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H. R. 7266

[Report No. 119–629]

To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2026

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself and Ms. MCCLELLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

APRIL 30, 2026

Additional sponsor: Mrs. HARSHBARGER

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and ordered to be printed

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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 “Rural and Municipal
 5 Utility Cybersecurity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RURAL AND MUNICIPAL UTILITY ADVANCED CY-**
 7 **BERSECURITY GRANT AND TECHNICAL AS-**
 8 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

9 Section 40124 of the Infrastructure Investment and
 10 Jobs Act (42 U.S.C. 18723) is amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 40124. RURAL AND MUNICIPAL UTILITY ADVANCED**
 12 **CYBERSECURITY GRANT AND TECHNICAL AS-**
 13 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

14 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) ADVANCED CYBERSECURITY TECH-
 16 NOLOGY.—The term ‘advanced cybersecurity tech-
 17 nology’ means any technology, operational capability,
 18 or service, including computer hardware, software,
 19 or a related asset, that enhances the security posture
 20 of electric utilities through improvements in the abil-
 21 ity to protect against, detect, respond to, or recover
 22 from a cybersecurity threat.

23 “(2) BULK-POWER SYSTEM.—The term ‘bulk-
 24 power system’ has the meaning given the term in
 25 section 215(a) of the Federal Power Act.

1 “(3) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term ‘cy-
2 bersecurity threat’ has the meaning given the term
3 in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of
4 2002.

5 “(4) DEFENSE CRITICAL ELECTRIC INFRA-
6 STRUCTURE.—The term ‘defense critical electric in-
7 frastructure’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
8 tion 215A(a) of the Federal Power Act.

9 “(5) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
10 tity’ means—

11 “(A) a rural electric cooperative;

12 “(B) an electric utility owned by a political
13 subdivision of a State, such as a municipally
14 owned electric utility;

15 “(C) an electric utility owned by any agen-
16 cy, authority, corporation, or instrumentality of
17 1 or more political subdivisions of a State;

18 “(D) a not-for-profit entity that is in a
19 partnership with not fewer than 6 entities de-
20 scribed in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C); and

21 “(E) an investor-owned electric utility that
22 sells less than 4,000,000 megawatt hours of
23 electricity per year.

24 “(6) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means
25 the Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cyberse-

1 security Grant and Technical Assistance Program es-
2 tablished under subsection (b).

3 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall main-
4 tain a program, to be known as the Rural and Municipal
5 Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical As-
6 sistance Program, to provide technical assistance and
7 award funding, including grants, cooperative agreements,
8 and prizes, to eligible entities to protect against, detect,
9 respond to, and recover from cybersecurity threats.

10 “(c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Program
11 shall be—

12 “(1) to deploy advanced cybersecurity tech-
13 nologies for electric utility systems; and

14 “(2) to increase the participation of eligible en-
15 tities in cybersecurity threat information sharing
16 programs.

17 “(d) AWARDS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Pro-
19 gram, the Secretary—

20 “(A) shall, subject to the availability of ap-
21 propriations, provide technical assistance, and
22 award funding, including grants, cooperative
23 agreements, and prizes, to eligible entities on a
24 competitive or noncompetitive basis;

1 “(B) shall develop criteria for providing
2 such technical assistance and awarding such
3 funding;

4 “(C) may enter into agreements that can
5 facilitate the objectives described in subsection
6 (c) with eligible entities to provide technical as-
7 sistance or award funding, including grants, co-
8 operative agreements, and prizes; and

9 “(D) shall establish a process to ensure, to
10 the extent practicable, that all eligible entities
11 are informed about opportunities to receive
12 technical assistance or funding, including
13 grants, cooperative agreements, and prizes.

14 “(2) PRIORITY FOR FUNDING AND TECHNICAL
15 ASSISTANCE.—In providing technical assistance and
16 awarding funding, including grants, cooperative
17 agreements, and prizes, under the Program, the Sec-
18 retary shall give priority to an eligible entity that, as
19 determined by the Secretary—

20 “(A) has limited cybersecurity resources;

21 “(B) owns assets critical to the reliability
22 of the bulk-power system; or

23 “(C) owns or operates defense critical elec-
24 tric infrastructure.

1 “(e) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—Information
2 shared by or with the Federal Government or a State,
3 Tribal, or local government under the Program shall be
4 deemed voluntarily shared information and exempt from
5 disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code
6 (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act),
7 or any provision of any State, Tribal, or local freedom of
8 information law, open government law, open meetings law,
9 open records law, sunshine law, or similar law requiring
10 the disclosure of information or records.

11 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
13 out this section \$250,000,000 for the period of fiscal years
14 2026 through 2030.”.

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