

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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At the end of subtitle D of title XVI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 16\_\_.** **ESTABLISHMENT OF CYBER RESILIENCY**  
2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established the State  
4 Cyber Resiliency Grant Program to assist State, local, and  
5 tribal governments in preventing, preparing for, protecting  
6 against, and responding to cyber threats, which shall be  
7 administered by the Administrator of the Federal Emer-  
8 gency Management Agency.

9 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Each State shall be eligible to  
10 apply for grants under the Program.

11 (c) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED FOR EACH STATE.**—Sub-  
12 ject to the funds available under a funding allocation de-  
13 termined under subsection (f) for a State, the Secretary  
14 of Homeland Security may award to the State—

15 (1) up to 2 planning grants under subsection

16 (e) to develop or revise a cyber resiliency plan; and

1           (2) up to 2 implementation grants under sub-  
2           section (f) to implement an active cyber resiliency  
3           plan.

4           (d) APPROVAL OF CYBER RESILIENCY PLANS.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall approve  
6           a cyber resiliency plan submitted by a State if the  
7           Secretary determines, after considering the rec-  
8           ommendations of the Review Committee established  
9           under subsection (i), that the plan meets all of the  
10          following criteria:

11           (A) The plan incorporates, to the extent  
12           practicable, any existing plans of such State to  
13           protect against cybersecurity threats or  
14           vulnerabilities.

15           (B) The plan is designed to achieve each of  
16           the following objectives, with respect to the es-  
17           sential functions of such State:

18           (i) Enhancing the preparation, re-  
19           sponse, and resiliency of computer net-  
20           works, industrial control systems, and com-  
21           munications systems performing such func-  
22           tions against cybersecurity threats or  
23           vulnerabilities.

24           (ii) Implementing a process of contin-  
25           uous cybersecurity vulnerability assess-

1                   ments and threat mitigation practices to  
2                   prevent the disruption of such functions by  
3                   an incident within the State.

4                   (iii) Ensuring that entities performing  
5                   such functions within the State adopt gen-  
6                   erally recognized best practices and meth-  
7                   odologies with respect to cybersecurity,  
8                   such as the practices provided in the  
9                   cybersecurity framework developed by the  
10                  National Institute of Standards and Tech-  
11                  nology.

12                 (iv) Mitigating talent gaps in the  
13                 State government cybersecurity workforce,  
14                 enhancing recruitment and retention ef-  
15                 forts for such workforce, and bolstering the  
16                 knowledge, skills, and abilities of State  
17                 government personnel to protect against  
18                 cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities.

19                 (v) Protecting public safety answering  
20                 points and other emergency communica-  
21                 tions and data networks from cybersecurity  
22                 threats or vulnerabilities.

23                 (vi) Ensuring continuity of commu-  
24                 nications and data networks between enti-  
25                 ties performing such functions within the

1 State, in the event of a catastrophic dis-  
2 ruption of such communications or net-  
3 works.

4 (vii) Accounting for and mitigating, to  
5 the greatest degree possible, cybersecurity  
6 threats or vulnerabilities related to critical  
7 infrastructure or key resources, the deg-  
8 radation of which may impact the perform-  
9 ance of such functions within the State or  
10 threaten public safety.

11 (viii) Providing appropriate commu-  
12 nications capabilities to ensure  
13 cybersecurity intelligence information-shar-  
14 ing and the command and coordination ca-  
15 pabilities among entities performing such  
16 functions.

17 (ix) Developing and coordinating  
18 strategies with respect to cybersecurity  
19 threats or vulnerabilities in consultation  
20 with—

21 (I) neighboring States or mem-  
22 bers of an information sharing and  
23 analysis organization; and

24 (II) as applicable, neighboring  
25 countries.

1 (2) DURATION OF APPROVAL.—

2 (A) INITIAL DURATION.—An approval  
3 under paragraph (1) shall be initially effective  
4 for the two-year period beginning on the date of  
5 the determination described in such paragraph.

6 (B) ANNUAL EXTENSION.—The Secretary  
7 may annually extend such approval for a one-  
8 year period, if the Secretary determines, after  
9 considering the recommendations of the Review  
10 Committee, that the plan continues to meet the  
11 criteria described in paragraph (1) after the  
12 State makes such revisions as the Secretary  
13 may determine to be necessary.

14 (3) ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS.—For purposes of  
15 this subsection, the term “essential functions” in-  
16 cludes, with respect to a State, those functions that  
17 enhance the cybersecurity posture of the State, local  
18 and tribal governments of the State, and the public  
19 services they provide.

20 (e) PLANNING GRANTS.—

21 (1) INITIAL PLANNING GRANT.—The Secretary  
22 shall require, as a condition of awarding an initial  
23 planning grant, that the State seeking the grant—

1 (A) agrees to use the funds to develop a  
2 cyber resiliency plan designed to meet the cri-  
3 teria described in subsection (d)(1); and

4 (B) submits an application including such  
5 information as the Secretary may determine to  
6 be necessary.

7 (2) ELIGIBILITY FOR INITIAL PLANNING  
8 GRANT.—A State shall not be eligible to receive an  
9 initial planning grant after the date on which the  
10 State first submits a cyber resiliency plan to the  
11 Secretary for a determination under subsection  
12 (d)(1).

13 (3) ADDITIONAL PLANNING GRANT.—The Sec-  
14 retary may award an additional planning grant to a  
15 State if the State agrees to use the funds to revise  
16 a cyber resiliency plan in order to receive an exten-  
17 sion in accordance with subsection (d)(2)(B), and  
18 submits an application including such information as  
19 the Secretary may determine to be necessary.

20 (4) LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER AND TIMING OF  
21 GRANTS.—A State shall not be eligible to receive—

22 (A) more than 2 planning grants under  
23 this subsection; or

1 (B) an additional planning grant for the  
2 fiscal year following the fiscal year for which it  
3 receives an initial planning grant.

4 (f) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

5 (1) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-  
6 retary shall require, as a condition of awarding a bi-  
7 ennial implementation grant, that the State seeking  
8 the grant submits an application including the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 (A) A proposal, including a description and  
11 timeline, of the activities to be funded by the  
12 grant as described by a cyber resiliency plan of  
13 the State approved under subsection (d).

14 (B) A description of how each activity pro-  
15 posed to be funded by the grant would achieve  
16 one or more of the objectives described in sub-  
17 section (d)(1)(B).

18 (C) A description, if applicable, of how any  
19 prior biennial implementation grant awarded  
20 under this section was spent, and to what ex-  
21 tent the criteria described in subsection (d)(1)  
22 were met.

23 (D) The share of any amounts awarded as  
24 a biennial implementation grant proposed to be

1 distributed to local or tribal governments within  
2 such State.

3 (E) Such other information as the Sec-  
4 retary may determine to be necessary in con-  
5 sultation with the chief information officer,  
6 emergency managers, and senior public safety  
7 officials of the State.

8 (2) APPROVAL OF APPLICATION.—The Sec-  
9 retary shall consider the recommendations of the Re-  
10 view Committee in approving or disapproving an ap-  
11 plication for a biennial implementation grant.

12 (3) DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL AND TRIBAL GOV-  
13 ERNMENTS.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days  
15 after the date that a biennial implementation  
16 grant is awarded, not less than 50 percent of  
17 any share proposed under paragraph (1)(D)  
18 shall be distributed to local or tribal govern-  
19 ments, in the same manner that amounts  
20 awarded under section 2004 of the Homeland  
21 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 605) are dis-  
22 tributed to such governments, except that—

23 (i) no such distribution may be made  
24 to a federally recognized Indian tribe that



1 is a State under subsection (k)(11)(B);  
2 and

3 (ii) in applying section 2004(c)(1) of  
4 such Act with respect to distributions  
5 under this subparagraph, “100 percent”  
6 shall be substituted for “80 percent” each  
7 place that term appears.

8 (B) CONSULTATION.—In determining how  
9 an implementation grant is distributed within a  
10 State, the State shall consult with the local and  
11 regional chief information officer, emergency  
12 managers, and senior public safety officials of  
13 the State.

14 (4) COMPETITIVE AWARD.—Except as provided  
15 in subsection (h), biennial implementation grants  
16 shall be awarded—

17 (A) exclusively on a competitive basis; and

18 (B) based on the recommendations of the  
19 Review Committee.

20 (5) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF GRANTS.—The  
21 Secretary may award to a State not more than 2 bi-  
22 ennial implementation grants under this section.

23 (g) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—

24 (1) LIMITATIONS.—Any grant awarded under  
25 this section shall supplement and not supplant State

1 or local funds or, as applicable, funds supplied by  
2 the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and may not be  
3 used—

4 (A) to provide any Federal cost-sharing  
5 contribution on behalf of a State; or

6 (B) for any recreational or social purpose.

7 (2) APPROVED ACTIVITIES FOR IMPLEMENTA-  
8 TION GRANTS.—A State or a government entity that  
9 receives funds through a biennial implementation  
10 grant may use such funds for one or more of the fol-  
11 lowing activities, to the extent that such activities  
12 are proposed under subsection (f)(1)(A):

13 (A) Supporting or enhancing information  
14 sharing and analysis organizations.

15 (B) Implementing or coordinating systems  
16 and services that use cyber threat indicators (as  
17 such term is defined in section 102 of the  
18 Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015  
19 (6 U.S.C. 1501)) to address cybersecurity  
20 threats or vulnerabilities.

21 (C) Supporting dedicated cybersecurity  
22 and communications coordination planning, in-  
23 cluding the coordination of—

24 (i) emergency management elements  
25 of such State;

1 (ii) National Guard units, as appro-  
2 priate;

3 (iii) entities associated with critical in-  
4 frastructure or key resources;

5 (iv) information sharing and analysis  
6 organizations;

7 (v) public safety answering points; or

8 (vi) nongovernmental organizations  
9 engaged in cybersecurity research as a for-  
10 mally designated information analysis and  
11 sharing organization.

12 (D) Establishing programs, such as schol-  
13 arships or apprenticeships, to provide financial  
14 assistance to State residents who—

15 (i) pursue formal education, training,  
16 and industry-recognized certifications for  
17 careers in cybersecurity as identified by the  
18 National Initiative for Cybersecurity Edu-  
19 cation; and

20 (ii) commit to working for State gov-  
21 ernment for a specified period of time.

22 (h) FUNDING ALLOCATIONS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—From any amount appro-  
24 priated for a fiscal year that is not reserved for use  
25 by the Secretary in carrying out this section, the

1 Secretary shall allocate the entire amount among the  
2 States (including the District of Columbia) eligible  
3 for grants under this section taking into consider-  
4 ation the factors specified in paragraph (2) and con-  
5 sistent with the following:

6 (A) ALLOCATIONS FOR THE SEVERAL  
7 STATES.—Of the amount subject to allocation,  
8 a funding allocation for any of such States shall  
9 be—

10 (i) not less than 0.001 percent, with  
11 respect to an initial planning grant, and  
12 not more than 0.001 percent, with respect  
13 to any additional planning grants; and

14 (ii) not less than 0.5 percent and not  
15 more than 3 percent, with respect to bien-  
16 nial implementation grants.

17 (B) ALLOCATIONS FOR THE TERRITORIES  
18 AND POSSESSIONS.—Of the amount subject to  
19 allocation, a funding allocation for any of the  
20 territories and possessions of the United States  
21 eligible for grants under this section shall be—

22 (i) not less than 0.001 percent, with  
23 respect to an initial planning grant, and  
24 not more than 0.001 percent, with respect  
25 to any additional planning grant; and

1 (ii) not less than 0.1 percent and not  
2 more than 1 percent, with respect to bien-  
3 nial implementation grants.

4 (2) CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUNDING ALLOCA-  
5 TIONS.—In determining a funding allocation under  
6 paragraph (1) for a State, the Secretary shall con-  
7 sider each of the following factors:

8 (A) The considerations described in section  
9 1809(h)(1) of the Homeland Security Act of  
10 2002 (6 U.S.C. 579(h)(1)) with respect to the  
11 State, and the degree of exposure of the State  
12 and protected government entities within the  
13 State to threats, vulnerabilities, or consequences  
14 resulting from cybersecurity risks or incidents.

15 (B) The degree of exposure of the State  
16 and protected government entities within the  
17 State to threats, vulnerabilities, or consequences  
18 resulting from cybersecurity risks or incidents.

19 (C) The effectiveness of, relative to evol-  
20 ving cyber threats against, cybersecurity assets,  
21 secure communications capabilities, and data  
22 network protections, of the State and its part-  
23 ners.

24 (D) The extent to which the State is vul-  
25 nerable to cyber threats because it has not im-

1           plemented best practices such as the  
2           cybersecurity framework developed by the Na-  
3           tional Institute of Standards and Technology.

4           (E) The extent to which a State govern-  
5           ment may face low cybersecurity workforce sup-  
6           ply and high cybersecurity workforce demand,  
7           as identified by the National Institute of Stand-  
8           ards and Technology.

9   (i) REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR CYBER  
10    RESILIENCY GRANTS.—

11           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a  
12           committee to be known as the “Review Committee  
13           for Cyber Resiliency Grants” (in this section re-  
14           ferred to as the “Review Committee”).

15           (2) CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS.—The  
16           Secretary shall forward a copy of each cyber resil-  
17           iency plan submitted for approval under subsection  
18           (d)(1), each application for an additional planning  
19           grant submitted under subsection (e)(3), and each  
20           application for a biennial implementation grant sub-  
21           mitted under subsection (d)(1) to the Review Com-  
22           mittee for consideration under this subsection.

23           (3) DUTIES.—The Review Committee shall—

1 (A) promulgate guidance for the develop-  
2 ment of applications for grants under this sec-  
3 tion;

4 (B) review any plan or application for-  
5 warded under paragraph (2);

6 (C) provide to the State and to the Sec-  
7 retary the recommendations of the Review Com-  
8 mittee regarding the approval or disapproval of  
9 such plan or application and, if applicable, pos-  
10 sible improvements to such plan or application;

11 (D) provide to the Secretary an evaluation  
12 of any progress made by a State in imple-  
13 menting an active cyber resiliency plan using a  
14 prior biennial implementation grant; and

15 (E) submit to Congress an annual report  
16 on the progress made in implementing active  
17 cyber resiliency plans.

18 (4) MEMBERSHIP.—

19 (A) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The  
20 Review Committee shall be composed of 15  
21 members appointed by the Secretary as follows:

22 (i) At least 2 individuals rec-  
23 ommended to the Secretary by the Na-  
24 tional Governors Association.

1 (ii) At least 1 individual recommended  
2 to the Secretary by the National Associa-  
3 tion of State Chief Information Officers.

4 (iii) At least 1 individual rec-  
5 ommended to the Secretary by the Na-  
6 tional Guard Bureau.

7 (iv) At least 1 individual rec-  
8 ommended to the Secretary by the Na-  
9 tional Association of Counties.

10 (v) At least 1 individual recommended  
11 to the Secretary by the National League of  
12 Cities.

13 (vi) Not more than 9 other individuals  
14 who have educational and professional ex-  
15 perience related to cybersecurity analysis  
16 or policy.

17 (B) TERMS.—Each member shall be ap-  
18 pointed for a term of one year. Any member ap-  
19 pointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the  
20 expiration of the term for which the member's  
21 predecessor was appointed shall be appointed  
22 only for the remainder of that term. A member  
23 may serve after the expiration of that member's  
24 term until a successor has taken office. A va-  
25 cancy in the Commission shall be filled in the



1 manner in which the original appointment was  
2 made.

3 (C) PAY.—Members shall serve without  
4 pay.

5 (C) CHAIRPERSON; VICE CHAIRPERSON.—  
6 The Secretary, or a designee of the Secretary,  
7 shall serve as the Chairperson of the Review  
8 Committee. The Administrator of the Federal  
9 Emergency Management Agency, or a designee  
10 of the Administrator, shall serve as the Vice  
11 Chairperson of the Review Committee.

12 (5) STAFF AND EXPERTS.—The Review Com-  
13 mittee may—

14 (A) appoint additional personnel as it con-  
15 sidered appropriate, without regard to the provi-  
16 sions of title 5, United States Code, governing  
17 appointments in the competitive service;

18 (B) fix the pay of such additional per-  
19 sonnel, without regard to the provisions of  
20 chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of  
21 such title relating to classification and General  
22 Schedule pay rates; and

23 (C) procure temporary and intermittent  
24 services under section 3109(b) of such title.

1           (6) DETAILEES.—Upon request of the Review  
2           Committee, the head of any Federal department or  
3           agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of  
4           the personnel of that department or agency to the  
5           Commission to assist it in carrying out the duties  
6           under this Act.

7           (7) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The  
8           Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)  
9           shall not apply to the Review Committee.

10          (8) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Re-  
11          view Committee shall terminate on the day after the  
12          end of the five-fiscal-year period described in sub-  
13          section (c).

14          (j) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-  
15          priated for grants under this section such sums as are nec-  
16          essary for fiscal years 2018 through 2023.

17          (k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18               (1) ACTIVE CYBER RESILIENCY PLAN.—The  
19               term “active cyber resiliency plan” means a cyber  
20               resiliency plan for which an approval is in effect in  
21               accordance with subsection (d)(2)(A) or for which  
22               the Secretary extends such approval in accordance  
23               with subsection (d)(2)(B).

1           (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
2           trator” means the Administrator of the Federal  
3           Emergency Management Agency.

4           (3) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term  
5           “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given that  
6           term in section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of  
7           2002 (6 U.S.C. 101).

8           (4) CYBER RESILIENCY PLAN.—The term  
9           “cyber resiliency plan” means, with respect to a  
10          State, a plan that addresses the cybersecurity  
11          threats or vulnerabilities faced by the State through  
12          a statewide plan and decisionmaking process to re-  
13          spond to cybersecurity risks or incidents.

14          (5) CYBERSECURITY RISK.—The term  
15          “cybersecurity risk” has the meaning given that  
16          term in section 227 of the Homeland Security Act  
17          of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148).

18          (6) INCIDENT.—The term “incident” has the  
19          meaning given that term in section 227 of the  
20          Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148).

21          (7) INFORMATION SHARING AND ANALYSIS OR-  
22          GANIZATION.—The term “information sharing and  
23          analysis organization” has the meaning given that  
24          term in section 212 of the Homeland Security Act  
25          of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 131).

1           (8) KEY RESOURCES.—The term “key re-  
2           sources” has the meaning given that term in section  
3           2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.  
4           101).

5           (9) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means  
6           the State Cyber Resiliency Grant Program estab-  
7           lished by this section.

8           (10) PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS.—  
9           The term “public safety answering points” has the  
10          meaning given that term in section 222(h) of the  
11          Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222(h)).

12          (11) STATE.—The term “State”—

13                (A) means each of the several States, the  
14                District of Columbia, and the territories and  
15                possessions of the United States; and

16                (B) includes any federally recognized In-  
17                dian tribe that notifies the Secretary, not later  
18                than 120 days after the date of the enactment  
19                of this Act or not later than 120 days before  
20                the start of any fiscal year during the five-fis-  
21                cal-year period described in subsection (c), that  
22                the tribe intends to develop a cyber resiliency  
23                plan and agrees to forfeit any distribution  
24                under subsection (f)(3).

