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To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to assist small business concerns with purchasing cybersecurity products and services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FINKENAUER (for herself and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “Strengthening and En-
5 hancing Cybersecurity Usage to Reach Every Small Busi-
6 ness Act” or the “SECURE Small Business Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CYBERSECURITY COOPERATIVE MARKETPLACE**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
5 of the Small Business Administration, in consultation with
6 the Director of the National Institute of Standards and
7 Technology, shall establish a program to assist small busi-
8 ness concerns with purchasing cybersecurity products and
9 services.

10 (b) DUTIES.—In the program established under sub-
11 section (a), the Administrator shall do the following:

12 (1) Educate small business concerns about the
13 types of cybersecurity products and services that are
14 specific to each covered industry sector.

15 (2) Provide outreach to covered vendors and
16 small business concerns to encourage use of the co-
17 operative marketplace described in subsection (c).

18 (c) COOPERATIVE MARKETPLACE FOR PURCHASING
19 CYBERSECURITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.—The Ad-
20 ministrator shall—

21 (1) establish and maintain a website that—

22 (A) is free to use for small business con-
23 cerns and covered vendors; and

24 (B) provides a cooperative marketplace
25 that facilitates the creation of mutual agree-
26 ments under which small business concerns co-

1 operatively purchase cybersecurity products and
2 services from covered vendors; and

3 (2) determine whether each covered vendor and
4 each small business concern that participates in the
5 marketplace described in this subsection is legiti-
6 mate, as determined by the Administrator.

7 (d) SUNSET.—This section ceases to be effective on
8 September 30, 2024.

9 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY ON AVAILABLE FEDERAL CYBERSECU-**
10 **RITY INITIATIVES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
12 United States shall conduct a study that identifies any im-
13 provements that could be made to Federal initiatives
14 that—

15 (1) train small business concerns how to avoid
16 cybersecurity threats; and

17 (2) are in effect on the date on which the
18 Comptroller General commences the study.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
21 submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-
22 neurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Busi-
23 ness of the House of Representatives a report that con-
24 tains the results of the study required under subsection
25 (a).

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
4 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
5 ness Administration.

6 (2) COVERED INDUSTRY SECTOR.—The term
7 “covered industry sector” means the following indus-
8 try sectors:

9 (A) Accommodation and food services.

10 (B) Agriculture.

11 (C) Construction.

12 (D) Healthcare and social assistance.

13 (E) Retail and wholesale trade.

14 (F) Transportation and warehousing.

15 (G) Entertainment and recreation.

16 (H) Finance and insurance.

17 (I) Manufacturing.

18 (J) Information and telecommunications.

19 (K) Any other industry sector the Adminis-
20 trator determines to be relevant.

21 (3) COVERED VENDOR.—The term “covered
22 vendor” means a vendor of cybersecurity products
23 and services, including cybersecurity risk insurance.

24 (4) CYBERSECURITY.—The term “cybersecu-
25 rity” means—

1 (A) the art of protecting networks, devices,
2 and data from unauthorized access or criminal
3 use; and

4 (B) the practice of ensuring confidentiality,
5 integrity, and availability of information.

6 (5) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term “cy-
7 bersecurity threat” means the possibility of a mali-
8 cious attempt to infiltrate, damage, disrupt, or de-
9 stroy computer networks or systems.

10 (6) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
11 “small business concern” has the meaning given
12 under section 3(a) of the Small Business Act (15
13 U.S.C. 632(a)).

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