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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIM (for herself and Mr. BERA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “North Korean Fraudu-
5 lent Applicants Knowingly Enriching the Regime Act” or
6 the “North Korean FAKER Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

8 It is the policy of the United States—

1 (1) to counter illegal revenue generation by the
2 Democratic People’s Republic of Korea through de-
3 ceptive remote employment and identity fraud
4 schemes;

5 (2) to prevent such revenue from being used to
6 support North Korea’s ballistic missile programs,
7 nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons programs,
8 and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;

9 (3) to promote international cooperation and
10 strengthen international norms and standards to de-
11 tect, disrupt, and deter such programs; and

12 (4) to apply diplomatic tools to prevent foreign
13 persons from facilitating such schemes or contrib-
14 uting to weapons of mass destruction proliferation
15 networks associated with North Korea.

16 **SEC. 3. DIPLOMATIC COORDINATION AND COUNTER-EVA-**
17 **SION MEASURES.**

18 (a) INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION.—The Secretary
19 of State is authorized to coordinate with appropriate coun-
20 terparts of the governments of allied and partner countries
21 to—

22 (1) align sanctions and other restrictive meas-
23 ures with respect to persons who knowingly engage
24 in, facilitate, or are responsible for a remote infor-

1 mation technology worker scheme conducted on be-
2 half of North Korea;

3 (2) enhance information-sharing regarding re-
4 mote information technology worker schemes,
5 money-laundering, and weapons of mass destruction
6 proliferation networks in North Korea;

7 (3) prioritize diplomatic engagement with coun-
8 tries identified as hosting, enabling, or failing to pre-
9 vent illegal remote workforce activity by North
10 Korea, including through security assistance, tech-
11 nical training, and where appropriate, the use of
12 sanctions or economic measures; and

13 (4) develop and implement coordinated strate-
14 gies and security assistance guarantees to prevent
15 North Korean sanctions evasion and proliferation fi-
16 nancing.

17 (b) EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT.—The Secretary is au-
18 thorized to—

19 (1) engage with private sector entities with rel-
20 evant technical expertise, including cybersecurity
21 firms, financial institutions, digital asset platforms,
22 and online labor marketplaces, to enhance the ability
23 of the United States and its partners to detect, at-
24 tribute, and disrupt activities of North Korea de-

1 scribed in subsection (a)(2), including weapons of
2 mass destruction-related proliferation support; and

3 (2) to address the use of artificial intelligence,
4 synthetic identities, and other emerging technologies
5 in furtherance of such activities.

6 (c) REWARDS FOR JUSTICE PROGRAM ENHANCE-
7 MENT.—Subject to the limitations set forth in section
8 36(e) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of
9 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2708(e)), the Secretary may—

10 (1) increase the reward offered through the Re-
11 wards for Justice Program with respect to the activi-
12 ties of North Korea described in subsection (a)(2),
13 including illegal remote information technology
14 worker schemes and weapons of mass destruction
15 proliferation networks; and

16 (2) carry out such efforts as the Secretary de-
17 termines appropriate to enhance outreach, increase
18 public awareness, and prioritize information that fa-
19 cilitates the identification, disruption, or prevention
20 of such activities.

21 (d) ATTRIBUTION.—The Secretary, in consultation
22 with the relevant heads of other Federal departments and
23 agencies, may publicly attribute, as appropriate, illegal re-
24 mote workforce schemes and associated entities linked to
25 North Korea, including through coordinated bilateral or

1 multilateral statements and joint advisories to increase
2 public awareness of the weapons of mass destruction pro-
3 liferation activities of North Korea.

4 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON ILLEGAL REMOTE WORKFORCE ACTIVI-**
5 **TIES.**

6 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter for a period of
8 2 years, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate con-
9 gressional committees a report that includes with respect
10 to the period covered by the report—

11 (1) an assessment of illegal remote workforce
12 activities conducted by or on behalf of North Korea;

13 (2) a description of efforts to coordinate with
14 allies and partners to counter such activities;

15 (3) an overview of actions taken to disrupt as-
16 sociated networks;

17 (4) a description of coordination between the
18 Department of State and interagency partners to
19 achieve the objectives described in section 2; and

20 (5) recommendations for additional diplomatic,
21 economic, or legislative measures to enhance the ef-
22 fectiveness of such efforts, actions, and coordination.

23 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this Act:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
5 the House of Representatives; and

6 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
7 the Senate.

8 (2) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The term “ar-
9 tificial intelligence” has the meaning given such
10 term in section 5002 of the National Artificial Intel-
11 ligence Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401).

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