

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-31
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Add at the end of division F the following:

1 **SEC. 50105. CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY SECURITY CENTERS.**

2 (a) CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY SECURITY CENTERS.—
3 Title III of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
4 181 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
5 new section:

6 **“SEC. 323. CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY SECURITY CENTERS.**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-
9 retary, acting through the Under Secretary for Science
10 and Technology, and in coordination with the Director of
11 the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency,
12 shall award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements
13 to covered entities for the establishment of not fewer than
14 four cybersecurity-focused Critical Technology Security
15 Centers to evaluate and test the security of devices and
16 technologies that underpin national critical functions.

17 “(b) INITIAL CENTERS.—With respect to the Critical
18 Technology Security Centers referred to in subsection (a),
19 four of such centers shall be as follows:

1 “(1) The Center for Network Technology Secu-
2 rity, to study the security of information and com-
3 munications technology that underpins national crit-
4 ical functions related to communications.

5 “(2) The Center for Connected Industrial Con-
6 trol System Security, to study the security of con-
7 nected programmable data logic controllers, super-
8 visory control and data acquisition servers, and
9 other networked industrial equipment.

10 “(3) The Center for Open Source Software Se-
11 curity, to study vulnerabilities in open source soft-
12 ware used to support national critical functions.

13 “(4) The Center for Federal Critical Software
14 Security, to study the security of software used by
15 the Federal Government that performs functions
16 critical to trust (such as affording or requiring ele-
17 vated system privileges or direct access to net-
18 working and computing resources).

19 “(c) ADDITIONAL CENTERS.—The Under Secretary
20 may, in coordination with the Director, award grants, con-
21 tracts, or cooperative agreements to covered entities for
22 the establishment of additional Critical Technology Secu-
23 rity Centers to address technologies vital to national crit-
24 ical functions.

1 “(d) SELECTION OF CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES.—Be-
2 fore awarding a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement
3 to a covered entity to establish a Critical Technology Secu-
4 rity Center, the Under Secretary shall consult with the
5 Director, who shall provide the Under Secretary a list of
6 technologies within the remit of the center that support
7 national critical functions.

8 “(e) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In studying the security of
9 technologies within its remit, each center shall have the
10 following responsibilities:

11 “(1) Conducting rigorous security testing to
12 identify vulnerabilities in such technologies.

13 “(2) Reporting new vulnerabilities found and
14 the tools, techniques, and practices used to uncover
15 such vulnerabilities to the developers of such tech-
16 nologies in question and to the Cybersecurity and
17 Infrastructure Security Agency.

18 “(3) With respect to such technologies, devel-
19 oping new capabilities for vulnerability discovery,
20 management, and mitigation.

21 “(4) Assessing the security of software essential
22 to national critical functions.

23 “(5) Supporting existing communities of inter-
24 est, including by granting funds, in remediating
25 vulnerabilities discovered within such technologies.

1 “(6) Utilizing findings to inform and support
2 the future work of the Cybersecurity and Infrastruc-
3 ture Security Agency.

4 “(f) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for an award of
5 a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement as a Critical
6 Technology Security Center pursuant to subsection (a), a
7 covered entity shall submit to the Secretary an application
8 at such time, in such manner, and including such informa-
9 tion as the Secretary may require.

10 “(g) PUBLIC REPORTING OF VULNERABILITIES.—
11 The Undersecretary shall ensure that vulnerabilities iden-
12 tified by a Critical Technology Security Center are pub-
13 licly reported through the National Vulnerability Data-
14 base, as appropriate.

15 “(h) ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.—The Under Sec-
16 retary, in coordination with the Director, shall develop,
17 and periodically update, guidance, including eligibility and
18 any additional requirements, for how Critical Technology
19 Security Centers may award funds to communities of in-
20 terest to remediate vulnerabilities under subsection (e)(5).

21 “(i) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—Not later than one year
22 after the date of the enactment of this section and every
23 two years thereafter, the Under Secretary shall submit to
24 the appropriate congressional committees a report that in-

1 cludes, with respect to each Critical Technology Security
2 Center the following:

3 “(1) A summary of the work performed by each
4 such center.

5 “(2) Information relating to the allocation of
6 Federal funds at each such center.

7 “(3) A description of each vulnerability identi-
8 fied, including information relating to the cor-
9 responding software weakness.

10 “(4) An assessment of the criticality of each
11 vulnerability identified pursuant to paragraph (3).

12 “(5) A list of critical technologies studied by
13 each center, including an explanation by the Under
14 Secretary for any deviations from the list of tech-
15 nologies provided by the Director before the distribu-
16 tion of funding to the center.

17 “(6) A list of tools, techniques, and procedures
18 used by each such center.

19 “(j) CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT AGENCIES.—

20 In carrying out this section, the Under Secretary shall
21 consult with the heads of other Federal agencies con-
22 ducting cybersecurity research, including the following:

23 “(1) The National Institute of Standards and
24 Technology.

25 “(2) The National Science Foundation.

1 “(3) Relevant agencies within the Department
2 of Energy.

3 “(4) Relevant agencies within the Department
4 of Defense.

5 “(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
7 tion—

8 “(1) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

9 “(2) \$42,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

10 “(3) \$44,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

11 “(4) \$46,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

12 “(5) \$49,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.

13 “(l) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees’ means—

17 “(A) the Committee on Homeland Security
18 of the House of Representatives; and

19 “(B) the Committee on Homeland Security
20 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

21 “(2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term ‘covered en-
22 tity’ means a university or federally funded research
23 and development center, including a national labora-
24 tory, or a consortia thereof.

1 “(3) CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY.—The term ‘crit-
2 ical technology’ means technology relating to a na-
3 tional critical function.

4 “(4) OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE.—The term
5 ‘open source software’ means software for which the
6 human-readable source code is freely available for
7 use, study, re-use, modification, enhancement, and
8 redistribution by the users of such software.”.

9 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF CERTAIN TECHNOLOGY.—
10 Paragraph (1) of section 2202(e) of the Homeland Secu-
11 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603(e)) is amended by adding
12 at the end the following new subparagraph:

13 “(S) To identify the technologies within
14 the remits of the Critical Technology Security
15 centers as described in section 322 that are
16 vital to national critical functions.”.

17 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
19 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
20 321 the following new item:

 “Sec. 323. Critical Technology Security Centers.”.

