

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 9642

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Investments
5 in Our Ports Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

2 **APPLICATION PROCESS.**

3 Section 54301(a)(5)(A) of title 46, United States
4 Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking “To be eligible” and inserting
6 the following:

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible”;

8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(ii) ENSURING CYBERSECURITY.—If
11 an applicant for a grant under this sub-
12 section is applying to use the grant to ac-
13 quire digital infrastructure or a software
14 component, such applicant shall—

15 “(I) certify the applicant has an
16 approved security plan pursuant to
17 section 70103(c) that addresses the
18 cybersecurity risks of such digital in-
19 frastructure or software; or

20 “(II) provide a brief description
21 in the application of how the applicant
22 will address the cybersecurity risks of
23 such digital infrastructure or software
24 if the applicant does not have such
25 approved security plan.

1 “(iii) UPDATE OF FACILITY SECURITY
2 PLAN.—An applicant for a grant under
3 this subsection applying to use such grant
4 to acquire digital infrastructure or a soft-
5 ware component that does not have an ap-
6 proved security plan pursuant to section
7 70103(c) that addresses the cybersecurity
8 risks of such digital infrastructure or soft-
9 ware shall ensure that the security plan
10 under section 70103(c) of such applicant is
11 updated to address the cybersecurity risks
12 described in clause (ii)(II) in the next up-
13 date required under paragraph (3)(G) of
14 such section.”.

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