

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–57**

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Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVI the following:

1 **SEC. 16 \_\_\_\_ . BIENNIAL NATIONAL CYBER EXERCISE.**

2 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than December 31,  
3 2023, and not less frequently than once every two years  
4 thereafter until a date that is not less than 10 years after  
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in con-  
6 sultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall conduct an  
7 exercise to test the resilience, response, and recovery of  
8 the United States in the case of a significant cyber attack  
9 impacting critical infrastructure.

10 (b) PLANNING AND PREPARATION.—Each exercise  
11 under subsection (a) shall be coordinated through the  
12 Joint Cyber Planning Office of the Cybersecurity and In-  
13 frastructure Security Planning Agency and prepared by  
14 expert operational planners from the Department of  
15 Homeland Security, in coordination with the Department  
16 of Defense, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the  
17 appropriate intelligence community elements, as identified  
18 by the Director of National Intelligence.

19 (c) PARTICIPANTS.—

1 (1) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS.—

2 The following shall participate in each exercise  
3 under subsection (a):

4 (A) Relevant interagency partners, as de-  
5 termined by the Secretary, including relevant  
6 interagency partners from—

7 (i) law enforcement agencies; and

8 (ii) the intelligence community.

9 (B) Senior leader representatives from sec-  
10 tor-specific agencies, as determined by the Sec-  
11 retary.

12 (2) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—The  
13 Secretary shall invite representatives from State,  
14 local, and Tribal governments to participate the ex-  
15 ercises under subsection (a) if the Secretary deter-  
16 mines such participation to be appropriate.

17 (3) PRIVATE SECTOR.—Depending on the na-  
18 ture of an exercise being conducted under subsection  
19 (a), the Secretary, in consultation with the senior  
20 leader representative of the sector-specific agencies  
21 participating in such exercise pursuant to paragraph  
22 (1)(A)(ii), shall invite the following individuals to  
23 participate:

24 (A) Representatives from private entities.

1 (B) Other individuals that the Secretary  
2 determines.

3 (4) INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS.—Depending on  
4 the nature of an exercise being conducted under sub-  
5 section (a), the Secretary may, in consultation with  
6 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State,  
7 invite allies and partners of the United States to  
8 participate in such exercise.

9 (d) OBSERVERS.—The Secretary shall invite appro-  
10 priately cleared representatives from the executive and leg-  
11 islative branches of the Federal Government to observe an  
12 exercise under subsection (a).

13 (e) ELEMENTS.—Each exercise under subsection (a)  
14 shall include the following elements:

15 (1) Exercising the orchestration of cybersecu-  
16 rity response and the provision of cyber support to  
17 Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments and  
18 private entities, including the exercise of the com-  
19 mand and control and deconfliction of operational  
20 responses through the National Security Council,  
21 interagency coordinating processes and response  
22 groups, and each participating department and  
23 agency of the Federal Government.

24 (2) Testing of the information-sharing needs  
25 and capabilities of exercise participants.

1           (3) Testing of the relevant policy, guidance, and  
2 doctrine, including the National Cyber Incident Re-  
3 sponse Plan of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure  
4 Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Se-  
5 curity.

6           (4) Test the coordination between Federal,  
7 State, local, and Tribal governments and private en-  
8 tities.

9           (5) Exercising the integration of operational ca-  
10 pabilities of the Department of Homeland Security,  
11 the Cyber National Mission Force, Federal law en-  
12 forcement, and the intelligence community.

13           (6) Test relevant information sharing and oper-  
14 ational agreements.

15           (7) Exercising integrated operations, mutual  
16 support, and shared situational awareness of the cy-  
17 bersecurity operations centers of the Federal Gov-  
18 ernment, including the following:

19                   (A) The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure  
20 Security Agency.

21                   (B) The Cyber Threat Operations Center  
22 of the National Security Agency.

23                   (C) The Joint Operations Center of United  
24 States Cyber Command.

1 (D) The Cyber Threat Intelligence Integra-  
2 tion Center of the Office of the Director of Na-  
3 tional Intelligence.

4 (E) The National Cyber Investigative Joint  
5 Task Force of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
6 tion.

7 (F) The Defense Cyber Crime Center of  
8 the Department of Defense.

9 (G) The Intelligence Community Security  
10 Coordination Center of the Office of the Direc-  
11 tor of National Intelligence.

12 (f) BRIEFING.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
14 after the date on which each exercise under sub-  
15 section (a) is conducted, the President shall submit  
16 to the appropriate congressional committees a brief-  
17 ing on the participation of the Federal Government  
18 participants in each such exercise.

19 (2) CONTENTS.—Each briefing required under  
20 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

21 (A) An assessment of the decision and re-  
22 sponse gaps observed in the national level re-  
23 sponse.

24 (B) Proposed recommendations to improve  
25 the resilience, response, and recovery in the

1 case of a significant cyber attack impacting  
2 critical infrastructure.

3 (C) Plans to implement the recommenda-  
4 tions described in subparagraph (B).

5 (D) Specific timelines for the implementa-  
6 tion of such plans.

7 (g) REPEAL.—Subsection (b) of section 1648 of the  
8 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016  
9 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat. 1119) is repealed.

10 (h) NATIONAL CYBER EXERCISE PROGRAM.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
12 after the date of the enactment of this section, the  
13 Director, in consultation with appropriate represent-  
14 atives from sector-specific agencies, the cybersecurity  
15 research community, and Sector Coordinating Coun-  
16 cils, shall carry out the National Cyber Exercise  
17 Program (referred to in this section as the “Exercise  
18 Program”) to evaluate the National Cyber Incident  
19 Response Plan, and other related plans and strate-  
20 gies.

21 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Exercise Program  
23 shall be—

1 (i) as realistic as practicable, based on  
2 current risk assessments, including credible  
3 threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences;

4 (ii) designed, as practicable, to simu-  
5 late the partial or complete incapacitation  
6 of a State, local, or tribal government, or  
7 related critical infrastructure, resulting  
8 from a cyber incident;

9 (iii) carried out, as appropriate, with  
10 a minimum degree of notice to involved  
11 parties regarding the timing and details of  
12 such exercises, consistent with safety con-  
13 siderations;

14 (iv) designed to provide for the sys-  
15 tematic evaluation of cyber readiness and  
16 enhance operational understanding of the  
17 cyber incident response system and rel-  
18 evant information sharing agreements; and

19 (v) designed to promptly develop  
20 after-action reports and plans that can be  
21 quickly incorporating lessons learned into  
22 future operations.

23 (B) MODEL EXERCISE SELECTION.—The  
24 Exercise Program shall include a selection of  
25 model exercises that State, local, and Tribal

1 governments can readily adapt for use and aid  
2 such governments with the design, implementa-  
3 tion, and evaluation of exercises that—

4 (i) conform to the requirements under  
5 subparagraph (A);

6 (ii) are consistent with any applicable  
7 State, local, or Tribal strategy or plan; and

8 (iii) provide for systematic evaluation  
9 of readiness.

10 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Armed Services of  
15 the Senate;

16 (B) the Committee on Armed Services of  
17 the House of Representatives;

18 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security  
19 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

20 (D) the Committee on Homeland Security  
21 of the House of Representatives.

22 (2) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term  
23 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such  
24 term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42  
25 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).



1           (3) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term  
2           “intelligence community” has the meaning given  
3           such term in section 3(4) of the National Security  
4           Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

5           (4) PRIVATE ENTITY.—The term “private enti-  
6           ty” has the meaning given the term in section 102  
7           of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of  
8           2015 (6 U.S.C. 1501).

9           (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10          the Secretary of Homeland Security.

11          (6) SECTOR-SPECIFIC AGENCY.—The term “sec-  
12          tor-specific agency” has the meaning given the term  
13          “Sector-Specific Agency” in section 2201 of the  
14          Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 651).

15          (7) STATE.—The term “State” means any  
16          State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
17          the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern  
18          Mariana Islands, the United States Virgin Islands,  
19          Guam, American Samoa, and any other territory or  
20          possession of the United States.

