

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2603

To amend title 10, United States Code, to designate the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy as principal staff assistant to the Secretary of Defense on matters within the responsibility of the Assistant Secretary, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2025

Mr. ROUNDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF**
4 **DEFENSE FOR CYBER POLICY AS PRINCIPAL**
5 **STAFF ASSISTANT.**

6 Section 138(b)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(A)” before the first sentence;

2 and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-

4 paragraph:

5 “(B) Subject to the authority, direction, and control

6 of the Secretary of Defense, the Assistant Secretary of De-

7 fense for Cyber Policy—

8 “(i) shall serve as a principal staff assistant to

9 the Secretary of Defense on matters within the re-

10 sponsibility of the Assistant Secretary;

11 “(ii) shall report directly to the Secretary with-

12 out intervening authority; and

13 “(iii) may communicate views on matters within

14 the responsibility of the Assistant Secretary directly

15 to the Secretary without obtaining the approval or

16 concurrence of any other official within the Depart-

17 ment of Defense.”.

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