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Add at the end of subtitle D of title XV of division
A the following:

1 **SEC. 15 ____ . UNITED STATES-ISRAEL CYBERSECURITY CO-**
2 **OPERATION.**

3 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in ac-
5 cordance with the agreement entitled the “Agree-
6 ment between the Government of the United States
7 of America and the Government of the State of
8 Israel on Cooperation in Science and Technology for
9 Homeland Security Matters”, dated May 29, 2008
10 (or successor agreement), and the requirements
11 specified in paragraph (2), shall establish a grant
12 program at the Department to support—

13 (A) cybersecurity research and develop-
14 ment; and

15 (B) demonstration and commercialization
16 of cybersecurity technology.

17 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

18 (A) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding any
19 other provision of law, in carrying out a re-

1 search, development, demonstration, or com-
2 mercial application program or activity that is
3 authorized under this section, the Secretary
4 shall require cost sharing in accordance with
5 this paragraph.

6 (B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—

7 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
8 in clause (ii), the Secretary shall require
9 not less than 50 percent of the cost of a
10 research, development, demonstration, or
11 commercial application program or activity
12 described in subparagraph (A) to be pro-
13 vided by a non-Federal source.

14 (ii) REDUCTION.—The Secretary may
15 reduce or eliminate, on a case-by-case
16 basis, the percentage requirement specified
17 in clause (i) if the Secretary determines
18 that such reduction or elimination is nec-
19 essary and appropriate.

20 (C) MERIT REVIEW.—In carrying out a re-
21 search, development, demonstration, or com-
22 mercial application program or activity that is
23 authorized under this section, awards shall be
24 made only after an impartial review of the sci-
25 entific and technical merit of the proposals for

1 such awards has been carried out by or for the
2 Department.

3 (D) REVIEW PROCESSES.—In carrying out
4 a review under subparagraph (C), the Secretary
5 may use merit review processes developed under
6 section 302(14) of the Homeland Security Act
7 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 182(14)).

8 (3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—An applicant shall
9 be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection
10 if the project of such applicant—

11 (A) addresses a requirement in the area of
12 cybersecurity research or cybersecurity tech-
13 nology, as determined by the Secretary; and

14 (B) is a joint venture between—

15 (i)(I) a for-profit business entity, aca-
16 demic institution, National Laboratory (as
17 such term is defined in section 2 of the
18 Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.
19 15801)), or nonprofit entity in the United
20 States; and

21 (II) a for-profit business entity, aca-
22 demic institution, or nonprofit entity in
23 Israel; or

24 (ii)(I) the Federal Government; and

25 (II) the Government of Israel.

1 (4) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a
2 grant under this subsection, an applicant shall sub-
3 mit to the Secretary an application for such grant
4 in accordance with procedures established by the
5 Secretary, in consultation with the advisory board
6 established under paragraph (5).

7 (5) ADVISORY BOARD.—

8 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
9 shall establish an advisory board to—

10 (i) monitor the method by which
11 grants are awarded under this subsection;

12 and

13 (ii) provide to the Secretary periodic
14 performance reviews of actions taken to
15 carry out this subsection.

16 (B) COMPOSITION.—The advisory board
17 established under subparagraph (A) shall be
18 composed of three members, to be appointed by
19 the Secretary, of whom—

20 (i) one shall be a representative of the
21 Federal Government;

22 (ii) one shall be selected from a list of
23 nominees provided by the United States-
24 Israel Binational Science Foundation; and

1 (iii) one shall be selected from a list
2 of nominees provided by the United States-
3 Israel Binational Industrial Research and
4 Development Foundation.

5 (6) CONTRIBUTED FUNDS.—Notwithstanding
6 any other provision of law, the Secretary may accept
7 or retain funds contributed by any person, govern-
8 ment entity, or organization for purposes of carrying
9 out this subsection. Such funds shall be available,
10 subject to appropriation, without fiscal year limita-
11 tion.

12 (7) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
13 the date of completion of a project for which a grant
14 is provided under this subsection, the grant recipient
15 shall submit to the Secretary a report that con-
16 tains—

17 (A) a description of how the grant funds
18 were used by the recipient; and

19 (B) an evaluation of the level of success of
20 each project funded by the grant.

21 (8) CLASSIFICATION.—Grants shall be awarded
22 under this subsection only for projects that are con-
23 sidered to be unclassified by both the United States
24 and Israel.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section not
3 less than \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through
4 2026.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 (1) the term “cybersecurity research” means re-
7 search, including social science research, into ways
8 to identify, protect against, detect, respond to, and
9 recover from cybersecurity threats;

10 (2) the term “cybersecurity technology” means
11 technology intended to identify, protect against, de-
12 tect, respond to, and recover from cybersecurity
13 threats;

14 (3) the term “cybersecurity threat” has the
15 meaning given such term in section 102 of the Cy-
16 bersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (6
17 U.S.C. 1501; enacted as title I of the Cybersecurity
18 Act of 2015 (division N of the Consolidated Appro-
19 priations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–113)));

20 (4) the term “Department” means the Depart-
21 ment of Homeland Security; and

22 (5) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
23 of Homeland Security.

