

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of title XI, add the following:

1 **Subtitle C—Office of the National**
2 **Cyber Director**

3 **SEC. 1131. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This subtitle may be cited as the “National Cyber
5 Director Act”.

6 **SEC. 1132. NATIONAL CYBER DIRECTOR.**

7 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established, within
8 the Executive Office of the President, the Office of the
9 National Cyber Director (in this section referred to as the
10 “Office”).

11 (b) **NATIONAL CYBER DIRECTOR.**—

12 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Office shall be headed
13 by the National Cyber Director (in this section re-
14 ferred to as the “Director”) who shall be appointed
15 by the President, by and with the advice and consent
16 of the Senate. The Director shall hold office at the
17 pleasure of the President, and shall be entitled to re-
18 ceive the same pay and allowances as are provided

1 for level I of the Executive Schedule under section
2 5312 of title 5, United States Code.

3 (2) DEPUTY DIRECTORS.—There shall be two
4 Deputy National Cyber Directors, to be appointed
5 by the President, who shall hold office at the pleas-
6 ure of the President, and who shall report to the Di-
7 rector, as follows:

8 (A) The Deputy National Cyber Director
9 for Strategy, Capabilities, and Budget.

10 (B) The Deputy National Cyber Director
11 for Plans and Operations.

12 (c) DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL CYBER DIRECTOR.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the authority, di-
14 rection, and control of the President, the Director
15 shall—

16 (A) serve as the principal advisor to the
17 President on cybersecurity strategy and policy;

18 (B) in consultation with appropriate Fed-
19 eral departments and agencies, develop the
20 United States' National Cyber Strategy, which
21 shall include elements related to Federal de-
22 partments and agencies—

23 (i) information security; and

1 (ii) programs and policies intended to
2 improve the United States' cybersecurity
3 posture;

4 (C) in consultation with appropriate Fed-
5 eral departments and agencies and upon ap-
6 proval of the National Cyber Strategy by the
7 President, supervise implementation of the
8 strategy by—

9 (i) in consultation with the Director of
10 the Office of Management and Budget,
11 monitoring and assessing the effectiveness,
12 including cost-effectiveness, of Federal de-
13 partments and agencies' implementation of
14 the strategy;

15 (ii) making recommendations relevant
16 to changes in the organization, personnel
17 and resource allocation, and policies of
18 Federal departments and agencies to the
19 Director of the Office of Management and
20 Budget and heads of such departments
21 and agencies in order to implement the
22 strategy;

23 (iii) reviewing the annual budget pro-
24 posal for each Federal department or agen-
25 cy and certifying to the head of each Fed-

1 eral department or agency and the Direc-
2 tor of the Office Management and Budget
3 whether the department or agency proposal
4 is consistent with the strategy;

5 (iv) continuously assessing and mak-
6 ing relevant recommendations to the Presi-
7 dent on the appropriate level of integration
8 and interoperability across the Federal cy-
9 bersecurity operations centers;

10 (v) coordinating with the Federal
11 Chief Information Officer, the Federal
12 Chief Information Security Officer, the Di-
13 rector of the Cybersecurity and Infrastruc-
14 ture Security Agency, and the Director of
15 National Institute of Standards and Tech-
16 nology on the development and implemen-
17 tation of policies and guidelines related to
18 issues of Federal department and agency
19 information security; and

20 (vi) reporting annually to the Presi-
21 dent and the Congress on the state of the
22 United States' cybersecurity posture, the
23 effectiveness of the strategy, and the sta-
24 tus of Federal departments and agencies'
25 implementation of the strategy;

1 (D) lead joint interagency planning for the
2 Federal Government's integrated response to
3 cyberattacks and cyber campaigns of significant
4 consequence, to include—

5 (i) coordinating with relevant Federal
6 departments and agencies in the develop-
7 ment of, for the approval of the President,
8 joint, integrated operational plans, proc-
9 esses, and playbooks for incident response
10 that feature—

11 (I) clear lines of authority and
12 lines of effort across the Federal Gov-
13 ernment;

14 (II) authorities that have been
15 delegated to an appropriate level to
16 facilitate effective operational re-
17 sponses across the Federal Govern-
18 ment; and

19 (III) support for the integration
20 of defensive cyber plans and capabili-
21 ties with offensive cyber plans and ca-
22 pabilities in a manner consistent with
23 improving the United States' cyberse-
24 curity posture;

1 (ii) exercising these operational plans,
2 processes, and playbooks;

3 (iii) updating these operational plans,
4 processes, and playbooks for incident re-
5 sponse as needed in coordination with on-
6 going offensive cyber plans and operations;
7 and

8 (iv) ensuring these plans, processes,
9 and playbooks are properly coordinated
10 with relevant private sector entities, as ap-
11 propriate;

12 (E) direct the Federal Government's re-
13 sponse to cyberattacks and cyber campaigns of
14 significant consequence, to include—

15 (i) developing for the approval of the
16 President, with the heads of relevant Fed-
17 eral departments and agencies independ-
18 ently or through the National Security
19 Council as directed by the President, oper-
20 ational priorities, requirements, and tasks;

21 (ii) coordinating, deconflicting, and
22 ensuring the execution of operational ac-
23 tivities in incident response; and

24 (iii) coordinating operational activities
25 with relevant private sector entities;

1 (F) coordinate and consult with private
2 sector leaders on cybersecurity and emerging
3 technology issues with the support of, and in
4 coordination with, the Cybersecurity and Infra-
5 structure Security Agency and other Federal
6 departments and agencies, as appropriate;

7 (G) annually report to Congress on cyber-
8 security threats and issues facing the nation,
9 including any new or emerging technologies
10 that may impact national security, economic
11 prosperity, or enforcing the rule of law; and

12 (H) be responsible for such other functions
13 as the President may direct.

14 (2) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Direc-
15 tor may—

16 (A) serve as the senior representative on
17 any body that the President may establish for
18 the purpose of providing the President advice
19 on cybersecurity;

20 (B) be empowered to convene National Se-
21 curity Council, National Economic Council and
22 Homeland Security Council meetings, with the
23 concurrence of the National Security Advisor,
24 Homeland Security Advisor, or Director of the
25 National Economic Council, as appropriate;

1 (C) be included as a participant in prep-
2 arations for and, if appropriate, execution of cy-
3 bersecurity summits and other international
4 meetings at which cybersecurity is a major
5 topic;

6 (D) delegate any of the Director's func-
7 tions, powers, and duties to such officers and
8 employees of the Office as he may designate;
9 and

10 (E) authorize such successive re-delega-
11 tions of such functions, powers, and duties to
12 such officers and employees of the Office as he
13 may deem appropriate.

14 (d) ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL
15 SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.—Section 101(c)(2) of the
16 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021(c)(2)) is
17 amended by striking “and the Chairman of the Joint
18 Chiefs of Staff” and inserting “the Chairman of the Joint
19 Chiefs of Staff, and the National Cyber Director”.

20 (e) POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR.—The Director may,
21 for the purposes of carrying out the Director's functions
22 under this section—

23 (1) subject to the civil service and classification
24 laws, select, appoint, employ, and fix the compensa-
25 tion of such officers and employees as are necessary

1 and prescribe their authority and duties, except that
2 not more than 75 individuals may be employed with-
3 out regard to any provision of law regulating the
4 employment or compensation at rates not to exceed
5 the basic rate of basic pay payable for level IV of
6 the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title
7 5, United States Code;

8 (2) employ experts and consultants in accord-
9 ance with section 3109 of title 5, United States
10 Code, and compensate individuals so employed for
11 each day (including travel time) at rates not in ex-
12 cess of the maximum rate of basic pay for grade GS-
13 15 as provided in section 5332 of such title, and
14 while such experts and consultants are so serving
15 away from their homes or regular place of business,
16 to pay such employees travel expenses and per diem
17 in lieu of subsistence at rates authorized by section
18 5703 of such title 5 for persons in Federal Govern-
19 ment service employed intermittently;

20 (3) promulgate such rules and regulations as
21 may be necessary to carry out the functions, powers,
22 and duties vested in the Director;

23 (4) utilize, with their consent, the services, per-
24 sonnel, and facilities of other Federal agencies;

1 (5) enter into and perform such contracts,
2 leases, cooperative agreements, or other transactions
3 as may be necessary in the conduct of the work of
4 the Office and on such terms as the Director may
5 determine appropriate, with any Federal agency, or
6 with any public or private person or entity;

7 (6) accept voluntary and uncompensated serv-
8 ices, notwithstanding the provisions of section 1342
9 of title 31, United States Code;

10 (7) adopt an official seal, which shall be judi-
11 cially noticed; and

12 (8) provide, where authorized by law, copies of
13 documents to persons at cost, except that any funds
14 so received shall be credited to, and be available for
15 use from, the account from which expenditures relat-
16 ing thereto were made.

17 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) CYBERSECURITY POSTURE.—The term “cy-
19 bersecurity posture” means the ability to identify
20 and protect, and detect, respond to and recover from
21 intrusions in, information systems the compromise of
22 which could constitute a cyber attack or cyber cam-
23 paign of significant consequence.

24 (2) CYBER ATTACKS AND CYBER CAMPAIGNS OF
25 SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCE.—The term “cyber at-

1 tacks and cyber campaigns of significant con-
2 sequence” means an incident or series of incidents
3 that have the purpose or effect of—

4 (A) causing a significant disruption to the
5 availability of a Federal information system;

6 (B) harming, or otherwise significantly
7 compromising the provision of service by, a
8 computer or network of computers that support
9 one or more entities in a critical infrastructure
10 sector;

11 (C) significantly compromising the provi-
12 sion of services by one or more entities in a
13 critical infrastructure sector;

14 (D) causing a significant misappropriation
15 of funds or economic resources, trade secrets,
16 personal identifiers, or financial information for
17 commercial or competitive advantage or private
18 financial gain; or

19 (E) otherwise constituting a significant
20 threat to the national security, foreign policy, or
21 economic health or financial stability of the
22 United States.

23 (3) INCIDENT.—The term “incident” has the
24 meaning given that term in section 3552 of title 44,
25 United States Code.

1 (4) INFORMATION SECURITY.—The term “infor-
2 mation security” has the meaning given that term in
3 section 3552 of title 44, United States Code.

