

117TH CONGRESS
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AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “State and Local Gov-
3 ernment Cybersecurity Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY ACT**
5 **OF 2002.**

6 Subtitle A of title XXII of the Homeland Security
7 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) in section 2201 (6 U.S.C. 651), by adding
9 at the end the following:

10 “(7) **SLTT ENTITY.**—The term ‘SLTT entity’
11 means a domestic government entity that is a State
12 government, local government, Tribal government,
13 territorial government, or any subdivision thereof.”;
14 and

15 (2) in section 2209 (6 U.S.C. 659)—

16 (A) in subsection (c)(6), by inserting
17 “operational and” before “timely”;

18 (B) in subsection (d)(1)(E), by inserting “,
19 including an entity that collaborates with elec-
20 tion officials,” after “governments”; and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(p) **COORDINATION ON CYBERSECURITY FOR SLTT**
23 **ENTITIES.**—

24 “(1) **COORDINATION.**—The Center shall, upon
25 request and to the extent practicable, and in coordi-
26 nation as appropriate with Federal and non-Federal

1 entities, such as the Multi-State Information Shar-
2 ing and Analysis Center—

3 “(A) conduct exercises with SLTT entities;

4 “(B) provide operational and technical cy-
5 bersecurity training to SLTT entities to ad-
6 dress cybersecurity risks or incidents, with or
7 without reimbursement, related to—

8 “(i) cyber threat indicators;

9 “(ii) defensive measures;

10 “(iii) cybersecurity risks;

11 “(iv) vulnerabilities; and

12 “(v) incident response and manage-
13 ment;

14 “(C) in order to increase situational aware-
15 ness and help prevent incidents, assist SLTT
16 entities in sharing, in real time, with the Fed-
17 eral Government as well as among SLTT enti-
18 ties, actionable—

19 “(i) cyber threat indicators;

20 “(ii) defensive measures;

21 “(iii) information about cybersecurity
22 risks; and

23 “(iv) information about incidents;

1 “(D) provide SLTT entities notifications
2 containing specific incident and malware infor-
3 mation that may affect them or their residents;

4 “(E) provide to, and periodically update,
5 SLTT entities via an easily accessible platform
6 and other means—

7 “(i) information about tools;

8 “(ii) information about products;

9 “(iii) resources;

10 “(iv) policies;

11 “(v) guidelines;

12 “(vi) controls; and

13 “(vii) other cybersecurity standards
14 and best practices and procedures related
15 to information security, including, as ap-
16 propriate, information produced by other
17 Federal agencies;

18 “(F) work with senior SLTT entity offi-
19 cials, including chief information officers and
20 senior election officials and through national as-
21 sociations, to coordinate the effective implemen-
22 tation by SLTT entities of tools, products, re-
23 sources, policies, guidelines, controls, and proce-
24 dures related to information security to secure

1 the information systems, including election sys-
2 tems, of SLTT entities;

3 “(G) provide operational and technical as-
4 sistance to SLTT entities to implement tools,
5 products, resources, policies, guidelines, con-
6 trols, and procedures on information security;

7 “(H) assist SLTT entities in developing
8 policies and procedures for coordinating vulner-
9 ability disclosures consistent with international
10 and national standards in the information tech-
11 nology industry; and

12 “(I) promote cybersecurity education and
13 awareness through engagements with Federal
14 agencies and non-Federal entities.

15 “(q) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
16 of enactment of this subsection, and every 2 years there-
17 after, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
18 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
19 ate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the
20 House of Representatives a report on the services and ca-

1 pabilities that the Agency directly and indirectly provides
2 to SLTT entities.”.

Passed the Senate January 11 (legislative day, January 10), 2022.

Attest:

Secretary.

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