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To enhance cybersecurity education.

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. ROSS, Ms. BASS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. TITUS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. CICILLINE, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. KEATING, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. COSTA, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. KHANNA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To enhance cybersecurity education.

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 “Cybersecurity Oppor-
5 tunity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DR. DAVID SATCHER CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION**
2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) ENROLLMENT OF NEEDY STUDENTS.—The
5 term “enrollment of needy students” has the mean-
6 ing given the term in section 312(d) of the Higher
7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(d)).

8 (2) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNI-
9 VERSITY.—The term “historically Black college or
10 university” has the meaning given the term “part B
11 institution” as defined in section 322 of the Higher
12 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

13 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
14 term “institution of higher education” has the
15 meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the
16 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

17 (4) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
18 term “minority-serving institution” means an insti-
19 tution listed in section 371(a) of the Higher Edu-
20 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

21 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
22 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

23 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

25 (A) award grants to assist institutions of
26 higher education that have an enrollment of

1 needy students, historically Black colleges and
2 universities, and minority-serving institutions,
3 to establish or expand cybersecurity programs,
4 to build and upgrade institutional capacity to
5 better support new or existing cybersecurity
6 programs, including cybersecurity partnerships
7 with public and private entities, and to support
8 such institutions on the path to producing
9 qualified entrants in the cybersecurity work-
10 force or becoming a National Center of Aca-
11 demic Excellence in Cybersecurity; and

12 (B) award grants to build capacity at insti-
13 tutions of higher education that have an enroll-
14 ment of needy students, historically Black col-
15 leges and universities, and minority-serving in-
16 stitutions, to expand cybersecurity education
17 opportunities, cybersecurity technology and pro-
18 grams, cybersecurity research, and cybersecu-
19 rity partnerships with public and private enti-
20 ties.

21 (2) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall award
22 not less than 50 percent of the amount available for
23 grants under this Act to historically Black colleges
24 and universities and minority-serving institutions.

1 (3) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall carry
2 out this section in coordination with the National
3 Initiative for Cybersecurity Education at the Na-
4 tional Institute of Standards and Technology.

5 (4) SUNSET.—The Secretary’s authority to
6 award grants under paragraph (1) shall terminate
7 on the date that is 5 years after the date the Sec-
8 retary first awards a grant under paragraph (1).

9 (5) AMOUNTS TO REMAIN AVAILABLE.—Not-
10 withstanding section 1552 of title 31, United States
11 Code, or any other provision of law, funds available
12 to the Secretary for obligation for a grant under this
13 section shall remain available for expenditure for
14 100 days after the last day of the performance pe-
15 riod of such grant.

16 (c) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible institution seeking a
17 grant under subsection (a) shall submit an application to
18 the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-
19 taining such information as the Secretary may reasonably
20 require, including a statement of how the institution will
21 use the funds awarded through the grant to expand cyber-
22 security education opportunities at the eligible institution.

23 (d) ACTIVITIES.—An eligible institution that receives
24 a grant under this section may use the funds awarded
25 through such grant for increasing research, education,

1 technical, partnership, and innovation capacity, including
2 for—

3 (1) building and upgrading institutional capac-
4 ity to better support new or existing cybersecurity
5 programs, including cybersecurity partnerships with
6 public and private entities;

7 (2) building and upgrading institutional capac-
8 ity to provide hands-on research and training experi-
9 ences for undergraduate and graduate students; and

10 (3) outreach and recruitment to ensure stu-
11 dents are aware of such new or existing cybersecu-
12 rity programs, including cybersecurity partnerships
13 with public and private entities.

14 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than—

15 (1) 1 year after the date of enactment of this
16 Act, and annually thereafter until the Secretary sub-
17 mits the report under paragraph (2), the Secretary
18 shall prepare and submit to Congress a report on
19 the status and progress of implementation of the
20 grant program under this Act, including on the
21 number and nature of institutions participating, the
22 number and nature of students served by institu-
23 tions receiving grants, the level of funding provided
24 to grant recipients, the types of activities being

1 funded by the grants program, and plans for future
2 implementation and development; and

3 (2) 5 years after the date of enactment of this
4 Act, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to Con-
5 gress a report on the status of cybersecurity edu-
6 cation programming and capacity-building at institu-
7 tions receiving grants under this Act, including
8 changes in the scale and scope of these programs,
9 associated facilities, or in accreditation status, and
10 on the educational and employment outcomes of stu-
11 dents participating in cybersecurity programs that
12 have received support under this Act.

13 (f) PERFORMANCE METRICS.—The Secretary of
14 Homeland Security shall establish performance metrics for
15 grants awarded under this section.

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