

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3490
OFFERED BY MR. RATCLIFFE OF TEXAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening State
3 and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL COMPUTER
5 FORENSICS INSTITUTE OF THE DEPARTMENT
6 OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title VIII of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 381 et seq.)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:
10 **“SEC. 822. NATIONAL COMPUTER FORENSICS INSTITUTE.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the De-
12 partment a National Computer Forensics Institute (in this
13 section referred to as the ‘Institute’), to be operated by
14 the United States Secret Service, for the dissemination of
15 homeland security information related to the investigation
16 and prevention of cyber and electronic crime and related
17 threats to educate, train, and equip State, local, tribal,

1 and territorial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and
2 judges.

3 “(b) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Institute
4 shall include the following:

5 “(1) Educating State, local, tribal, and terri-
6 torial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and
7 judges on current—

8 “(A) cyber and electronic crimes and re-
9 lated threats;

10 “(B) methods for investigating cyber and
11 electronic crime and related threats and con-
12 ducting computer and mobile device forensic ex-
13 aminations; and

14 “(C) prosecutorial and judicial challenges
15 related to cyber and electronic crime and re-
16 lated threats, and computer and mobile device
17 forensic examinations.

18 “(2) Training State, local, tribal, and territorial
19 law enforcement officers to—

20 “(A) conduct cyber and electronic crime
21 and related threat investigations;

22 “(B) conduct computer and mobile device
23 forensic examinations; and

24 “(C) respond to network intrusion inci-
25 dents.

1 “(3) Training State, local, tribal, and territorial
2 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges on
3 methods to obtain, process, store, and admit digital
4 evidence in court.

5 “(c) PRINCIPLES.—In carrying out the functions
6 under subsection (b), the Institute shall ensure, to the ex-
7 tent practicable, that timely, actionable, and relevant ex-
8 pertise and homeland security information related to cyber
9 and electronic crime and related threats is shared with
10 State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement offi-
11 cers, prosecutors, and judges.

12 “(d) EQUIPMENT.—The Institute is authorized to
13 provide State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement
14 officers, prosecutors, and judges with computer equip-
15 ment, hardware, software, manuals, and tools necessary
16 to conduct cyber and electronic crime and related threats
17 investigations and computer and mobile device forensic ex-
18 aminations.

19 “(e) ELECTRONIC CRIME TASK FORCES.—The Insti-
20 tute shall facilitate the expansion of the Secret Service’s
21 network of Electronic Crime Task Forces through the ad-
22 dition of task force officers of State, local, tribal, and ter-
23 ritorial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges
24 educated and trained at the Institute, in addition to aca-
25 demia and private sector stakeholders.

1 “(f) COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL LAW ENFORCE-
2 MENT TRAINING CENTER.—The Institute shall seek op-
3 portunities to coordinate with the Federal Law Enforce-
4 ment Training Center within the Department to help en-
5 hance, to the extent practicable, the training provided by
6 the Center to stakeholders, including by helping to ensure
7 that such training reflects timely, actionable, and relevant
8 expertise in homeland security information related to
9 cyber and electronic crime and related threats.”.

10 (b) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—No additional funds
11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
12 and the amendment made by this Act. This Act and such
13 amendment shall be carried out using amounts otherwise
14 available for such purposes.

15 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
16 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by in-
17 serting after the item relating to section 821 the following
18 new item:

“Sec. 822. National Computer Forensics Institute.”.

