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[Report No. 118–331]

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

Mr. PETERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

DECEMBER 19 (legislative day, DECEMBER 16), 2024

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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 “DHS Cybersecurity
5 Internship Program Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBERSE-**
 2 **CURITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

3 (a) PROGRAM.—Subtitle D of title XIII of the Home-
 4 land Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 116
 5 Stat. 2298 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
 6 following:

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

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

22 “(4) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
 23 term ‘minority-serving institution’ means an eligible
 24 institution of higher education described in section
 25 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
 26 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

1 “(5) SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term ‘sec-
2 ondary school’ means a school or program that pro-
3 vides secondary education, as determined under
4 State law, except that the term does not include any
5 education beyond grade 12.

6 “(6) TECHNICAL, TRADE, OR VOCATIONAL
7 SCHOOL.—The term ‘technical, trade, or vocational
8 school’ has the meaning given that term in section
9 411.167 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations.

10 “(b) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall carry out a cy-
11 bersecurity internship program (in this section referred to
12 as the ‘Program’) under which an eligible individual par-
13 ticipates in a paid cybersecurity internship at the Depart-
14 ment with duties aligned to such participant’s respective
15 education, skills, and experience.

16 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to participate in
17 the Program, an individual shall—

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

19 “(2) be at least 16 years old; and

20 “(3) be enrolled in a secondary school, tech-
21 nical, trade, or vocational school, or institution of
22 higher education, in accordance with subsection (d).

23 “(d) COMPOSITION.—The Secretary shall, as prae-
24 ticable, ensure that participants selected for the Program

1 for each intern class include students enrolled in each of
2 the following:

3 ~~“(1) Secondary schools.~~

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8 ~~“(e) REPORTS.—~~

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 3 in the Program.

4 “(C) The number of individuals partici-
 5 pating in the Program, listed by the type of
 6 school or program in which the individual is en-
 7 rolled at the time of participation, and informa-
 8 tion on the nature of each such participation,
 9 including Department components supported,
 10 and the duties of each such individual.

11 “(3) CONSOLIDATION.—Reports submitted
 12 under this subsection may be consolidated with the
 13 reports required under section 1333(e).”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
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 17 serting after the item relating to section 1333 the fol-
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