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To amend title 44, United States Code, to establish the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program within the General Services Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. HAWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Federal Secure Cloud
5 Improvement and Jobs Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Ensuring that the Federal Government can
2 securely leverage cloud computing products and serv-
3 ices is key to expediting the modernization of legacy
4 information technology systems, increasing cyberse-
5 curity within and across departments and agencies,
6 and supporting the continued leadership of the
7 United States in technology innovation and job cre-
8 ation.

9 (2) According to independent analysis, as of
10 calendar year 2019, the size of the cloud computing
11 market had tripled since 2004, enabling more than
12 2,000,000 jobs and adding more than
13 \$200,000,000,000 to the gross domestic product of
14 the United States,

15 (3) The Federal Government, across multiple
16 presidential administrations and Congresses, has
17 continued to support the ability of agencies to move
18 to the cloud, including through—

19 (A) President Barack Obama’s “Cloud
20 First Strategy”;

21 (B) President Donald Trump’s “Cloud
22 Smart Strategy”;

23 (C) the prioritization of cloud security in
24 Executive Order 14208 (86 Fed. Reg. 26633;
25 relating to improving the nation’s cybersecu-

1 rity), which was issued by President Joe Biden;
2 and

3 (D) more than a decade of appropriations
4 and authorization legislation that provides
5 agencies with relevant authorities and appro-
6 priations to modernize on-premises information
7 technology systems and more readily adopt
8 cloud computing products and services.

9 (4) Since it was created in 2011, the Federal
10 Risk and Authorization Management Program (re-
11 ferred to in this section as “FedRAMP”) at the
12 General Services Administration has made steady
13 and sustained improvements in supporting the se-
14 cure authorization and reuse of cloud computing
15 products and services within the Federal Govern-
16 ment, including by reducing the costs and burdens
17 on both agencies and cloud companies to quickly and
18 securely enter the Federal market.

19 (5) According to data from the General Services
20 Administration, as of the end of fiscal year 2021,
21 there were 239 cloud providers with FedRAMP au-
22 thorizations, and those authorizations had been re-
23 used more than 2,700 times across various agencies.

24 (6) Providing a legislative framework for
25 FedRAMP and new authorities to the General Serv-

1 ices Administration, the Office of Management and
2 Budget, and Federal agencies will—

3 (A) improve the speed at which new cloud
4 computing products and services can be se-
5 curely authorized;

6 (B) enhance the ability of agencies to ef-
7 fectively evaluate FedRAMP authorized pro-
8 viders for reuse;

9 (C) reduce the costs and burdens to cloud
10 providers seeking a FedRAMP authorization;
11 and

12 (D) provide for more robust transparency
13 and dialogue between industry and the Federal
14 Government to drive stronger adoption of se-
15 cure cloud capabilities, create jobs, and reduce
16 wasteful legacy information technology.

17 **SEC. 3. TITLE 44 AMENDMENTS.**

18 (a) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 36 of title 44, United
19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing:

21 **“§ 3607. Definitions**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-
23 section (b), the definitions under sections 3502 and 3552
24 apply to this section through section 3616.

1 “(b) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—In this section
2 through section 3616:

3 “(1) CLOUD COMPUTING.—The term ‘cloud
4 computing’ has the meaning given the term in Spe-
5 cial Publication 800–145 of the National Institute of
6 Standards and Technology.

7 “(2) CLOUD SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term
8 ‘cloud service provider’ means an entity offering
9 cloud computing products or services to agencies.

10 “(3) FEDRAMP.—The term ‘FedRAMP’
11 means the Federal Risk and Authorization Manage-
12 ment Program established under section 3608.

13 “(4) FEDRAMP AUTHORIZATION.—The term
14 ‘FedRAMP authorization’ means a certification that
15 a cloud computing product or service has—

16 “(A) completed a FedRAMP authorization
17 process, as determined by the Administrator of
18 General Services; or

19 “(B) received a FedRAMP provisional au-
20 thorization to operate, as determined by the
21 FedRAMP Board.

22 “(5) FEDRAMP AUTHORIZATION PACKAGE.—
23 The term ‘FedRAMP authorization package’ means
24 the essential information that can be used by an
25 agency to determine whether to authorize the oper-

1 ation of an information system or the use of a des-
2 ignated set of common controls for all cloud com-
3 puting products and services authorized by
4 FedRAMP.

5 “(6) FEDRAMP BOARD.—The term ‘FedRAMP
6 Board’ means the board established under section
7 3610.

8 “(7) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT ORGANIZA-
9 TION.—The term ‘independent assessment organiza-
10 tion’ means a third-party organization accredited by
11 the Administrator of General Services to undertake
12 conformity assessments of cloud service providers
13 and their products or services.

14 “(8) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
15 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

16 **“§ 3608. Federal Risk and Authorization Management**
17 **Program**

18 “‘There is established within the General Services Ad-
19 ministration the Federal Risk and Authorization Manage-
20 ment Program. The Administrator of General Services,
21 subject to section 3613, shall establish a Government-wide
22 program that provides a standardized, reusable approach
23 to security assessment and authorization for cloud com-
24 puting products and services that process unclassified in-
25 formation used by agencies.

1 **“§ 3609. Roles and responsibilities of the General**
2 **Services Administration**

3 “(a) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Adminis-
4 trator of General Services shall—

5 “(1) in consultation with the Secretary, develop,
6 coordinate, and implement a process to support
7 agency review, reuse, and standardization, where ap-
8 propriate, of security assessments of cloud com-
9 puting products and services, including, as appro-
10 priate, oversight of continuous monitoring of cloud
11 computing products and services, pursuant to guid-
12 ance issued by the Director pursuant to section
13 3613;

14 “(2) establish processes and identify criteria
15 consistent with guidance issued by the Director
16 under section 3613 to make a cloud computing prod-
17 uct or service eligible for a FedRAMP authorization
18 and validate whether a cloud computing product or
19 service has a FedRAMP authorization;

20 “(3) develop and publish templates, best prac-
21 tices, technical assistance, and other materials to
22 support the authorization of cloud computing prod-
23 ucts and services and increase the speed, effective-
24 ness, and transparency of the authorization process,
25 consistent with standards established by the Director

1 of the National Institute of Standards and Tech-
2 nology and relevant statutes;

3 “(4) grant FedRAMP authorizations to cloud
4 computing products and services consistent with the
5 guidance and direction of the FedRAMP Board;

6 “(5) establish and maintain a public comment
7 process for proposed guidance and other FedRAMP
8 directives that may have a direct impact on cloud
9 service providers and agencies before the issuance of
10 such guidance or other FedRAMP directives;

11 “(6) coordinate with the FedRAMP Board, the
12 Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Se-
13 curity Agency, and other entities identified by the
14 Administrator of General Services, with the concu-
15 rrence of the Director and the Secretary, to establish
16 and regularly update a framework for continuous
17 monitoring under section 3553;

18 “(7) provide a secure mechanism for storing
19 and sharing necessary data, including FedRAMP
20 authorization packages, to enable better reuse of
21 such packages across agencies, including making
22 available any information and data necessary for
23 agencies to fulfill the requirements of section 3612;

24 “(8) provide regular updates to applicant cloud
25 service providers on the status of any cloud com-

1 puting product or service during an assessment
2 process;

3 “(9) regularly review, in consultation with the
4 FedRAMP Board, the costs associated with the
5 independent assessment services of the third-party
6 organizations described in section 3611;

7 “(10) support the Federal Secure Cloud Advi-
8 sory Committee established pursuant to section
9 3616; and

10 “(11) take such other actions as the Adminis-
11 trator of General Services may determine necessary
12 to carry out FedRAMP.

13 “(b) WEBSITE.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of Gen-
15 eral Services shall maintain a public website to serve
16 as the authoritative repository for FedRAMP, in-
17 cluding the timely publication and updates for all
18 relevant information, guidance, determinations, and
19 other materials required under subsection (a).

20 “(2) CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR FEDRAMP
21 AUTHORIZATION PRIORITIES.—The Administrator of
22 General Services shall develop and make publicly
23 available on the website described in paragraph (1)
24 the criteria and process for prioritizing and selecting
25 cloud computing products and services that will re-

1 ceive a FedRAMP authorization, in consultation
2 with the FedRAMP Board and the Chief Informa-
3 tion Officers Council.

4 “(c) EVALUATION OF AUTOMATION PROCEDURES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of Gen-
6 eral Services, in coordination with the Secretary,
7 shall assess and evaluate available automation capa-
8 bilities and procedures to improve the efficiency and
9 effectiveness of the issuance of FedRAMP authoriza-
10 tions, including continuous monitoring of cloud com-
11 puting products and services.

12 “(2) MEANS FOR AUTOMATION.—Not later than
13 1 year after the date of enactment of this section,
14 and updated regularly thereafter, the Administrator
15 of General Services shall establish a means for the
16 automation of security assessments and reviews.

17 “(d) METRICS FOR AUTHORIZATION.—The Adminis-
18 trator of General Services shall establish annual metrics
19 regarding the time and quality of the assessments nec-
20 essary for completion of a FedRAMP authorization proc-
21 ess in a manner that can be consistently tracked over time
22 in conjunction with the periodic testing and evaluation
23 process pursuant to section 3554 in a manner that mini-
24 mizes the agency reporting burden.

1 **“§ 3610. FedRAMP Board**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
3 FedRAMP Board to provide input and recommendations
4 to the Administrator of General Services regarding the re-
5 quirements and guidelines for, and the prioritization of,
6 security assessments of cloud computing products and
7 services.

8 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The FedRAMP Board shall
9 consist of not more than 7 senior officials or experts from
10 agencies appointed by the Director, in consultation with
11 the Administrator of General Services, from each of the
12 following:

13 “(1) The Department of Defense.

14 “(2) The Department of Homeland Security.

15 “(3) The General Services Administration.

16 “(4) Such other agencies as determined by the
17 Director, in consultation with the Administrator of
18 General Services.

19 “(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members of the FedRAMP
20 Board appointed under subsection (b) shall have technical
21 expertise in domains relevant to FedRAMP, such as—

22 “(1) cloud computing;

23 “(2) cybersecurity;

24 “(3) privacy;

25 “(4) risk management; and

1 “(5) other competencies identified by the Direc-
2 tor to support the secure authorization of cloud serv-
3 ices and products.

4 “(d) DUTIES.—The FedRAMP Board shall—

5 “(1) in consultation with the Administrator of
6 General Services, serve as a resource for best prac-
7 tices to accelerate the process for obtaining a
8 FedRAMP authorization;

9 “(2) establish and regularly update require-
10 ments and guidelines for security authorizations of
11 cloud computing products and services, consistent
12 with standards established by the Director of the
13 National Institute of Standards and Technology, to
14 be used in the determination of FedRAMP author-
15 izations;

16 “(3) monitor and oversee, to the greatest extent
17 practicable, the processes and procedures by which
18 agencies determine and validate requirements for a
19 FedRAMP authorization, including periodic review
20 of the agency determinations described in section
21 3612(b);

22 “(4) ensure consistency and transparency be-
23 tween agencies and cloud service providers in a man-
24 ner that minimizes confusion and engenders trust;
25 and

1 “(5) perform such other roles and responsibil-
2 ities as the Director may assign, with concurrence
3 from the Administrator of General Services.

4 “(e) DETERMINATIONS OF DEMAND FOR CLOUD
5 COMPUTING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.—The FedRAMP
6 Board may consult with the Chief Information Officers
7 Council to establish a process, which may be made avail-
8 able on the website maintained under section 3609(b), for
9 prioritizing and accepting the cloud computing products
10 and services to be granted a FedRAMP authorization.

11 **“§ 3611. Independent assessment organizations**

12 “(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION.—The
13 Administrator of General Services may, consistent with
14 guidance issued by the Director, determine the require-
15 ments for accreditation of a third-party organization to
16 perform independent assessments and other activities that
17 will improve the overall performance of FedRAMP and re-
18 duce the cost of FedRAMP authorizations for cloud serv-
19 ice providers. Such requirements may include developing
20 or requiring certification programs for individuals em-
21 ployed by the third-party organization seeking accredita-
22 tion.

23 “(b) CERTIFICATION.—The Administrator of General
24 Services may accredit any third-party organization that
25 meets the requirements for accreditation determined

1 under subsection (a). If accredited pursuant to the re-
2 quirements determined under subsection (a), a certified
3 independent assessment organization may assess, validate,
4 and attest to the quality and compliance of security assess-
5 ment materials provided by cloud service providers.

6 **“§ 3612. Roles and responsibilities of agencies**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In implementing the require-
8 ments of FedRAMP, the head of each agency shall, con-
9 sistent with guidance issued by the Director pursuant to
10 section 3613—

11 “(1) promote the use of cloud computing prod-
12 ucts and services that meet FedRAMP security re-
13 quirements and other risk-based performance re-
14 quirements as determined by the Director, in con-
15 sultation with the Secretary;

16 “(2) confirm whether there is a FedRAMP au-
17 thorization in the secure mechanism provided under
18 section 3609(a)(7) before beginning the process of
19 granting a FedRAMP authorization for a cloud com-
20 puting product or service;

21 “(3) to the extent practicable, for any cloud
22 computing product or service the agency seeks to au-
23 thorize that has received a FedRAMP authorization,
24 use the existing assessments of security controls and

1 materials within the FedRAMP authorization pack-
2 age; and

3 “(4) provide data and information required to
4 the Director pursuant to section 3613 to determine
5 how agencies are meeting metrics established by the
6 Administrator of General Services.

7 “(b) ATTESTATION.—Upon completing an assess-
8 ment or authorization activity with respect to a particular
9 cloud computing product or service, if an agency deter-
10 mines that the information and data the agency has re-
11 viewed under paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (a) is
12 wholly or substantially deficient for the purposes of per-
13 forming an authorization of the cloud computing product
14 or service, the head of the agency shall document as part
15 of the resulting FedRAMP authorization package the rea-
16 sons for this determination

17 “(c) SUBMISSION OF AUTHORIZATIONS TO OPERATE
18 REQUIRED.—Upon issuance of an agency authorization to
19 operate based on a FedRAMP authorization, the head of
20 the agency shall provide a copy of its authorization to op-
21 erate letter and any supplementary information required
22 pursuant to section 3609(a) to the Administrator of Gen-
23 eral Services.

24 “(d) SUBMISSION OF POLICIES REQUIRED.—Not
25 later than 180 days after the date on which the Director

1 issues guidance in accordance with section 3613, the head
2 of each agency, acting through the agency chief informa-
3 tion officer of the agency, shall submit to the Director all
4 agency policies relating to the authorization of cloud com-
5 puting products and services.

6 “(e) PRESUMPTION OF ADEQUACY.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The assessment of security
8 controls and materials within the authorization
9 package for a FedRAMP authorization shall be pre-
10 sumed adequate for use in an agency authorization
11 to operate cloud computing products and services.

12 “(2) INFORMATION SECURITY REQUIRE-
13 MENTS.—The presumption under paragraph (1)
14 does not modify or alter—

15 “(A) the responsibility of any agency to en-
16 sure compliance with subchapter II of chapter
17 35 for any cloud computing products or services
18 used by the agency; or

19 “(B) the authority of the head of any
20 agency to make a determination that there is a
21 demonstrable need for additional security re-
22 quirements beyond the security requirements
23 included in a FedRAMP authorization for a
24 particular control implementation.

1 **“§ 3613. Roles and responsibilities of the office of**
2 **management and budget**

3 “(a) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director
4 shall—

5 “(1) in consultation with the Administrator of
6 General Services and the Secretary, issue guidance
7 that—

8 “(A) specifies the categories or characteris-
9 tics of cloud computing products and services
10 that are within the scope of FedRAMP;

11 “(B) includes requirements for agencies to
12 obtain a FedRAMP authorization when oper-
13 ating a cloud computing product or service de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (A) as a Federal infor-
15 mation system; and

16 “(C) encompasses, to the greatest extent
17 practicable, all necessary and appropriate cloud
18 computing products and services;

19 “(2) issue guidance describing additional re-
20 sponsibilities of FedRAMP and the FedRAMP
21 Board to accelerate the adoption of secure cloud
22 computing services by the Federal Government;

23 “(3) oversee the effectiveness of FedRAMP and
24 the FedRAMP Board, including the compliance by
25 the FedRAMP Board with the duties described in
26 section 3610(d); and

1 “(4) to the greatest extent practicable, encour-
2 age and promote consistency of the assessment, au-
3 thorization, adoption, and use of cloud computing
4 products and services within and across agencies.

5 **“§ 3614. Authorization of appropriations for**
6 **FedRAMP**

7 “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-
8 ministrators of General Services \$20,000,000 for each fis-
9 cal year for FedRAMP and the FedRAMP Board.

10 **“§ 3615. Reports to congress; GAO report**

11 “(a) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
12 after the date of enactment of this section, and annually
13 thereafter, the Director shall submit to the Committee on
14 Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives
15 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
16 mental Affairs of the Senate a report that includes the
17 following:

18 “(1) During the preceding year, the status, effi-
19 ciency, and effectiveness of the General Services Ad-
20 ministration under section 3609 and agencies under
21 section 3612 and in supporting the speed, effective-
22 ness, sharing, reuse, and security of authorizations
23 to operate for cloud computing products and serv-
24 ices.

1 “(2) Progress towards meeting the metrics re-
2 quired under section 3609(d).

3 “(3) Data on FedRAMP authorizations.

4 “(4) The average length of time to issue
5 FedRAMP authorizations.

6 “(5) The number of FedRAMP authorizations
7 submitted, issued, and denied for the preceding year.

8 “(6) A review of progress made during the pre-
9 ceding year in advancing automation techniques to
10 securely automate FedRAMP processes and to accel-
11 erate reporting under this section.

12 “(7) The number and characteristics of author-
13 ized cloud computing products and services in use at
14 each agency consistent with guidance provided by
15 the Director under section 3613.

16 “(b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
17 the date of enactment of this section, the Comptroller
18 General of the United States shall publish a report that
19 includes an assessment of the following:

20 “(1) The costs incurred by agencies and cloud
21 service providers relating to the issuance of
22 FedRAMP authorizations.

23 “(2) The extent to which agencies have proc-
24 esses in place to continuously monitor cloud com-

1 puting products and services operating as Federal
2 information systems.

3 “(3) How often and for which categories of
4 products agencies use FedRAMP authorizations.

5 “(4) The unique costs and potential burdens in-
6 curred by cloud computing companies that are small
7 business concerns (as defined in section 3(a) of the
8 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)) as a part of
9 the FedRAMP authorization process.

10 **“§ 3616. Federal secure cloud advisory committee**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSES, AND DUTIES.—

12 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a
13 Federal Secure Cloud Advisory Committee (referred
14 to in this section as the ‘Committee’) to ensure ef-
15 fective and ongoing coordination of agency adoption,
16 use, authorization, monitoring, acquisition, and secu-
17 rity of cloud computing products and services to en-
18 able agency mission and administrative priorities.

19 “(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Com-
20 mittee are the following:

21 “(A) To examine the operations of
22 FedRAMP and determine ways that authoriza-
23 tion processes can continuously be improved, in-
24 cluding the following:

1 “(i) Measures to increase agency
2 reuse of FedRAMP authorizations.

3 “(ii) Proposed actions that can be
4 adopted to reduce the burden, confusion,
5 and cost associated with FedRAMP au-
6 thorizations for cloud service providers.

7 “(iii) Measures to increase the num-
8 ber of FedRAMP authorizations for cloud
9 computing services offered by small busi-
10 nesses concerns (as defined by section 3(a)
11 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
12 632(a)).

13 “(iv) Proposed actions that can be
14 adopted to reduce the burden and cost of
15 FedRAMP authorizations for agencies.

16 “(B) Collect information and feedback on
17 agency compliance with and implementation of
18 FedRAMP requirements.

19 “(C) Serve as a forum that facilitates com-
20 munication and collaboration among the
21 FedRAMP stakeholder community.

22 “(3) DUTIES.—The duties of the Committee in-
23 clude providing advice and recommendations to the
24 Administrator of General Services, the FedRAMP
25 Board, and agencies on technical, financial, pro-

1 grammatic, and operational matters regarding se-
2 cure adoption of cloud computing products and serv-
3 ices.

4 “(b) MEMBERS.—

5 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Committee shall be
6 comprised of not more than 15 members who are
7 qualified representatives from the public and private
8 sectors, appointed by the Administrator of General
9 Services, in consultation with the Director, as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(A) The Administrator of General Serv-
12 ices or the Administrator of General Services’s
13 designee, who shall be the Chair of the Com-
14 mittee.

15 “(B) At least 1 representative each from
16 the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security
17 Agency and the National Institute of Standards
18 and Technology.

19 “(C) At least 2 officials who serve as the
20 Chief Information Security Officer within an
21 agency, who shall be required to maintain such
22 a position throughout the duration of their serv-
23 ice on the Committee.

24 “(D) At least 1 official serving as Chief
25 Procurement Officer (or equivalent) in an agen-

1 cy, who shall be required to maintain such a po-
2 sition throughout the duration of their service
3 on the Committee.

4 “(E) At least 1 individual representing an
5 independent assessment organization.

6 “(F) No fewer than 5 representatives from
7 unique businesses that primarily provide cloud
8 computing services or products, including at
9 least two representatives from a small business
10 concern (as defined by section 3(a) of the Small
11 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a))).

12 “(G) At least 2 other representatives of the
13 Federal Government as the Administrator of
14 General Services determines necessary to pro-
15 vide sufficient balance, insights, or expertise to
16 the Committee.

17 “(2) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—Each
18 member of the Committee shall be appointed not
19 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of
20 this section.

21 “(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each non-Federal
23 member of the Committee shall be appointed
24 for a term of 3 years, except that the initial
25 terms for members may be staggered 1-, 2-, or

1 3-year terms to establish a rotation in which
2 one-third of the members are selected each
3 year. Any such member may be appointed for
4 not more than 2 consecutive terms.

5 “(B) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the
6 Committee shall not affect its powers, but shall
7 be filled in the same manner in which the origi-
8 nal appointment was made. Any member ap-
9 pointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the
10 expiration of the term for which the member’s
11 predecessor was appointed shall be appointed
12 only for the remainder of that term. A member
13 may serve after the expiration of that member’s
14 term until a successor has taken office.

15 “(c) MEETINGS AND RULES OF PROCEDURES.—

16 “(1) MEETINGS.—The Committee shall hold
17 not fewer than 3 meetings in a calendar year, at
18 such time and place as determined by the Chair.

19 “(2) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 120
20 days after the date of enactment of this section, the
21 Committee shall meet and begin the operations of
22 the Committee.

23 “(3) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—The Committee
24 may establish rules for the conduct of the business

1 of the Committee if such rules are not inconsistent
2 with this section or other applicable law.

3 “(d) EMPLOYEE STATUS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A member of the Com-
5 mittee (other than a member who is appointed to the
6 Committee in connection with another Federal ap-
7 pointment) shall not be considered an employee of
8 the Federal Government by reason of any service as
9 such a member, except for the purposes of section
10 5703 of title 5, relating to travel expenses.

11 “(2) PAY NOT PERMITTED.—A member of the
12 Committee covered by paragraph (1) may not receive
13 pay by reason of service on the Committee.

14 “(e) APPLICABILITY TO THE FEDERAL ADVISORY
15 COMMITTEE ACT.—Section 14 of the Federal Advisory
16 Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the
17 Committee.

18 “(f) DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.—Any Federal Govern-
19 ment employee may be detailed to the Committee without
20 reimbursement from the Committee, and such detailee
21 shall retain the rights, status, and privileges of his or her
22 regular employment without interruption.

23 “(g) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Committee may use
24 the United States mails in the same manner and under
25 the same conditions as agencies.

1 “(h) REPORTS.—

2 “(1) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Committee may
3 submit to the Administrator of General Services and
4 Congress interim reports containing such findings,
5 conclusions, and recommendations as have been
6 agreed to by the Committee.

7 “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 540
8 days after the date of enactment of this section, and
9 annually thereafter, the Committee shall submit to
10 the Administrator of General Services and Congress
11 a final report containing such findings, conclusions,
12 and recommendations as have been agreed to by the
13 Committee.”.

14 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
15 The table of sections for chapter 36 of title 44, United
16 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing new items:

“3607. Definitions.

“3608. Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program.

“3609. Roles and responsibilities of the General Services Administration.

“3610. FedRAMP Board.

“3611. Independent assessment organizations.

“3612. Roles and responsibilities of agencies.

“3613. Roles and responsibilities of the office of management and budget.

“3614. Authorization of appropriations for FedRAMP.

“3615. Reports to congress; GAO report.

“3616. Federal secure cloud advisory committee.”.

18 (c) SUNSET.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date that is
20 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act,

1 chapter 36 of title 44, United States Code, is
2 amended by striking sections 3607 through 3616.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Effective on
4 the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, the table of sections for chapter 36 of
6 title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking
7 the items relating to sections 3607 through 3616.

8 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
9 tion or any amendment made by this section shall be con-
10 strued as altering or impairing the authorities of the Di-
11 rector of the Office of Management and Budget or the
12 Secretary of Homeland Security under subchapter II of
13 chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code.