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To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to assist small business concerns with purchasing cybersecurity products and services, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “Strengthening and En-
5 hancing Cybersecurity Usage to Reach Every Small Busi-
6 ness Act” or the “SECURE Small Business Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
3 ness Administration.

4 (2) COVERED INDUSTRY SECTORS.—The term
5 “covered industry sectors” means the following in-
6 dustry sectors:

7 (A) Accommodation and food services.

8 (B) Agriculture.

9 (C) Construction.

10 (D) Healthcare and social assistance.

11 (E) Retail and wholesale trade.

12 (F) Transportation and warehousing.

13 (G) Entertainment and recreation.

14 (H) Finance and insurance.

15 (I) Manufacturing.

16 (J) Information and telecommunications.

17 (K) Any other industry sector that the Ad-
18 ministrators determines to be relevant.

19 (3) COVERED VENDOR.—The term “covered
20 vendor” means a vendor of cybersecurity products
21 and services, including cybersecurity risk insurance.

22 (4) CYBERSECURITY.—The term “cybersecu-
23 rity” means—

1 (A) the art of protecting networks, devices,
2 and data from unauthorized access or criminal
3 use; and

4 (B) the practice of ensuring the confiden-
5 tiality, integrity, and availability of information.

6 (5) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term “cy-
7 bersecurity threat” means the possibility of a mali-
8 cious attempt to infiltrate, damage, disrupt, or de-
9 stroy computer networks or systems.

10 (6) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
11 “small business concern” has the meaning given the
12 term in section 3(a) of the Small Business Act (15
13 U.S.C. 632(a)).

14 **SEC. 3. CYBERSECURITY COOPERATIVE MARKETPLACE**
15 **PROGRAM.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in
18 consultation with the Director of the National Institute
19 of Standards and Technology, shall establish a program
20 to assist small business concerns with purchasing cyberse-
21 curity products and services.

22 (b) DUTIES.—In carrying out the program estab-
23 lished under subsection (a), the Administrator shall—

1 (1) educate small business concerns about the
2 types of cybersecurity products and services that are
3 specific to each covered industry sector; and

4 (2) provide outreach to covered vendors and
5 small business concerns to encourage use of the co-
6 operative marketplace described in subsection (c).

7 (c) COOPERATIVE MARKETPLACE FOR PURCHASING
8 CYBERSECURITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.—The Ad-
9 ministrator shall—

10 (1) establish and maintain a website that—

11 (A) is free to use for small business con-
12 cerns and covered vendors; and

13 (B) provides a cooperative marketplace
14 that facilitates the creation of mutual agree-
15 ments under which small business concerns co-
16 operatively purchase cybersecurity products and
17 services from covered vendors; and

18 (2) determine whether each covered vendor and
19 each small business concern that participates in the
20 marketplace described in paragraph (1) is legitimate,
21 as determined by the Administrator.

22 (d) SUNSET.—This section ceases to be effective on
23 September 30, 2024.

1 **SEC. 4. GAO STUDY ON AVAILABLE FEDERAL CYBERSECU-**
2 **RITY INITIATIVES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall conduct a study that identifies any im-
5 provements that could be made to Federal initiatives
6 that—

7 (1) train small business concerns how to avoid
8 cybersecurity threats; and

9 (2) are in effect on the date on which the
10 Comptroller General commences the study.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
12 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
13 United States shall submit to the Committee on Small
14 Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the
15 Committee on Small Business of the House of Representa-
16 tives a report that contains the results of the study re-
17 quired under subsection (a).

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