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H. R. 4860

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish the United States – Israel Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2016

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. KEATING, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. POLIS, Mr. ZELDIN, and Mr. LOWENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security and Science, Space, and Technology, 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

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 “United States – Israel
5 Cybersecurity Cooperation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES – ISRAEL CYBERSECURITY CENTER**
2 **OF EXCELLENCE.**

3 The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to
4 establish a joint United States – Israel Cybersecurity Cen-
5 ter of Excellence based in the United States and Israel
6 to leverage the experience, knowledge, and expertise of in-
7 stitutions of higher education (as such term is defined in
8 subsection (a) or (b) of section 101 of the Higher Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)), private sector enti-
10 ties, and government entities in the area of cybersecurity
11 and protection of critical infrastructure (as such term is
12 defined in subsection (e) of section 1016 of the Critical
13 Infrastructures Protection Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c;
14 enacted in title X of the USA Patriot Act (Public Law
15 107–56)) in order to—

- 16 (1) promote joint research and development;
17 (2) share best practices and access to American
18 and Israeli innovation; and
19 (3) strengthen the partnership between the
20 United States and Israeli academic and research in-
21 stitutions, private sector entities, and government
22 entities.

23 **SEC. 3. ANNUAL INNOVATION PRIZE.**

24 The Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to
25 carry out a program in cooperation with the United States
26 – Israel Cybersecurity Center of Excellence under section

1 2 to award an annual competitive prize to stimulate inno-
2 vation that has the potential to advance the mission of
3 the Center of Excellence.

