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To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to implement certain recommendations relating to information technology modernization, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. CURTIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “SBA IT Modernization
5 Reporting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act, the terms “Administration” and “Admin-
3 istrator” mean the Small Business Administration and the
4 Administrator thereof, respectively.

5 **SEC. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS RELAT-**
6 **ING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MOD-**
7 **ERNIZATION FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS AD-**
8 **MINISTRATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator, acting
10 through the Chief Information Officer of the Administra-
11 tion, shall take such actions as may be necessary to imple-
12 ment the recommendations contained in the report of the
13 Comptroller General of the United States titled “IT MOD-
14 ERNIZATION: SBA Urgently Needs to Address Risks on
15 Newly Deployed System” (GAO–25–106963; published
16 November 6, 2024).

17 (b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 180
18 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
19 trator shall submit to the Committee on Small Business
20 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee
21 on Small Business of the House of Representatives an im-
22 plementation plan detailing the actions the Administration
23 will undertake to establish and implement policies and pro-
24 cedures to govern information technology modernization
25 projects of the Administration, which policies and proce-
26 dures shall, with respect to each project—

1 (1) for each risk identified, explicitly state the
2 source of such risk in the relevant risk documenta-
3 tion;

4 (2) clearly define risk parameters;

5 (3) establish and maintain risk management
6 strategies;

7 (4) identify and document risks for all phases
8 of the life cycle;

9 (5) evaluate, categorize, and prioritize risks
10 based on defined risk parameters and develop
11 project risk management plans;

12 (6) connect measures to mitigate risk to risk
13 mitigation plans;

14 (7) require that any information technology ac-
15 quisition plan and any strategic plan contains infor-
16 mation needed to manage cyber risks;

17 (8) require that a traceability analysis is per-
18 formed and documented;

19 (9) require that security-related subject matter
20 experts are involved in selection process for contrac-
21 tors for a project;

22 (10) develop master schedules using the guide-
23 lines contained in the publication of the Comptroller
24 General of the United States titled “GAO Schedule
25 Assessment Guide: Best Practices for Project Sched-

1 ules” (GAO–16–89G; published December 22,
2 2015); and

3 (11) develop cost estimates using the guidelines
4 contained in the publication of the Comptroller Gen-
5 eral of the United States titled “Cost Estimating
6 and Assessment Guide: Best Practices for Devel-
7 oping and Managing Program Costs” (GAO–20–
8 195G; published March 12, 2020).

9 (c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The implementa-
10 tion plan required under this section shall include the ac-
11 tions required to carry out the requirements listed in para-
12 graphs (1) through (11) of subsection (b), an identifica-
13 tion of the office of the Administration responsible for im-
14 plementation, and the timelines for completion of each ac-
15 tion.

16 (d) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
17 after the submission of the implementation plan required
18 under this section, the Administrator shall provide to the
19 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of
20 the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the
21 House of Representatives a briefing on the plan.

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