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S. 5321

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS
Cybersecurity Internship Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “DHS Cybersecurity
5 Internship Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBERSE-**
7 **CURITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

8 (a) PROGRAM.—Subtitle D of title XIII of the Home-
9 land Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 116

1 Stat. 2298 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 **“SEC. 1334. CYBERSECURITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.**

4 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNI-
6 VERSITY.—The term ‘historically Black college or
7 university’ has the meaning given the term ‘part B
8 institution’ in section 322 of the Higher Education
9 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

10 “(2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
11 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the
12 meaning given that term in section 101 of the High-
13 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

14 “(3) JUNIOR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The
15 term ‘junior or community college’ has the meaning
16 given that term in section 312 of the Higher Edu-
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058).

18 “(4) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
19 term ‘minority-serving institution’ means an eligible
20 institution of higher education described in section
21 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
22 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

23 “(5) SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term ‘sec-
24 ondary school’ means a school or program that pro-
25 vides secondary education, as determined under

1 State law, except that the term does not include any
2 education beyond grade 12.

3 “(6) TECHNICAL, TRADE, OR VOCATIONAL
4 SCHOOL.—The term ‘technical, trade, or vocational
5 school’ has the meaning given that term in section
6 411.167 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations.

7 “(b) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall carry out a cy-
8 bersecurity internship program (in this section referred to
9 as the ‘Program’) under which an eligible individual par-
10 ticipates in a paid cybersecurity internship at the Depart-
11 ment with duties aligned to such participant’s respective
12 education, skills, and experience.

13 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to participate in
14 the Program, an individual shall—

15 “(1) be a citizen of the United States;

16 “(2) be at least 16 years old; and

17 “(3) be enrolled in a secondary school, tech-
18 nical, trade, or vocational school, or institution of
19 higher education, in accordance with subsection (d).

20 “(d) COMPOSITION.—The Secretary shall, as prac-
21 ticable, ensure that participants selected for the Program
22 for each intern class include students enrolled in each of
23 the following:

24 “(1) Secondary schools.

25 “(2) Junior or community colleges.

1 “(3) Undergraduate degree programs.

2 “(4) Postgraduate degree programs.

3 “(5) Technical, trade, or vocational schools.

4 “(e) REPORTS.—

5 “(1) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the
6 date of enactment of the DHS Cybersecurity Intern-
7 ship Program Act and annually thereafter, the Sec-
8 retary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
9 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate
10 and the Committee on Homeland Security of the
11 House of Representatives a report on the Program.

12 “(2) MATTERS.—Each report under paragraph
13 (1) shall include, with respect to the most recent
14 Program year, the following:

15 “(A) A description of outreach efforts by
16 the Secretary to raise awareness of the Pro-
17 gram among secondary schools and institutions
18 of higher education, including among junior or
19 community colleges, historically Black colleges
20 and universities, and other minority-serving in-
21 stitutions.

22 “(B) Information on specific recruiting ef-
23 forts by the Secretary to increase participation
24 in the Program.

1 “(C) The number of individuals partici-
2 pating in the Program, listed by the type of
3 school or program in which the individual is en-
4 rolled at the time of participation, and informa-
5 tion on the nature of each such participation,
6 including Department components supported,
7 and the duties of each such individual.

8 “(3) CONSOLIDATION.—Reports submitted
9 under this subsection may be consolidated with the
10 reports required under section 1333(e).”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
12 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
13 (Public Law 107–296; 116 Stat. 2135) is amended by in-
14 serting after the item relating to section 1333 the fol-
15 lowing new item:

“Sec. 1334. Cybersecurity internship program.”.

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