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S. 2629

To establish cybercrime reporting mechanisms, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. Schatz (for himself, Mr. Tillis, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Blumenthal) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish cybercrime reporting mechanisms, 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,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Better Cybercrime
- 5 Metrics Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress finds the following:
- 8 (1) Public polling indicates that cybercrime
- 9 could be the most common crime in the United
- 10 States.

- 1 (2) The United States lacks comprehensive 2 cybercrime data and monitoring, leaving the country 3 less prepared to combat cybercrime that threatens 4 national and economic security.
 - (3) In addition to existing cybercrime vulnerabilities, the people of the United States and the United States have faced a heightened risk of cybercrime during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - (4) Subsection (c) of the Uniform Federal Crime Reporting Act of 1988 (34 U.S.C. 41303(c)) requires the Attorney General to "acquire, collect, classify, and preserve national data on Federal criminal offenses as part of the Uniform Crime Reports" and requires all Federal departments and agencies that investigate criminal activity to "report details about crime within their respective jurisdiction to the Attorney General in a uniform matter and on a form prescribed by the Attorney General".

19 SEC. 3. CYBERCRIME TAXONOMY.

- 20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the 21 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall 22 seek to enter into an agreement with the National Acad-23 emy of Sciences to develop a taxonomy for the purpose
- 24 of categorizing different types of cybercrime and cyber-
- 25 enabled crime faced by individuals and businesses.

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1	(b) Development.—In developing the taxonomy
2	under subsection (a), the National Academy of Sciences
3	shall—
4	(1) ensure the taxonomy is useful for the Fed-
5	eral Bureau of Investigation to classify cybercrime in
6	the National Incident-Based Reporting System, or
7	any successor system;
8	(2) consult relevant stakeholders, including—
9	(A) the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure
10	Security Agency of the Department of Home-
11	land Security;
12	(B) Federal, State, and local law enforce-
13	ment agencies;
14	(C) criminologists and academics;
15	(D) cybercrime experts; and
16	(E) business leaders; and
17	(3) take into consideration relevant taxonomies
18	developed by non-governmental organizations, inter-
19	national organizations, academies, or other entities.
20	(c) Report.—Not later than 1 year after the date
21	on which the Attorney General enters into an agreement
22	under subsection (a), the National Academy of Sciences
23	shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
24	a report detailing and summarizing—

- 1 (1) the taxonomy developed under subsection
- (a); and
- 3 (2) any findings from the process of developing
- 4 the taxonomy under subsection (a).
- 5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
- 6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
- 7 \$1,000,000.

8 SEC. 4. CYBERCRIME REPORTING.

- 9 (a) In General.—Not later than 2 years after the
- 10 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
- 11 establish a category in the National Incident-Based Re-
- 12 porting System, or any successor system, for the collection
- 13 of cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime reports from Fed-
- 14 eral, State, and local officials.
- 15 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—In establishing the cat-
- 16 egory required under subsection (a), the Attorney General
- 17 shall, as appropriate, incorporate recommendations from
- 18 the taxonomy developed under section 3(a).

19 SEC. 5. NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY.

- 20 (a) In General.—Not later than 540 days after the
- 21 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Bureau
- 22 of Justice Statistics, in coordination with the Director of
- 23 the Bureau of the Census, shall include questions relating
- 24 to cybercrime victimization in the National Crime Victim-
- 25 ization Survey.

1	(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
2	are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3	\$2,000,000.
4	SEC. 6. GAO STUDY ON CYBERCRIME METRICS.
5	Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
6	of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
7	shall submit to Congress a report that assesses—
8	(1) the effectiveness of reporting mechanisms
9	for cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime in the
10	United States; and
11	(2) disparities in reporting data between—
12	(A) data relating to cybercrime and cyber-
13	enabled crime; and
14	(B) other types of crime data.

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