

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3396

To improve the position of the Principal Cyber Advisor, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 15, 2021

Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Defense
5 Principal Cyber Advisor Empowerment Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF POSITION OF PRINCIPAL CYBER**
7 **ADVISOR.**

8 (a) DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CYBER ADVISOR.—
9 Paragraph (1) of section 932(c) of the National Defense

1 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–
2 66; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note) is amended to read as follows:

3 “(1) DESIGNATION.—(A) The Secretary shall
4 designate, from among the personnel of the Office of
5 the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, a Prin-
6 cipal Cyber Advisor to act as the principal advisor
7 to the Secretary on military cyber forces and activi-
8 ties.

9 “(B) The Secretary may only designate an offi-
10 cial under this paragraph if such official was ap-
11 pointed to the position in which such official serves
12 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.”.

13 (b) DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CYBER
14 ADVISOR.—Section 905(a)(1) of the National Defense Au-
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–
16 92; 10 U.S.C. 391 note) is amended by striking “Sec-
17 retary of Defense” and inserting “Under Secretary of De-
18 fense for Policy”.

19 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Deputy Secretary of De-
21 fense shall brief the Committee on Armed Services of the
22 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the
23 House of Representatives on such recommendations as the
24 Deputy Secretary may have for alternate reporting struc-
25 tures for the Principal Cyber Advisor and the Deputy

- 1 Principal Cyber Advisor within the Office of the Secretary
- 2 of Defense.

