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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

Mr. SULLIVAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL.

(a) CONTINUATION.—The Federal Communications Commission shall continue the advisory committee known as the “FCC’s Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council” (in this section referred to as the “Council”) in accordance with its charter, as modified by
this section, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Council shall consider and recommend—

(1) how to promote reliable 9–1–1 services, E9–1–1 services, and Next Generation 9–1–1 services (as such services are defined in section 158 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 942));

(2) how to extend next generation capabilities to other services using abbreviated dialing codes to ensure their reliability and cost effective deployment;

(3) how to make communications networks, including broadband networks and VoIP systems, more secure, resilient, and defendable against Internet-based attacks;

(4) how to promote the development of a next generation alerting system that leverages advanced technologies and the Internet to distribute emergency alerts and warnings to the public; and

(5) how to improve the functioning of the priority services programs related to national security and emergency preparedness, including Government Emergency Telecommunications Service, Telecom-
munications Service Priority, and Wireless Priority Service.

(c) Report.—

(1) In general.—Not later than March 1, 2013, the Council shall transmit to the Federal Communications Commission, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report containing the following:

(A) Any recommendations developed under subsection (b), along with a summary of those recommendations.

(B) A summary of the greatest and growing threats to the security of communications networks, including broadband networks and VoIP systems.

(C) An itemization of any statutory or regulatory obstacles to enhancing the security of communications networks, including broadband networks and VoIP systems, through voluntary public-private partnerships.

(2) Requirement.—The Council shall transmit a report under paragraph (1) that has been
agreed to by at least a two-thirds majority of the members of the Council.

SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act may be construed to grant any authority to the Federal Communications Commission to adopt rules or regulations or to impose binding obligations on businesses or consumers.