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To require a study on the recruitment, retention, and development of cyberspace experts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cyberspace Warriors
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND DE-**
7 **VELOPMENT OF CYBERSPACE EXPERTS.**

8 (a) STUDY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of Defense shall enter into a contract with an inde-
2 pendent entity to conduct a study examining the
3 availability of personnel for Department of Defense
4 defensive and offensive cyberspace operations, identi-
5 fying any gaps in meeting personnel needs, and rec-
6 ommending available mechanisms to fill such gaps,
7 including permanent and temporary positions.

8 (2) QUALIFICATIONS OF ORGANIZATION SE-
9 LECTED.—The entity selected to carry out the study
10 under paragraph (1) shall include experts with a
11 demonstrated expertise in the fields of national secu-
12 rity and human capital development across the var-
13 ious military services, encompassing active and re-
14 serve component issues, previous experience in con-
15 ducting research on cyberspace personnel issues,
16 policies, and strategies, knowledge of cybersecurity,
17 including in the private sector, and on the basis of
18 such other criteria as the Secretary of Defense may
19 determine.

20 (3) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—The Secretary
21 of Defense shall ensure that the entity conducting
22 the study required under paragraph (1) has access
23 to all necessary data, records, analysis, personnel,
24 and other resources necessary to complete the study.

25 (b) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
2 after entering into a contract with an independent
3 entity under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense
4 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
5 a report containing the results of the study con-
6 ducted under such subsection.

7 (2) MATTERS TO BE COVERED.—The report re-
8 quired under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
9 lowing elements:

10 (A) A statement of capabilities and num-
11 ber of cyberspace operations personnel required
12 to meet the defensive and offensive cyberspace
13 operation requirements of the Department of
14 Defense.

15 (B) An assessment of the sufficiency of the
16 numbers and types of personnel available for
17 cyberspace operations, including an assessment
18 of the balance of military personnel, Depart-
19 ment of Defense civilian employees, and con-
20 tractor positions, and the availability of per-
21 sonnel with expertise in matters related to
22 cyberspace operations from outside of the De-
23 partment of Defense.

1 (C) A description of the obstacles to ade-
2 quate recruitment and retention of such per-
3 sonnel.

4 (D) An exploration of the various recruit-
5 ing, training, and affiliation mechanisms, such
6 as the reserve components, including the indi-
7 vidual ready reserves, the civilian expeditionary
8 workforce, corporate and university partner-
9 ships, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps,
10 and civilian auxiliaries to address challenges to
11 recruitment, retention, and training.

12 (E) A description of incentives that enable
13 and encourage individuals with cyber skills from
14 outside the Department of Defense to affiliate
15 with the Armed Forces and civilian employees
16 of the Department of Defense through other
17 types of service agreements, as well as obstacles
18 that discourage cyberspace experts and the De-
19 partment of Defense from implementing new
20 organizational constructs.

21 (F) Identification of legal, policy, or ad-
22 ministrative impediments to attracting and re-
23 taining cyberspace operations personnel.

1 (G) Recommendations for legislative or
2 policy changes necessary to increase the avail-
3 ability of cyberspace operations personnel.

4 (c) SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS.—Not later than 90
5 days after the Secretary of Defense submits the report re-
6 quired under subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense and
7 the Secretaries of each of the military departments shall
8 submit to the congressional defense committees comments
9 on the findings and recommendations contained in the re-
10 port.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—
13 The term “congressional defense committees” means
14 the Committees on Armed Services and Appropria-
15 tions of the Senate and the House of Representa-
16 tives.

17 (2) CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS PERSONNEL.—
18 The term “cyberspace operations personnel” refers
19 to members of the Armed Forces and civilian em-
20 ployees of the Department of Defense involved with
21 the operations and maintenance of a computer net-
22 work connected to the global information grid, as
23 well as offensive, defensive, and exploitation func-
24 tions of such a network.

1 (3) MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.—The term “mili-
2 tary departments” has the meaning given the term
3 in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.

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