

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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OFFERED BY MR. WALTZ OF FLORIDA

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

1 **SEC. ____ . RESEARCH SECURITY TRAINING REQUIREMENT**
2 **FOR FEDERAL RESEARCH GRANT PER-**
3 **SONNEL.**

4 (a) ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT.—Drawing on
5 stakeholder input, not later than 12 months after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, each Federal research agency
7 shall establish a requirement that, as part of an applica-
8 tion for a research and development award from the agen-
9 cy—

10 (1) each covered individual listed on the appli-
11 cation for a research and development award certify
12 that they have completed research security training
13 that meets the guidelines developed under subsection

14 (b) within one year of the application; and

15 (2) each institution of higher education or other
16 organization applying for such an award certify that
17 each covered individual who is employed by the insti-
18 tution or organization and listed on the application

1 has been made aware of the requirement under this
2 subsection.

3 (b) TRAINING GUIDELINES.—The Director of the Of-
4 fice of Science and Technology Policy, acting through the
5 National Science and Technology Council and in accord-
6 ance with the authority provided under section 1746(a)
7 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
8 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 42 U.S.C. 6601 note), shall
9 develop guidelines for institutions of higher education and
10 other organizations receiving Federal research and devel-
11 opment funds to use in developing their own training pro-
12 grams to address the unique needs, challenges, and risk
13 profiles of such institutions, including adoption of training
14 modules developed under subsection (c).

15 (c) SECURITY TRAINING MODULES.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
18 of the Office of Science and Technology Policy in co-
19 ordination with the Director of the National Science
20 Foundation and the Director of the National Insti-
21 tute of Health, and in consultation with other rel-
22 evant Federal research agencies, shall enter into an
23 agreement or contract with a qualified entity for the
24 development of online research security training
25 modules for the research community, including mod-

1 ules focused on international collaboration and inter-
2 national travel, foreign interference, and rules for
3 proper use of funds, disclosure, conflict of commit-
4 ment, and conflict of interest.

5 (2) STAKEHOLDER INPUT.—Prior to entering
6 into the agreement under paragraph (1), the Direc-
7 tor of the Office of Science and Technology Policy
8 shall seek input from academic, private sector, intel-
9 ligence, and law enforcement stakeholders regarding
10 the scope and content of training modules, including
11 the diversity of needs across institutions of higher
12 education and other awardees of different sizes and
13 types, and recommendations for minimizing adminis-
14 trative burden on institutions of higher education
15 and researchers.

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

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

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

24 (d) CONSTISTENCY.—The Director of the Office of
25 Science and Technology Policy shall ensure that the train-

1 ing requirements issued by Federal research agencies
2 under subsection (a) are consistent.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “covered individual” means an in-
5 dividual who—

6 (A) contributes in a substantive, meaning-
7 ful way to the scientific development or execu-
8 tion of a research and development project pro-
9 posed to be carried out with a research and de-
10 velopment award from a Federal research agen-
11 cy; and

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

14 (2) The term “Federal research agency” means
15 any Federal agency with an annual extramural re-
16 search expenditure of over \$100,000,000.

17 (3) The term “research and development
18 award” means support provided to an individual or
19 entity by a Federal research agency to carry out re-
20 search and development activities, which may include
21 support in the form of a grant, contract, cooperative
22 agreement, or other such transaction. The term does
23 not include a grant, contract, agreement or other
24 transaction for the procurement of goods or services

1 to meet the administrative needs of a Federal re-
2 search agency.

