

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 4743, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4743

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2016

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Cybersecurity
5 Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS CON-**
2 **SORTIUM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
4 rity may work with a consortium, including the National
5 Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, to support ef-
6 forts to address cybersecurity risks and incidents (as such
7 terms are defined in section 227 of the Homeland Security
8 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148)), including threats of ter-
9 rorism and acts of terrorism.

10 (b) ASSISTANCE TO THE NCCIC.—The Secretary of
11 Homeland Security may work with a consortium to assist
12 the national cybersecurity and communications integration
13 center of the Department of Homeland Security (estab-
14 lished pursuant to section 227 of the Homeland Security
15 Act of 2002) to—

16 (1) provide training to State and local first re-
17 sponders and officials specifically for preparing for
18 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,
19 including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,
20 in accordance with current law;

21 (2) develop and update a curriculum utilizing
22 existing programs and models in accordance with
23 such section 227, for State and local first responders
24 and officials, related to cybersecurity risks and inci-
25 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-
26 rorism;

1 (3) provide technical assistance services to build
2 and sustain capabilities in support of preparedness
3 for and response to cybersecurity risks and inci-
4 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-
5 rorism, in accordance with such section 227;

6 (4) conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training
7 and simulation exercises for entities, including State
8 and local governments, critical infrastructure owners
9 and operators, and private industry, to encourage
10 community-wide coordination in defending against
11 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,
12 including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,
13 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 228 of
14 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 149);

15 (5) help States and communities develop
16 cybersecurity information sharing programs, in ac-
17 cordance with section 227 of the Homeland Security
18 Act of 2002, for the dissemination of homeland secu-
19 rity information related to cybersecurity risks and
20 incidents, including threats of terrorism and acts of
21 terrorism; and

22 (6) help incorporate cybersecurity risk and inci-
23 dent prevention and response (including related to
24 threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism) into ex-

1 isting State and local emergency plans, including
2 continuity of operations plans.

3 (c) PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION.—In carrying out
4 the functions under subsection (b), the Secretary of
5 Homeland Security shall, to the greatest extent prac-
6 ticable, seek to prevent unnecessary duplication of existing
7 programs or efforts of the Department of Homeland Secu-
8 rity.

9 (d) CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING SELECTION OF A
10 CONSORTIUM.—In selecting a consortium with which to
11 work under this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security
12 shall take into consideration the following:

13 (1) Any prior experience conducting
14 cybersecurity training and exercises for State and
15 local entities.

16 (2) Geographic diversity of the members of any
17 such consortium so as to cover different regions
18 across the United States.

19 (e) METRICS.—If the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
20 rity works with a consortium pursuant to subsection (a),
21 the Secretary shall measure the effectiveness of the activi-
22 ties undertaken by such consortium under this Act.

23 (f) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
24 rity shall conduct outreach to universities and colleges, in-
25 cluding historically Black colleges and universities, His-

1 panic-serving institutions, Tribal Colleges and Univer-
2 sities, and other minority-serving institutions, regarding
3 opportunities to support efforts to address cybersecurity
4 risks and incidents, including threats of terrorism and acts
5 of terrorism, by working with the Secretary pursuant to
6 subsection (a).

7 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out this
8 Act shall terminate on the date that is five years after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (h) CONSORTIUM DEFINED.—In this Act, the term
11 “consortium” means a group primarily composed of non-
12 profit entities, including academic institutions, that de-
13 velop, update, and deliver cybersecurity training in sup-
14 port of homeland security.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize
the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with
cybersecurity consortia for training, and for other pur-
poses.”.