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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a cybersecurity strategy for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RICHMOND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Department of Home-
5 land Security Cybersecurity Strategy Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY FOR THE DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title II of the Home-
4 land Security Act (6 U.S.C. 141 et seq.) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 230. CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
9 develop a departmental strategy to carry out cybersecurity
10 responsibilities as set forth in law.

11 “(b) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
12 section (a) shall include the following:

13 “(1) Strategic and operational goals and prior-
14 ities to successfully execute the full range of the Sec-
15 retary’s cybersecurity responsibilities.

16 “(2) Information on the programs, policies, and
17 activities that are required to successfully execute
18 the full range of the Secretary’s cybersecurity re-
19 sponsibilities, including programs, policies, and ac-
20 tivities in furtherance of the following:

21 “(A) Cybersecurity functions set forth in
22 the second section 226 (relating to the national
23 cybersecurity and communications integration
24 center).

25 “(B) Cybersecurity investigations capabili-
26 ties.

1 “(C) Cybersecurity research and develop-
2 ment.

3 “(D) Engagement with international cyber-
4 security partners.

5 “(c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the strategy
6 required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

7 “(1) consider—

8 “(A) the cybersecurity strategy for the
9 Homeland Security Enterprise published by the
10 Secretary in November 2011;

11 “(B) the Department of Homeland Secu-
12 rity Fiscal Years 2014–2018 Strategic Plan;
13 and

14 “(C) the most recent Quadrennial Home-
15 land Security Review issued pursuant to section
16 707; and

17 “(2) include information on the roles and re-
18 sponsibilities of components and offices of the De-
19 partment, to the extent practicable, to carry out
20 such strategy.

21 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 90
22 days after the development of the strategy required under
23 subsection (a), the Secretary shall issue an implementa-
24 tion plan for the strategy that includes the following:

1 “(1) Strategic objectives and corresponding
2 tasks.

3 “(2) Projected timelines and costs for such
4 tasks.

5 “(3) Metrics to evaluate performance of such
6 tasks.

7 “(e) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary
8 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
9 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
10 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
11 ate for assessment the following:

12 “(1) A copy of the strategy required under sub-
13 section (a) upon issuance.

14 “(2) A copy of the implementation plan re-
15 quired under subsection (d) upon issuance, together
16 with detailed information on any associated legisla-
17 tive or budgetary proposals.

18 “(f) PROHIBITION ON REORGANIZATION.—In the
19 event that the strategy required under subsection (a) or
20 implementation plan required under subsection (d) in-
21 cludes actions to reorganize departmental components or
22 offices, such actions may not be executed without prior
23 congressional authorization.

1 “(g) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—The strategy re-
2 quired under subsection (a) shall be in an unclassified
3 form but may contain a classified annex.

4 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) CYBERSECURITY RISK.—The term ‘cyber-
6 security risk’ has the meaning given such term in
7 the second section 226, relating to the national cy-
8 bersecurity and communications integration center.

9 “(2) HOMELAND SECURITY ENTERPRISE.—The
10 term ‘Homeland Security Enterprise’ means relevant
11 governmental and nongovernmental entities involved
12 in homeland security, including Federal, State, local,
13 and tribal government officials, private sector rep-
14 resentatives, academics, and other policy experts.

15 “(3) INCIDENT.—The term ‘incident’ has the
16 meaning given such term in the second section 226,
17 relating to the national cybersecurity and commu-
18 nications integration center.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
20 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
21 amended by adding at the end of the list of items for sub-
22 title C of title II the following new item:

 “Sec. 230. Cybersecurity strategy.”.

23 (c) AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION.—Paragraph (2) of
24 subsection (a) of the second section 226 of the Homeland
25 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148; relating to the na-

1 tional cybersecurity and communications integration cen-
2 ter) is amended to read as follows:

3 “(2) INCIDENT.—The term ‘incident’ means an
4 occurrence that actually or imminently jeopardizes,
5 without lawful authority, the integrity, confiden-
6 tiality, or availability of information on an informa-
7 tion system, or actually or imminently jeopardizes,
8 without lawful authority, an information system.”.

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