

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7535
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Quantum Computing
3 Cybersecurity Preparedness Act”.

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Cryptography is essential for the national
7 security of the United States and the functioning of
8 the economy of the United States.

9 (2) The most widespread encryption protocols
10 today rely on computational limits of classical com-
11 puters to provide cybersecurity.

12 (3) Quantum computers might one day have the
13 ability to push computational boundaries, allowing
14 us to solve problems that have been intractable thus
15 far, such as integer factorization, which is important
16 for encryption.

1 (4) The rapid progress of quantum computing
2 suggests the potential for adversaries of the United
3 States to steal sensitive encrypted data today using
4 classical computers, and wait until sufficiently pow-
5 erful quantum systems are available to decrypt it.

6 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that—

8 (1) a strategy for the migration of information
9 technology systems of the Federal Government to
10 post-quantum cryptography is needed; and

11 (2) the Governmentwide and industrywide ap-
12 proach to post-quantum cryptography should
13 prioritize developing applications, hardware intellec-
14 tual property, and software that can be easily up-
15 dated to support cryptographic agility.

16 **SEC. 3. INVENTORY OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS; MIGRA-**
17 **TION TO POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY.**

18 (a) INVENTORY.—

19 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
21 rector of OMB shall establish, by rule or binding
22 guidance, a requirement for each executive agency to
23 establish and maintain an inventory of each cryp-
24 tographic system in use by the agency.

1 (2) ADDITIONAL CONTENT IN RULE OR BIND-
2 ING GUIDANCE.—In the rule or binding guidance es-
3 tablished by paragraph (1), the Director of OMB
4 shall include, in addition to the requirement de-
5 scribed under such paragraph—

6 (A) a description of information technology
7 to be prioritized for migration to post-quantum
8 cryptography;

9 (B) a description of the information re-
10 quired to be reported pursuant to subsection
11 (b);

12 (C) interim benchmarks for the migration
13 of information technology to post-quantum
14 cryptography; and

15 (D) a process for evaluating progress on
16 migrating information technology to post-quan-
17 tum cryptography, which shall be automated to
18 the greatest extent practicable.

19 (3) PERIODIC UPDATES.—The Director of OMB
20 shall update the rule or binding guidance established
21 by paragraph (1) as the Director determines nec-
22 essary.

23 (b) AGENCY REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after
24 the date of the enactment of this Act, and on an ongoing
25 basis thereafter, the head of each executive agency shall

1 provide to the Director of OMB, the Director of CISA,
2 and the National Cyber Director an inventory of all infor-
3 mation technology in use by the executive agency that is
4 vulnerable to decryption by quantum computers.

5 (c) MIGRATION AND ASSESSMENT.—

6 (1) MIGRATION TO POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGR-
7 RAPHY.—Not later than 1 year after the date on
8 which the Director of NIST has issued post-quantum
9 cryptography standards, the Director of OMB
10 shall issue guidance requiring each executive agency
11 to develop a plan to migrate information technology
12 of the agency to post-quantum cryptography.

13 (2) DESIGNATION OF SYSTEMS FOR MIGRA-
14 TION.—Not later than 90 days after the date on
15 which the guidance required by paragraph (1) has
16 been issued, and on an ongoing basis thereafter, the
17 Director of OMB, in consultation with the Chief In-
18 formation Officers Council, shall—

19 (A) designate information technology to be
20 migrated to post-quantum cryptography; and

21 (B) prioritize information technology des-
22 ignated under subparagraph (A), on the basis
23 of the amount of risk posed by decryption by
24 quantum computers to such technology, for mi-
25 gration to post-quantum cryptography.

1 (d) INTEROPERABILITY.—The Director of OMB shall
2 ensure that the designations and prioritizations made
3 under subsection (b)(2) are assessed and coordinated to
4 ensure interoperability.

5 (e) REPORT ON POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY.—
6 Not later than 15 months after the date of the enactment
7 of this Act, the Director of OMB shall submit to Congress
8 a report on the following:

9 (1) A strategy to address the risk posed by the
10 vulnerabilities of information technology systems of
11 executive agencies to weakened encryption due to the
12 potential and possible capability of a quantum com-
13 puter to breach such encryption.

14 (2) The amount of funding needed by executive
15 agencies to secure such information technology sys-
16 tems from the risk posed by an adversary of the
17 United States using a quantum computer to breach
18 the encryption of information technology systems.

19 (3) A description and analysis of ongoing co-
20 ordination efforts, including any framework and
21 timeline, with international standards development
22 organizations and consortia (such as the Inter-
23 national Organization for Standardization) to de-
24 velop standards for post-quantum cryptography, in-
25 cluding any Federal Information Processing Stand-

1 ards developed under chapter 35 of title 44, United
2 States Code, for post-quantum cryptography.

3 (f) REPORT ON MIGRATION TO POST-QUANTUM
4 CRYPTOGRAPHY IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYS-
5 TEMS.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the
6 Director of NIST has issued post-quantum cryptography
7 standards, and annually thereafter until the date that is
8 9 years after the date on which such standards are issued,
9 the Director of OMB shall submit to Congress a report
10 on the progress of executive agencies in adopting post-
11 quantum cryptography standards.

12 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

13 (1) CLASSICAL COMPUTER.—The term “clas-
14 sical computer” means a device that accepts digital
15 data and manipulates the information based on a
16 program or sequence of instructions for how data is
17 to be processed and encodes information in binary
18 bits that can either be 0s or 1s.

19 (2) DIRECTOR OF NIST.—The term “Director
20 of NIST” means the Director of the National Insti-
21 tute for Standards and Technology.

22 (3) DIRECTOR OF OMB.—The term “Director of
23 OMB” means the Director of the Office of Manage-
24 ment and Budget.

1 (4) ENTANGLEMENT.—The term “entangle-
2 ment” means a property where two or more quan-
3 tum objects in a system can be intrinsically linked
4 such that the measurement of one dictates the pos-
5 sible measurement outcomes for another, regardless
6 of how far apart the objects are.

7 (5) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
8 agency” has the meaning given the term “Executive
9 agency” in section 105 of title 5, United States
10 Code.

11 (6) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—The term
12 “information technology” has the meaning given
13 that term in section 11101 of title 40, United States
14 Code.

15 (7) POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY.—The
16 term “post-quantum cryptography” means a cryp-
17 tographic system that—

18 (A) is secure against decryption attempts
19 using a quantum computer or classical com-
20 puter; and

21 (B) can interoperate with existing commu-
22 nications protocols and networks.

23 (8) QUANTUM COMPUTER.—The term “quan-
24 tum computer” means a device for computation that
25 uses quantum mechanics, like superposition and en-

1 tanglement, to perform computational operations on
2 data.

3 (9) SUPERPOSITION.—The term “superposi-
4 tion” means the ability of quantum systems to exist
5 in two or more states simultaneously.

