations that provide  
14 essential services to the public; and

15 “(3) the term ‘damage’ has the meaning given  
16 the term in section 1030.

17 “(b) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful, during and in  
18 relation to a felony violation of section 1030, to knowingly  
19 cause or attempt to cause damage to a critical infrastruc-  
20 ture computer if the damage results in (or, in the case  
21 of an attempt, if completed, would have resulted in) the  
22 substantial impairment—

23 “(1) of the operation of the critical infrastruc-  
24 ture computer; or

1           “(2) of the critical infrastructure associated  
2 with the computer.

3           “(c) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection  
4 (b) shall be—

5           “(1) fined under this title;

6           “(2) imprisoned for not less than 3 years but  
7 not more than 20 years; or

8           “(3) penalized under paragraphs (1) and (2).

9           “(d) CONSECUTIVE SENTENCE.—Notwithstanding  
10 any other provision of law—

11           “(1) a court shall not place on probation any  
12 person convicted of a violation of this section;

13           “(2) except as provided in paragraph (4), no  
14 term of imprisonment imposed on a person under  
15 this section shall run concurrently with any other  
16 term of imprisonment, including any term of impris-  
17 onment imposed on the person under any other pro-  
18 vision of law, including any term of imprisonment  
19 imposed for a felony violation of section 1030;

20           “(3) in determining any term of imprisonment  
21 to be imposed for a felony violation of section 1030,  
22 a court shall not in any way reduce the term to be  
23 imposed for such crime so as to compensate for, or  
24 otherwise take into account, any separate term of

1 imprisonment imposed or to be imposed for a viola-  
2 tion of this section; and

3 “(4) a term of imprisonment imposed on a per-  
4 son for a violation of this section may, in the discre-  
5 tion of the court, run concurrently, in whole or in  
6 part, only with another term of imprisonment that  
7 is imposed by the court at the same time on that  
8 person for an additional violation of this section,  
9 provided that such discretion shall be exercised in  
10 accordance with any applicable guidelines and policy  
11 statements issued by the United States Sentencing  
12 Commission pursuant to section 994 of title 28.”.

13 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
14 The chapter analysis for chapter 47 of title 18, United  
15 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-  
16 ing to section 1030 the following:

“1030A. Aggravated damage to a critical infrastructure computer.”.

17 **SEC. 306. LIMITATION ON ACTIONS INVOLVING UNAUTHOR-**  
18 **IZED USE.**

19 Section 1030(e)(6) of title 18, United States Code,  
20 is amended by striking “alter;” and inserting “alter, but  
21 does not include access in violation of a contractual obliga-  
22 tion or agreement, such as an acceptable use policy or  
23 terms of service agreement, with an Internet service pro-  
24 vider, Internet Web site, or non-government employer, if

1 such violation constitutes the sole basis for determining  
2 that access to a protected computer is unauthorized;”.

3           **TITLE IV—CYBERSECURITY**  
4           **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

5           **SEC. 401. NATIONAL HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING**  
6                           **PROGRAM PLANNING AND COORDINATION.**

7           (a) GOALS AND PRIORITIES.—Section 101 of the  
8 High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C.  
9 5511) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10           “(d) GOALS AND PRIORITIES.—The goals and prior-  
11 ities for Federal high-performance computing research,  
12 development, networking, and other activities under sub-  
13 section (a)(2)(A) shall include—

14                   “(1) encouraging and supporting mechanisms  
15                   for interdisciplinary research and development in  
16                   networking and information technology, including  
17                   through collaborations—

18                           “(A) across agencies;

19                           “(B) across Program Component Areas;

20                           “(C) with industry;

21                           “(D) with institutions of higher education;

22                           “(E) with Federal laboratories (as defined  
23                   in section 4 of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-  
24                   nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.  
25                   3703)); and

1                   “(F) with international organizations;  
2                   “(2) addressing national, multi-agency, multi-  
3                   faceted challenges of national importance; and  
4                   “(3) fostering the transfer of research and de-  
5                   velopment results into new technologies and applica-  
6                   tions for the benefit of society.”.

7                   (b) DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC PLAN.—Section  
8                   101 of the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15  
9                   U.S.C. 5511) is further amended by adding at the end  
10                  the following:

11               “(e) STRATEGIC PLAN.—

12                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
13                   the date of enactment of the Strengthening and En-  
14                   hancing Cybersecurity by Using Research, Edu-  
15                   cation, Information, and Technology Act of 2012,  
16                   the agencies under subsection (a)(3)(B), working  
17                   through the National Science and Technology Coun-  
18                   cil and with the assistance of the Office of Science  
19                   and Technology Policy, shall develop a 5-year stra-  
20                   tegic plan to guide the activities under subsection  
21                   (a)(1).

22                   “(2) CONTENTS.—The strategic plan shall  
23                   specify—

24                   “(A) the near-term objectives for the Pro-  
25                   gram;

1           “(B) the long-term objectives for the Pro-  
2           gram;

3           “(C) the anticipated time frame for achiev-  
4           ing the near-term objectives;

5           “(D) the metrics that will be used to as-  
6           sess any progress made toward achieving the  
7           near-term objectives and the long-term objec-  
8           tives; and

9           “(E) how the Program will achieve the  
10          goals and priorities under subsection (d).

11          “(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—When developing  
12          the strategic plan under paragraph (1), such agen-  
13          cies shall take into consideration the recommenda-  
14          tions of—

15               “(A) the advisory committee under sub-  
16               section (b); and

17               “(B) the stakeholders whose input was so-  
18               licited by the National Coordination Office, as  
19               required under section 102(b)(3).

20          “(4) IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP.—Such agen-  
21          cies shall develop and annually update an implemen-  
22          tation roadmap for the strategic plan, which shall—

23               “(A) specify the role of each Federal agen-  
24               cy in carrying out or sponsoring research and  
25               development to meet the research objectives of

1 the strategic plan, including a description of  
2 how progress toward the research objectives will  
3 be evaluated, with consideration of any relevant  
4 recommendations of the advisory committee;

5 “(B) specify the funding allocated to each  
6 major research objective of the strategic plan  
7 and the source of funding by agency for the  
8 current fiscal year; and

9 “(C) estimate the funding required for  
10 each major research objective of the strategic  
11 plan for the next 3 fiscal years.

12 “(5) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of  
13 the National Coordination Office shall transmit the  
14 strategic plan under this subsection, including the  
15 implementation roadmap and any updates under  
16 paragraph (4), to—

17 “(A) the advisory committee under sub-  
18 section (b);

19 “(B) the Committee on Commerce,  
20 Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and

21 “(C) the Committee on Science, Space, and  
22 Technology of the House of Representatives.”.

23 (c) PERIODIC REVIEWS.—Section 101 of the High-  
24 Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5511)  
25 is further amended by adding at the end the following:



1       “(f) PERIODIC REVIEWS.—The agencies under sub-  
2 section (a)(3)(B) shall—

3           “(1) periodically assess the contents and fund-  
4 ing levels of the Program Component Areas and re-  
5 structure the Program when warranted, taking into  
6 consideration any relevant recommendations of the  
7 advisory committee under subsection (b); and

8           “(2) ensure that the Program includes national,  
9 multi-agency, multi-faceted research and develop-  
10 ment activities, including activities described in sec-  
11 tion 104.”.

12       (d) ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTOR.—  
13 Section 101(a)(2) of the High-Performance Computing  
14 Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5511(a)(2)) is amended—

15           (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) and  
16 (F) as subparagraphs (G) and (H), respectively; and

17           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-  
18 lowing:

19           “(E) encourage and monitor the efforts of the  
20 agencies participating in the Program to allocate the  
21 level of resources and management attention nec-  
22 essary to ensure that—

23           “(i) the strategic plan under subsection (e)  
24 is developed and executed effectively; and

1           “(ii) the objectives of the Program are  
2 met;

3           “(F) working with the Office of Management  
4 and Budget, direct the Office of Science and Tech-  
5 nology Policy and the agencies participating in the  
6 Program to establish a mechanism (consistent with  
7 existing law) to track all ongoing and completed re-  
8 search and development projects and associated  
9 funding;”.

10       (e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Section 101(b) of the  
11 High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C.  
12 5511(b)) is amended—

13           (1) in paragraph (1)—

14               (A) by inserting after the first sentence the  
15 following: “The co-chairs of the advisory com-  
16 mittee shall meet the qualifications of com-  
17 mittee members and may be members of the  
18 President’s Council of Advisors on Science and  
19 Technology.”; and

20               (B) by striking “high-performance” in sub-  
21 paragraph (D) and inserting “high-end”; and

22           (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-  
23 lows:

24           “(2) In addition to the duties under paragraph (1),  
25 the advisory committee shall conduct periodic evaluations

1 of the funding, management, coordination, implementa-  
2 tion, and activities of the Program. The advisory com-  
3 mittee shall report its findings and recommendations not  
4 less frequently than once every 3 fiscal years to the Com-  
5 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
6 Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and Tech-  
7 nology of the House of Representatives. The report shall  
8 be submitted in conjunction with the update of the stra-  
9 tegic plan.”.

10 (f) REPORT.—Section 101(a)(3) of the High-Per-  
11 formance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5511(a)(3))  
12 is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (C)—

14 (A) by striking “is submitted,” and insert-  
15 ing “is submitted, the levels for the previous  
16 fiscal year,”; and

17 (B) by striking “each Program Component  
18 Area” and inserting “each Program Component  
19 Area and each research area supported in ac-  
20 cordance with section 104”;

21 (2) in subparagraph (D)—

22 (A) by striking “each Program Component  
23 Area,” and inserting “each Program Compo-  
24 nent Area and each research area supported in  
25 accordance with section 104,”;

1 (B) by striking “is submitted,” and insert-  
2 ing “is submitted, the levels for the previous  
3 fiscal year,”; and

4 (C) by striking “and” after the semicolon;  
5 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-  
6 paragraph (G); and

7 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(E) include a description of how the objectives  
10 for each Program Component Area, and the objec-  
11 tives for activities that involve multiple Program  
12 Component Areas, relate to the objectives of the  
13 Program identified in the strategic plan under sub-  
14 section (e);

15 “(F) include—

16 “(i) a description of the funding required  
17 by the Office of Science and Technology Policy  
18 to perform the functions under section 102(b)  
19 for the next fiscal year by category of activity;

20 “(ii) a description of the funding required  
21 by the Office of Science and Technology Policy  
22 to perform the functions under section 102(b)  
23 for the current fiscal year by category of activ-  
24 ity; and

1           “(iii) the amount of funding provided for  
2           the Office of Science and Technology Policy for  
3           the current fiscal year by each agency partici-  
4           pating in the Program; and”.

5           (g) DEFINITIONS.—Section 4 of the High-Perform-  
6           ance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5503) is amend-  
7           ed—

8           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as  
9           paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively;

10          (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
11          graph (6);

12          (3) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as  
13          paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

14          (4) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redes-  
15          ignated, the following:

16               “(1) ‘cyber-physical systems’ means physical or  
17               engineered systems whose networking and informa-  
18               tion technology functions and physical elements are  
19               deeply integrated and are actively connected to the  
20               physical world through sensors, actuators, or other  
21               means to perform monitoring and control func-  
22               tions;”;

23          (5) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, by strik-  
24          ing “high-performance computing” and inserting  
25          “networking and information technology”;

1 (6) in paragraph (6), as redesignated—

2 (A) by striking “high-performance com-  
3 puting” and inserting “networking and infor-  
4 mation technology”; and

5 (B) by striking “supercomputer” and in-  
6 serting “high-end computing”;

7 (7) in paragraph (5), by striking “network re-  
8 ferred to as” and all that follows through “section  
9 102” and inserting “network, including advanced  
10 computer networks of Federal agencies and depart-  
11 ments”; and

12 (8) in paragraph (7), as redesignated, by strik-  
13 ing “National High-Performance Computing Pro-  
14 gram” and inserting “networking and information  
15 technology research and development program”.

16 **SEC. 402. RESEARCH IN AREAS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.**

17 (a) RESEARCH IN AREAS OF NATIONAL IMPOR-  
18 TANCE.—Title I of the High-Performance Computing Act  
19 of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5511 et seq.) is amended by adding  
20 at the end the following:

21 **“SEC. 104. RESEARCH IN AREAS OF NATIONAL IMPOR-  
22 TANCE.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Program shall encourage  
24 agencies under section 101(a)(3)(B) to support, maintain,  
25 and improve national, multi-agency, multi-faceted, re-

1 search and development activities in networking and infor-  
2 mation technology directed toward application areas that  
3 have the potential for significant contributions to national  
4 economic competitiveness and for other significant societal  
5 benefits.

6 “(b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The advisory committee  
7 under section 101(b) shall make recommendations to the  
8 Program for candidate research and development areas for  
9 support under this section.

10 “(c) CHARACTERISTICS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Research and development  
12 activities under this section—

13 “(A) shall include projects selected on the  
14 basis of applications for support through a com-  
15 petitive, merit-based process;

16 “(B) shall leverage, when possible, Federal  
17 investments through collaboration with related  
18 State initiatives;

19 “(C) shall include a plan for fostering the  
20 transfer of research discoveries and the results  
21 of technology demonstration activities, including  
22 from institutions of higher education and Fed-  
23 eral laboratories, to industry for commercial de-  
24 velopment;

1           “(D) shall involve collaborations among re-  
2           searchers in institutions of higher education  
3           and industry; and

4           “(E) may involve collaborations among  
5           nonprofit research institutions and Federal lab-  
6           oratories, as appropriate.

7           “(2) COST-SHARING.—In selecting applications  
8           for support, the agencies under section 101(a)(3)(B)  
9           shall give special consideration to projects that in-  
10          clude cost sharing from non-Federal sources.

11          “(3) AGENCY COLLABORATION.—If 2 or more  
12          agencies identified in section 101(a)(3)(B), or other  
13          appropriate agencies, are working on large-scale re-  
14          search and development activities in the same area  
15          of national importance, then such agencies shall  
16          strive to collaborate through joint solicitation and se-  
17          lection of applications for support and subsequent  
18          funding of projects.

19          “(4) MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CEN-  
20          TERS.—Research and development activities under  
21          this section shall be supported through multidisci-  
22          plinary research centers, including Federal labora-  
23          tories, that are organized to investigate basic re-  
24          search questions and carry out technology dem-  
25          onstration activities in areas described in subsection



1 (a). Research may be carried out through existing  
2 multidisciplinary centers, including those authorized  
3 under section 7024(b)(2) of the America COM-  
4 PETES Act (42 U.S.C. 1862o–10(2)).”.

5 (b) CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS.—Section 101(a)(1)  
6 of the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15  
7 U.S.C. 5511(a)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and”  
9 after the semicolon;

10 (2) in subparagraph (I), by striking the period  
11 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(J) provide for increased understanding of the  
14 scientific principles of cyber-physical systems and  
15 improve the methods available for the design, devel-  
16 opment, and operation of cyber-physical systems  
17 that are characterized by high reliability, safety, and  
18 security; and

19 “(K) provide for research and development on  
20 human-computer interactions, visualization, and big  
21 data.”.

22 (c) TASK FORCE.—Title I of the High-Performance  
23 Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5511 et seq.) is further  
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 105. CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS UNIVERSITY-INDUS-**  
2 **TRY TASK FORCE.**

3       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days  
4 after the date of enactment of the Strengthening and En-  
5 hancing Cybersecurity by Using Research, Education, In-  
6 formation, and Technology Act of 2012, the Director of  
7 the National Coordination Office under section 102 shall  
8 convene a task force to explore mechanisms for carrying  
9 out collaborative research and development activities for  
10 cyber-physical systems (including the related technologies  
11 required to enable these systems) through a consortium  
12 or other appropriate entity with participants from institu-  
13 tions of higher education, Federal laboratories, and indus-  
14 try.

15       “(b) FUNCTIONS.—The task force shall—

16               “(1) develop options for a collaborative model  
17 and an organizational structure for such entity  
18 under which the joint research and development ac-  
19 tivities could be planned, managed, and conducted  
20 effectively, including mechanisms for the allocation  
21 of resources among the participants in such entity  
22 for support of such activities;

23               “(2) propose a process for developing a re-  
24 search and development agenda for such entity, in-  
25 cluding guidelines to ensure an appropriate scope of  
26 work focused on nationally significant challenges and

1 requiring collaboration and to ensure the develop-  
2 ment of related scientific and technological mile-  
3 stones;

4 “(3) define the roles and responsibilities for the  
5 participants from institutions of higher education,  
6 Federal laboratories, and industry in such entity;

7 “(4) propose guidelines for assigning intellec-  
8 tual property rights and for transferring research re-  
9 sults to the private sector; and

10 “(5) make recommendations for how such enti-  
11 ty could be funded from Federal, State, and non-  
12 governmental sources.

13 “(c) COMPOSITION.—In establishing the task force  
14 under subsection (a), the Director of the National Coordi-  
15 nation Office shall appoint an equal number of individuals  
16 from institutions of higher education and from industry  
17 with knowledge and expertise in cyber-physical systems,  
18 and may appoint not more than 2 individuals from Fed-  
19 eral laboratories.

20 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
21 of enactment of the Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-  
22 security by Using Research, Education, Information, and  
23 Technology Act of 2012, the Director of the National Co-  
24 ordination Office shall transmit to the Committee on Com-  
25 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the

1 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the  
2 House of Representatives a report describing the findings  
3 and recommendations of the task force.

4 “(e) TERMINATION.—The task force shall terminate  
5 upon transmittal of the report required under subsection  
6 (d).

7 “(f) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.—Members of  
8 the task force shall serve without compensation.”.

9 **SEC. 403. PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS.**

10 Section 102 of the High-Performance Computing Act  
11 of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5512) is amended to read as follows:

12 **“SEC. 102. NATIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE.**

13 “(a) OFFICE.—The Director shall continue a Na-  
14 tional Coordination Office with a Director and full-time  
15 staff.

16 “(b) FUNCTIONS.—The National Coordination Office  
17 shall—

18 “(1) provide technical and administrative sup-  
19 port to—

20 “(A) the agencies participating in planning  
21 and implementing the Program, including such  
22 support as needed in the development of the  
23 strategic plan under section 101(e); and

24 “(B) the advisory committee established  
25 under section 101(b);

1           “(2) serve as the primary point of contact on  
2 Federal networking and information technology ac-  
3 tivities for government organizations, academia, in-  
4 dustry, professional societies, State computing and  
5 networking technology programs, interested citizen  
6 groups, and others to exchange technical and pro-  
7 grammatic information;

8           “(3) solicit input and recommendations from a  
9 wide range of stakeholders during the development  
10 of each strategic plan required under section 101(e)  
11 through the convening of at least 1 workshop with  
12 invitees from academia, industry, Federal labora-  
13 tories, and other relevant organizations and institu-  
14 tions;

15           “(4) conduct public outreach, including the dis-  
16 semination of findings and recommendations of the  
17 advisory committee, as appropriate; and

18           “(5) promote access to and early application of  
19 the technologies, innovations, and expertise derived  
20 from Program activities to agency missions and sys-  
21 tems across the Federal Government and to United  
22 States industry.

23           “(c) SOURCE OF FUNDING.—

24           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The operation of the Na-  
25 tional Coordination Office shall be supported by

1 funds from each agency participating in the Pro-  
2 gram.

3 “(2) SPECIFICATIONS.—The portion of the total  
4 budget of such Office that is provided by each agen-  
5 cy for each fiscal year shall be in the same propor-  
6 tion as each such agency’s share of the total budget  
7 for the Program for the previous fiscal year, as spec-  
8 ified in the report required under section  
9 101(a)(3).”.

10 **SEC. 404. CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES FOR RESEARCH.**

11 Title I of the High-Performance Computing Act of  
12 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5511) is further amended by adding at  
13 the end the following:

14 **“SEC. 106. CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES FOR RESEARCH.**

15 “(a) INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.—Not later  
16 than 180 days after the date of enactment of the  
17 Strengthening and Enhancing Cybersecurity by Using Re-  
18 search, Education, Information, and Technology Act of  
19 2012, the Director of the National Coordination Office,  
20 working through the National Science and Technology  
21 Council, shall convene an interagency working group to  
22 examine—

23 “(1) the research and development needed—

24 “(A) to enhance the effectiveness and effi-  
25 ciency of cloud computing environments;

1           “(B) to increase the trustworthiness of  
2           cloud applications and infrastructure; and

3           “(C) to enhance the foundations of cloud  
4           architectures, programming models, and inter-  
5           operability; and

6           “(2) the potential use of cloud computing for  
7           federally funded science and engineering research,  
8           including issues around funding mechanisms and  
9           policies for the use of cloud computing services for  
10          such research.

11          “(b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the tasks in  
12          paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a), the working  
13          group shall consult with academia, industry, Federal lab-  
14          oratories, and other relevant organizations and institu-  
15          tions, as appropriate.

16          “(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
17          of enactment of the Strengthening and Enhancing Cyber-  
18          security by Using Research, Education, Information, and  
19          Technology Act of 2012, the Director of the National Co-  
20          ordination Office shall transmit to the Committee on  
21          Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Rep-  
22          resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
23          and Transportation of the Senate a report describing the  
24          findings and any recommendations of the working group.

1           “(d) **TERMINATION.**—The interagency working group  
2 shall terminate upon transmittal of the report required  
3 under subsection (c).”.

4 **SEC. 405. CYBERSECURITY UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY TASK**  
5 **FORCE.**

6           (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY**  
7 **TASK FORCE.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of  
8 enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Science  
9 and Technology Policy shall convene a task force to ex-  
10 plore mechanisms for carrying out collaborative research,  
11 development, education, and training activities for cyber-  
12 security through a consortium or other appropriate entity  
13 with participants from institutions of higher education and  
14 industry.

15           (b) **FUNCTIONS.**—The task force shall—

16               (1) develop options for a collaborative model  
17 and an organizational structure for such entity  
18 under which the joint research and development ac-  
19 tivities could be planned, managed, and conducted  
20 effectively, including mechanisms for the allocation  
21 of resources among the participants in such entity  
22 for support of such activities;

23               (2) propose a process for developing a research  
24 and development agenda for such entity, including  
25 guidelines to ensure an appropriate scope of work fo-



1       cused on nationally significant challenges and requir-  
2       ing collaboration;

3           (3) define the roles and responsibilities for the  
4       participants from institutions of higher education  
5       and industry in such entity;

6           (4) propose guidelines for assigning intellectual  
7       property rights, for the transfer of research and de-  
8       velopment results to the private sector; and

9           (5) make recommendations for how such entity  
10      could be funded from Federal, State, and nongovern-  
11      mental sources.

12      (c) COMPOSITION.—In establishing the task force  
13      under subsection (a), the Director of the Office of Science  
14      and Technology Policy shall appoint an equal number of  
15      individuals from institutions of higher education, including  
16      minority-serving institutions and community colleges, and  
17      from industry with knowledge and expertise in cybersecu-  
18      rity.

19      (d) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the  
20      date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office  
21      of Science and Technology Policy shall transmit to the  
22      Congress a report describing the findings and rec-  
23      ommendations of the task force.

1 (e) TERMINATION.—The task force shall terminate  
2 upon transmittal of the report required under subsection  
3 (d).

4 (f) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.—Members of  
5 the task force shall serve without compensation.

6 **SEC. 406. IMPROVING EDUCATION OF NETWORKING AND**  
7 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING**  
8 **HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING.**

9 Section 201(a) of the High-Performance Computing  
10 Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5521(a)) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through  
12 (4) as paragraphs (3) through (5), respectively; and

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(2) the National Science Foundation shall use  
16 its existing programs, in collaboration with other  
17 agencies, as appropriate, to improve the teaching  
18 and learning of networking and information tech-  
19 nology at all levels of education and to increase par-  
20 ticipation in networking and information technology  
21 fields;”.

1 **SEC. 407. CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO**  
2 **THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING ACT**  
3 **OF 1991.**

4 (a) SECTION 3.—Section 3 of the High-Performance  
5 Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5502) is amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
7 striking “high-performance computing” and insert-  
8 ing “networking and information technology”;

9 (2) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
11 (A), by striking “high-performance computing”  
12 and inserting “networking and information  
13 technology”;

14 (B) in subparagraphs (A), (F), and (G), by  
15 striking “high-performance computing” each  
16 place it appears and inserting “networking and  
17 information technology”; and

18 (C) in subparagraph (H), by striking  
19 “high-performance” and inserting “high-end”;  
20 and

21 (3) in paragraph (2)—

22 (A) by striking “high-performance com-  
23 puting and” and inserting “networking and in-  
24 formation technology, and”; and

1 (B) by striking “high-performance com-  
2 puting network” and inserting “networking and  
3 information technology”.

4 (b) TITLE HEADING.—The heading of title I of the  
5 High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 (105 Stat.  
6 1595) is amended by striking “**HIGH-PERFORM-**  
7 **ANCE COMPUTING**” and inserting “**NET-**  
8 **WORKING AND INFORMATION TECH-**  
9 **NOLOGY**”.

10 (c) SECTION 101.—Section 101 of the High-Perform-  
11 ance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5511) is amend-  
12 ed—

13 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**HIGH-**  
14 **PERFORMANCE COMPUTING**” and inserting  
15 “**NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECH-**  
16 **NOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**”;

17 (2) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
19 “NATIONAL HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING”  
20 and inserting “NETWORKING AND INFORMA-  
21 TION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-  
22 MENT”;

23 (B) in paragraph (1)—

24 (i) by striking “National High-Per-  
25 formance Computing Program” and insert-

1 ing “networking and information tech-  
2 nology research and development pro-  
3 gram”;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
5 “high-performance computing, including  
6 networking” and inserting “networking  
7 and information technology”;

8 (iii) in subparagraphs (B) and (G), by  
9 striking “high-performance” each place it  
10 appears and inserting “high-end”; and

11 (iv) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
12 “high-performance computing and net-  
13 working” and inserting “high-end com-  
14 puting, distributed, and networking”; and  
15 (C) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) in subparagraphs (A) and (C)—

17 (I) by striking “high-performance  
18 computing” each place it appears and  
19 inserting “networking and information  
20 technology”; and

21 (II) by striking “development,  
22 networking,” each place it appears  
23 and inserting “development,”; and

24 (ii) in subparagraphs (G) and (H), as  
25 redesignated by section 401(d) of this Act,

1                   by striking “high-performance” each place  
2                   it appears and inserting “high-end”;

3                   (3) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter pre-  
4                   ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “high-perform-  
5                   ance computing” each place it appears and inserting  
6                   “networking and information technology”; and

7                   (4) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by striking “high-  
8                   performance computing” and inserting “networking  
9                   and information technology”.

10                  (d) SECTION 201.—Section 201(a)(1) of the High-  
11 Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C.  
12 5521(a)(1)) is amended by striking “high-performance  
13 computing and advanced high-speed computer net-  
14 working” and inserting “networking and information tech-  
15 nology research and development”.

16                  (e) SECTION 202.—Section 202(a) of the High-Per-  
17 formance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5522(a)) is  
18 amended by striking “high-performance computing” and  
19 inserting “networking and information technology”.

20                  (f) SECTION 203.—Section 203(a) of the High-Per-  
21 formance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5523(a)) is  
22 amended—

23                   (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “high-per-  
24                   formance computing and networking” and inserting  
25                   “networking and information technology”; and

1           (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “high-per-  
2           formance” and inserting “high-end”.

3           (g) SECTION 204.—Section 204 of the High-Per-  
4           formance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5524) is  
5           amended—

6           (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

7                   (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
8                   “high-performance computing systems and net-  
9                   works” and inserting “networking and informa-  
10                   tion technology systems and capabilities”;

11                   (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
12                   “interoperability of high-performance com-  
13                   puting systems in networks and for common  
14                   user interfaces to systems” and inserting  
15                   “interoperability and usability of networking  
16                   and information technology systems”; and

17                   (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
18                   “high-performance computing” and inserting  
19                   “networking and information technology”; and

20           (2) in subsection (b)—

21                   (A) by striking “HIGH-PERFORMANCE  
22                   COMPUTING AND NETWORK” in the heading  
23                   and inserting “NETWORKING AND INFORMA-  
24                   TION TECHNOLOGY”; and

25                   (B) by striking “sensitive”.

1           (h) SECTION 205.—Section 205(a) of the High-Per-  
2 formance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5525(a)) is  
3 amended by striking “computational” and inserting “net-  
4 working and information technology”.

5           (i) SECTION 206.—Section 206(a) of the High-Per-  
6 formance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5526(a)) is  
7 amended by striking “computational research” and insert-  
8 ing “networking and information technology research”.

9           (j) SECTION 207.—Section 207 of the High-Perform-  
10 ance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5527) is amended  
11 by striking “high-performance computing” and inserting  
12 “networking and information technology”.

13           (k) SECTION 208.—Section 208 of the High-Per-  
14 formance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5528) is  
15 amended—

16               (1) in the section heading, by striking “**HIGH-**  
17               **PERFORMANCE COMPUTING**” and inserting  
18               “**NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECH-**  
19               **NOLOGY**”; and

20               (2) in subsection (a)—

21                       (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “High-  
22                       performance computing and associated” and in-  
23                       serting “Networking and information”;



1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “high-  
2 performance computing” and inserting “net-  
3 working and information technologies”;

4 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “high-  
5 performance” and inserting “high-end”;

6 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “high-  
7 performance computers and associated” and in-  
8 serting “networking and information”; and

9 (E) in paragraph (5), by striking “high-  
10 performance computing and associated” and in-  
11 serting “networking and information”.

12 **SEC. 408. FEDERAL CYBER SCHOLARSHIP-FOR-SERVICE**  
13 **PROGRAM.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National  
15 Science Foundation shall continue a Federal Cyber Schol-  
16 arship-for-Service program under section 5(a) of the  
17 Cyber Security Research and Development Act (15 U.S.C.  
18 7404(a)) to increase the capacity of the higher education  
19 system to produce an information technology workforce  
20 with the skills necessary to enhance the security of the  
21 Nation’s communications and information infrastructure  
22 and to recruit and train the next generation of information  
23 technology professionals and security managers to meet  
24 the needs of the cybersecurity mission for Federal, State,  
25 local, and tribal governments.

1 (b) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND COMPONENTS.—

2 The program shall—

3 (1) provide, through qualified institutions of  
4 higher education, scholarships that provide tuition,  
5 fees, and a competitive stipend for up to 2 years to  
6 students pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree  
7 and up to 3 years to students pursuing a doctoral  
8 degree in a cybersecurity field;

9 (2) provide the scholarship recipients with sum-  
10 mer internship opportunities or other meaningful  
11 temporary appointments in the Federal information  
12 technology workforce;

13 (3) increase the capacity of institutions of high-  
14 er education throughout all regions of the United  
15 States to produce highly qualified cybersecurity pro-  
16 fessionals, through the award of competitive, merit-  
17 reviewed grants that support such activities as—

18 (A) faculty professional development, in-  
19 cluding technical, hands-on experiences in the  
20 private sector or government, workshops, semi-  
21 nars, conferences, and other professional devel-  
22 opment opportunities that will result in im-  
23 proved instructional capabilities;

1 (B) institutional partnerships, including  
2 minority serving institutions and community  
3 colleges; and

4 (C) development of cybersecurity-related  
5 courses and curricula;

6 (4) provide a procedure for the hiring Federal  
7 agency, consistent with regulations of the Office of  
8 Personnel Management, to request and fund a secu-  
9 rity clearance for a scholarship recipient, including  
10 providing for clearance during a summer internship  
11 and upon graduation; and

12 (5) provide opportunities for students to receive  
13 temporary appointments for meaningful employment  
14 in the Federal information technology workforce  
15 during school vacation periods and for internships.

16 (c) HIRING AUTHORITY.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of any law or  
18 regulation governing the appointment of an indi-  
19 vidual in the Federal civil service, upon the success-  
20 ful completion of the degree, a student receiving a  
21 scholarship under the program may—

22 (A) be hired under section 213.3102(r) of  
23 title 5, Code of Federal Regulations; and

24 (B) be exempt from competitive service.

1           (2) COMPETITIVE SERVICE.—Upon satisfactory  
2 fulfillment of the service term under paragraph (1),  
3 an individual may be converted to a competitive  
4 service position without competition if the individual  
5 meets the requirements for that position.

6           (d) ELIGIBILITY.—A scholarship under this section  
7 shall be available only to a student who—

8           (1) is a citizen or permanent resident of the  
9 United States;

10           (2) is a full-time student in an eligible degree  
11 program, as determined by the Director, that is fo-  
12 cused on computer security or information assurance  
13 at an awardee institution;

14           (3) accepts the terms of a scholarship under  
15 this section;

16           (4) maintains a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0  
17 scale; and

18           (5) has demonstrated a level of proficiency in  
19 math or computer sciences.

20           (e) SERVICE OBLIGATION.—

21           (1) IN GENERAL.—If an individual receives a  
22 scholarship under this section, as a condition of re-  
23 ceiving such scholarship, the individual upon comple-  
24 tion of the degree must serve as a cybersecurity pro-

1        fessional within the Federal workforce for a period  
2        of time as provided in subsection (g).

3            (2) NOT OFFERED EMPLOYMENT.—If a scholar-  
4        ship recipient is not offered employment by a Fed-  
5        eral agency or a federally funded research and devel-  
6        opment center, the service requirement can be satis-  
7        fied at the Director’s discretion by—

8            (A) serving as a cybersecurity professional  
9            in a State, local, or tribal government agency;  
10          or

11          (B) teaching cybersecurity courses at an  
12          institution of higher education.

13          (f) CONDITIONS OF SUPPORT.—As a condition of ac-  
14        ceptance of a scholarship under this section, a scholarship  
15        recipient shall agree to provide the awardee institution  
16        with annual verifiable documentation of employment and  
17        up-to-date contact information.

18          (g) LENGTH OF SERVICE.—The length of service re-  
19        quired in exchange for a scholarship under this section  
20        shall be 1 year more than the number of years for which  
21        the scholarship was received.

22          (h) FAILURE TO COMPLETE SERVICE OBLIGA-  
23        TION.—

24            (1) GENERAL RULE.—A scholarship recipient  
25        under this section shall be liable to the United

1 States under paragraph (3) if the scholarship recipi-  
2 ent—

3 (A) fails to maintain an acceptable level of  
4 academic standing in the educational institution  
5 in which the individual is enrolled, as deter-  
6 mined by the Director;

7 (B) is dismissed from such educational in-  
8 stitution for disciplinary reasons;

9 (C) withdraws from the program for which  
10 the award was made before the completion of  
11 such program;

12 (D) declares that the individual does not  
13 intend to fulfill the service obligation under this  
14 section; or

15 (E) fails to fulfill the service obligation of  
16 the individual under this section.

17 (2) MONITORING COMPLIANCE.—As a condition  
18 of participating in the program, a qualified institu-  
19 tion of higher education receiving a grant under this  
20 section shall—

21 (A) enter into an agreement with the Di-  
22 rector of the National Science Foundation to  
23 monitor the compliance of scholarship recipients  
24 with respect to their service obligations; and

1 (B) provide to the Director, on an annual  
2 basis, post-award employment information for  
3 scholarship recipients through the completion of  
4 their service obligations.

5 (3) REPAYMENT AMOUNTS.—

6 (A) LESS THAN 1 YEAR OF SERVICE.—If a  
7 circumstance under paragraph (1) occurs before  
8 the completion of 1 year of a service obligation  
9 under this section, the total amount of awards  
10 received by the individual under this section  
11 shall be repaid or such amount shall be treated  
12 as a loan to be repaid in accordance with sub-  
13 paragraph (C).

14 (B) ONE OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE.—  
15 If a circumstance described in subparagraph  
16 (D) or (E) of paragraph (1) occurs after the  
17 completion of 1 year of a service obligation  
18 under this section, the total amount of scholar-  
19 ship awards received by the individual under  
20 this section, reduced by the ratio of the number  
21 of years of service completed divided by the  
22 number of years of service required, shall be re-  
23 paid or such amount shall be treated as a loan  
24 to be repaid in accordance with subparagraph  
25 (C).

1           (C) REPAYMENTS.—A loan described  
2 under subparagraph (A) or (B) shall be treated  
3 as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford  
4 Loan under part D of title IV of the Higher  
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et  
6 seq.), and shall be subject to repayment, to-  
7 gether with interest thereon accruing from the  
8 date of the scholarship award, in accordance  
9 with terms and conditions specified by the Di-  
10 rector (in consultation with the Secretary of  
11 Education) in regulations promulgated to carry  
12 out this paragraph.

13 (4) COLLECTION OF REPAYMENT.—

14           (A) IN GENERAL.—In the event that a  
15 scholarship recipient is required to repay the  
16 scholarship under this subsection, the institu-  
17 tion providing the scholarship shall—

18                   (i) be responsible for determining the  
19 repayment amounts and for notifying the  
20 scholarship recipient and the Director of  
21 the amount owed; and

22                   (ii) collect such repayment amount  
23 within a period of time as determined  
24 under the agreement under paragraph (2)  
25 or the repayment amount shall be treated



1 as a loan in accordance with paragraph  
2 (3)(C).

3 (B) RETURNED TO TREASURY.—Except as  
4 provided in subparagraph (C), any such repay-  
5 ment shall be returned to the Treasury of the  
6 United States.

7 (C) RETAIN PERCENTAGE.—An institution  
8 of higher education may retain a percentage of  
9 any repayment the institution collects under  
10 this paragraph to defray administrative costs  
11 associated with the collection. The Director  
12 shall establish a single, fixed percentage that  
13 will apply to all eligible entities.

14 (5) EXCEPTIONS.—The Director may provide  
15 for the partial or total waiver or suspension of any  
16 service or payment obligation by an individual under  
17 this section if—

18 (A) compliance by the individual with the  
19 obligation is impossible;

20 (B) compliance by the individual would in-  
21 volve extreme hardship to the individual; or

22 (C) enforcement of such obligation with re-  
23 spect to the individual would be unconscionable.

24 (i) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—The Director of the  
25 National Science Foundation shall—



1 mental agencies, regulatory entities, and nongovernmental  
2 organizations in the course of the study.

3 (b) SCOPE.—The study shall include—

4 (1) an evaluation of the body of knowledge and  
5 various skills that specific categories of personnel  
6 working in information infrastructure should possess  
7 in order to secure information systems;

8 (2) an assessment of whether existing govern-  
9 ment, academic, and private-sector accreditation,  
10 training, and certification programs provide the body  
11 of knowledge and various skills described in para-  
12 graph (1);

13 (3) an analysis of any barriers to the Federal  
14 Government recruiting and hiring cybersecurity tal-  
15 ent, including barriers relating to compensation, the  
16 hiring process, job classification, and hiring flexi-  
17 bility; and

18 (4) an analysis of the sources and availability of  
19 cybersecurity talent, a comparison of the skills and  
20 expertise sought by the Federal Government and the  
21 private sector, and an examination of the current  
22 and future capacity of United States institutions of  
23 higher education, including community colleges, to  
24 provide current and future cybersecurity profes-  
25 sionals, through education and training activities,

1 with those skills sought by the Federal Government,  
2 State and local entities, and the private sector.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
4 of enactment of this Act, the National Academies shall  
5 submit to the President and Congress a report on the re-  
6 sults of the study. The report shall include—

7 (1) findings regarding the state of information  
8 infrastructure accreditation, training, and certifi-  
9 cation programs, including specific areas of defi-  
10 ciency and demonstrable progress; and

11 (2) recommendations for the improvement of in-  
12 formation infrastructure accreditation, training, and  
13 certification programs.

14 **SEC. 410. CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND DE-**  
15 **VELOPMENT PLAN.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months after  
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the agencies designated  
18 under section 101(a)(3)(B) (i) through (xi) of the High-  
19 Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C.  
20 5511(a)(3)(B) (i) through (xi)) (working through the Na-  
21 tional Science and Technology Council) shall transmit to  
22 Congress a strategic plan based on an assessment of cy-  
23 bersecurity risk to guide the overall direction of Federal  
24 cybersecurity and information assurance research and de-  
25 velopment for information technology and networking sys-

1 tems. Once every 3 years after the initial strategic plan  
2 is transmitted to Congress under this section, the agencies  
3 shall prepare and transmit to Congress an update of the  
4 strategic plan.

5 (b) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—The strategic plan under  
6 subsection (a) shall—

7 (1) specify and prioritize—

8 (A) near-term, mid-term, and long-term re-  
9 search objectives, including objectives associated  
10 with the research areas identified in section  
11 4(a)(1) of the Cyber Security Research and De-  
12 velopment Act (15 U.S.C. 7403(a)(1)); and

13 (B) how the near-term objectives com-  
14 plement research and development areas in  
15 which the private sector is actively engaged;

16 (2) describe how the National Networking and  
17 Information Technology Research and Development  
18 Program will focus on innovative, transformational  
19 technologies with the potential to enhance the secu-  
20 rity, reliability, resilience, and trustworthiness of the  
21 digital infrastructure, and to protect consumer pri-  
22 vacy;

23 (3) describe how the Program will foster the  
24 rapid transfer of research and development results  
25 into new cybersecurity technologies and applications

1 for the timely benefit of society and the national in-  
2 terest, including through the dissemination of best  
3 practices and other outreach activities;

4 (4) describe how the Program will establish and  
5 maintain a national research infrastructure for cre-  
6 ating, testing, and evaluating the next generation of  
7 secure networking and information technology sys-  
8 tems;

9 (5) describe how the Program will facilitate ac-  
10 cess by academic researchers to the infrastructure  
11 described in paragraph (4), as well as to relevant  
12 data, including event data; and

13 (6) describe how the Program will engage fe-  
14 males and individuals identified in section 33 or 34  
15 of the Science and Engineering Equal Opportunities  
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 1885a and 1885b) to foster a more  
17 diverse workforce in this area.

18 (c) DEVELOPMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION ROAD-  
19 MAP.—The agencies described in subsection (a) shall de-  
20 velop and annually update an implementation roadmap for  
21 the strategic plan under this section. The implementation  
22 roadmap shall—

23 (1) specify the role of each Federal agency in  
24 carrying out or sponsoring research and development  
25 to meet the research objectives of the strategic plan,

1 including a description of how progress toward the  
2 research objectives will be evaluated;

3 (2) specify the funding allocated to each major  
4 research objective of the strategic plan and the  
5 source of funding by agency for the current fiscal  
6 year; and

7 (3) estimate the funding required for each  
8 major research objective of the strategic plan for the  
9 following 3 fiscal years.

10 (d) RECOMMENDATIONS.—In developing and updat-  
11 ing the strategic plan under subsection (a), the agencies  
12 involved shall solicit recommendations and advice from—

13 (1) the advisory committee established under  
14 section 101(b)(1) of the High-Performance Com-  
15 puting Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C. 5511(b)(1)); and

16 (2) a wide range of stakeholders, including in-  
17 dustry, academia (including representatives of mi-  
18 nority serving institutions and community colleges),  
19 National Laboratories, and other relevant organiza-  
20 tions and institutions.

21 (e) REPORT APPENDIX.—The implementation road-  
22 map under subsection (c), and its annual updates, shall  
23 be appended to the report under section 101(a)(2)(D) of  
24 the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C.  
25 5511(a)(2)(D)).

1 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—From  
2 amounts made available under section 503 of the America  
3 COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (124 Stat.  
4 4005), the Secretary may use funds to carry out the re-  
5 quirements of this section for fiscal years 2012 through  
6 2013.

7 **SEC. 411. INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY TECHNICAL**  
8 **STANDARDS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National In-  
10 stitute of Standards and Technology, in coordination with  
11 appropriate Federal authorities, shall—

12 (1) as appropriate, ensure coordination of Fed-  
13 eral agencies engaged in the development of inter-  
14 national technical standards related to information  
15 system security; and

16 (2) not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
17 actment of this Act, develop and transmit to Con-  
18 gress a plan for ensuring such Federal agency co-  
19 ordination.

20 (b) CONSULTATION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.—  
21 In carrying out the activities under subsection (a)(1), the  
22 Director shall ensure consultation with appropriate private  
23 sector stakeholders.



1 **SEC. 412. IDENTITY MANAGEMENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**  
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3 The Director of the National Institute of Standards  
4 and Technology shall continue a program to support the  
5 development of technical standards, metrology, testbeds,  
6 and conformance criteria, taking into account appropriate  
7 user concerns—

8 (1) to improve interoperability among identity  
9 management technologies;

10 (2) to strengthen authentication methods of  
11 identity management systems;

12 (3) to improve privacy protection in identity  
13 management systems, including health information  
14 technology systems, through authentication and se-  
15 curity protocols; and

16 (4) to improve the usability of identity manage-  
17 ment systems.

18 **SEC. 413. FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**  
19

20 (a) COMPUTER AND NETWORK SECURITY RESEARCH  
21 AREAS.—Section 4(a)(1) of the Cyber Security Research  
22 and Development Act (15 U.S.C. 7403(a)(1)) is amend-  
23 ed—

24 (1) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “identity  
25 management,” after “cryptography,”; and

1           (2) in subparagraph (I), by inserting “, crimes  
2           against children, and organized crime” after “intel-  
3           lectual property”.

4           (b) COMPUTER AND NETWORK SECURITY RESEARCH  
5 GRANTS.—Section 4(a)(3) of such Act (15 U.S.C.  
6 7403(a)(3)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (A)  
7 through (E) and inserting the following new subpara-  
8 graphs:

9                   “(A) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;  
10                   “(B) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and  
11                   “(C) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.”.

12           (c) COMPUTER AND NETWORK SECURITY RESEARCH  
13 CENTERS.—Section 4(b) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 7403(b))  
14 is amended—

15           (1) in paragraph (4)—

16                   (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
17                   “and” after the semicolon;

18                   (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the  
19                   period and inserting “; and”; and

20                   (C) by adding at the end the following new  
21                   subparagraph:

22                   “(E) how the center will partner with gov-  
23                   ernment laboratories, for-profit entities, other  
24                   institutions of higher education, or nonprofit re-  
25                   search institutions.”; and

1           (2) in paragraph (7) by striking subparagraphs  
2           (A) through (E) and inserting the following new  
3           subparagraphs:

4                     “(A) \$4,500,000 for fiscal year 2012;

5                     “(B) \$4,500,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

6                     “(C) \$4,500,000 for fiscal year 2014.”.

7           (d) COMPUTER AND NETWORK SECURITY CAPACITY  
8 BUILDING GRANTS.—Section 5(a)(6) of such Act (15  
9 U.S.C. 7404(a)(6)) is amended by striking subparagraphs  
10 (A) through (E) and inserting the following new subpara-  
11 graphs:

12                     “(A) \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

13                     “(B) \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

14                     “(C) \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.”.

15           (e) SCIENTIFIC AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ACT  
16 GRANTS.—Section 5(b)(2) of such Act (15 U.S.C.  
17 7404(b)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (A)  
18 through (E) and inserting the following new subpara-  
19 graphs:

20                     “(A) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2012;

21                     “(B) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

22                     “(C) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2014.”.

23           (f) GRADUATE TRAINEESHIPS IN COMPUTER AND  
24 NETWORK SECURITY.—Section 5(c)(7) of such Act (15  
25 U.S.C. 7404(c)(7)) is amended by striking subparagraphs

1 (A) through (E) and inserting the following new subpara-  
2 graphs:

3 “(A) \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

4 “(B) \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

5 “(C) \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.”.

6 (g) CYBER SECURITY FACULTY DEVELOPMENT  
7 TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM.—Section 5(e) of such Act (15  
8 U.S.C. 7404(e)) is repealed.

9 **SEC. 414. CYBERSECURITY AUTOMATION AND CHECKLISTS**  
10 **FOR GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS.**

11 Section 8(c) of the Cyber Security Research and De-  
12 velopment Act (15 U.S.C. 7406(c)) is amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 “(c) SECURITY AUTOMATION AND CHECKLISTS FOR  
15 GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Na-  
17 tional Institute of Standards and Technology shall  
18 develop, and revise as necessary, security automation  
19 standards, associated reference materials (including  
20 protocols), and checklists providing settings and op-  
21 tion selections that minimize the security risks asso-  
22 ciated with each information technology hardware or  
23 software system and security tool that is, or is likely  
24 to become, widely used within the Federal Govern-  
25 ment in order to enable standardized and interoper-

1 able technologies, architectures, and frameworks for  
2 continuous monitoring of information security within  
3 the Federal Government.

4 “(2) PRIORITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT.—The Di-  
5 rector of the National Institute of Standards and  
6 Technology shall establish priorities for the develop-  
7 ment of standards, reference materials, and check-  
8 lists under this subsection on the basis of—

9 “(A) the security risks associated with the  
10 use of the system;

11 “(B) the number of agencies that use a  
12 particular system or security tool;

13 “(C) the usefulness of the standards, ref-  
14 erence materials, or checklists to Federal agen-  
15 cies that are users or potential users of the sys-  
16 tem;

17 “(D) the effectiveness of the associated  
18 standard, reference material, or checklist in cre-  
19 ating or enabling continuous monitoring of in-  
20 formation security; or

21 “(E) such other factors as the Director of  
22 the National Institute of Standards and Tech-  
23 nology determines to be appropriate.

24 “(3) EXCLUDED SYSTEMS.—The Director of  
25 the National Institute of Standards and Technology

1 may exclude from the application of paragraph (1)  
2 any information technology hardware or software  
3 system or security tool for which such Director de-  
4 termines that the development of a standard, ref-  
5 erence material, or checklist is inappropriate because  
6 of the infrequency of use of the system, the obsoles-  
7 cence of the system, or the inutility or imprac-  
8 ticability of developing a standard, reference mate-  
9 rial, or checklist for the system.

10 “(4) DISSEMINATION OF STANDARDS AND RE-  
11 LATED MATERIALS.—The Director of the National  
12 Institute of Standards and Technology shall ensure  
13 that Federal agencies are informed of the avail-  
14 ability of any standard, reference material, checklist,  
15 or other item developed under this subsection.

16 “(5) AGENCY USE REQUIREMENTS.—The devel-  
17 opment of standards, reference materials, and check-  
18 lists under paragraph (1) for an information tech-  
19 nology hardware or software system or tool does  
20 not—

21 “(A) require any Federal agency to select  
22 the specific settings or options recommended by  
23 the standard, reference material, or checklist  
24 for the system;

1           “(B) establish conditions or prerequisites  
2           for Federal agency procurement or deployment  
3           of any such system;

4           “(C) imply an endorsement of any such  
5           system by the Director of the National Institute  
6           of Standards and Technology; or

7           “(D) preclude any Federal agency from  
8           procuring or deploying other information tech-  
9           nology hardware or software systems for which  
10          no such standard, reference material, or check-  
11          list has been developed or identified under para-  
12          graph (1).”.

13 **SEC. 415. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECH-**  
14 **NOLOGY CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH AND**  
15 **DEVELOPMENT.**

16          Section 20 of the National Institute of Standards and  
17          Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278g-3) is amended—

18                 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
19                 section (f); and

20                 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
21                 lowing:

22                 “(e) INTRAMURAL SECURITY RESEARCH.—As part of  
23                 the research activities conducted in accordance with sub-  
24                 section (d)(3), the Institute shall—

1           “(1) conduct a research program to develop a  
2           unifying and standardized identity, privilege, and ac-  
3           cess control management framework for the execu-  
4           tion of a wide variety of resource protection policies  
5           and that is amenable to implementation within a  
6           wide variety of existing and emerging computing en-  
7           vironments;

8           “(2) carry out research associated with improv-  
9           ing the security of information systems and net-  
10          works;

11          “(3) carry out research associated with improv-  
12          ing the testing, measurement, usability, and assur-  
13          ance of information systems and networks; and

14          “(4) carry out research associated with improv-  
15          ing security of industrial control systems.”.

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