

Union Calendar No. 581

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9459

[Report No. 118–687]

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Mr. GUEST (for himself and Mr. IVEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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 “Producing Advanced
 5 Technologies for Homeland Security Act” or the “PATHS
 6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACQUISITION**
 8 **PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 831 of the Homeland Se-
 10 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 391) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 13 by striking “Until September 30, 2024, and
 14 subject to subsection (d)” and inserting “Until
 15 September 30, 2027, and subject to subsection
 16 (c)”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 18 paragraph:

19 “(3) OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY INVOLV-
 20 ING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Not later than 72
 21 hours after the use or extension of the transaction
 22 authority authorized under paragraph (1) involving
 23 artificial intelligence technology, the Secretary shall
 24 notify the Committee on Appropriations and the
 25 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental

1 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Appro-
2 priations and the Committee on Homeland Security
3 of the House of Representatives and offer a briefing
4 explaining the reason for the use or extension.”; and

5 (2) in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding
6 subparagraph (A), by striking “September 30,
7 2024” and inserting “September 30, 2027”.

8 (b) REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF COVERED CONTRACT
9 AWARD.—Subparagraph (A) of section 7113(d)(1) of the
10 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
11 Fiscal Year 2023 (6 U.S.C. 112 note; Public Law 117–
12 263) is amended by striking “\$4,000,000” and inserting
13 “\$1,000,000”.

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