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H. R. 119

To require the Director of National Intelligence to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a Cyber Defense National Guard.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. Jackson Lee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Cyber Defense Na-
- 5 tional Guard Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. STUDY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF CYBER DEFENSE
- 7 NATIONAL GUARD.
- 8 (a) Study.—The Director of National Intelligence,
- 9 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
- 10 retary of Homeland Security, shall conduct a study on the

1	feasibility of establishing a Cyber Defense National
2	Guard.
3	(b) Contents.—The study required under sub-
4	section (a) shall include an analysis of—
5	(1) the cost of creating a Cyber Defense Na-
6	tional Guard;
7	(2) the number of persons who would be needed
8	to defend the critical infrastructure of the United
9	States from a cyber attack or manmade intentional
10	or unintentional catastrophic incident;
11	(3) the sources of potential members of a Cyber
12	Defense National Guard, including industry, aca-
13	demic institutions, research facilities, and Federal
14	contractors;
15	(4) which elements of the Federal Government
16	would be best equipped to recruit, train, and manage
17	a Cyber Defense National Guard;
18	(5) the criteria required for persons to serve in
19	a Cyber Defense National Guard;
20	(6) if an incident disrupts communications in a
21	region or area, what resources can be pre-positioned
2.2.	and training instilled to assure the effectiveness and

responsiveness of a Cyber Defense National Guard;

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1	(7) the minimum requirements for consider-
2	ation for inclusion in a Cyber Defense National
3	Guard;
4	(8) the impact of the effectiveness of a Cyber
5	Defense National Guard of the possibility that the
6	population of potential recruits may be dominated by
7	men and women without military, intelligence, law
8	enforcement, or government work experience;
9	(9) the recruitment and vetting costs for a
10	Cyber Defense National Guard;
11	(10) the frequency of cyber defense and unit co-
12	hesion training;
13	(11) how well military discipline is able to be
14	adapted for use for creating command and control
15	systems and protocols for a Cyber Defense National
16	Guard;
17	(12) the logistics of allowing governors to use
18	the Cyber Defense National Guard in States during
19	times of cyber emergency;
20	(13) the advantages and disadvantages of cre-
21	ating a Cyber Defense National Guard on the cyber
22	security of the United States; and
23	(14) whether a force trained to defend the net-
24	works of the United States in the event of a major

attack or natural or manmade disaster will benefit

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overall efforts to defend the interests of the United States.

(c) Report.—

- after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate a report containing the results of the study required under subsection (a).
- (2) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

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