

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3268**

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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 “Securing Open Source
3 Software Act of 2023”.

4 SEC. 2. OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE SECURITY DUTIES.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XXII of the Homeland Se-
6 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) in section 2200 (6 U.S.C. 650)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (22)
9 through (28) as paragraphs (25) through (31),
10 respectively; and

11 (B) by inserting after paragraph (21) the
12 following new paragraphs:

13 “(22) OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE.—The term
14 ‘open source software’ means software for which the
15 human-readable source code is made available to the
16 public for use, study, re-use, modification, enhance-
17 ment, and re-distribution.

1 “(23) OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE COMMUNITY.—

2 The term ‘open source software community’ means
3 the community of individuals, foundations, nonprofit
4 organizations, corporations, and other entities
5 that—

6 “(A) develop, contribute to, maintain, and
7 publish open source software; or

8 “(B) otherwise work to ensure the security
9 of the open source software ecosystem.

10 “(24) OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE COMPONENT.—

11 The term ‘open source software component’ means
12 an individual repository of open source software that
13 is made available to the public.”;

14 (2) in section 2202(c) (6 U.S.C. 652(c))—

15 (A) in paragraph (13), by striking “and”
16 at the end;

17 (B) by redesignating paragraph (14) as
18 paragraph (15); and

19 (C) by inserting after paragraph (13) the
20 following:

21 “(14) support, including by offering services,
22 the secure usage and deployment of software, includ-
23 ing open source software, in the software develop-
24 ment lifecycle at Federal agencies in accordance with
25 section 2220F; and”; and

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

2 **“SEC. 2220F. OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE SECURITY DUTIES.**

3 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘soft-
4 ware bill of materials’ has the meaning given such term
5 in the Minimum Elements for a Software Bill of Materials
6 published by the Department of Commerce, or any super-
7 seding definition published by the Agency.

8 “(b) EMPLOYMENT.—The Director shall, to the
9 greatest extent practicable, employ individuals in the
10 Agency who—

11 “(1) have expertise and experience participating
12 in the open source software community; and

13 “(2) perform the duties described in subsection
14 (c).

15 “(c) DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall—

17 “(A) perform outreach and engagement to
18 bolster the security of open source software;

19 “(B) support Federal efforts to strengthen
20 the security of open source software;

21 “(C) coordinate, as appropriate, with non-
22 Federal entities on efforts to ensure the long-
23 term security of open source software;

24 “(D) serve as a public point of contact re-
25 garding the security of open source software for

1 non-Federal entities, including State, local,
2 Tribal, and territorial partners, the private sec-
3 tor, international partners, and open source
4 software communities; and

5 “(E) support Federal and non-Federal
6 supply chain security efforts by encouraging ef-
7 forts to bolster open source software security,
8 such as—

9 “(i) assisting in coordinated vulner-
10 ability disclosures in open source software
11 components pursuant to section 2209(n);
12 and

13 “(ii) supporting the activities of the
14 Federal Acquisition Security Council.

15 “(2) ASSESSMENT OF CRITICAL OPEN SOURCE
16 SOFTWARE COMPONENTS.—

17 “(A) FRAMEWORK.—Not later than one
18 year after the date of the enactment of this sec-
19 tion, the Director shall publicly publish a
20 framework, incorporating government, private
21 sector, and open source software community
22 frameworks and best practices, including those
23 published by the National Institute of Stand-
24 ards and Technology, for assessing the risk of
25 open source software components, including di-

1 rect and indirect open source software depend-
2 encies, which shall incorporate, at a minimum,
3 the following with respect to a given open
4 source software component:

5 “(i) The security properties of code,
6 such as whether the code is written in a
7 memory-safe programming language or
8 successor language.

9 “(ii) The security practices of develop-
10 ment, build, and release processes, such as
11 the use of multi-factor authentication by
12 maintainers and cryptographic signing of
13 releases.

14 “(iii) The number and severity of pub-
15 licly known, unpatched vulnerabilities.

16 “(iv) The breadth of deployment.

17 “(v) The level of risk associated with
18 where such component is integrated or de-
19 ployed, such as whether such component
20 operates on a network boundary or in a
21 privileged location.

22 “(vi) The health and sustainability of
23 the open source software community, in-
24 cluding, where applicable, the level of cur-
25 rent and historical investment and mainte-

1 nance in such component, such as the
2 number and activity of individual main-
3 tainers.

4 “(B) UPDATING FRAMEWORK.—Not less
5 frequently than annually after the date on
6 which the framework is published under sub-
7 paragraph (A), the Director shall—

8 “(i) determine whether updates are
9 needed to such framework, including the
10 augmentation, addition, or removal of the
11 elements described in clauses (i) through
12 (vi) of such subparagraph; and

13 “(ii) if the Director so determines
14 that such additional updates are needed,
15 make such updates.

16 “(C) DEVELOPING FRAMEWORK.—In de-
17 veloping the framework described in subpara-
18 graph (A), the Director shall consult with the
19 following:

20 “(i) Appropriate Federal agencies, in-
21 cluding the National Institute of Standards
22 and Technology.

23 “(ii) The open source software com-
24 munity.

1 “(D) USABILITY.—The Director shall en-
2 sure, to the greatest extent practicable, that the
3 framework described in subparagraph (A) is us-
4 able by the open source software community,
5 including through the consultation required
6 under subparagraph (C).

7 “(E) FEDERAL OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE
8 ASSESSMENT.—Not later than one year after
9 the publication of the framework under sub-
10 paragraph (A) and not less frequently than
11 every two years thereafter, the Director shall, to
12 the greatest extent practicable and using such
13 framework—

14 “(i) perform an assessment of each
15 open source software component deployed
16 on high value assets, as described in Office
17 of Management and Budget memorandum
18 M-19-03 (issued December 10, 2018) or
19 successor guidance, at Federal agencies
20 based on readily available, and, to the
21 greatest extent practicable, machine read-
22 able, information, such as—

23 “(I) software bills of material
24 that are, at the time of the assess-
25 ment, made available to the Agency or

1 are otherwise accessible via the inter-
2 net;

3 “(II) software inventories, avail-
4 able to the Director at the time of the
5 assessment, from the Continuous
6 Diagnostics and Mitigation program
7 of the Agency; and

8 “(III) other publicly available in-
9 formation regarding open source soft-
10 ware components; and

11 “(ii) develop, in consultation with the
12 Federal agency at which an open source
13 software component is deployed, one or
14 more ranked lists of components described
15 in clause (i) based on such assessment,
16 such as ranked by the criticality, level of
17 risk, or usage of the components, or a
18 combination thereof.

19 “(F) AUTOMATION.—The Director shall, to
20 the greatest extent practicable, automate the
21 assessment performed pursuant to subpara-
22 graph (E).

23 “(G) PUBLICATION.—The Director shall
24 publicly publish and maintain any tools devel-

1 oped to perform the assessment under subpara-
2 graph (E) as open source software.

3 “(H) SHARING.—

4 “(i) RESULTS.—The Director, to the
5 greatest extent practicable, and taking into
6 account the sensitivity of the information
7 contained in the assessment performed
8 pursuant to subparagraph (E), shall facili-
9 tate the sharing of the results of each as-
10 sessment under subparagraph (E)(i) with
11 appropriate Federal and non-Federal enti-
12 ties working to support the security of
13 open source software, including by offering
14 means for appropriate Federal and non-
15 Federal entities to download the assess-
16 ment in an automated manner.

17 “(ii) DATASETS.—The Director may
18 publicly publish, as appropriate, any
19 datasets or versions of the datasets devel-
20 oped or consolidated as a result of an as-
21 sessment under subparagraph (E)(i).

22 “(I) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESS-
23 MENT STUDY AND PILOT.—

24 “(i) STUDY.—Not later than two
25 years after the publication of the frame-

1 work under subparagraph (A), the Director
2 shall conduct a study regarding the feasi-
3 bility of the Director conducting the as-
4 sessment under subparagraph (E) for crit-
5 ical infrastructure entities.

6 “(ii) PILOT.—

7 “(I) IN GENERAL.—If the Direc-
8 tor determines that the assessment
9 described in clause (i) is feasible, the
10 Director may conduct a pilot assess-
11 ment on a voluntary basis with one or
12 more critical infrastructure sectors, in
13 coordination with the Sector Risk
14 Management Agency and the sector
15 coordinating council of each partici-
16 pating sector.

17 “(II) TERMINATION.—If the Di-
18 rector proceeds with the pilot assess-
19 ment described in subclause (I), such
20 pilot assessment shall terminate not
21 later than two years after the date on
22 which the Director begins such pilot
23 assessment.

24 “(iii) REPORTS.—

1 “(I) STUDY.—Not later than 180
2 days after the date on which the Di-
3 rector completes the study conducted
4 under clause (i), the Director shall
5 submit to the appropriate congress-
6 sional committees a report that—

7 “(aa) summarizes the study;

8 “(bb) states whether the Di-
9 rector plans to proceed with the
10 pilot assessment described in
11 clause (ii)(I); and

12 “(cc) if the Director pro-
13 ceeds with such pilot assessment,
14 describes—

15 “(AA) the methodology
16 for selecting the critical in-
17 frastructure sector or sec-
18 tors to participate in the
19 pilot; and

20 “(BB) the resources re-
21 quired to carry out the pilot.

22 “(II) PILOT.—If the Director
23 proceeds with the pilot assessment de-
24 scribed in clause (ii), not later than
25 one year after the date on which the

1 Director begins such pilot assessment,
2 the Director shall submit to the ap-
3 propriate congressional committees a
4 report that includes the following:

5 “(aa) A summary of the re-
6 sults of such pilot assessment.

7 “(bb) A recommendation as
8 to whether the activities carried
9 out under such pilot assessment
10 should be continued after the ter-
11 mination of such pilot assessment
12 in accordance with clause (ii)(II).

13 “(3) CONSULTATION WITH NATIONAL CYBER
14 DIRECTOR.—The Director shall—

15 “(A) brief the National Cyber Director on
16 the activities described in this subsection; and

17 “(B) consult with the National Cyber Di-
18 rector regarding such activities, as appropriate.

19 “(4) REPORTS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one
21 year after the date of the enactment of this sec-
22 tion and every two years thereafter for the fol-
23 lowing six years, the Director shall submit to
24 the appropriate congressional committees a re-

1 port that includes for the period covered by
2 each such report the following:

3 “(i) A summary of the work on open
4 source software security performed by the
5 Director, including a list of the Federal
6 and non-Federal entities with which the
7 Director interfaced.

8 “(ii) The framework under paragraph
9 (2)(A) or a summary of any updates to
10 such framework pursuant to paragraph
11 (2)(B), as the case may be.

12 “(iii) A summary of each assessment
13 under paragraph (2)(E)(i).

14 “(iv) A summary of changes made to
15 each such assessment, including overall se-
16 curity trends.

17 “(v) A summary of the types of enti-
18 ties with which each such assessment was
19 shared pursuant to paragraph (2)(H), in-
20 cluding a list of the Federal and non-Fed-
21 eral entities with which such assessment
22 was shared.

23 “(vi) Information on resources, in-
24 cluding staffing, allocated to the Director’s

1 open source software responsibilities under
2 this section.

3 “(B) PUBLIC REPORT.—Not later than 30
4 days after the date on which the Director sub-
5 mits each report required under subparagraph
6 (A), the Director shall make a version of each
7 such report publicly available on the website of
8 the Agency.”.

9 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
10 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Se-
11 curity Act of 2002 is amended by inserting after the item
12 relating to section 2220E the following new item:

“Sec. 2220F. Open source software security duties.”.

13 (c) SOFTWARE SECURITY ADVISORY SUB-
14 COMMITTEE.—Section 2219(d)(1) of the Homeland Secu-
15 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 665e(d)(1)) is amended by add-
16 ing at the end the following:

17 “(E) Software security, including open
18 source software security.”.

19 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
20 or the amendments made by this Act may be construed
21 to provide any additional regulatory authority to any Fed-
22 eral agency described therein.

