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AN ACT

To enhance stakeholder outreach to and operational engagement with owners and operators of critical infrastructure and other relevant stakeholders by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to bolster security against acts of terrorism and other homeland security threats, including by maintaining a clearinghouse of security guidance, best practices, and other voluntary content developed by the Agency or aggregated from trusted sources, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Communities Act
5 of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CISA DIRECTOR RELATING**
7 **TO SECURITY RESOURCES CLEARINGHOUSE.**

8 Subsection (c) of section 2202 of the Homeland Secu-
9 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 652) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through
11 (11) as paragraphs (7) through (12), respectively;
12 and

13 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(6) maintain a clearinghouse for owners and
16 operators of critical infrastructure and other rel-
17 evant stakeholders to access security guidance, best
18 practices, and other voluntary content developed by
19 the Agency in a manner consistent with the require-
20 ments of section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of
21 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d) and the Plain Writing Act
22 of 2010 (5 U.S.C. note) or aggregated from trusted
23 sources;”.

1 **SEC. 3. STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND OPERATIONAL EN-**
2 **GAGEMENT STRATEGY.**

3 (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Cy-
5 bersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the De-
6 partment of Homeland Security shall issue a strategy to
7 improve stakeholder outreach and operational engagement
8 that includes the Agency’s strategic and operational goals
9 and priorities for carrying out stakeholder engagement ac-
10 tivities.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—The stakeholder outreach and oper-
12 ational engagement strategy issued under subsection (a)
13 shall include the following:

14 (1) A catalogue of the stakeholder engagement
15 activities and services delivered by protective security
16 advisors and cybersecurity advisors of the Cyberse-
17 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the De-
18 partment of Homeland Security, including the loca-
19 tions of the stakeholder engagement and services de-
20 livered and the critical infrastructure sectors (as
21 such term is defined in section 2001(3) of the
22 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601(3))
23 involved.

24 (2) An assessment of the capacity of programs
25 of the Agency to deploy protective security advisors
26 and cybersecurity advisors, including the adequacy

1 of such advisors to meet service requests and the
2 ability of such advisors to engage with and deliver
3 services to stakeholders in urban, suburban, and
4 rural areas.

5 (3) Long-term objectives of the protective secu-
6 rity advisor and cybersecurity advisor programs, in-
7 cluding cross-training of the protective security advi-
8 sor and cybersecurity advisor workforce to optimize
9 the capabilities of such programs and capacity goals.

10 (4) A description of programs, policies, and ac-
11 tivities used to carry out such stakeholder engage-
12 ment activities and services under paragraph (1).

13 (5) Resources and personnel necessary to effec-
14 tively support critical infrastructure owners and op-
15 erators and, as appropriate, other entities, including
16 non-profit organizations, based on current and pro-
17 jected demand for Agency services.

18 (6) Guidance on how outreach to critical infra-
19 structure owners and operators in a region should be
20 prioritized.

21 (7) Plans to ensure that stakeholder engage-
22 ment field personnel of the Agency have a clear un-
23 derstanding of expectations for engagement within
24 each critical infrastructure sector and subsector,
25 whether during steady state or surge capacity.

1 (8) Metrics for measuring the effectiveness of
2 stakeholder engagement activities and services under
3 paragraph (1), including mechanisms to track re-
4 gional engagement of field personnel of the Agency
5 with critical infrastructure owners and operators,
6 and how frequently such engagement takes place.

7 (9) Plans for awareness campaigns to famil-
8 iarize owners and operators of critical infrastructure
9 with security resources and support offered by the
10 Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency,
11 including the clearinghouse maintained pursuant to
12 paragraph (6) of section 2202(c) of the Homeland
13 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 652(c)), as added by
14 section 2.

15 (10) A description of how to prioritize engage-
16 ment with critical infrastructure sectors based on
17 threat information and the capacity of such sectors
18 to mitigate such threats

19 (c) STAKEHOLDER INPUT.—In issuing the stake-
20 holder outreach and operational engagement strategy re-
21 quired under subsection (a), the Director of the Cyberse-
22 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Depart-
23 ment of Homeland Security shall, to the extent prac-
24 ticable, solicit input from stakeholders representing the
25 following:

1 (1) Each of the critical infrastructure sectors.

2 (2) Critical infrastructure owners and operators
3 located in each region in which the Agency main-
4 tains a field office.

5 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 90
6 days after issuing the stakeholder outreach and oper-
7 ational engagement strategy required under subsection
8 (a), the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure
9 Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security
10 shall issue an implementation plan for the strategy that
11 includes the following:

12 (1) Strategic objectives and corresponding tasks
13 for protective security advisor and cybersecurity ad-
14 visor workforce development, training, and retention
15 plans.

16 (2) Projected timelines, benchmarks, and re-
17 source requirements for such tasks.

18 (3) Metrics to evaluate the performance of such
19 tasks.

20 (e) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—Upon issuance of
21 the implementation plan required under subsection (d),
22 the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Secu-
23 rity Agency of the Department of Homeland Security,
24 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
25 the House of Representatives and the Committee on

1 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
2 ate the stakeholder outreach and operational engagement
3 strategy required under subsection (a) and the implemen-
4 tation plan required under subsection (b), together with
5 any other associated legislative or budgetary proposals re-
6 lating thereto.

7 **SEC. 4. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PROTECTIVE SECU-**
8 **RITY ADVISORS.**

9 The Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure
10 Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security
11 shall ensure, to the greatest extent practicable, protective
12 security advisors of the Agency are disseminating home-
13 land security information on voluntary programs and serv-
14 ices of the Department of Homeland Security, including
15 regarding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, to bol-
16 ster security and terrorism resilience.

17 **SEC. 5. PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR FORCE MULTI-**
18 **PLIER PILOT PROGRAM.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Cy-
21 bersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the De-
22 partment of Homeland Security shall establish a one-year
23 pilot program for State, local, Tribal, and territorial law
24 enforcement agencies and appropriate government officials
25 to be trained by protective security advisors of the Agency

1 regarding carrying out security vulnerability or terrorism
2 risk assessments of facilities.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the com-
4 pletion of the pilot program under subsection (a), the Di-
5 rector of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security
6 Agency of the Department of Homeland Security shall re-
7 port on such pilot program to the Committee on Homeland
8 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-
9 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
10 of the Senate.

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