

Calendar No. 676

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 4024****[Report No. 118–273]**

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21, 2024

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

DECEMBER 9, 2024

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with an amendment

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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Better Enabling Se-
3 cure and Trustworthy Technology for the Homeland Act”
4 or the “BEST Technology for the Homeland Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACQUISITION**
6 **PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION.**

7 Section 831 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
8 (6 U.S.C. 391) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
10 paragraph (1), by striking “September 30, 2024”
11 and inserting “September 30, 2031”; and

12 (2) in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding
13 subparagraph (A), by striking “September 30,
14 2024” and inserting “September 30, 2031”.

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17 *and Trustworthy Technology for the Homeland Act” or the*
18 *“BEST Technology for the Homeland Act”.*

19 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACQUISITION PRO-**
20 **GRAM EXTENSION.**

21 *Section 831 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6*
22 *U.S.C. 391) is amended—*

23 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

24 *(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),*
25 *by striking “September 30, 2024” and inserting*
26 *“September 30, 2027”; and*

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(3) *OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY INVOLV-*
3 *ING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Not later than 72*
4 *hours after the use or extension of the transaction au-*
5 *thority authorized under paragraph (1) involving ar-*
6 *tificial intelligence technology, the Secretary shall no-*
7 *tify the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-*
8 *mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-*
9 *airs of the Senate and the Committee on Appropria-*
10 *tions and the Committee on Homeland Security of the*
11 *House of Representatives and offer a briefing explain-*
12 *ing the reason for the use or extension.”; and*

13 (2) *in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding*
14 *subparagraph (A), by striking “September 30, 2024”*
15 *and inserting “September 30, 2027”.*

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