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To provide for assistance for small manufacturers in the defense industrial supply chain on matters relating to cybersecurity.

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Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL MANUFACTURERS IN**
4 **THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CHAIN**
5 **ON MATTERS RELATING TO CYBERSECURITY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
7 propriations, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation
8 with the Director of the National Institute of Standards
9 and Technology, may award financial assistance to a Cen-

1 ter for the purpose of providing cybersecurity services to
2 small manufacturers.

3 (b) CRITERIA.—The Secretary, in consultation with
4 the Director, shall establish and publish on the grants.gov
5 website, or successor website, criteria for selecting recipi-
6 ents for financial assistance under this section.

7 (c) USE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—Financial as-
8 sistance under this section—

9 (1) shall be used by a Center to provide small
10 manufacturers with cybersecurity services relating
11 to—

12 (A) compliance with the cybersecurity re-
13 quirements of the Department of Defense Sup-
14 plement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation,
15 including awareness, assessment, evaluation,
16 preparation, and implementation of cybersecu-
17 rity services; and

18 (B) achieving compliance with the Cyberse-
19 curity Maturity Model Certification framework
20 of the Department of Defense; and

21 (2) may be used by a Center to employ trained
22 personnel to deliver cybersecurity services to small
23 manufacturers.

24 (d) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than
2 once every two years, the Secretary shall submit to
3 the congressional defense committees, the Committee
4 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
5 Senate, and the Committee on Science, Space, and
6 Technology of the House of Representatives a bien-
7 nial report on financial assistance awarded under
8 this section.

9 (2) CONTENTS.—To the extent practicable,
10 each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall in-
11 clude the following with respect to the years covered
12 by the report:

13 (A) The number of small manufacturing
14 companies assisted.

15 (B) A description of the cybersecurity serv-
16 ices provided.

17 (C) A description of the cybersecurity mat-
18 ters addressed.

19 (D) An analysis of the operational effec-
20 tiveness and cost-effectiveness of the
21 cybersecurity services provided.

22 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Secretary
23 to award financial assistance under this section shall ter-
24 minate on the date that is five years after the date of the
25 enactment of this Act.

1 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “Center” has the meaning given
3 such term in section 25(a) of the National Institute
4 of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C.
5 278k(a)).

6 (2) The term “congressional defense commit-
7 tees” has the meaning given that term in section
8 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

9 (3) The term “small manufacturer” has the
10 meaning given that term in section 1644(g) of the
11 John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act
12 for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10
13 U.S.C. 2224 note).

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