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To authorize small business development centers to provide cybersecurity assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

To authorize small business development centers to provide cybersecurity assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

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 “Small Business Cyber-
5 security Assistance Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. SBA ACTIVITIES TO BOLSTER SMALL BUSINESS DE-**
 2 **VELOPMENT CENTER CYBERSECURITY SUP-**
 3 **PORT FUNCTIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21 of the Small Business
 5 Act (15 U.S.C. 648) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “man-
 8 agement, training, and technical assistance re-
 9 garding cybersecurity;” after “technology trans-
 10 fer;”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (8)—

12 (i) by redesignating subparagraph (B)
 13 as subparagraph (C); and

14 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
 15 (A) the following:

16 “(B) CYBERSECURITY CLEARINGHOUSE.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of
 18 the Small Business Development Center
 19 Cyber Strategy developed under section
 20 1841(a) of the National Defense Author-
 21 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public
 22 Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2662), not later
 23 than 90 days after the date of enactment
 24 of the Small Business Cybersecurity As-
 25 sistance Act of 2019, the Administrator, in
 26 consultation with America’s SBDC (or any

1 subsequent association identified by the
2 Administrator that represents small busi-
3 ness development centers), any federally
4 affiliated small business-focused entity as
5 determined appropriate by the Adminis-
6 trator, and, as appropriate, any other Fed-
7 eral agency, shall advise the Secretary of
8 Homeland Security on the development
9 and maintenance of a Cybersecurity Clear-
10 inghouse platform (in this subparagraph
11 referred to as the ‘Clearinghouse’).

12 “(ii) MANAGEMENT.—The Adminis-
13 trator and the Secretary of Homeland Se-
14 curity shall jointly manage the content
15 maintained on the Clearinghouse.

16 “(iii) RESOURCES.—The Clearing-
17 house shall contain public-facing cyberse-
18 curity resources, to the extent possible fo-
19 cused on small business concerns, in a sin-
20 gle location for easy reference by small
21 business development centers, federally af-
22 filiated small-business focused entities, and
23 small business concerns.

24 “(iv) CONTENTS.—The Clearinghouse
25 shall—

1 “(I) be publicly available online;
2 and

3 “(II) contain cybersecurity ref-
4 erence material for small business
5 concerns—

6 “(aa) developed by entities
7 in the Federal Government; and

8 “(bb) for any other purpose
9 as determined jointly by the Ad-
10 ministrator and the Secretary of
11 Homeland Security.

12 “(v) TRAINING.—The Administrator,
13 in consultation with America’s SBDC (or
14 any subsequent association identified by
15 the Administrator that represents small
16 business development centers), any feder-
17 ally affiliated small business-focused entity
18 as determined appropriate by the Adminis-
19 trator, the Department of Homeland Secu-
20 rity, and, as appropriate, any other Fed-
21 eral agency, shall provide periodic training
22 sessions, online or in-person, to employees
23 of small business development centers and
24 other federally affiliated small business-fo-

1 cused entities on the Clearinghouse, includ-
2 ing utilization of the Clearinghouse.

3 “(vi) EXISTING PLATFORM OR
4 WEBSITE.—The Administrator may main-
5 tain the Clearinghouse on an online plat-
6 form or website in existence as of the date
7 of enactment of the Small Business Cyber-
8 security Assistance Act of 2019.

9 “(vii) REFERENCE.—The Administra-
10 tion shall include a hyperlink for the public
11 to access the Clearinghouse on the website
12 of the Administration.”; and

13 (2) in subsection (c)(3)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (T), by striking
15 “and” at the end;

16 (B) in the first subparagraph (U), by
17 striking the period at the end and inserting a
18 semicolon;

19 (C) by redesignating the second subpara-
20 graph (U) as subparagraph (V);

21 (D) in subparagraph (V), as so redesign-
22 ated, by striking the period at the end and in-
23 serting “; and”; and

24 (E) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(W) providing information and assistance to
2 small business concerns with respect to cybersecurity
3 policies, management, or technical strategies.”.

4 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ACTIVITIES TO BOLSTER SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER CYBERSECURITY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Small Business Administration;

11 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Homeland Security; and

13 (3) the terms “small business concern” and “small business development center” has the meanings given those terms in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

17 (b) PROGRAM.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, America’s SBDC (or any subsequent association identified by the Administrator that represents small business development centers), any federally affiliated small business-focused entity as determined appropriate by the Administrator, and, as appropriate, any other Federal agency, shall develop—

1 (A) educational cybersecurity materials for
2 employees of small business development cen-
3 ters, and other federally affiliated small busi-
4 ness-focused entities as determined appropriate
5 by the Administrator, to utilize during cyberse-
6 curity events and counseling sessions with small
7 business concerns, which shall address, at a
8 minimum—

9 (i) cybersecurity policies and proce-
10 dures for small businesses;

11 (ii) cybersecurity defensive strategies
12 for small businesses; and

13 (iii) cybersecurity response strategies
14 for small businesses; and

15 (B) training programs, such as webinars,
16 on-line tools, or software, for employees of small
17 business development centers, and other feder-
18 ally affiliated small business-focused entities as
19 determined appropriate by the Administrator,
20 to utilize during cybersecurity events and coun-
21 seling sessions with small business concerns.

22 (2) TRAINING.—The Secretary shall provide
23 periodic training sessions, online or in-person, to em-
24 ployees of small business development centers, and
25 other federally affiliated small business-focused enti-

1 ties as determined appropriate by the Administrator,
2 on the utilization of the materials and training pro-
3 grams described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
4 paragraph (1).

5 (3) POSTING OF MATERIAL.—Not later than
6 180 days after the date on which the Administrator
7 establishes the Cybersecurity Clearinghouse required
8 under subparagraph (B) of section 21(a)(8) of the
9 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)(8)), as added
10 by section 2 of this Act—

11 (A) the Secretary shall complete develop-
12 ment of the materials described in paragraph
13 (1)(A) and submit them to the Administrator;
14 and

15 (B) the Administrator or the Secretary
16 shall upload those materials to the Cybersecu-
17 rity Clearinghouse.

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