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To study the impacts of artificial intelligence technology with respect to the security of telecommunications networks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, Ms. MCCLELLAN, and Mr. LANDSMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “AI for Secure Net-
5 works Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY AND THE**
2 **SECURITY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NET-**
3 **WORKS.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study on
5 the impacts of artificial intelligence technology with re-
6 spect to the security of telecommunications networks,
7 which shall include an analysis of—

8 (1) how artificial intelligence technology may be
9 used to improve telecommunications networks, in-
10 cluding by facilitating—

11 (A) real-time threat and malware detection
12 and zero trust security solutions;

13 (B) increased resiliency and interoper-
14 ability;

15 (C) improved energy efficiency; and

16 (D) integrated sensing and communica-
17 tions;

18 (2) how artificial intelligence technology may be
19 used in connection with Open Radio Access Network
20 technology to increase the security of telecommuni-
21 cations networks;

22 (3) how artificial intelligence technology may be
23 used in connection with virtualized security tech-
24 nology to increase the security of telecommuni-
25 cations networks;

1 (4) how artificial intelligence technology may be
2 used to improve network security controls through
3 firewalls and network segmentation; and

4 (5) any risks artificial intelligence technology
5 poses for the security of telecommunications net-
6 works.

7 (b) CONSULTATION.—For purposes of the study con-
8 ducted under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult
9 with the Federal Communications Commission and indus-
10 try stakeholders with respect to the use of artificial intel-
11 ligence technology to improve the security of telecommuni-
12 cations networks, including with respect to research and
13 development activities.

14 (c) REPORT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Com-
18 merce of the House of Representatives and the Com-
19 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
20 the Senate a report on the results of the study con-
21 ducted under subsection (a), which may include leg-
22 islative recommendations.

23 (2) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.—
24 Prior to the submission of the report under para-
25 graph (1), the Secretary shall provide an oppor-

1 tunity for public comment with respect to such re-
2 port.

3 (d) SECRETARY DEFINED.—In this section, the term
4 “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce, acting
5 through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Commu-
6 nications and Information.

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