

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5529  
OFFERED BY Ms. Mace**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CYBER RISKS TO VETERANS.**

2 (a) **CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE.—**

3 (1) **ESTABLISHMENT.—**Not later than 90 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5 retary of Veterans Affairs, through the Office of  
6 Public and Intergovernmental Affairs (or successor  
7 office), shall conduct a communications and outreach  
8 campaign to educate veterans about cyber risks. In  
9 carrying out such campaign, the Secretary shall—

10 (A) coordinate with other entities (includ-  
11 ing Federal entities and social media compa-  
12 nies) that educate the public about cyber risks;

13 (B) promote and disseminate best practices  
14 and educational materials regarding—

15 (i) cyber risks to veterans;

16 (ii) information about how a veteran  
17 may report cyber risks to the appropriate  
18 law enforcement agency or entity other

1 than the Department of Veterans Affairs;

2 and

3 (iii) any other information the Sec-

4 retary determines appropriate; and

5 (C) establish and maintain a publicly ac-  
6 cessible website of the Department—

7 (i) regarding the campaign; and

8 (ii) that contains hyperlinks to  
9 websites of entities described in subpara-  
10 graph (B).

11 (2) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 60  
12 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
13 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on  
14 progress of the Secretary in preparing the campaign  
15 under this subsection.

16 (b) STUDY.—

17 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Vet-  
18 erans Affairs shall seek to enter into an agreement  
19 with a federally funded research and development  
20 corporation to perform a study—

21 (A) that assesses—

22 (i) the vulnerability of veterans to  
23 cyber risks;

24 (ii) the availability and efficacy of re-  
25 sources (including Federal resources) to

1                   assist veterans in combatting cyber risks;  
2                   and

3                   (iii) the efficacy of the campaign  
4                   under subsection (a); and

5                   (B) to determine recommendations to the  
6                   Secretary on how to reduce cyber risks to vet-  
7                   erans.

8                   (2) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one  
9                   year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
10                  Secretary shall submit to Congress a report con-  
11                  taining the results of the study under this sub-  
12                  section.

13                  (c) CYBER RISKS DEFINED.—In this section, the  
14                  term “cyber risks” includes disinformation, identity theft,  
15                  scams, and fraud, spread via the internet or social media.

