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To provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. THUNE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Cybersecurity Act of 2013”.

4 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Sec. 3. No regulatory authority.

TITLE I—PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION ON CYBERSECURITY

Sec. 101. Public-private collaboration on cybersecurity.

TITLE II—CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 201. Federal cybersecurity research and development.

Sec. 202. Computer and network security research centers.

TITLE III—EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Sec. 301. Cybersecurity competitions and challenges.

Sec. 302. Federal cyber scholarship-for-service program.

Sec. 303. Study and analysis of education, accreditation, training, and certification of information infrastructure and cybersecurity professionals.

TITLE IV—CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS

Sec. 401. National cybersecurity awareness and preparedness campaign.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **CYBERSECURITY MISSION.**—The term
9 “cybersecurity mission” means activities that encom-
10 pass the full range of threat reduction, vulnerability
11 reduction, deterrence, international engagement, in-
12 cident response, resiliency, and recovery policies and
13 activities, including computer network operations, in-
14 formation assurance, law enforcement, diplomacy,

1 military, and intelligence missions as such activities
2 relate to the security and stability of cyberspace.

3 (2) INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE.—The
4 term “information infrastructure” means the under-
5 lying framework that information systems and assets
6 rely on to process, transmit, receive, or store infor-
7 mation electronically, including programmable elec-
8 tronic devices, communications networks, and indus-
9 trial or supervisory control systems and any associ-
10 ated hardware, software, or data.

11 (3) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The term “infor-
12 mation system” has the meaning given that term in
13 section 3502 of title 44, United States Code.

14 **SEC. 3. NO REGULATORY AUTHORITY.**

15 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to confer any
16 regulatory authority on any Federal, State, tribal, or local
17 department or agency.

18 **TITLE I—PUBLIC-PRIVATE COL-**
19 **LABORATION ON**
20 **CYBERSECURITY**

21 **SEC. 101. PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION ON**
22 **CYBERSECURITY.**

23 (a) CYBERSECURITY.—Section 2(c) of the National
24 Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C.
25 272(c)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (15) through
2 (22) as paragraphs (16) through (23), respectively;
3 and

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(15) on an ongoing basis, facilitate and sup-
7 port the development of a voluntary, industry-led set
8 of standards, guidelines, best practices, methodolo-
9 gies, procedures, and processes to reduce cyber risks
10 to critical infrastructure (as defined under sub-
11 section (e));”.

12 (b) SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS.—Section 2 of the Na-
13 tional Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15
14 U.S.C. 272) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(e) CYBER RISKS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the activi-
18 ties under subsection (e)(15), the Director—

19 “(A) shall—

20 “(i) coordinate closely and continu-
21 ously with relevant private sector personnel
22 and entities, critical infrastructure owners
23 and operators, sector coordinating councils,
24 Information Sharing and Analysis Centers,

1 and other relevant industry organizations,
2 and incorporate industry expertise;

3 “(ii) consult with the heads of agen-
4 cies with national security responsibilities,
5 sector-specific agencies, State and local
6 governments, the governments of other na-
7 tions, and international organizations;

8 “(iii) identify a prioritized, flexible, re-
9 peatable, performance-based, and cost-ef-
10 fective approach, including information se-
11 curity measures and controls, that may be
12 voluntarily adopted by owners and opera-
13 tors of critical infrastructure to help them
14 identify, assess, and manage cyber risks;

15 “(iv) include methodologies—

16 “(I) to identify and mitigate im-
17 pacts of the cybersecurity measures or
18 controls on business confidentiality;
19 and

20 “(II) to protect individual privacy
21 and civil liberties;

22 “(v) incorporate voluntary consensus
23 standards and industry best practices;

1 “(vi) align with voluntary inter-
2 national standards to the fullest extent
3 possible;

4 “(vii) prevent duplication of regu-
5 latory processes and prevent conflict with
6 or superseding of regulatory requirements,
7 mandatory standards, and related proc-
8 esses; and

9 “(viii) include such other similar and
10 consistent elements as the Director con-
11 siders necessary; and

12 “(B) shall not prescribe or otherwise re-
13 quire—

14 “(i) the use of specific solutions;

15 “(ii) the use of specific information or
16 communications technology products or
17 services; or

18 “(iii) that information or communica-
19 tions technology products or services be de-
20 signed, developed, or manufactured in a
21 particular manner.

22 “(2) LIMITATION.—Information shared with or
23 provided to the Institute for the purpose of the ac-
24 tivities described under subsection (c)(15) shall not
25 be used by any Federal, State, tribal, or local de-

1 partment or agency to regulate the activity of any
2 entity.

3 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

4 “(A) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The
5 term ‘critical infrastructure’ has the meaning
6 given the term in section 1016(e) of the USA
7 PATRIOT Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

8 “(B) SECTOR-SPECIFIC AGENCY.—The
9 term ‘sector-specific agency’ means the Federal
10 department or agency responsible for providing
11 institutional knowledge and specialized expertise
12 as well as leading, facilitating, or supporting
13 the security and resilience programs and associ-
14 ated activities of its designated critical infra-
15 structure sector in the all-hazards environ-
16 ment.”.

17 **TITLE II—CYBERSECURITY**
18 **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

19 **SEC. 201. FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH AND DE-**
20 **VELOPMENT.**

21 (a) FUNDAMENTAL CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of
23 Science and Technology Policy, in coordination with
24 the head of any relevant Federal agency, shall build
25 upon programs and plans in effect as of the date of

1 enactment of this Act to develop a Federal
2 cybersecurity research and development plan to meet
3 objectives in cybersecurity, such as—

4 (A) how to design and build complex soft-
5 ware-intensive systems that are secure and reli-
6 able when first deployed;

7 (B) how to test and verify that software
8 and hardware, whether developed locally or ob-
9 tained from a third party, is free of significant
10 known security flaws;

11 (C) how to test and verify that software
12 and hardware obtained from a third party cor-
13 rectly implements stated functionality, and only
14 that functionality;

15 (D) how to guarantee the privacy of an in-
16 dividual, including that individual's identity, in-
17 formation, and lawful transactions when stored
18 in distributed systems or transmitted over net-
19 works;

20 (E) how to build new protocols to enable
21 the Internet to have robust security as one of
22 the key capabilities of the Internet;

23 (F) how to determine the origin of a mes-
24 sage transmitted over the Internet;

1 (G) how to support privacy in conjunction
2 with improved security;

3 (H) how to address the growing problem of
4 insider threats;

5 (I) how improved consumer education and
6 digital literacy initiatives can address human
7 factors that contribute to cybersecurity;

8 (J) how to protect information processed,
9 transmitted, or stored using cloud computing or
10 transmitted through wireless services; and

11 (K) any additional objectives the Director
12 of the Office of Science and Technology Policy,
13 in coordination with the head of any relevant
14 Federal agency and with input from stake-
15 holders, including industry and academia, deter-
16 mines appropriate.

17 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal
19 cybersecurity research and development plan
20 shall identify and prioritize near-term, mid-
21 term, and long-term research in computer and
22 information science and engineering to meet the
23 objectives under paragraph (1), including re-
24 search in the areas described in section 4(a)(1)

1 of the Cyber Security Research and Develop-
2 ment Act (15 U.S.C. 7403(a)(1)).

3 (B) PRIVATE SECTOR EFFORTS.—In devel-
4 oping, implementing, and updating the Federal
5 cybersecurity research and development plan,
6 the Director of the Office of Science and Tech-
7 nology Policy shall work in close cooperation
8 with industry, academia, and other interested
9 stakeholders to ensure, to the extent possible,
10 that Federal cybersecurity research and devel-
11 opment is not duplicative of private sector ef-
12 forts.

13 (3) TRIENNIAL UPDATES.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal
15 cybersecurity research and development plan
16 shall be updated triennially.

17 (B) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director
18 of the Office of Science and Technology Policy
19 shall submit the plan, not later than 1 year
20 after the date of enactment of this Act, and
21 each updated plan under this section to the
22 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
23 portation of the Senate and the Committee on
24 Science, Space, and Technology of the House of
25 Representatives.

1 (b) CYBERSECURITY PRACTICES RESEARCH.—The
2 Director of the National Science Foundation shall support
3 research that—

4 (1) develops, evaluates, disseminates, and inte-
5 grates new cybersecurity practices and concepts into
6 the core curriculum of computer science programs
7 and of other programs where graduates of such pro-
8 grams have a substantial probability of developing
9 software after graduation, including new practices
10 and concepts relating to secure coding education and
11 improvement programs; and

12 (2) develops new models for professional devel-
13 opment of faculty in cybersecurity education, includ-
14 ing secure coding development.

15 (c) CYBERSECURITY MODELING AND TEST BEDS.—

16 (1) REVIEW.—Not later than 1 year after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Director the Na-
18 tional Science Foundation, in coordination with the
19 Director of the Office of Science and Technology
20 Policy, shall conduct a review of cybersecurity test
21 beds in existence on the date of enactment of this
22 Act to inform the grants under paragraph (2). The
23 review shall include an assessment of whether a suf-
24 ficient number of cybersecurity test beds are avail-

1 able to meet the research needs under the Federal
2 cybersecurity research and development plan.

3 (2) ADDITIONAL CYBERSECURITY MODELING
4 AND TEST BEDS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Director of the
6 National Science Foundation, after the review
7 under paragraph (1), determines that the re-
8 search needs under the Federal cybersecurity
9 research and development plan require the es-
10 tablishment of additional cybersecurity test
11 beds, the Director of the National Science
12 Foundation, in coordination with the Secretary
13 of Commerce and the Secretary of Homeland
14 Security, may award grants to institutions of
15 higher education or research and development
16 non-profit institutions to establish cybersecurity
17 test beds.

18 (B) REQUIREMENT.—The cybersecurity
19 test beds under subparagraph (A) shall be suffi-
20 ciently large in order to model the scale and
21 complexity of real-time cyber attacks and de-
22 fenses on real world networks and environ-
23 ments.

24 (C) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—The Direc-
25 tor of the National Science Foundation, in co-

1 ordination with the Secretary of Commerce and
2 the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall
3 evaluate the effectiveness of any grants award-
4 ed under this subsection in meeting the objec-
5 tives of the Federal cybersecurity research and
6 development plan under subsection (a) no later
7 than 2 years after the review under paragraph
8 (1) of this subsection, and periodically there-
9 after.

10 (d) COORDINATION WITH OTHER RESEARCH INITIA-
11 TIVES.—In accordance with the responsibilities under sec-
12 tion 101 of the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991
13 (15 U.S.C. 5511), the Director the Office of Science and
14 Technology Policy shall coordinate, to the extent prac-
15 ticable, Federal research and development activities under
16 this section with other ongoing research and development
17 security-related initiatives, including research being con-
18 ducted by—

- 19 (1) the National Science Foundation;
- 20 (2) the National Institute of Standards and
21 Technology;
- 22 (3) the Department of Homeland Security;
- 23 (4) other Federal agencies;
- 24 (5) other Federal and private research labora-
25 tories, research entities, and universities;

1 (6) institutions of higher education;

2 (7) relevant nonprofit organizations; and

3 (8) international partners of the United States.

4 (e) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION COMPUTER
5 AND NETWORK SECURITY RESEARCH GRANT AREAS.—

6 Section 4(a)(1) of the Cyber Security Research and Devel-
7 opment Act (15 U.S.C. 7403(a)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and” at
9 the end;

10 (2) in subparagraph (I), by striking the period
11 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(J) secure fundamental protocols that are
14 integral to inter-network communications and
15 data exchange;

16 “(K) secure software engineering and soft-
17 ware assurance, including—

18 “(i) programming languages and sys-
19 tems that include fundamental security
20 features;

21 “(ii) portable or reusable code that re-
22 mains secure when deployed in various en-
23 vironments;

1 “(iii) verification and validation tech-
2 nologies to ensure that requirements and
3 specifications have been implemented; and

4 “(iv) models for comparison and
5 metrics to assure that required standards
6 have been met;

7 “(L) holistic system security that—

8 “(i) addresses the building of secure
9 systems from trusted and untrusted com-
10 ponents;

11 “(ii) proactively reduces
12 vulnerabilities;

13 “(iii) addresses insider threats; and

14 “(iv) supports privacy in conjunction
15 with improved security;

16 “(M) monitoring and detection;

17 “(N) mitigation and rapid recovery meth-
18 ods;

19 “(O) security of wireless networks and mo-
20 bile devices; and

21 “(P) security of cloud infrastructure and
22 services.”.

23 (f) RESEARCH ON THE SCIENCE OF
24 CYBERSECURITY.—The head of each agency and depart-
25 ment identified under section 101(a)(3)(B) of the High-

1 Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15 U.S.C.
2 5511(a)(3)(B)), through existing programs and activities,
3 shall support research that will lead to the development
4 of a scientific foundation for the field of cybersecurity, in-
5 cluding research that increases understanding of the un-
6 derlying principles of securing complex networked sys-
7 tems, enables repeatable experimentation, and creates
8 quantifiable security metrics.

9 **SEC. 202. COMPUTER AND NETWORK SECURITY RESEARCH**
10 **CENTERS.**

11 Section 4(b) of the Cyber Security Research and De-
12 velopment Act (15 U.S.C. 7403(b)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “the center” in paragraph
14 (4)(D) and inserting “the Center”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (5)—

16 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
17 paragraph (C);

18 (B) by striking the period at the end of
19 subparagraph (D) and inserting a semicolon;
20 and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(E) the demonstrated capability of the
23 applicant to conduct high performance com-
24 putation integral to complex computer and net-

1 work security research, through on-site or off-
2 site computing;

3 “(F) the applicant’s affiliation with private
4 sector entities involved with industrial research
5 described in subsection (a)(1);

6 “(G) the capability of the applicant to con-
7 duct research in a secure environment;

8 “(H) the applicant’s affiliation with exist-
9 ing research programs of the Federal Govern-
10 ment;

11 “(I) the applicant’s experience managing
12 public-private partnerships to transition new
13 technologies into a commercial setting or the
14 government user community; and

15 “(J) the capability of the applicant to con-
16 duct interdisciplinary cybersecurity research,
17 such as in law, economics, or behavioral
18 sciences.”.

19 **TITLE III—EDUCATION AND**
20 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

21 **SEC. 301. CYBERSECURITY COMPETITIONS AND CHAL-**
22 **LENGES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce, Di-
24 rector of the National Science Foundation, and Secretary
25 of Homeland Security shall—

1 (1) support competitions and challenges under
2 section 105 of the America COMPETES Reauthor-
3 ization Act of 2010 (124 Stat. 3989) or any other
4 provision of law, as appropriate—

5 (A) to identify, develop, and recruit tal-
6 ented individuals to perform duties relating to
7 the security of information infrastructure in
8 Federal, State, and local government agencies,
9 and the private sector; or

10 (B) to stimulate innovation in basic and
11 applied cybersecurity research, technology devel-
12 opment, and prototype demonstration that has
13 the potential for application to the information
14 technology activities of the Federal Govern-
15 ment; and

16 (2) ensure the effective operation of the com-
17 petitions and challenges under this section.

18 (b) PARTICIPATION.—Participants in the competi-
19 tions and challenges under subsection (a)(1) may in-
20 clude—

21 (1) students enrolled in grades 9 through 12;

22 (2) students enrolled in a postsecondary pro-
23 gram of study leading to a baccalaureate degree at
24 an institution of higher education;

1 (3) students enrolled in a postbaccalaureate
2 program of study at an institution of higher edu-
3 cation;

4 (4) institutions of higher education and re-
5 search institutions;

6 (5) veterans; and

7 (6) other groups or individuals that the Sec-
8 retary of Commerce, Director of the National
9 Science Foundation, and Secretary of Homeland Se-
10 curity determine appropriate.

11 (c) AFFILIATION AND COOPERATIVE AGREE-
12 MENTS.—Competitions and challenges under this section
13 may be carried out through affiliation and cooperative
14 agreements with—

15 (1) Federal agencies;

16 (2) regional, State, or school programs sup-
17 porting the development of cyber professionals;

18 (3) State, local, and tribal governments; or

19 (4) other private sector organizations.

20 (d) AREAS OF SKILL.—Competitions and challenges
21 under subsection (a)(1)(A) shall be designed to identify,
22 develop, and recruit exceptional talent relating to—

23 (1) ethical hacking;

24 (2) penetration testing;

25 (3) vulnerability assessment;

- 1 (4) continuity of system operations;
- 2 (5) security in design;
- 3 (6) cyber forensics;
- 4 (7) offensive and defensive cyber operations;
- 5 and
- 6 (8) other areas the Secretary of Commerce, Di-
- 7 rector of the National Science Foundation, and Sec-
- 8 retary of Homeland Security consider necessary to
- 9 fulfill the cybersecurity mission.

10 (e) TOPICS.—In selecting topics for competitions and
11 challenges under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary of Com-
12 merce, Director of the National Science Foundation, and
13 Secretary of Homeland Security—

14 (1) shall consult widely both within and outside
15 the Federal Government; and

16 (2) may empanel advisory committees.

17 (f) INTERNSHIPS.—The Director of the Office of Per-
18 sonnel Management may support, as appropriate, intern-
19 ships or other work experience in the Federal Government
20 to the winners of the competitions and challenges under
21 this section.

22 **SEC. 302. FEDERAL CYBER SCHOLARSHIP-FOR-SERVICE**
23 **PROGRAM.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National
25 Science Foundation, in coordination with the Director of

1 the Office of Personnel Management and Secretary of
2 Homeland Security, shall continue a Federal Cyber Schol-
3 arship-for-Service program to recruit and train the next
4 generation of information technology professionals, indus-
5 trial control system security professionals, and security
6 managers to meet the needs of the cybersecurity mission
7 for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments.

8 (b) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND COMPONENTS.—

9 The Federal Cyber Scholarship-for-Service program
10 shall—

11 (1) provide scholarships to students who are en-
12 rolled in programs of study at institutions of higher
13 education leading to degrees or specialized program
14 certifications in the cybersecurity field;

15 (2) provide the scholarship recipients with sum-
16 mer internship opportunities or other meaningful
17 temporary appointments in the Federal information
18 technology workforce; and

19 (3) provide a procedure by which the National
20 Science Foundation or a Federal agency, consistent
21 with regulations of the Office of Personnel Manage-
22 ment, may request and fund security clearances for
23 scholarship recipients, including providing for clear-
24 ances during internships or other temporary ap-
25 pointments and after receipt of their degrees.

1 (c) SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS.—Each scholarship
2 under subsection (b) shall be in an amount that covers
3 the student’s tuition and fees at the institution under sub-
4 section (b)(1) and provides the student with an additional
5 stipend.

6 (d) SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS.—Each scholarship
7 recipient, as a condition of receiving a scholarship under
8 the program, shall enter into an agreement under which
9 the recipient agrees to work in the cybersecurity mission
10 of a Federal, State, local, or tribal agency for a period
11 equal to the length of the scholarship following receipt of
12 the student’s degree.

13 (e) HIRING AUTHORITY.—

14 (1) APPOINTMENT IN EXCEPTED SERVICE.—
15 Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 33 of title
16 5, United States Code, governing appointments in
17 the competitive service, an agency shall appoint in
18 the excepted service an individual who has completed
19 the academic program for which a scholarship was
20 awarded.

21 (2) NONCOMPETITIVE CONVERSION.—Except as
22 provided in paragraph (4), upon fulfillment of the
23 service term, an employee appointed under para-
24 graph (1) may be converted noncompetitively to
25 term, career-conditional or career appointment.

1 (3) TIMING OF CONVERSION.—An agency may
2 noncompetitively convert a term employee appointed
3 under paragraph (2) to a career-conditional or ca-
4 reer appointment before the term appointment ex-
5 pires.

6 (4) AUTHORITY TO DECLINE CONVERSION.—An
7 agency may decline to make the noncompetitive con-
8 version or appointment under paragraph (2) for
9 cause.

10 (f) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a scholar-
11 ship under this section, an individual shall—

12 (1) be a citizen or lawful permanent resident of
13 the United States;

14 (2) demonstrate a commitment to a career in
15 improving the security of information infrastructure;
16 and

17 (3) have demonstrated a high level of pro-
18 ficiency in mathematics, engineering, or computer
19 sciences.

20 (g) REPAYMENT.—If a scholarship recipient does not
21 meet the terms of the program under this section, the re-
22 cipient shall refund the scholarship payments in accord-
23 ance with rules established by the Director of the National
24 Science Foundation, in coordination with the Director of

1 the Office of Personnel Management and Secretary of
2 Homeland Security.

3 (h) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—The Director of the
4 National Science Foundation shall evaluate and report pe-
5 riodically to Congress on the success of recruiting individ-
6 uals for scholarships under this section and on hiring and
7 retaining those individuals in the public sector workforce.

8 **SEC. 303. STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF EDUCATION, ACCREDI-**
9 **TATION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OF**
10 **INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND**
11 **CYBERSECURITY PROFESSIONALS.**

12 (a) STUDY.—The Director of the National Science
13 Foundation and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
14 undertake to enter into appropriate arrangements with the
15 National Academy of Sciences to conduct a comprehensive
16 study of government, academic, and private-sector edu-
17 cation, accreditation, training, and certification programs
18 for the development of professionals in information infra-
19 structure and cybersecurity. The agreement shall require
20 the National Academy of Sciences to consult with sector
21 coordinating councils and relevant governmental agencies,
22 regulatory entities, and nongovernmental organizations in
23 the course of the study.

24 (b) SCOPE.—The study shall include—

1 (1) an evaluation of the body of knowledge and
2 various skills that specific categories of professionals
3 in information infrastructure and cybersecurity
4 should possess in order to secure information sys-
5 tems;

6 (2) an assessment of whether existing govern-
7 ment, academic, and private-sector education, ac-
8 creditation, training, and certification programs pro-
9 vide the body of knowledge and various skills de-
10 scribed in paragraph (1);

11 (3) an evaluation of—

12 (A) the state of cybersecurity education at
13 institutions of higher education in the United
14 States;

15 (B) the extent of professional development
16 opportunities for faculty in cybersecurity prin-
17 ciples and practices;

18 (C) the extent of the partnerships and col-
19 laborative cybersecurity curriculum development
20 activities that leverage industry and government
21 needs, resources, and tools;

22 (D) the proposed metrics to assess
23 progress toward improving cybersecurity edu-
24 cation; and

1 (E) the descriptions of the content of
2 cybersecurity courses in undergraduate com-
3 puter science curriculum;

4 (4) an analysis of any barriers to the Federal
5 Government recruiting and hiring cybersecurity tal-
6 ent, including barriers relating to compensation, the
7 hiring process, job classification, and hiring flexi-
8 bility; and

9 (5) an analysis of the sources and availability of
10 cybersecurity talent, a comparison of the skills and
11 expertise sought by the Federal Government and the
12 private sector, an examination of the current and fu-
13 ture capacity of United States institutions of higher
14 education, including community colleges, to provide
15 current and future cybersecurity professionals,
16 through education and training activities, with those
17 skills sought by the Federal Government, State and
18 local entities, and the private sector.

19 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, the National Academy of
21 Sciences shall submit to the President and Congress a re-
22 port on the results of the study. The report shall include—

23 (1) findings regarding the state of information
24 infrastructure and cybersecurity education, accredi-
25 tation, training, and certification programs, includ-

1 ing specific areas of deficiency and demonstrable
2 progress; and

3 (2) recommendations for further research and
4 the improvement of information infrastructure and
5 cybersecurity education, accreditation, training, and
6 certification programs.

7 **TITLE IV—CYBERSECURITY**
8 **AWARENESS AND PREPARED-**
9 **NESS**

10 **SEC. 401. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS AND**
11 **PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN.**

12 (a) NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS AND
13 PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN.—The Director of the Na-
14 tional Institute of Standards and Technology (referred to
15 in this section as the “Director”), in consultation with ap-
16 propriate Federal agencies, shall continue to coordinate a
17 national cybersecurity awareness and preparedness cam-
18 paign, such as—

19 (1) a campaign to increase public awareness of
20 cybersecurity, cyber safety, and cyber ethics, includ-
21 ing the use of the Internet, social media, entertain-
22 ment, and other media to reach the public;

23 (2) a campaign to increase the understanding
24 of State and local governments and private sector
25 entities of—

1 (A) the benefits of ensuring effective risk
2 management of the information infrastructure
3 versus the costs of failure to do so; and

4 (B) the methods to mitigate and remediate
5 vulnerabilities;

6 (3) support for formal cybersecurity education
7 programs at all education levels to prepare skilled
8 cybersecurity and computer science workers for the
9 private sector and Federal, State, and local govern-
10 ment; and

11 (4) initiatives to evaluate and forecast future
12 cybersecurity workforce needs of the Federal govern-
13 ment and develop strategies for recruitment, train-
14 ing, and retention.

15 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out the authority
16 described in subsection (a), the Director, in consultation
17 with appropriate Federal agencies, shall leverage existing
18 programs designed to inform the public of safety and secu-
19 rity of products or services, including self-certifications
20 and independently-verified assessments regarding the
21 quantification and valuation of information security risk.

22 (c) STRATEGIC PLAN.—The Director, in cooperation
23 with relevant Federal agencies and other stakeholders,
24 shall build upon programs and plans in effect as of the
25 date of enactment of this Act to develop and implement

1 a strategic plan to guide Federal programs and activities
2 in support of the national cybersecurity awareness and
3 preparedness campaign under subsection (a).

4 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, and every 5 years thereafter,
6 the Director shall transmit the strategic plan under sub-
7 section (c) to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
8 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
9 Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives.