

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2491

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Cyber Resilience Assistance Fund, to improve the ability of the Federal Government to assist in enhancing critical infrastructure cyber resilience, to improve security in the national cyber ecosystem, to address Systemically Important Critical Infrastructure, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Ms. HASSAN)

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Defense of United States Infrastructure Act of 2021”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—IMPROVING THE ABILITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST IN ENHANCING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CYBER RESILIENCE

Sec. 101. Institute a 5-year term for the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

Sec. 102. Pilot program on cyber threat information collaboration environment.

TITLE II—IMPROVING SECURITY IN THE NATIONAL CYBER ECOSYSTEM

Sec. 201. Report on cybersecurity certifications and labeling.

Sec. 202. Secure foundational internet protocols.

TITLE III—ENABLING THE NATIONAL CYBER DIRECTOR

Sec. 301. Establishment of hiring authorities for the Office of the National Cyber Director.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
4 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
5 term in section 1016(e) of the Critical Infrastruc-
6 ture Protection Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

7 (2) CYBERSECURITY RISK.—The term “cyberse-
8 curity risk” has the meaning given such term in sec-
9 tion 2209 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
10 U.S.C. 659).

11 (3) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
12 means the Department of Homeland Security.

13 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

1 **TITLE I—IMPROVING THE ABIL-**
2 **ITY OF THE FEDERAL GOV-**
3 **ERNMENT TO ASSIST IN EN-**
4 **HANCING CRITICAL INFRA-**
5 **STRUCTURE CYBER RESIL-**
6 **IENCE**

7 **SEC. 101. INSTITUTE A 5-YEAR TERM FOR THE DIRECTOR**
8 **OF THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUC-**
9 **TURE SECURITY AGENCY.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b)(1) of section 2202
11 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 652),
12 is amended by inserting “The term of office of an indi-
13 vidual serving as Director shall be 5 years.” after “who
14 shall report to the Secretary.”.

15 (b) TRANSITION RULES.—The amendment made by
16 subsection (a) shall take effect on the first appointment
17 of an individual to the position of Director of the Cyberse-
18 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency, by and with
19 the advice and consent of the Senate, that is made on or
20 after the date of enactment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 102. PILOT PROGRAM ON CYBER THREAT INFORMA-**
22 **TION COLLABORATION ENVIRONMENT.**

23 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMA-
25 TION.—The term “critical infrastructure informa-

1 tion” has the meaning given such term in section
2 2222 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
3 U.S.C. 671).

4 (2) CYBER THREAT INDICATOR.—The term
5 “cyber threat indicator” has the meaning given such
6 term in section 102 of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015
7 (6 U.S.C. 1501).

8 (3) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term “cy-
9 bersecurity threat” has the meaning given such term
10 in section 102 of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015 (6
11 U.S.C. 1501).

12 (4) ENVIRONMENT.—The term “environment”
13 means the information collaboration environment es-
14 tablished under subsection (b).

15 (5) INFORMATION SHARING AND ANALYSIS OR-
16 GANIZATION.—The term “information sharing and
17 analysis organization” has the meaning given such
18 term in section 2222 of the Homeland Security Act
19 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 671).

20 (6) NON-FEDERAL ENTITY.—The term “non-
21 Federal entity” has the meaning given such term in
22 section 102 of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015 (6
23 U.S.C. 1501).

24 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary, in consultation
25 with the Secretary of Defense, the Director of National

1 Intelligence, the Director of the National Security Agency,
2 and the Attorney General shall carry out a pilot program
3 under which the Secretary shall develop an information
4 collaboration environment and associated analytic tools
5 that enable Federal and non-Federal entities to identify,
6 mitigate, and prevent malicious cyber activity to—

7 (1) provide limited access to appropriate and
8 operationally relevant data from unclassified and
9 classified intelligence about cybersecurity risks and
10 cybersecurity threats, as well as malware forensics
11 and data from network sensor programs, on a plat-
12 form that enables query and analysis;

13 (2) enable cross-correlation of data on cyberse-
14 curity risks and cybersecurity threats at the speed
15 and scale necessary for rapid detection and identi-
16 fication;

17 (3) facilitate a comprehensive understanding of
18 cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats; and

19 (4) facilitate collaborative analysis between the
20 Federal Government and public and private sector
21 critical infrastructure entities and information and
22 analysis organizations.

23 (c) IMPLEMENTATION OF INFORMATION COLLABORA-
24 TION ENVIRONMENT.—

1 (1) EVALUATION.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary, acting through the Director of the Cyberse-
4 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and in
5 coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Di-
6 rector of National Intelligence, the Director of the
7 National Security Agency, and the Attorney General,
8 shall—

9 (A) identify, inventory, and evaluate exist-
10 ing Federal sources of classified and unclassi-
11 fied information on cybersecurity threats;

12 (B) evaluate current programs, applica-
13 tions, or platforms intended to detect, identify,
14 analyze, and monitor cybersecurity risks and
15 cybersecurity threats;

16 (C) consult with public and private sector
17 critical infrastructure entities to identify public
18 and private critical infrastructure cyber threat
19 capabilities, needs, and gaps; and

20 (D) identify existing tools, capabilities, and
21 systems that may be adapted to achieve the
22 purposes of the environment in order to maxi-
23 mize return on investment and minimize cost.

24 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
2 after completing the evaluation required under
3 paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary, acting through
4 the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infra-
5 structure Security Agency, and in consultation
6 with the Secretary of Defense, the Director of
7 National Intelligence, the Director of the Na-
8 tional Security Agency, and the Attorney Gen-
9 eral, shall begin implementation of the environ-
10 ment to enable participants in the environment
11 to develop and run analytic tools referred to in
12 subsection (b) on specified data sets for the
13 purpose of identifying, mitigating, and pre-
14 venting malicious cyber activity that is a threat
15 to public and private critical infrastructure.

16 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—The environment
17 and the use of analytic tools referred to in sub-
18 section (b) shall—

19 (i) operate in a manner consistent
20 with relevant privacy, civil rights, and civil
21 liberties policies and protections, including
22 such policies and protections established
23 pursuant to section 1016 of the Intel-
24 ligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention
25 Act of 2004 (6 U.S.C. 485);

1 (ii) account for appropriate data
2 standards and interoperability require-
3 ments, consistent with the standards set
4 forth in subsection (d);

5 (iii) enable integration of current ap-
6 plications, platforms, data, and informa-
7 tion, including classified information, in a
8 manner that supports integration of un-
9 classified and classified information on cy-
10 bersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats;

11 (iv) incorporate tools to manage ac-
12 cess to classified and unclassified data, as
13 appropriate;

14 (v) ensure accessibility by entities the
15 Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
16 retary of Defense, the Director of National
17 Intelligence, the Director of the National
18 Security Agency, and the Attorney Gen-
19 eral, determines appropriate;

20 (vi) allow for access by critical infra-
21 structure stakeholders and other private
22 sector partners, at the discretion of the
23 Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
24 retary of Defense;

1 (vii) deploy analytic tools across clas-
2 sification levels to leverage all relevant
3 data sets, as appropriate;

4 (viii) identify tools and analytical soft-
5 ware that can be applied and shared to
6 manipulate, transform, and display data
7 and other identified needs; and

8 (ix) anticipate the integration of new
9 technologies and data streams, including
10 data from government-sponsored network
11 sensors or network-monitoring programs
12 deployed in support of non-Federal enti-
13 ties.

14 (3) ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT ON THE
15 IMPLEMENTATION, EXECUTION, AND EFFECTIVE-
16 NESS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 1
17 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and
18 every year thereafter until the date that is 1 year
19 after the pilot program under this section terminates
20 under subsection (e), the Secretary shall submit to
21 the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
22 mental Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary, and
23 the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate
24 and the Committee on Homeland Security, the Com-
25 mittee on the Judiciary, and the Permanent Select

1 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives a report that details—

3 (A) Federal Government participation in
4 the environment, including the Federal entities
5 participating in the environment and the vol-
6 ume of information shared by Federal entities
7 into the environment;

8 (B) non-Federal entities' participation in
9 the environment, including the non-Federal en-
10 tities participating in the environment and the
11 volume of information shared by non-Federal
12 entities into the environment;

13 (C) the impact of the environment on posi-
14 tive security outcomes in the Federal Govern-
15 ment and non-Federal entities;

16 (D) barriers identified to fully realizing the
17 benefit of the environment both for the Federal
18 Government and non-Federal entities; and

19 (E) additional authorities or resources nec-
20 essary to successfully execute the environment.

21 (d) CYBER THREAT DATA STANDARDS AND INTER-
22 OPERABILITY.—

23 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in co-
24 ordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Direc-
25 tor of National Intelligence, the Director of the Na-

1 tional Security Agency, and the Attorney General,
2 shall establish data standards and requirements for
3 non-Federal entities to participate in the environ-
4 ment.

5 (2) DATA STREAMS.—The Secretary shall iden-
6 tify, designate, and periodically update programs
7 that shall participate in or be interoperable with the
8 environment, which may include—

9 (A) network-monitoring and intrusion de-
10 tection programs;

11 (B) cyber threat indicator sharing pro-
12 grams;

13 (C) certain government-sponsored network
14 sensors or network-monitoring programs;

15 (D) incident response and cybersecurity
16 technical assistance programs; or

17 (E) malware forensics and reverse-engi-
18 neering programs.

19 (3) DATA GOVERNANCE.—The Secretary, in
20 consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Di-
21 rector of National Intelligence, the Director of the
22 National Security Agency, and the Attorney General
23 shall establish procedures and data governance
24 structures, as necessary, to protect sensitive data,
25 comply with Federal regulations and statutes, and

1 respect existing consent agreements with public and
2 private sector critical infrastructure entities that
3 apply to critical infrastructure information.

4 (4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
5 subsection shall change existing ownership or protec-
6 tion of, or policies and processes for access to, agen-
7 cy data.

8 (e) DURATION.—The pilot program under this sec-
9 tion shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the
10 date of enactment of this Act.

11 **TITLE II—IMPROVING SECURITY**
12 **IN THE NATIONAL CYBER**
13 **ECOSYSTEM**

14 **SEC. 201. REPORT ON CYBERSECURITY CERTIFICATIONS**
15 **AND LABELING.**

16 Not later than October 1, 2022, the National Cyber
17 Director, in consultation with the Director of the National
18 Institute of Standards and Technology and the Director
19 of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency,
20 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and
21 Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
22 on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a
23 report that—

24 (1) identifies and assesses existing efforts by
25 the Federal Government to create, administer, or

1 otherwise support the use of certifications or labels
2 to communicate the security or security characteris-
3 tics of information technology or operational tech-
4 nology products and services; and

5 (2) assesses the viability of and need for a new
6 program at the Department to harmonize informa-
7 tion technology and operational technology product
8 and service security certification and labeling efforts
9 across the Federal Government and between the
10 Federal Government and the private sector.

11 **SEC. 202. SECURE FOUNDATIONAL INTERNET PROTOCOLS.**

12 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) BORDER GATEWAY PROTOCOL.—The term
14 “border gateway protocol” means a protocol de-
15 signed to optimize routing of information exchanged
16 through the internet.

17 (2) DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM.—The term “do-
18 main name system” means a system that stores in-
19 formation associated with domain names in a dis-
20 tributed database on networks.

21 (3) INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
22 TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDERS.—The
23 term “information and communications technology
24 infrastructure providers” means all systems that en-
25 able connectivity and operability of internet service,

1 backbone, cloud, web hosting, content delivery, do-
2 main name system, and software-defined networks
3 and other systems and services.

4 (b) CREATION OF A STRATEGY TO ENCOURAGE IM-
5 PLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO SECURE
6 FOUNDATIONAL INTERNET PROTOCOLS.—

7 (1) PROTOCOL SECURITY STRATEGY.—In order
8 to encourage implementation of measures to secure
9 foundational internet protocols by information and
10 communications technology infrastructure providers,
11 not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
12 of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for Communica-
13 tions and Information of the Department of Com-
14 merce, in coordination with the Director of the Na-
15 tional Institute Standards and Technology and the
16 Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Se-
17 curity Agency, shall establish a working group com-
18 posed of appropriate stakeholders, including rep-
19 resentatives of the Internet Engineering Task Force
20 and information and communications technology in-
21 frastructure providers, to prepare and submit to
22 Congress a strategy to encourage implementation of
23 measures to secure the border gateway protocol and
24 the domain name system.

1 (2) STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS.—The strategy
2 required under paragraph (1) shall—

3 (A) articulate the motivation and goal of
4 the strategy to reduce incidents of border gate-
5 way protocol hijacking and domain name sys-
6 tem hijacking;

7 (B) articulate the security and privacy ben-
8 efits of implementing the most up-to-date and
9 secure instances of the border gateway protocol
10 and the domain name system and the burdens
11 of implementation and the entities on whom
12 those burdens will most likely fall;

13 (C) identify key United States and inter-
14 national stakeholders;

15 (D) outline varying measures that could be
16 used to implement security or provide authen-
17 tication for the border gateway protocol and the
18 domain name system;

19 (E) identify any barriers to implementing
20 security for the border gateway protocol and the
21 domain name system at scale;

22 (F) propose a strategy to implement iden-
23 tified security measures at scale, accounting for
24 barriers to implementation and balancing bene-
25 fits and burdens, where feasible; and

1 (G) provide an initial estimate of the total
2 cost to the Government and implementing enti-
3 ties in the private sector of implementing secu-
4 rity for the border gateway protocol and the do-
5 main name system and propose recommenda-
6 tions for defraying these costs, if applicable.

7 **TITLE III—ENABLING THE**
8 **NATIONAL CYBER DIRECTOR**

9 **SEC. 301. ESTABLISHMENT OF HIRING AUTHORITIES FOR**
10 **THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CYBER DI-**
11 **RECTOR.**

12 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

13 (1) the term “Director” means the National
14 Cyber Director;

15 (2) the term “excepted service” has the mean-
16 ing given such term in section 2103 of title 5,
17 United States Code;

18 (3) the term “Office” means the Office of the
19 National Cyber Director;

20 (4) the term “qualified position” means a posi-
21 tion identified by the Director under subsection
22 (b)(1)(A), in which the individual occupying such po-
23 sition performs, manages, or supervises functions
24 that execute the responsibilities of the Office.

1 (b) HIRING PLAN.—The Director shall, for purposes
2 of carrying out the functions of the Office—

3 (1) craft an implementation plan for positions
4 in the excepted service in the Office, which shall pro-
5 pose—

6 (A) qualified positions in the Office, as the
7 Director determines necessary to carry out the
8 responsibilities of the Office; and

9 (B) subject to the requirements of para-
10 graph (2), rates of compensation for an indi-
11 vidual serving in a qualified position;

12 (2) propose rates of basic pay for qualified posi-
13 tions, which shall—

14 (A) be determined in relation to the rates
15 of pay provided for employees in comparable po-
16 sitions in the Office, in which the employee oc-
17 cupying the comparable position performs, man-
18 ages, or supervises functions that execute the
19 mission of the Office; and

20 (B) subject to the same limitations on
21 maximum rates of pay and consistent with sec-
22 tion 5341 of title 5, United States Code, adopt
23 such provisions of that title to provide for pre-
24 vailing rate systems of basic pay and apply
25 those provisions to qualified positions for em-

1 employees in or under which the Office may em-
2 ploy individuals described by section
3 5342(a)(2)(A) of such title; and

4 (3) craft proposals to provide—

5 (A) employees in qualified positions com-
6 pensation (in addition to basic pay), including
7 benefits, incentives, and allowances, consistent
8 with, and not in excess of the level authorized
9 for, comparable positions authorized by title 5,
10 United States Code; and

11 (B) employees in a qualified position for
12 which the Director proposes a rate of basic pay
13 under paragraph (2) an allowance under section
14 5941 of title 5, United States Code, on the
15 same basis and to the same extent as if the em-
16 ployee was an employee covered by such section,
17 including eligibility conditions, allowance rates,
18 and all other terms and conditions in law or
19 regulation.