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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work
with cybersecurity consortia for training, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Cybersecurity
3 Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS CON-**
5 **SORTIUM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
7 rity may work with a consortium, including the National
8 Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, to support ef-
9 forts to address cybersecurity risks and incidents (as such
10 terms are defined in section 227 of the Homeland Security
11 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148)), including threats of ter-
12 rorism and acts of terrorism.

13 (b) ASSISTANCE TO THE NCCIC.—The Secretary of
14 Homeland Security may work with a consortium to assist
15 the national cybersecurity and communications integration
16 center of the Department of Homeland Security (estab-
17 lished pursuant to section 227 of the Homeland Security
18 Act of 2002) to—

19 (1) provide training to State and local first re-
20 sponders and officials specifically for preparing for
21 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,
22 including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,
23 in accordance with current law;

24 (2) develop and update a curriculum utilizing
25 existing programs and models in accordance with
26 such section 227, for State and local first responders

1 and officials, related to cybersecurity risks and inci-
2 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-
3 rorism;

4 (3) provide technical assistance services to build
5 and sustain capabilities in support of preparedness
6 for and response to cybersecurity risks and inci-
7 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-
8 rorism, in accordance with such section 227;

9 (4) conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training
10 and simulation exercises for entities, including State
11 and local governments, critical infrastructure owners
12 and operators, and private industry, to encourage
13 community-wide coordination in defending against
14 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,
15 including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,
16 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 228 of
17 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 149);

18 (5) help States and communities develop cyber-
19 security information sharing programs, in accord-
20 ance with section 227 of the Homeland Security Act
21 of 2002, for the dissemination of homeland security
22 information related to cybersecurity risks and inci-
23 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-
24 rorism; and

1 (6) help incorporate cybersecurity risk and inci-
2 dent prevention and response (including related to
3 threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism) into ex-
4 isting State and local emergency plans, including
5 continuity of operations plans.

6 (c) PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION.—In carrying out
7 the functions under subsection (b), the Secretary of
8 Homeland Security shall, to the greatest extent prac-
9 ticable, seek to prevent unnecessary duplication of existing
10 programs or efforts of the Department of Homeland Secu-
11 rity.

12 (d) CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING SELECTION OF A
13 CONSORTIUM.—In selecting a consortium with which to
14 work under this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security
15 shall take into consideration the following:

16 (1) Any prior experience conducting cybersecu-
17 rity training and exercises for State and local enti-
18 ties.

19 (2) Geographic diversity of the members of any
20 such consortium so as to cover different regions
21 across the United States.

22 (e) METRICS.—If the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
23 rity works with a consortium pursuant to subsection (a),
24 the Secretary shall measure the effectiveness of the activi-
25 ties undertaken by such consortium under this Act.

1 (f) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
2 rity shall conduct outreach to universities and colleges, in-
3 cluding historically Black colleges and universities, His-
4 panic-serving institutions, Tribal Colleges and Univer-
5 sities, and other minority-serving institutions, regarding
6 opportunities to support efforts to address cybersecurity
7 risks and incidents, including threats of terrorism and acts
8 of terrorism, by working with the Secretary pursuant to
9 subsection (a).

10 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out this
11 Act shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (h) CONSORTIUM DEFINED.—In this Act, the term
14 “consortium” means a group primarily composed of non-
15 profit entities, including academic institutions, that de-
16 velop, update, and deliver cybersecurity training in sup-
17 port of homeland security.

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Attest:

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