

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end the following:

1 **TITLE VI—CYBERSECURITY**
2 **DISCLOSURE**

3 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Cybersecurity Dislo-
5 sure Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 602. CYBERSECURITY TRANSPARENCY.**

7 The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a
8 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 14B (15
9 U.S.C. 78n-2) the following:

10 **“SEC. 14C. CYBERSECURITY TRANSPARENCY.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

12 “(1) the term ‘cybersecurity’ means any action,
13 step, or measure to detect, prevent, deter, mitigate,
14 or address any cybersecurity threat or any potential
15 cybersecurity threat;

16 “(2) the term ‘cybersecurity threat’—

17 “(A) means an action, not protected by the
18 First Amendment to the Constitution of the
19 United States, on or through an information

1 system that may result in an unauthorized ef-
2 fort to adversely impact the security, avail-
3 ability, confidentiality, or integrity of an infor-
4 mation system or information that is stored on,
5 processed by, or transiting an information sys-
6 tem; and

7 “(B) does not include any action that sole-
8 ly involves a violation of a consumer term of
9 service or a consumer licensing agreement;

10 “(3) the term ‘information system’—

11 “(A) has the meaning given the term in
12 section 3502 of title 44, United States Code;
13 and

14 “(B) includes industrial control systems,
15 such as supervisory control and data acquisition
16 systems, distributed control systems, and pro-
17 grammable logic controllers;

18 “(4) the term ‘NIST’ means the National Insti-
19 tute of Standards and Technology; and

20 “(5) the term ‘reporting company’ means any
21 company that is an issuer—

22 “(A) the securities of which are registered
23 under section 12; or

24 “(B) that is required to file reports under
25 section 15(d).

1 “(b) REQUIREMENT TO ISSUE RULES.—Not later
2 than 360 days after the date of enactment of this section,
3 the Commission shall issue final rules to require each re-
4 porting company, in the annual report of the reporting
5 company submitted under section 13 or section 15(d) or
6 in the annual proxy statement of the reporting company
7 submitted under section 14(a)—

8 “(1) to disclose whether any member of the
9 governing body, such as the board of directors or
10 general partner, of the reporting company has exper-
11 tise or experience in cybersecurity and in such detail
12 as necessary to fully describe the nature of the ex-
13 pertise or experience; and

14 “(2) if no member of the governing body of the
15 reporting company has expertise or experience in cy-
16 bersecurity, to describe what other aspects of the re-
17 porting company’s cybersecurity were taken into ac-
18 count by any person, such as an official serving on
19 a nominating committee, that is responsible for iden-
20 tifying and evaluating nominees for membership to
21 the governing body.

22 “(c) CYBERSECURITY EXPERTISE OR EXPERI-
23 ENCE.—For purposes of subsection (b), the Commission,
24 in consultation with NIST, shall define what constitutes
25 expertise or experience in cybersecurity using commonly

1 defined roles, specialties, knowledge, skills, and abilities,
2 such as those provided in NIST Special Publication 800–
3 181, entitled ‘National Initiative for Cybersecurity Edu-
4 cation (NICE) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework’, or
5 any successor thereto.”.

