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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS
Cybersecurity Internship Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CLARKE of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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 “DHS Cybersecurity
5 Internship Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBERSE-**
7 **CURITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.”.**

8 (a) PROGRAM.—Subtitle D of title XIII of the Home-
9 land Security Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 1334. CYBERSECURITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

2 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall carry out a cy-
3 bersecurity internship program (in this section referred to
4 as the ‘Program’) under which an eligible individual par-
5 ticipates in a paid cybersecurity internship at the Depart-
6 ment with duties aligned to such participant’s respective
7 education, skills, and experience.

8 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to participate in
9 the Program, an individual shall—

10 “(1) be a citizen of the United States;

11 “(2) be at least 16 years old; and

12 “(3) be enrolled in a secondary school, tech-
13 nical, trade, or vocational school, or institution of
14 higher education, in accordance with subsection (c).

15 “(c) COMPOSITION.—The Secretary shall, as prac-
16 ticable, ensure that participants selected for the Program
17 for each intern class include students enrolled in each of
18 the following:

19 “(1) Secondary schools.

20 “(2) Junior or community colleges.

21 “(3) Undergraduate degree programs.

22 “(4) Postgraduate degree programs.

23 “(5) Technical, trade, or vocational schools.

24 “(d) REPORTS.—

25 “(1) REPORTS.—Not later than one year after
26 the date of the enactment of this section and annu-

1 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the
2 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
3 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland
4 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
5 report on the Program.

6 “(2) MATTERS.—Each report under paragraph
7 (1) shall include, with respect to the most recent
8 Program year, the following:

9 “(A) A description of outreach efforts by
10 the Secretary to raise awareness of the Pro-
11 gram among secondary schools and institutions
12 of higher education, including among junior or
13 community colleges, historically-Black colleges
14 and universities, and other minority-serving in-
15 stitutions.

16 “(B) Information on specific recruiting ef-
17 forts by the Secretary to increase participation
18 in the Program.

19 “(C) The number of individuals partici-
20 pating in the Program, listed by the type of
21 school or program in which the individual is en-
22 rolled at the time of participation, and informa-
23 tion on the nature of each such participation,
24 including Department components supported,
25 and the duties of each such individual.

1 “(3) CONSOLIDATION.—Reports submitted
2 under this subsection may be consolidated with the
3 reports required under section 1333(e).

4 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNI-
6 VERSITY.—The term ‘historically Black college or
7 university’ has the meaning given the term ‘part B
8 institution’ in section 322 of the Higher Education
9 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

10 “(2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
11 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the
12 meaning given that term in section 101 of the High-
13 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

14 “(3) JUNIOR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The
15 term ‘junior or community college’ has the meaning
16 given that term in section 312 of the Higher Edu-
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058).

18 “(4) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
19 term ‘minority-serving institution’ means an eligible
20 institution of higher education described in section
21 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
22 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

23 “(5) SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term ‘sec-
24 ondary school’ means a school or program that pro-
25 vides secondary education, as determined under

1 State law, except that the term does not include any
2 education beyond grade 12.

3 “(6) TECHNICAL, TRADE, OR VOCATIONAL
4 SCHOOL.—The term ‘technical, trade, or vocational
5 school’ has the meaning given that term in section
6 411.167 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
8 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
9 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
10 1333 the following new item:

“Sec. 1334. Cybersecurity internship program.”.

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