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OFFERED BY MR. WALTZ OF FLORIDA

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following new section:

SEC. ___. RESEARCH SECURITY TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL RESEARCH GRANT PERSONNEL.

(a) ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT.—Drawing on stakeholder input, not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Federal research agency shall establish a requirement that, as part of an application for a research and development award from the agency—

(1) each covered individual listed on the application for a research and development award certify that they have completed research security training that meets the guidelines developed under subsection (b) within one year of the application; and

(2) each institution of higher education or other organization applying for such an award certify that each covered individual who is employed by the institution or organization and listed on the application...
has been made aware of the requirement under this subsection.

(b) TRAINING GUIDELINES.—The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, acting through the National Science and Technology Council and in accordance with the authority provided under section 1746(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 42 U.S.C. 6601 note), shall develop guidelines for institutions of higher education and other organizations receiving Federal research and development funds to use in developing their own training programs to address the unique needs, challenges, and risk profiles of such institutions, including adoption of training modules developed under subsection (c).

(c) SECURITY TRAINING MODULES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy in coordination with the Director of the National Science Foundation and the Director of the National Institute of Health, and in consultation with other relevant Federal research agencies, shall enter into an agreement or contract with a qualified entity for the development of online research security training modules for the research community, including mod-
ules focused on international collaboration and international travel, foreign interference, and rules for proper use of funds, disclosure, conflict of commitment, and conflict of interest.

(2) Stakeholder Input.—Prior to entering into the agreement under paragraph (1), the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall seek input from academic, private sector, intelligence, and law enforcement stakeholders regarding the scope and content of training modules, including the diversity of needs across institutions of higher education and other awardees of different sizes and types, and recommendations for minimizing administrative burden on institutions of higher education and researchers.

(3) Development.—The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall ensure that the entity identified in paragraph (1)—

(A) develops modules that can be adapted and utilized across Federal science agencies; and

(B) develops and implements a plan for regularly updating the modules as needed.

(d) Consistency.—The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall ensure that the train-
ing requirements issued by Federal research agencies under subsection (a) are consistent.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “covered individual” means an individual who—

(A) contributes in a substantive, meaningful way to the scientific development or execution of a research and development project proposed to be carried out with a research and development award from a Federal research agency; and

(B) is designated as a covered individual by the Federal research agency concerned.

(2) The term “Federal research agency” means any Federal agency with an annual extramural research expenditure of over $100,000,000.

(3) The term “research and development award” means support provided to an individual or entity by a Federal research agency to carry out research and development activities, which may include support in the form of a grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other such transaction. The term does not include a grant, contract, agreement or other transaction for the procurement of goods or services.
to meet the administrative needs of a Federal research agency.