

**AMENDMENT TO**  
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At the end of subtitle B of title XV, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 15\_\_\_. SECURE AND INTEROPERABLE DEFENSE COL-**  
2 **LABORATION TECHNOLOGY.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER.—The term  
5 “Chief Information Officer” means the Chief Infor-  
6 mation Officer of the Department of Defense.

7 (2) COLLABORATION TECHNOLOGY.—The term  
8 “collaboration technology” means a software system  
9 or application that offers 1 or more primary collabo-  
10 ration technology features.

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

13 (4) END-TO-END ENCRYPTION.—The term  
14 “end-to-end encryption” means communications  
15 encryption in which data is encrypted when being  
16 passed through a network such that no party, other  
17 than the sender and each intended recipient of the  
18 communication, can access the decrypted commu-

1       ication, regardless of the transport technology used  
2       and the intermediaries or intermediate steps along  
3       the sending path.

4           (5) IDENTIFIED STANDARDS.—The term “iden-  
5       tified standards” means the standard, or set of  
6       standards, identified under subsection (b)(2).

7           (6) INTEROPERABILITY.—The term “interoper-  
8       ability” has the meaning given the term in section  
9       3601 of title 44, United States Code.

10          (7) OPEN STANDARD.—The term “open stand-  
11       ard” means a standard, or a set of standards,  
12       that—

13               (A) is available for any individual to read  
14       and implement;

15               (B) does not impose any royalty or other  
16       fee for use; and

17               (C) can be certified for low or no cost to  
18       users of the standard or set of standards.

19          (8) PRIMARY COLLABORATION TECHNOLOGY  
20       FEATURE.—The term “primary collaboration tech-  
21       nology feature” means a technology feature or func-  
22       tion that—

23               (A) facilitates remote work or collaboration  
24       within the Department;

1 (B) facilitates the work or collaboration de-  
2 scribed in subparagraph (A) by providing  
3 functionality that is core or essential, rather  
4 than ancillary or secondary; and

5 (C) is identified by the Chief Information  
6 Officer under subsection (b)(1).

7 (9) STANDARDS-COMPATIBLE COLLABORATION  
8 TECHNOLOGY.—The term “standards-compatible col-  
9 laboration technology” means collaboration tech-  
10 nology—

11 (A) each primary collaboration technology  
12 feature of which is compatible with the identi-  
13 fied standards for such a primary collaboration  
14 technology feature; and

15 (B) that has demonstrated compliance  
16 under subsection (d)(2).

17 (10) VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS STANDARD.—The  
18 term “voluntary consensus standard” has the mean-  
19 ing given such term in Circular A–119 of the Office  
20 of Management and Budget entitled “Federal Par-  
21 ticipation in the Development and Use of Voluntary  
22 Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment  
23 Activities”, issued in revised form on January 27,  
24 2016.

1 (b) IDENTIFYING STANDARDS FOR DEFENSE COL-  
2 LABORATION TECHNOLOGY.—

3 (1) IDENTIFICATION OF FEATURES.—Not later  
4 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
5 this Act, the Chief Information Officer shall, in con-  
6 sultation with such others as the Chief Information  
7 Officer considers relevant, identify a list of primary  
8 collaboration technology features, including—

9 (A) voice and video calling, including—

10 (i) calling between 2 individuals; and

11 (ii) calling between not less than 3 in-  
12 dividuals;

13 (B) text-based messaging;

14 (C) file sharing;

15 (D) live document editing;

16 (E) scheduling and calendaring; and

17 (F) any other technology feature or func-  
18 tion that the Chief Information Officer con-  
19 siders appropriate.

20 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF STANDARDS.—Not  
21 later than 2 years after the date of the enactment  
22 of this Act, the Chief Information Officer shall iden-  
23 tify a standard, or set of standards, for collaboration  
24 technology used by the Department that—

1 (A) for each primary collaboration tech-  
2 nology feature, specifies interoperability proto-  
3 cols, and any other protocol, format, require-  
4 ment, or guidance required to create interoper-  
5 able implementations of that feature, includ-  
6 ing—

7 (i) protocols for applications to specify  
8 and standardize security, including systems  
9 for—

10 (I) identifying and authenticating  
11 the individuals who are party to a  
12 communication or collaboration task;

13 (II) controlling the attendance  
14 and security settings of voice and  
15 video calls; and

16 (III) controlling access and edit-  
17 ing rights for shared documents; and

18 (ii) protocols for any ancillary feature  
19 the Chief Information Officer identifies to  
20 support the core primary collaboration  
21 technology feature, including participation  
22 features available within video meetings;

23 (B) to the extent possible, is based on open  
24 standards;

1 (C) to the extent possible, is based on  
2 standards planned, developed, established, or  
3 coordinated using procedures consistent with  
4 those for voluntary consensus standards;

5 (D) subject to paragraph (3), uses end-to-  
6 end encryption technology;

7 (E) incorporates protocols, guidance, and  
8 requirements based on best practices for the cy-  
9 bersecurity of collaboration technology and col-  
10 laboration technology features;

11 (F) to the extent practicable, integrates cy-  
12 bersecurity technology designed to protect com-  
13 munications from surveillance by foreign adver-  
14 saries, including technology to protect commu-  
15 nications metadata from traffic analysis, with  
16 requirements developed in consultation with  
17 such others as the Chief Information Officer  
18 considers relevant;

19 (G) to the extent practicable, is usable by,  
20 or offers options for, users with internet con-  
21 nections that have low-bandwidth or high-la-  
22 tency; and

23 (H) subject to paragraph (5), with respect  
24 to the use of primary collaboration technology

1 features, enables compliance with record reten-  
2 tion and disclosure obligations.

3 (3) END-TO-END ENCRYPTION REQUIRE-  
4 MENTS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The end-to-end  
6 encryption technology selected as part of the  
7 identified standards under paragraph (2), to  
8 the extent practicable, shall ensure that collabo-  
9 ration and communications content data cannot  
10 be compromised if a hosting server is com-  
11 promised.

12 (B) END-TO-END ENCRYPTION NOT AVAIL-  
13 ABLE.—Subject to subparagraph (C), if the  
14 Chief Information Officer has identified an an-  
15 cillary feature or function for a primary collabo-  
16 ration technology feature and is unable to iden-  
17 tify a standard, or set of standards, that uses  
18 end-to-end encryption and that is compatible  
19 with such ancillary feature or function, the  
20 Chief Information Officer may identify a stand-  
21 ard or set of standards that does not utilize  
22 end-to-end encryption that may be used to sup-  
23 port the ancillary feature or function.

24 (C) END-TO-END ENCRYPTION BY DE-  
25 FAULT.—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
2 (ii), the Chief Information Officer shall en-  
3 sure that, with respect to the use of stand-  
4 ards-compatible collaboration technology  
5 that offers an ancillary technology feature  
6 or function described in subparagraph  
7 (B)—

8 (I) the ancillary feature or func-  
9 tion is disabled by default; and

10 (II) the primary collaboration  
11 technology feature uses end-to-end  
12 encryption.

13 (ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i) shall not  
14 apply to the use of a primary collaboration  
15 technology feature with an ancillary fea-  
16 ture or function described in subparagraph  
17 (B) if—

18 (I) the Chief Information Officer  
19 has enabled the use of the ancillary  
20 feature or function within the Depart-  
21 ment;

22 (II) each user of the ancillary  
23 feature or function has been notified  
24 of the additional cybersecurity and  
25 surveillance risks accompanying the



1 use of the ancillary feature or func-  
2 tion;

3 (III) each user of the ancillary  
4 feature or function has explicitly  
5 opted into the use of the ancillary fea-  
6 ture or function; and

7 (IV) the primary collaboration  
8 technology feature offers a means for  
9 the Chief Information Officer to col-  
10 lect aggregate statistics about the use  
11 of the options that are not end-to-end  
12 encrypted.

13 (D) ENCRYPTION STATUS TRANS-  
14 PARENCY.—To the extent practicable, the Chief  
15 Information Officer shall identify protocols,  
16 guidance, or requirements to ensure that stand-  
17 ards-compatible collaboration technology pro-  
18 vides users the ability to easily see the  
19 encryption status of any collaboration feature in  
20 use.

21 (4) CONSIDERATIONS.—In identifying the iden-  
22 tified standards, the Chief Information Officer shall  
23 consider secure, standards-based technologies adopt-  
24 ed by a component or element of the Department,

1 allies of the United States, State and local govern-  
2 ments, and the private sector.

3 (5) COMPLIANCE WITH RECORD-KEEPING RE-  
4 QUIREMENTS.—The Chief Information Officer shall  
5 ensure that requirements added to the identified  
6 standards to achieve compliance with record reten-  
7 tion and disclosure obligations to the greatest extent  
8 practicable—

9 (A) preserve the security benefits of end-  
10 to-end encryption;

11 (B) avoid storing information, like  
12 plaintext messages or decryption keys, that  
13 would compromise the security of communica-  
14 tions content data if a hosting server were com-  
15 promised;

16 (C) minimize other cybersecurity risks; and

17 (D) require that all users party to a com-  
18 munication be notified that the communications  
19 content data is being saved for archival pur-  
20 poses.

21 (6) WAIVER TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR STAND-  
22 ARDS IDENTIFICATION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Chief Informa-  
24 tion Officer determines that it is infeasible to  
25 identify a standard for a particular primary col-

1           laboration technology feature not later than 2  
2           years after the date of enactment of this Act,  
3           the Chief Information Officer may issue a waiv-  
4           er to extend the deadline for the identification  
5           of such standard for the particular primary col-  
6           laboration technology feature.

7           (B) WAIVER REQUIREMENTS.—A waiver  
8           described in subparagraph (A) shall include—

9                   (i) the particular primary collabora-  
10                  tion technology feature for which the waiv-  
11                  er is issued; and

12                   (ii) an explanation of the reason for  
13                  which it is currently infeasible to identify  
14                  a standard meeting the requirements under  
15                  paragraph (2).

16           (C) WAIVER DURATION.—A waiver issued  
17           by the Chief Information Officer under sub-  
18           paragraph (A) shall be valid for 1 year.

19           (D) WAIVER RE-ISSUANCE.—The Chief In-  
20           formation Officer may re-issue a waiver under  
21           paragraph (1) for a primary collaboration tech-  
22           nology feature not more than 10 times.

23           (c) REQUIREMENT TO USE IDENTIFIED STAND-  
24           ARDS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that  
2           is 4 years after the date on which the Chief Infor-  
3           mation Officer identifies the identified standards,  
4           the head of a component or element of the Depart-  
5           ment may only procure collaboration technology if  
6           the collaboration technology is standards-compatible  
7           collaboration technology.

8           (2) EXCEPTION FOR PARTICULAR COLLABORA-  
9           TION SYSTEMS.—The following collaboration systems  
10          shall not be subject to the requirements under para-  
11          graph (1):

12                 (A) Email.

13                 (B) Voice services, as defined in section  
14                 227(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
15                 U.S.C. 227(e)).

16                 (C) National security systems, as defined  
17                 in section 11103(a) of title 40, United States  
18                 Code.

19           (3) EXCEPTION FOR POST-PURCHASE CONFIGU-  
20           RATION.—If a software product or a device with a  
21           software operating system has built-in primary col-  
22           laboration technology features that are not compat-  
23           ible with the identified standards, and the Chief In-  
24           formation Officer cannot procure the product or de-  
25           vice with those primary collaboration technology fea-

1       tures disabled before purchase, the Chief Informa-  
2       tion Officer may comply with this subsection by dis-  
3       abling the primary collaboration technology features  
4       that are not compatible with the identified standards  
5       before provisioning the software product or device to  
6       an employee of the Department.

7               (4) CERTIFICATION FOR WAIVER.—

8                       (A) CERTIFICATION.—The Chief Informa-  
9                       tion Officer may issue a certification for waiver  
10                      of the prohibition under paragraph (1) with re-  
11                      spect to a particular collaboration technology.

12                     (B) REQUIREMENT.—A certification under  
13                     subparagraph (A) shall cite not less than 1 spe-  
14                     cific reason for which the Department is unable  
15                     to procure standards-compatible collaboration  
16                     technology that meets the needs of the Depart-  
17                     ment.

18                     (C) SUBMISSION.—The Chief Information  
19                     Officer shall submit to the congressional de-  
20                     fense committees a copy of each certification  
21                     issued under subparagraph (A).

22                     (D) ACCESSIBLE POSTING.—The Chief In-  
23                     formation Officer shall post a copy of each cer-  
24                     tification issued under subparagraph (A) on the  
25                     Department's website.

1 (E) DURATION; RENEWAL.—A certification  
2 with respect to a particular collaboration tech-  
3 nology under this paragraph shall result in a  
4 waiver of the prohibition for that particular col-  
5 laboration technology under paragraph (1)(B)  
6 that—

7 (i) shall be valid for a 4-year period;

8 and

9 (ii) may be renewed by the Chief In-  
10 formation Officer.

11 (d) ATTESTATION OF COMPLIANCE AND INTEROPER-  
12 ABILITY TEST RESULTS.—

13 (1) INTEROPERABILITY TEST.—Not later than  
14 1 year after the date on which the Chief Information  
15 Officer identifies the identified standards, the Chief  
16 Information Officer shall identify third-party online  
17 interoperability test suites, including not less than 1  
18 free test suite, or develop a free online interoper-  
19 ability test suite if no suitable third-party test suite  
20 can be identified, which shall—

21 (A) enable any entity to test whether an  
22 implementation of a primary collaboration tech-  
23 nology feature has interoperability with the  
24 identified standards; and

1 (B) offer an externally-shareable version of  
2 the interoperability test results that can be pro-  
3 vided as part of a demonstration of compliance  
4 under paragraph (2).

5 (2) DEMONSTRATION OF COMPLIANCE.—In  
6 order to demonstrate that a collaboration technology  
7 is a standards-compatible collaboration technology,  
8 the provider of the collaboration technology shall  
9 provide to the Chief Information Officer—

10 (A) an attestation that includes an affir-  
11 mation that—

12 (i) each primary collaboration tech-  
13 nology feature of the collaboration tech-  
14 nology, by default—

15 (I) uses the relevant standard or  
16 standards from the identified stand-  
17 ards for the primary collaboration  
18 technology feature to interoperate  
19 with other instances of standards-  
20 compatible collaboration technology;  
21 and

22 (II) follows all guidance and re-  
23 quirements from the identified stand-  
24 ards that is applicable to the primary  
25 collaboration technology feature; and

1 (ii) the collaboration technology en-  
2 ables the Chief Information Officer to dis-  
3 able the ability of users to use modes of  
4 the collaboration technology that are not  
5 compatible with the identified standards;  
6 and

7 (B) interoperability test results described  
8 in paragraph (1)(B) that demonstrate inter-  
9 operability with the identified standards for  
10 each primary collaboration technology feature  
11 the collaboration technology offers.

12 (3) PUBLICATION OF STANDARDS-COMPATIBLE  
13 COLLABORATION TECHNOLOGY VENDORS.—Upon a  
14 review of the materials submitted under paragraph  
15 (2), the Chief Information Officer shall publish on  
16 the website of the Department a list of each collabo-  
17 ration technology that the Chief Information Officer  
18 has determined to be a standards-compatible collabo-  
19 ration technology.

20 (4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
21 subsection shall be construed to require a collabora-  
22 tion technology vendor to directly test the interoper-  
23 ability of a primary collaboration technology feature  
24 with the product of another collaboration technology  
25 vendor.



1 (e) CYBERSECURITY REVIEWS OF COLLABORATION  
2 TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years after  
4 the date on which the Chief Information Officer  
5 identifies the identified standards, the Chief Infor-  
6 mation Officer shall conduct security reviews of col-  
7 laboration technology products used within the De-  
8 partment, to identify any cybersecurity vulnerability  
9 or threat relating to those collaboration technology  
10 products.

11 (2) SELECTION AND PRIORITIZATION.—With  
12 respect to collaboration technology products selected  
13 for security reviews under paragraph (1), the Chief  
14 Information Officer shall determine the number of  
15 products, the specific products, and the prioritization  
16 of products for security review, considering factors  
17 including—

18 (A) the total number of users across the  
19 Department using a collaboration technology  
20 product; and

21 (B) an estimation of the likelihood of a col-  
22 laboration technology product being targeted  
23 for hacking.

24 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the  
25 date on which the Chief Information Officer con-

1       ducts security reviews under paragraph (1), the  
2       Chief Information Officer shall submit to the con-  
3       gressional defense committees a report on the results  
4       of the security reviews.

5       (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
6       tion shall be construed to limit the ability of—

7               (1) the Department to communicate with other  
8       entities using standards-compatible collaboration  
9       technology; or

10              (2) other entities to use the identified standards  
11       or standards-compatible collaboration technology.

