

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4743
OFFERED BY MR. RICHMOND OF LOUISIANA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

**4 SEC. 2. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS CON-
5 SORTIUM.**

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

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

1 (1) provide training to State and local first re-
2 sponders and officials specifically for preparing for
3 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,
4 including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,
5 in accordance with current law;

6 (2) develop and update a curriculum utilizing
7 existing programs and models in accordance with
8 such section 227, for State and local first responders
9 and officials, related to cybersecurity risks and inci-
10 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-
11 rorism;

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

17 (4) conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training
18 and simulation exercises for entities, including State
19 and local governments, critical infrastructure owners
20 and operators, and private industry, to encourage
21 community-wide coordination in defending against
22 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,
23 including threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism,
24 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 228 of
25 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 149);

1 (5) help States and communities develop cyber-
2 security information sharing programs, in accord-
3 ance with section 227 of the Homeland Security Act
4 of 2002, for the dissemination of homeland security
5 information related to cybersecurity risks and inci-
6 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-
7 rorism; and

8 (6) help incorporate cybersecurity risk and inci-
9 dent prevention and response (including related to
10 threats of terrorism and acts of terrorism) into ex-
11 isting State and local emergency plans.

12 (c) PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION.—In carrying out
13 the functions under subsection (b), the Secretary of
14 Homeland Security shall, to the greatest extent prac-
15 ticable, seek to prevent unnecessary duplication of existing
16 programs or efforts of the Department of Homeland Secu-
17 rity.

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

22 (1) Any prior experience conducting cybersecu-
23 rity training and exercises for State and local enti-
24 ties.

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

4 (e) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5 rity shall conduct outreach to universities and colleges, in-
6 cluding historically Black colleges and universities, His-
7 panic-serving institutions, Tribal Colleges and Univer-
8 sities, and other minority-serving institutions, regarding
9 opportunities to support efforts to address cybersecurity
10 risks and incidents, including threats of terrorism and acts
11 of terrorism, by working with the Secretary pursuant to
12 subsection (a).

13 (f) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out this
14 Act shall terminate on the date that is five years after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (g) CONSORTIUM DEFINED.—In this Act, the term
17 “consortium” means a group primarily composed of non-
18 profit entities, including academic institutions, that de-
19 velop, update, and deliver cybersecurity training in sup-
20 port of homeland security.

