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[Report No. 118–70]

To amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish the Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2023

Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Ms. WILD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Additional sponsor: Ms. LEE of Nevada

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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 “NTIA Policy and Cy-
5 bersecurity Coordination Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND CYBERSECURITY.**

7 (a) OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND CYBER-
8 SECURITY.—Part A of the National Telecommunications
9 and Information Administration Organization Act (47
10 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
11 following:

12 **“SEC. 106. OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND CYBER-**
13 **SECURITY.**

14 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be within the
15 NTIA an office to be known as the Office of Policy Devel-
16 opment and Cybersecurity (in this section referred to as
17 the ‘Office’).

18 “(b) ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR.—The head of the
19 Office shall be an Associate Administrator for Policy De-
20 velopment and Cybersecurity (in this section referred to
21 as the ‘Associate Administrator’), who shall report to the
22 Assistant Secretary.

23 “(c) DUTIES.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Associate Adminis-
25 trator shall oversee and conduct national commu-

1 nications and information policy analysis and devel-
2 opment for the internet and communications tech-
3 nologies.

4 “(2) PARTICULAR DUTIES.—In carrying out
5 paragraph (1), the Associate Administrator shall—

6 “(A) develop, analyze, and advocate for
7 market-based policies that promote innovation,
8 competition, consumer access, digital inclusion,
9 workforce development, and economic growth in
10 the communications, media, and technology
11 markets;

12 “(B) conduct studies, as delegated by the
13 Assistant Secretary or required by Congress, on
14 how individuals in the United States access and
15 use the internet, wireline and wireless teleph-
16 ony, mass media, other digital services, and
17 video services;

18 “(C) coordinate transparent, consensus-
19 based, multistakeholder processes to create
20 guidance for and to support the development
21 and implementation of cybersecurity and pri-
22 vacy policies with respect to the internet and
23 other communications networks;

24 “(D) promote increased collaboration be-
25 tween security researchers and providers of

1 communications services and software system
2 developers;

3 “(E) perform such duties as the Assistant
4 Secretary considers appropriate relating to the
5 program for preventing future vulnerabilities es-
6 tablished under section 8(a) of the Secure and
7 Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019
8 (47 U.S.C. 1607(a));

9 “(F) advocate for policies that promote the
10 security and resilience to cybersecurity incidents
11 of communications networks while fostering in-
12 novation, including policies that promote secure
13 communications network supply chains;

14 “(G) at the direction of the Assistant Sec-
15 retary, present security of the digital economy
16 and infrastructure and cybersecurity policy ef-
17 forts before the Commission, Congress, and
18 elsewhere;

19 “(H) provide advice and assistance to the
20 Assistant Secretary in carrying out the policy
21 responsibilities of the NTIA with respect to cy-
22 bersecurity policy matters, including the evalua-
23 tion of the impact of cybersecurity matters
24 pending before the Commission, other Federal
25 agencies, and Congress;

1 “(I) in addition to the duties described in
2 subparagraph (H), perform such other duties
3 regarding the policy responsibilities of the
4 NTIA with respect to cybersecurity policy mat-
5 ters as the Assistant Secretary considers appro-
6 priate;

7 “(J) develop policies to accelerate innova-
8 tion and commercialization with respect to ad-
9 vances in technological understanding of com-
10 munications technologies;

11 “(K) identify barriers to trust, security, in-
12 novation, and commercialization with respect to
13 communications technologies, including access
14 to capital and other resources, and ways to
15 overcome such barriers;

16 “(L) provide public access to relevant data,
17 research, and technical assistance on innovation
18 and commercialization with respect to commu-
19 nications technologies, consistent with the pro-
20 tection of classified information;

21 “(M) strengthen collaboration on and co-
22 ordination of policies relating to innovation and
23 commercialization with respect to communica-
24 tions technologies, including policies focused on

1 the needs of small businesses and rural commu-
2 nities—

3 “(i) within the Department of Com-
4 merce;

5 “(ii) between the Department of Com-
6 merce and State government agencies, as
7 appropriate; and

8 “(iii) between the Department of
9 Commerce and the Commission or any
10 other Federal agency the Assistant Sec-
11 retary determines to be necessary; and

12 “(N) solicit and consider feedback from
13 small and rural communications service pro-
14 viders, as appropriate.”.

15 (b) TRANSITIONAL RULES.—

16 (1) REDESIGNATION OF ASSOCIATE ADMINIS-
17 TRATOR; CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—

18 (A) REDESIGNATION.—The position of As-
19 sociate Administrator for Policy Analysis and
20 Development at the NTIA is hereby redesign-
21 nated as the position of Associate Adminis-
22 trator for Policy Development and Cybersecu-
23 rity.

24 (B) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—The in-
25 dividual serving as Associate Administrator for

1 Policy Analysis and Development at the NTIA
2 on the date of the enactment of this Act shall
3 become, as of such date, the Associate Adminis-
4 trator for Policy Development and Cybersecu-
5 rity.

6 (2) NTIA DEFINED.—In this subsection, the
7 term “NTIA” means the National Telecommuni-
8 cations and Information Administration.

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