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# H. R. 8711

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SUBRAMANYAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

To require a strategy for the defense of data centers from external breaches from malefactors and the protection of the communities surrounding data centers, 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,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Data Infrastructure  
5 Risk Reduction Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF DATA CENTERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
4 land Security, acting through the Director of the Cyberse-  
5 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Depart-  
6 ment of Homeland Security, in collaboration, as appro-  
7 priate, with the Secretary of Defense, shall—

8 (1) identify data centers that should be treated  
9 as critical infrastructure;

10 (2) consider—

11 (A) the security of the power and water  
12 supply infrastructure (with a particular focus  
13 on above-ground electric power transmission  
14 lines and electrical substations) connected to  
15 such data centers; and

16 (B) any potential implications of data cen-  
17 ters that are sited in proximity to communities  
18 or other residential areas; and

19 (3) submit to Congress a strategy, including  
20 recommendations, to—

21 (A) defend data centers described in this  
22 subsection from external breaches from male-  
23 factors; and

24 (B) protect communities and other residen-  
25 tial areas described in paragraph (2)(B).

26 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term  
2           “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such  
3           term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42  
4           U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

5           (2) DATA CENTER.—The term “data center”  
6           has the meaning given such term in section 453(a)  
7           of the Energy Independence and Security Act of  
8           2007 (42 U.S.C. 17112(a)).

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