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# H. R. 8770

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2024

Mr. VEASEY (for himself and Mr. PFLUGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Cybersecurity Clinics  
3 Grant Program Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CYBERSECURITY CLINICS GRANT PROGRAM.**

5       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland  
6 Security, acting through the Director of the Cybersecurity  
7 and Infrastructure Security Agency, shall establish a pro-  
8 gram to be known as the “Cybersecurity Clinics Grant  
9 Program” (in this section referred to as the “Program”).  
10 Under the Program, the Secretary shall make grants to  
11 fund university-based cybersecurity clinics at junior or  
12 community colleges, historically Black colleges and univer-  
13 sities (HBCUs), Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs), and  
14 other minority-serving institutions to allow such colleges,  
15 universities, and institutions to—

16           (1) develop interactive, personalized workshops  
17 to provide education on the importance of protecting  
18 devices, data, and identity from physical and digital  
19 compromise;

20           (2) develop experiential cybersecurity curricu-  
21 lums to provide education relating to how to increase  
22 cybersecurity resilience in organizations and defend  
23 against digital threats;

24           (3) offer high-potential paths to increase the  
25 number of experienced cybersecurity professionals by  
26 creating a talent pipeline of students with practical

1 experience, and appropriate certifications, interested  
2 in joining the cybersecurity workforce; and

3 (4) help civil society organizations, State and  
4 local government agencies, critical infrastructure  
5 providers, small and medium-sized businesses, and  
6 other under-represented and under-resourced public  
7 interest organizations to improve their cyber pre-  
8 paredness and cyber workforces.

9 (b) EXPERIENTIAL CYBERSECURITY CURRICU-  
10 LUMS.—Not later than two years after the date of the en-  
11 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
12 acting through the Director of the Cybersecurity and In-  
13 frastructure Security Agency, shall coordinate with the Di-  
14 rector of the National Institute of Standards and Tech-  
15 nology (NIST) and the Consortium of Cybersecurity Clin-  
16 ics to publish, in tandem with existing curriculum pub-  
17 lished by NIST, the experiential cybersecurity curriculums  
18 developed pursuant to subsection (a)(2) to carry out the  
19 Program.

20 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Administrator of the  
21 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall administer  
22 the Program to ensure the implementation of cybersecu-  
23 rity clinics colleges, universities, and institutions referred  
24 to in subsection (a).

1       (d) GUIDANCE.—Not later than two years after the  
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
3 land Security, acting through the Director of the Cyberse-  
4 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency, shall issue  
5 guidance regarding the development of experiential cyber-  
6 security curriculums pursuant to paragraph (2) of sub-  
7 section (a).

8       (e) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary of Homeland  
9 Security, acting through the Director of the Cybersecurity  
10 and Infrastructure Security Agency, and in consultation  
11 with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Man-  
12 agement Agency, shall annually submit to the Committee  
13 on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives  
14 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-  
15 mental Affairs of the Senate a report containing informa-  
16 tion on the following:

17           (1) The expenditure by each grant recipient of  
18 grant funds made under the Program.

19           (2) Program participation, including the num-  
20 ber of graduating students entering the cyber work-  
21 force.

22       (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
23 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-  
24 essary to carry out the Program.

25       (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The  
2           term “Hispanic-serving institution” has the meaning  
3           given such term in section 502 of the Higher Edu-  
4           cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a).

5           (2) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNI-  
6           VERSITIES.—The term “historically Black colleges  
7           and universities” has the meaning given the term  
8           “part B institution” in section 322 of the Higher  
9           Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

10          (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The  
11          term “institution of higher education” has the  
12          meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-  
13          er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

14          (4) JUNIOR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The  
15          term “junior or community college” has the meaning  
16          given such term in section 312(f) of the Higher  
17          Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(f)).

18          (5) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The  
19          term “minority-serving institution” means an insti-  
20          tution of higher education described in section  
21          371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
22          U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

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