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H. R. 9689

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish
a DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program, 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 “DHS Cybersecurity
3 Internship Program Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBERSE-**
5 **CURITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.”.**

6 (a) PROGRAM.—Subtitle D of title XIII of the Home-
7 land Security Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 1334. CYBERSECURITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

10 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall carry out a cy-
11 bersecurity internship program (in this section referred to
12 as the ‘Program’) under which an eligible individual par-
13 ticipates in a paid cybersecurity internship at the Depart-
14 ment with duties aligned to such participant’s respective
15 education, skills, and experience.

16 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to participate in
17 the Program, an individual shall—

18 “(1) be a citizen of the United States;

19 “(2) be at least 16 years old; and

20 “(3) be enrolled in a secondary school, tech-
21 nical, trade, or vocational school, or institution of
22 higher education, in accordance with subsection (c).

23 “(c) COMPOSITION.—The Secretary shall, as prac-
24 ticable, ensure that participants selected for the Program
25 for each intern class include students enrolled in each of
26 the following:

1 “(1) Secondary schools.

2 “(2) Junior or community colleges.

3 “(3) Undergraduate degree programs.

4 “(4) Postgraduate degree programs.

5 “(5) Technical, trade, or vocational schools.

6 “(d) REPORTS.—

7 “(1) REPORTS.—Not later than one year after
8 the date of the enactment of this section and annu-
9 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the
10 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
11 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
12 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
13 report on the Program.

14 “(2) MATTERS.—Each report under paragraph
15 (1) shall include, with respect to the most recent
16 Program year, the following:

17 “(A) A description of outreach efforts by
18 the Secretary to raise awareness of the Pro-
19 gram among secondary schools and institutions
20 of higher education, including among junior or
21 community colleges, historically-Black colleges
22 and universities, and other minority-serving in-
23 stitutions.

1 “(B) Information on specific recruiting ef-
2 forts by the Secretary to increase participation
3 in the Program.

4 “(C) The number of individuals partici-
5 pating in the Program, listed by the type of
6 school or program in which the individual is en-
7 rolled at the time of participation, and informa-
8 tion on the nature of each such participation,
9 including Department components supported,
10 and the duties of each such individual.

11 “(3) CONSOLIDATION.—Reports submitted
12 under this subsection may be consolidated with the
13 reports required under section 1333(e).

14 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNI-
16 VERSITY.—The term ‘historically Black college or
17 university’ has the meaning given the term ‘part B
18 institution’ in section 322 of the Higher Education
19 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

20 “(2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
21 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the
22 meaning given that term in section 101 of the High-
23 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

24 “(3) JUNIOR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The
25 term ‘junior or community college’ has the meaning

1 given that term in section 312 of the Higher Edu-
2 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058).

3 “(4) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
4 term ‘minority-serving institution’ means an eligible
5 institution of higher education described in section
6 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
7 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

8 “(5) SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term ‘sec-
9 ondary school’ means a school or program that pro-
10 vides secondary education, as determined under
11 State law, except that the term does not include any
12 education beyond grade 12.

13 “(6) TECHNICAL, TRADE, OR VOCATIONAL
14 SCHOOL.—The term ‘technical, trade, or vocational
15 school’ has the meaning given that term in section
16 411.167 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is

1 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
2 1333 the following new item:

“Sec. 1334. Cybersecurity internship program.”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 10,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.