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AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize
a grant program relating to the cybersecurity of State
and local governments, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “State and Local Cyber-
3 security Improvement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XXII of the
7 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 651 et seq.)
8 is amended by adding at the end the following new sec-
9 tions:

10 **“SEC. 2220A. STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT**
11 **PROGRAM.**

12 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) CYBER THREAT INDICATOR.—The term
14 ‘cyber threat indicator’ has the meaning given the
15 term in section 102 of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015
16 (6 U.S.C. 1501).

17 “(2) CYBERSECURITY PLAN.—The term ‘Cyber-
18 security Plan’ means a plan submitted by an eligible
19 entity under subsection (e)(1).

20 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
21 tity’ means—

22 “(A) a State; or

23 “(B) an Indian tribe that, not later than
24 120 days after the date of the enactment of this
25 section or not later than 120 days before the

1 start of any fiscal year in which a grant under
2 this section is awarded—

3 “(i) notifies the Secretary that the In-
4 dian tribe intends to develop a Cybersecu-
5 rity Plan; and

6 “(ii) agrees to forfeit any distribution
7 under subsection (n)(2).

8 “(4) INCIDENT.—The term ‘incident’ has the
9 meaning given the term in section 2209.

10 “(5) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—
11 The term ‘Indian tribe’ or ‘Tribal organization’ has
12 the meaning given that term in section 4(e) of the
13 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education As-
14 sistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304(e)).

15 “(6) INFORMATION SHARING AND ANALYSIS OR-
16 GANIZATION.—The term ‘information sharing and
17 analysis organization’ has the meaning given the
18 term in section 2222.

19 “(7) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The term ‘infor-
20 mation system’ has the meaning given the term in
21 section 102 of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015 (6
22 U.S.C. 1501).

23 “(8) ONLINE SERVICE.—The term ‘online serv-
24 ice’ means any internet-facing service, including a

1 website, email, virtual private network, or custom
2 application.

3 “(9) RANSOMWARE INCIDENT.—The term
4 ‘ransomware incident’ means an incident that actu-
5 ally or imminently jeopardizes, without lawful au-
6 thority, the integrity, confidentiality, or availability
7 of information on an information system, or actually
8 or imminently jeopardizes, without lawful authority,
9 an information system for the purpose of coercing
10 the information system’s owner, operator, or another
11 person.

12 “(10) STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY
13 GRANT PROGRAM.—The term ‘State and Local Cy-
14 bersecurity Grant Program’ means the program es-
15 tablished under subsection (b).

16 “(11) STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY RE-
17 SILIENCE COMMITTEE.—The term ‘State and Local
18 Cybersecurity Resilience Committee’ means the com-
19 mittee established under subsection (o)(1).

20 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
22 through the Director, shall establish a program, to
23 be known as the ‘the State and Local Cybersecurity
24 Grant Program’, to award grants to eligible entities
25 to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity

1 threats to information systems of State, local, or
2 Tribal organizations.

3 “(2) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity seeking
4 a grant under the State and Local Cybersecurity
5 Grant Program shall submit to the Secretary an ap-
6 plication at such time, in such manner, and con-
7 taining such information as the Secretary may re-
8 quire.

9 “(c) BASELINE REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible entity
10 or multistate group that receives a grant under this sec-
11 tion shall use the grant in compliance with—

12 “(1)(A) the Cybersecurity Plan of the eligible
13 entity or the Cybersecurity Plans of the eligible enti-
14 ties that comprise the multistate group; and

15 “(B) the Homeland Security Strategy to Im-
16 prove the Cybersecurity of State, Local, Tribal, and
17 Territorial Governments developed under section
18 2210(e)(1); or

19 “(2) activities carried out under paragraphs
20 (3), (4), and (5) of subsection (h).

21 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The State and Local Cyber-
22 security Grant Program shall be administered in the same
23 office of the Department that administers grants made
24 under sections 2003 and 2004.

25 “(e) CYBERSECURITY PLANS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity applying
2 for a grant under this section shall submit to the
3 Secretary a Cybersecurity Plan for approval.

4 “(2) REQUIRED ELEMENTS.—A Cybersecurity
5 Plan of an eligible entity shall—

6 “(A) incorporate, to the extent practicable,
7 any existing plans of the eligible entity to pro-
8 tect against cybersecurity risks and cybersecu-
9 rity threats to information systems of State,
10 local, or Tribal organizations;

11 “(B) describe, to the extent practicable,
12 how the eligible entity will—

13 “(i) manage, monitor, and track infor-
14 mation systems, applications, and user ac-
15 counts owned or operated by or on behalf
16 of the eligible entity or by local or Tribal
17 organizations within the jurisdiction of the
18 eligible entity and the information tech-
19 nology deployed on those information sys-
20 tems, including legacy information systems
21 and information technology that are no
22 longer supported by the manufacturer of
23 the systems or technology;

24 “(ii) monitor, audit, and track activity
25 between information systems, applications,

1 and user accounts owned or operated by or
2 on behalf of the eligible entity or by local
3 or Tribal organizations within the jurisdic-
4 tion of the eligible entity and between
5 those information systems and information
6 systems not owned or operated by the eligi-
7 ble entity or by local or Tribal organiza-
8 tions within the jurisdiction of the eligible
9 entity;

10 “(iii) enhance the preparation, re-
11 sponse, and resilience of information sys-
12 tems, applications, and user accounts
13 owned or operated by or on behalf of the
14 eligible entity or local or Tribal organiza-
15 tions against cybersecurity risks and cyber-
16 security threats;

17 “(iv) implement a process of contin-
18 uous cybersecurity vulnerability assess-
19 ments and threat mitigation practices
20 prioritized by degree of risk to address cy-
21 bersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats
22 on information systems of the eligible enti-
23 ty or local or Tribal organizations;

24 “(v) ensure that State, local, and
25 Tribal organizations that own or operate

1 information systems that are located with-
2 in the jurisdiction of the eligible entity—

3 “(I) adopt best practices and
4 methodologies to enhance cybersecu-
5 rity, such as the practices set forth in
6 the cybersecurity framework developed
7 by, and the cyber supply chain risk
8 management best practices identified
9 by, the National Institute of Stand-
10 ards and Technology; and

11 “(II) utilize knowledge bases of
12 adversary tools and tactics to assess
13 risk;

14 “(vi) promote the delivery of safe, rec-
15 ognizable, and trustworthy online services
16 by State, local, and Tribal organizations,
17 including through the use of the .gov inter-
18 net domain;

19 “(vii) ensure continuity of operations
20 of the eligible entity and local, and Tribal
21 organizations in the event of a cybersecu-
22 rity incident (including a ransomware inci-
23 dent), including by conducting exercises to
24 practice responding to such an incident;

1 “(viii) use the National Initiative for
2 Cybersecurity Education Cybersecurity
3 Workforce Framework developed by the
4 National Institute of Standards and Tech-
5 nology to identify and mitigate any gaps in
6 the cybersecurity workforces of State,
7 local, or Tribal organizations, enhance re-
8 cruitment and retention efforts for such
9 workforces, and bolster the knowledge,
10 skills, and abilities of State, local, and
11 Tribal organization personnel to address
12 cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity
13 threats, such as through cybersecurity hy-
14 giene training;

15 “(ix) ensure continuity of communica-
16 tions and data networks within the juris-
17 diction of the eligible entity between the el-
18 igible entity and local and Tribal organiza-
19 tions that own or operate information sys-
20 tems within the jurisdiction of the eligible
21 entity in the event of an incident involving
22 such communications or data networks
23 within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity;

24 “(x) assess and mitigate, to the great-
25 est degree possible, cybersecurity risks and

1 cybersecurity threats related to critical in-
2 frastructure and key resources, the deg-
3 radation of which may impact the perform-
4 ance of information systems within the ju-
5 risdiction of the eligible entity;

6 “(xi) enhance capabilities to share
7 cyber threat indicators and related infor-
8 mation between the eligible entity and local
9 and Tribal organizations that own or oper-
10 ate information systems within the juris-
11 diction of the eligible entity, including by
12 expanding existing information sharing
13 agreements with the Department;

14 “(xii) enhance the capability of the el-
15 igible entity to share cyber threat indicators
16 and related information with the Depart-
17 ment;

18 “(xiii) leverage cybersecurity services
19 offered by the Department;

20 “(xiv) develop and coordinate strate-
21 gies to address cybersecurity risks and cy-
22 bersecurity threats to information systems
23 of the eligible entity in consultation with—

1 “(I) local and Tribal organiza-
2 tions within the jurisdiction of the eli-
3 gible entity; and

4 “(II) as applicable—

5 “(aa) States that neighbor
6 the jurisdiction of the eligible en-
7 tity or, as appropriate, members
8 of an information sharing and
9 analysis organization; and

10 “(bb) countries that neigh-
11 bor the jurisdiction of the eligible
12 entity; and

13 “(xv) implement an information tech-
14 nology and operational technology mod-
15 ernization cybersecurity review process
16 that ensures alignment between informa-
17 tion technology and operational technology
18 cybersecurity objectives;

19 “(C) describe, to the extent practicable, the
20 individual responsibilities of the eligible entity
21 and local and Tribal organizations within the
22 jurisdiction of the eligible entity in imple-
23 menting the plan;

1 “(D) outline, to the extent practicable, the
2 necessary resources and a timeline for imple-
3 menting the plan; and

4 “(E) describe how the eligible entity will
5 measure progress towards implementing the
6 plan.

7 “(3) DISCRETIONARY ELEMENTS.—A Cyberse-
8 curity Plan of an eligible entity may include a de-
9 scription of—

10 “(A) cooperative programs developed by
11 groups of local and Tribal organizations within
12 the jurisdiction of the eligible entity to address
13 cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats;
14 and

15 “(B) programs provided by the eligible en-
16 tity to support local and Tribal organizations
17 and owners and operators of critical infrastruc-
18 ture to address cybersecurity risks and cyberse-
19 curity threats.

20 “(4) MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.—An eligible en-
21 tity applying for a grant under this section shall
22 agree to designate the Chief Information Officer, the
23 Chief Information Security Officer, or an equivalent
24 official of the eligible entity as the primary official

1 for the management and allocation of funds awarded
2 under this section.

3 “(f) MULTISTATE GRANTS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
5 through the Director, may award grants under this
6 section to a group of two or more eligible entities to
7 support multistate efforts to address cybersecurity
8 risks and cybersecurity threats to information sys-
9 tems within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities.

10 “(2) SATISFACTION OF OTHER REQUIRE-
11 MENTS.—In order to be eligible for a multistate
12 grant under this subsection, each eligible entity that
13 comprises a multistate group shall submit to the
14 Secretary—

15 “(A) a Cybersecurity Plan for approval in
16 accordance with subsection (i); and

17 “(B) a plan for establishing a cybersecu-
18 rity planning committee under subsection (g).

19 “(3) APPLICATION.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A multistate group
21 applying for a multistate grant under para-
22 graph (1) shall submit to the Secretary an ap-
23 plication at such time, in such manner, and
24 containing such information as the Secretary
25 may require.

1 “(B) MULTISTATE PROJECT DESCRIP-
2 TION.—An application of a multistate group
3 under subparagraph (A) shall include a plan de-
4 scribing—

5 “(i) the division of responsibilities
6 among the eligible entities that comprise
7 the multistate group for administering the
8 grant for which application is being made;

9 “(ii) the distribution of funding from
10 such a grant among the eligible entities
11 that comprise the multistate group; and

12 “(iii) how the eligible entities that
13 comprise the multistate group will work to-
14 gether to implement the Cybersecurity
15 Plan of each of those eligible entities.

16 “(g) PLANNING COMMITTEES.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-
18 ceives a grant under this section shall establish a cy-
19 bersecurity planning committee to—

20 “(A) assist in the development, implemen-
21 tation, and revision of the Cybersecurity Plan of
22 the eligible entity;

23 “(B) approve the Cybersecurity Plan of the
24 eligible entity; and

1 “(C) assist in the determination of effective funding priorities for a grant under this
2 section in accordance with subsection (h).
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4 “(2) COMPOSITION.—A committee of an eligible
5 entity established under paragraph (1) shall—

6 “(A) be comprised of representatives from
7 the eligible entity and counties, cities, towns,
8 Tribes, and public educational and health institutions within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity; and
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11 “(B) include, as appropriate, representatives of rural, suburban, and high-population jurisdictions.
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14 “(3) CYBERSECURITY EXPERTISE.—Not less
15 than ½ of the representatives of a committee established under paragraph (1) shall have professional
16 experience relating to cybersecurity or information
17 technology.
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19 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING EXISTING PLANNING COMMITTEES.—Nothing in this
20 subsection may be construed to require an eligible
21 entity to establish a cybersecurity planning committee if the eligible entity has established and uses
22 a multijurisdictional planning committee or commis-
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1 sion that meets, or may be leveraged to meet, the re-
2 quirements of this subsection.

3 “(h) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
4 a grant under this section shall use the grant to—

5 “(1) implement the Cybersecurity Plan of the
6 eligible entity;

7 “(2) develop or revise the Cybersecurity Plan of
8 the eligible entity; or

9 “(3) assist with activities that address immi-
10 nent cybersecurity risks or cybersecurity threats to
11 the information systems of the eligible entity or a
12 local or Tribal organization within the jurisdiction of
13 the eligible entity.

14 “(i) APPROVAL OF PLANS.—

15 “(1) APPROVAL AS CONDITION OF GRANT.—Be-
16 fore an eligible entity may receive a grant under this
17 section, the Secretary, acting through the Director,
18 shall review the Cybersecurity Plan, or any revisions
19 thereto, of the eligible entity and approve such plan,
20 or revised plan, if it satisfies the requirements speci-
21 fied in paragraph (2).

22 “(2) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—In approving a
23 Cybersecurity Plan of an eligible entity under this
24 subsection, the Director shall ensure that the Cyber-
25 security Plan—

1 “(A) satisfies the requirements of sub-
2 section (e)(2);

3 “(B) upon the issuance of the Homeland
4 Security Strategy to Improve the Cybersecurity
5 of State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Govern-
6 ments authorized pursuant to section 2210(e),
7 complies, as appropriate, with the goals and ob-
8 jectives of the strategy; and

9 “(C) has been approved by the cybersecu-
10 rity planning committee of the eligible entity es-
11 tablished under subsection (g).

12 “(3) APPROVAL OF REVISIONS.—The Secretary,
13 acting through the Director, may approve revisions
14 to a Cybersecurity Plan as the Director determines
15 appropriate.

16 “(4) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection
17 (e) and paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Sec-
18 retary may award a grant under this section to an
19 eligible entity that does not submit a Cybersecurity
20 Plan to the Secretary if—

21 “(A) the eligible entity certifies to the Sec-
22 retary that—

23 “(i) the activities that will be sup-
24 ported by the grant are integral to the de-

1 velopment of the Cybersecurity Plan of the
2 eligible entity; and

3 “(ii) the eligible entity will submit by
4 September 30, 2023, to the Secretary a
5 Cybersecurity Plan for review, and if ap-
6 propriate, approval; or

7 “(B) the eligible entity certifies to the Sec-
8 retary, and the Director confirms, that the eli-
9 gible entity will use funds from the grant to as-
10 sist with the activities described in subsection
11 (h)(3).

12 “(j) LIMITATIONS ON USES OF FUNDS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-
14 ceives a grant under this section may not use the
15 grant—

16 “(A) to supplant State, local, or Tribal
17 funds;

18 “(B) for any recipient cost-sharing con-
19 tribution;

20 “(C) to pay a demand for ransom in an at-
21 tempt to—

22 “(i) regain access to information or
23 an information system of the eligible entity
24 or of a local or Tribal organization within
25 the jurisdiction of the eligible entity; or

1 “(ii) prevent the disclosure of infor-
2 mation that has been removed without au-
3 thorization from an information system of
4 the eligible entity or of a local or Tribal or-
5 ganization within the jurisdiction of the eli-
6 gible entity;

7 “(D) for recreational or social purposes; or

8 “(E) for any purpose that does not address
9 cybersecurity risks or cybersecurity threats on
10 information systems of the eligible entity or of
11 a local or Tribal organization within the juris-
12 diction of the eligible entity.

13 “(2) PENALTIES.—In addition to any other
14 remedy available, the Secretary may take such ac-
15 tions as are necessary to ensure that a recipient of
16 a grant under this section uses the grant for the
17 purposes for which the grant is awarded.

18 “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
19 paragraph (1) may be construed to prohibit the use
20 of grant funds provided to a State, local, or Tribal
21 organization for otherwise permissible uses under
22 this section on the basis that a State, local, or Trib-
23 al organization has previously used State, local, or
24 Tribal funds to support the same or similar uses.

1 “(k) OPPORTUNITY TO AMEND APPLICATIONS.—In
2 considering applications for grants under this section, the
3 Secretary shall provide applicants with a reasonable op-
4 portunity to correct defects, if any, in such applications
5 before making final awards.

6 “(l) APPORTIONMENT.—For fiscal year 2022 and
7 each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary shall apportion
8 amounts appropriated to carry out this section among
9 States as follows:

10 “(1) BASELINE AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall
11 first apportion 0.25 percent of such amounts to each
12 of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
13 Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the U.S. Virgin
14 Islands, and 0.75 percent of such amounts to each
15 of the remaining States.

16 “(2) REMAINDER.—The Secretary shall appor-
17 tion the remainder of such amounts in the ratio
18 that—

19 “(A) the population of each eligible entity,
20 bears to

21 “(B) the population of all eligible entities.

22 “(3) MINIMUM ALLOCATION TO INDIAN
23 TRIBES.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In apportioning
25 amounts under this section, the Secretary shall

1 ensure that, for each fiscal year, directly eligible
2 Tribes collectively receive, from amounts appro-
3 priated under the State and Local Cybersecu-
4 rity Grant Program, not less than an amount
5 equal to three percent of the total amount ap-
6 propriated for grants under this section.

7 “(B) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount re-
8 served under subparagraph (A), funds shall be
9 allocated in a manner determined by the Sec-
10 retary in consultation with Indian tribes.

11 “(C) EXCEPTION.—This paragraph shall
12 not apply in any fiscal year in which the Sec-
13 retary—

14 “(i) receives fewer than five applica-
15 tions from Indian tribes; or

16 “(ii) does not approve at least two ap-
17 plications from Indian tribes.

18 “(m) FEDERAL SHARE.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the
20 cost of an activity carried out using funds made
21 available with a grant under this section may not ex-
22 ceed—

23 “(A) in the case of a grant to an eligible
24 entity—

25 “(i) for fiscal year 2022, 90 percent;

1 “(ii) for fiscal year 2023, 80 percent;

2 “(iii) for fiscal year 2024, 70 percent;

3 “(iv) for fiscal year 2025, 60 percent;

4 and

5 “(v) for fiscal year 2026 and each
6 subsequent fiscal year, 50 percent; and

7 “(B) in the case of a grant to a multistate
8 group—

9 “(i) for fiscal year 2022, 95 percent;

10 “(ii) for fiscal year 2023, 85 percent;

11 “(iii) for fiscal year 2024, 75 percent;

12 “(iv) for fiscal year 2025, 65 percent;

13 and

14 “(v) for fiscal year 2026 and each
15 subsequent fiscal year, 55 percent.

16 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive or
17 modify the requirements of paragraph (1) for an In-
18 dian tribe if the Secretary determines such a waiver
19 is in the public interest.

20 “(n) RESPONSIBILITIES OF GRANTEES.—

21 “(1) CERTIFICATION.—Each eligible entity or
22 multistate group that receives a grant under this
23 section shall certify to the Secretary that the grant
24 will be used—

1 “(A) for the purpose for which the grant
2 is awarded; and

3 “(B) in compliance with, as the case may
4 be—

5 “(i) the Cybersecurity Plan of the eli-
6 gible entity;

7 “(ii) the Cybersecurity Plans of the el-
8 igible entities that comprise the multistate
9 group; or

10 “(iii) a purpose approved by the Sec-
11 retary under subsection (h) or pursuant to
12 an exception under subsection (i).

13 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO LOCAL AND
14 TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—Not later than 45 days
15 after the date on which an eligible entity or
16 multistate group receives a grant under this section,
17 the eligible entity or multistate group shall, without
18 imposing unreasonable or unduly burdensome re-
19 quirements as a condition of receipt, obligate or oth-
20 erwise make available to local and Tribal organiza-
21 tions within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity or
22 the eligible entities that comprise the multistate
23 group, and as applicable, consistent with the Cyber-
24 security Plan of the eligible entity or the Cybersecu-

1 rity Plans of the eligible entities that comprise the
2 multistate group—

3 “(A) not less than 80 percent of funds
4 available under the grant;

5 “(B) with the consent of the local and
6 Tribal organizations, items, services, capabili-
7 ties, or activities having a value of not less than
8 80 percent of the amount of the grant; or

9 “(C) with the consent of the local and
10 Tribal organizations, grant funds combined
11 with other items, services, capabilities, or activi-
12 ties having the total value of not less than 80
13 percent of the amount of the grant.

14 “(3) CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FUNDS TO LOCAL AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—An eligible entity or multistate
15 group shall certify to the Secretary that the eligible
16 entity or multistate group has made the distribution
17 to local, Tribal, and territorial governments required
18 under paragraph (2).

21 “(4) EXTENSION OF PERIOD.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity or
23 multistate group may request in writing that
24 the Secretary extend the period of time speci-

1 fied in paragraph (2) for an additional period
2 of time.

3 “(B) APPROVAL.—The Secretary may ap-
4 prove a request for an extension under subpara-
5 graph (A) if the Secretary determines the ex-
6 tension is necessary to ensure that the obliga-
7 tion and expenditure of grant funds align with
8 the purpose of the State and Local Cybersecu-
9 rity Grant Program.

10 “(5) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (2) shall not
11 apply to the District of Columbia, the Common-
12 wealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Com-
13 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam,
14 the Virgin Islands, or an Indian tribe.

15 “(6) DIRECT FUNDING.—If an eligible entity
16 does not make a distribution to a local or Tribal or-
17 ganization required in accordance with paragraph
18 (2), the local or Tribal organization may petition the
19 Secretary to request that grant funds be provided di-
20 rectly to the local or Tribal organization.

21 “(7) PENALTIES.—In addition to other rem-
22 edies available to the Secretary, the Secretary may
23 terminate or reduce the amount of a grant awarded
24 under this section to an eligible entity or distribute
25 grant funds previously awarded to such eligible enti-

1 ty directly to the appropriate local or Tribal organi-
2 zation as a replacement grant in an amount the Sec-
3 retary determines appropriate if such eligible entity
4 violates a requirement of this subsection.

5 “(o) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

6 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120
7 days after the date of enactment of this section, the
8 Director shall establish a State and Local Cyberse-
9 curity Resilience Committee to provide State, local,
10 and Tribal stakeholder expertise, situational aware-
11 ness, and recommendations to the Director, as ap-
12 propriate, regarding how to—

13 “(A) address cybersecurity risks and cyber-
14 security threats to information systems of
15 State, local, or Tribal organizations; and

16 “(B) improve the ability of State, local,
17 and Tribal organizations to prevent, protect
18 against, respond to, mitigate, and recover from
19 such cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity
20 threats.

21 “(2) DUTIES.—The committee established
22 under paragraph (1) shall—

23 “(A) submit to the Director recommenda-
24 tions that may inform guidance for applicants
25 for grants under this section;

1 “(B) upon the request of the Director, pro-
2 vide to the Director technical assistance to in-
3 form the review of Cybersecurity Plans sub-
4 mitted by applicants for grants under this sec-
5 tion, and, as appropriate, submit to the Direc-
6 tor recommendations to improve those plans
7 prior to the approval of the plans under sub-
8 section (i);

9 “(C) advise and provide to the Director
10 input regarding the Homeland Security Strat-
11 egy to Improve Cybersecurity for State, Local,
12 Tribal, and Territorial Governments required
13 under section 2210;

14 “(D) upon the request of the Director, pro-
15 vide to the Director recommendations, as ap-
16 propriate, regarding how to—

17 “(i) address cybersecurity risks and
18 cybersecurity threats on information sys-
19 tems of State, local, or Tribal organiza-
20 tions; and

21 “(ii) improve the cybersecurity resil-
22 ience of State, local, or Tribal organiza-
23 tions; and

24 “(E) regularly coordinate with the State,
25 Local, Tribal and Territorial Government Co-

ordinating Council, within the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council, established under section 871.

“(3) MEMBERSHIP.—

“(A) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The State and Local Cybersecurity Resilience Committee established pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Director, as follows:

“(i) Two individuals recommended to the Director by the National Governors Association.

“(ii) Two individuals recommended to the Director by the National Association of State Chief Information Officers.

“(iii) One individual recommended to the Director by the National Guard Bureau.

“(iv) Two individuals recommended to the Director by the National Association of Counties.

“(v) One individual recommended to the Director by the National League of Cities.

1 “(vi) One individual recommended to
2 the Director by the United States Con-
3 ference of Mayors.

4 “(vii) One individual recommended to
5 the Director by the Multi-State Informa-
6 tion Sharing and Analysis Center.

7 “(viii) One individual recommended to
8 the Director by the National Congress of
9 American Indians.

10 “(viii) Four individuals who have edu-
11 cational and professional experience relat-
12 ing to cybersecurity work or cybersecurity
13 policy.

14 “(B) TERMS.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
16 (ii), each member of the State and Local
17 Cybersecurity Resilience Committee shall
18 be appointed for a term of two years.

19 “(ii) REQUIREMENT.—At least two
20 members of the State and Local Cyberse-
21 curity Resilience Committee shall also be
22 members of the State, Local, Tribal and
23 Territorial Government Coordinating
24 Council, within the Critical Infrastructure

1 Partnership Advisory Council, established
2 under section 871.

3 “(iii) EXCEPTION.—A term of a mem-
4 ber of the State and Local Cybersecurity
5 Resilience Committee shall be three years
6 if the member is appointed initially to the
7 Committee upon the establishment of the
8 Committee.

9 “(iv) TERM REMAINDERS.—Any mem-
10 ber of the State and Local Cybersecurity
11 Resilience Committee appointed to fill a
12 vacancy occurring before the expiration of
13 the term for which the member’s prede-
14 cessor was appointed shall be appointed
15 only for the remainder of such term. A
16 member may serve after the expiration of
17 such member’s term until a successor has
18 taken office.

19 “(v) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the
20 State and Local Cybersecurity Resilience
21 Committee shall be filled in the manner in
22 which the original appointment was made.

23 “(C) PAY.—Members of the State and
24 Local Cybersecurity Resilience Committee shall
25 serve without pay.

1 “(4) CHAIRPERSON; VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The
2 members of the State and Local Cybersecurity Resil-
3 ience Committee shall select a chairperson and vice
4 chairperson from among members of the committee.

5 “(5) PERMANENT AUTHORITY.—Notwith-
6 standing section 14 of the Federal Advisory Com-
7 mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), the State and Local Cy-
8 bersecurity Resilience Committee shall be a perma-
9 nent authority.

10 “(p) REPORTS.—

11 “(1) ANNUAL REPORTS BY GRANT RECIPI-
12 ENTS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one
14 year after an eligible entity or multistate group
15 receives funds under this section, the eligible
16 entity or multistate group shall submit to the
17 Secretary a report on the progress of the eligi-
18 ble entity or multistate group in implementing
19 the Cybersecurity Plan of the eligible entity or
20 Cybersecurity Plans of the eligible entities that
21 comprise the multistate group, as the case may
22 be.

23 “(B) ABSENCE OF PLAN.—Not later than
24 180 days after an eligible entity that does not
25 have a Cybersecurity Plan receives funds under

1 this section for developing its Cybersecurity
2 Plan, the eligible entity shall submit to the Sec-
3 retary a report describing how the eligible enti-
4 ty obligated and expended grant funds during
5 the fiscal year to—

6 “(i) so develop such a Cybersecurity
7 Plan; or

8 “(ii) assist with the activities de-
9 scribed in subsection (h)(3).

10 “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not
11 less frequently than once per year, the Secretary,
12 acting through the Director, shall submit to Con-
13 gress a report on the use of grants awarded under
14 this section and any progress made toward the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(A) Achieving the objectives set forth in
17 the Homeland Security Strategy to Improve the
18 Cybersecurity of State, Local, Tribal, and Ter-
19 ritorial Governments, upon the date on which
20 the strategy is issued under section 2210.

21 “(B) Developing, implementing, or revising
22 Cybersecurity Plans.

23 “(C) Reducing cybersecurity risks and cy-
24 bersecurity threats to information systems, ap-
25 plications, and user accounts owned or operated

1 by or on behalf of State, local, and Tribal orga-
2 nizations as a result of the award of such
3 grants.

4 “(q) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated for grants under this
6 section—

7 “(1) for each of fiscal years 2022 through
8 2026, \$500,000,000; and

9 “(2) for each subsequent fiscal year, such sums
10 as may be necessary.

11 **“SEC. 2220B. CYBERSECURITY RESOURCE GUIDE DEVELOP-**
12 **MENT FOR STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TER-**
13 **RITORIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.**

14 “The Secretary, acting through the Director, shall
15 develop, regularly update, and maintain a resource guide
16 for use by State, local, Tribal, and territorial government
17 officials, including law enforcement officers, to help such
18 officials identify, prepare for, detect, protect against, re-
19 spond to, and recover from cybersecurity risks (as such
20 term is defined in section 2209), cybersecurity threats,
21 and incidents (as such term is defined in section 2209).”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
23 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as
24 amended by section 4, is further amended by inserting

1 after the item relating to section 2220 the following new
2 items:

“Sec. 2220A. State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

“Sec. 2220B. Cybersecurity resource guide development for State, local, Tribal,
and territorial government officials.”.

3 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY.**

4 (a) HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY TO IMPROVE
5 THE CYBERSECURITY OF STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND
6 TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS.—Section 2210 of the
7 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 660) is amend-
8 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

9 “(e) HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY TO IMPROVE
10 THE CYBERSECURITY OF STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND
11 TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

13 “(A) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one
14 year after the date of the enactment of this
15 subsection, the Secretary, acting through the
16 Director, shall, in coordination with the heads
17 of appropriate Federal agencies, State, local,
18 Tribal, and territorial governments, the State
19 and Local Cybersecurity Resilience Committee
20 established under section 2220A, and other
21 stakeholders, as appropriate, develop and make
22 publicly available a Homeland Security Strategy
23 to Improve the Cybersecurity of State, Local,
24 Tribal, and Territorial Governments.

1 “(B) RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—The strategy required under subpara-
3 graph (A) shall—

4 “(i) provide recommendations relating
5 to the ways in which the Federal Govern-
6 ment should support and promote the abil-
7 ity of State, local, Tribal, and territorial
8 governments to identify, mitigate against,
9 protect against, detect, respond to, and re-
10 cover from cybersecurity risks (as such
11 term is defined in section 2209), cyberse-
12 curity threats, and incidents (as such term
13 is defined in section 2209); and

14 “(ii) establish baseline requirements
15 for cybersecurity plans under this section
16 and principles with which such plans shall
17 align.

18 “(2) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under
19 paragraph (1) shall—

20 “(A) identify capability gaps in the ability
21 of State, local, Tribal, and territorial govern-
22 ments to identify, protect against, detect, re-
23 spond to, and recover from cybersecurity risks,
24 cybersecurity threats, incidents, and
25 ransomware incidents;

1 “(B) identify Federal resources and capa-
2 bilities that are available or could be made
3 available to State, local, Tribal, and territorial
4 governments to help those governments identify,
5 protect against, detect, respond to, and recover
6 from cybersecurity risks, cybersecurity threats,
7 incidents, and ransomware incidents;

8 “(C) identify and assess the limitations of
9 Federal resources and capabilities available to
10 State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments
11 to help those governments identify, protect
12 against, detect, respond to, and recover from
13 cybersecurity risks, cybersecurity threats, inci-
14 dents, and ransomware incidents and make rec-
15 ommendations to address such limitations;

16 “(D) identify opportunities to improve the
17 coordination of the Agency with Federal and
18 non-Federal entities, such as the Multi-State
19 Information Sharing and Analysis Center, to
20 improve—

21 “(i) incident exercises, information
22 sharing and incident notification proce-
23 dures;

24 “(ii) the ability for State, local, Trib-
25 al, and territorial governments to volun-

1 tarily adapt and implement guidance in
2 Federal binding operational directives; and

3 “(iii) opportunities to leverage Federal
4 schedules for cybersecurity investments
5 under section 502 of title 40, United
6 States Code;

7 “(E) recommend new initiatives the Fed-
8 eral Government should undertake to improve
9 the ability of State, local, Tribal, and territorial
10 governments to identify, protect against, detect,
11 respond to, and recover from cybersecurity
12 risks, cybersecurity threats, incidents, and
13 ransomware incidents;

14 “(F) set short-term and long-term goals
15 that will improve the ability of State, local,
16 Tribal, and territorial governments to identify,
17 protect against, detect, respond to, and recover
18 from cybersecurity risks, cybersecurity threats,
19 incidents, and ransomware incidents; and

20 “(G) set dates, including interim bench-
21 marks, as appropriate for State, local, Tribal,
22 and territorial governments to establish baseline
23 capabilities to identify, protect against, detect,
24 respond to, and recover from cybersecurity

1 risks, cybersecurity threats, incidents, and
2 ransomware incidents.

3 “(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the
4 strategy required under paragraph (1), the Director,
5 in coordination with the heads of appropriate Fed-
6 eral agencies, State, local, Tribal, and territorial
7 governments, the State and Local Cybersecurity Re-
8 silience Committee established under section 2220A,
9 and other stakeholders, as appropriate, shall con-
10 sider—

11 “(A) lessons learned from incidents that
12 have affected State, local, Tribal, and territorial
13 governments, and exercises with Federal and
14 non-Federal entities;

15 “(B) the impact of incidents that have af-
16 fected State, local, Tribal, and territorial gov-
17 ernments, including the resulting costs to such
18 governments;

19 “(C) the information related to the interest
20 and ability of state and non-state threat actors
21 to compromise information systems (as such
22 term is defined in section 102 of the Cybersecu-
23 rity Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1501)) owned or op-
24 erated by State, local, Tribal, and territorial
25 governments;

1 “(D) emerging cybersecurity risks and cy-
2 bersecurity threats to State, local, Tribal, and
3 territorial governments resulting from the de-
4 ployment of new technologies; and

5 “(E) recommendations made by the State
6 and Local Cybersecurity Resilience Committee
7 established under section 2220A.

8 “(4) EXEMPTION.—Chapter 35 of title 44,
9 United States Code (commonly known as the ‘Paper-
10 work Reduction Act’), shall not apply to any action
11 to implement this subsection.”.

12 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE
13 CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGEN-
14 CY.—Section 2202 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
15 (6 U.S.C. 652) is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) through (i)
17 as subsections (e) through (j), respectively; and

18 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
19 lowing new subsection:

20 “(d) ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition
21 to the responsibilities under subsection (c), the Director
22 shall—

23 “(1) develop program guidance, in consultation
24 with the State and Local Government Cybersecurity
25 Resilience Committee established under section

1 2220A, for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant
2 Program under such section or any other homeland
3 security assistance administered by the Department
4 to improve cybersecurity;

5 “(2) review, in consultation with the State and
6 Local Cybersecurity Resilience Committee, all cyber-
7 security plans of State, local, Tribal, and territorial
8 governments developed pursuant to any homeland
9 security assistance administered by the Department
10 to improve cybersecurity;

11 “(3) provide expertise and technical assistance
12 to State, local, Tribal, and territorial government of-
13 ficials with respect to cybersecurity; and

14 “(4) provide education, training, and capacity
15 development to enhance the security and resilience
16 of cybersecurity and infrastructure security.”.

17 (c) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later than 270 days
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
19 of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security of the
20 Department of Homeland Security shall conduct a study
21 to assess the feasibility of implementing a short-term rota-
22 tional program for the detail to the Agency of approved
23 State, local, Tribal, and territorial government employees
24 in cyber workforce positions.

1 **SEC. 4. TITLE XXII TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL AMEND-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002.—Sub-
5 title A of title XXII of the Homeland Security Act
6 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) is amended—

7 (A) in the first section 2215 (6 U.S.C.
8 665; relating to the duties and authorities relat-
9 ing to .gov internet domain), by amending the
10 section enumerator and heading to read as fol-
11 lows:

12 **“SEC. 2215. DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES RELATING TO .GOV**
13 **INTERNET DOMAIN.”;**

14 (B) in the second section 2215 (6 U.S.C.
15 665b; relating to the joint cyber planning of-
16 fice), by amending the section enumerator and
17 heading to read as follows:

18 **“SEC. 2216. JOINT CYBER PLANNING OFFICE.”;**

19 (C) in the third section 2215 (6 U.S.C.
20 665c; relating to the Cybersecurity State Coordi-
21 nator), by amending the section enumerator
22 and heading to read as follows:

23 **“SEC. 2217. CYBERSECURITY STATE COORDINATOR.”;**

24 (D) in the fourth section 2215 (6 U.S.C.
25 665d; relating to Sector Risk Management

1 Agencies), by amending the section enumerator
2 and heading to read as follows:

3 **“SEC. 2218. SECTOR RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCIES.”;**

4 (E) in section 2216 (6 U.S.C. 665e; relat-
5 ing to the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee),
6 by amending the section enumerator and head-
7 ing to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 2219. CYBERSECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.”;**

9 and

10 (F) in section 2217 (6 U.S.C. 665f; relat-
11 ing to Cybersecurity Education and Training
12 Programs), by amending the section enu-
13 merator and heading to read as follows:

14 **“SEC. 2220. CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
15 **PROGRAMS.”.**

16 (2) CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
17 2021.—Paragraph (1) of section 904(b) of division U
18 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub-
19 lic Law 116–260) is amended, in the matter pre-
20 ceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “of 2002”
21 after “Homeland Security Act”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
23 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
24 amended by striking the items relating to sections 2214
25 through 2217 and inserting the following new items:

“Sec. 2214. National Asset Database.

- “Sec. 2215. Duties and authorities relating to .gov internet domain.
- “Sec. 2216. Joint cyber planning office.
- “Sec. 2217. Cybersecurity State Coordinator.
- “Sec. 2218. Sector Risk Management Agencies.
- “Sec. 2219. Cybersecurity Advisory Committee.
- “Sec. 2220. Cybersecurity Education and Training Programs.”.

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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a grant program relating to the cyber-security of State and local governments, and for other purposes.