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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. VEASEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Cybersecurity Clinics
3 Grant Program Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CYBERSECURITY CLINICS GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland
6 Security, acting through the Director of the Cybersecurity
7 and Infrastructure Security Agency, shall establish a pro-
8 gram to be known as the “Cybersecurity Clinics Grant
9 Program” (in this section referred to as the “Program”).
10 Under the Program, the Secretary shall make grants to
11 fund university-based cybersecurity clinics at junior or
12 community colleges, historically Black colleges and univer-
13 sities (HBCUs), Hispanic-serving institutions (HSIs), and
14 other minority-serving institutions to allow such colleges,
15 universities, and institutions to—

16 (1) develop interactive, personalized workshops
17 to provide education on the importance of protecting
18 devices, data, and identity from physical and digital
19 compromise;

20 (2) develop experiential cybersecurity cur-
21 riculum to provide education relating to how to in-
22 crease cybersecurity resilience in organizations and
23 defend against digital threats;

24 (3) offer high-potential paths to increase the
25 number of experienced cybersecurity professionals by
26 creating a talent pipeline of students with practical

1 experience, and appropriate certifications, interested
2 in joining the cybersecurity workforce; and

3 (4) help civil society organizations, State and
4 local government agencies, critical infrastructure
5 providers, small and medium-sized businesses, and
6 other under-represented and under-resourced public
7 interest organizations develop their cybersecurity
8 workforces.

9 (b) CYBERSECURITY CURRICULUM.—Not later than
10 two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
11 Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Di-
12 rector of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security
13 Agency, shall develop the experiential cybersecurity cur-
14 riculum referred to in subsection (a)(2) to carry out the
15 Program.

16 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary of Homeland
17 Security, acting through the Director of the Cybersecurity
18 and Infrastructure Security Agency, shall annually submit
19 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
20 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
21 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report con-
22 taining information on the expenditure by each grant re-
23 cipient of grant funds made under the Program.

24 (d) GUIDANCE.—Not later than two years after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-

1 land Security, acting through the Director of the Cyberse-
2 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency, shall issue
3 guidance regarding the development of experiential cyber-
4 security curriculums described in paragraph (2) of sub-
5 section (a).

6 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
8 essary to carry out the Program.

9 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
11 term “Hispanic-serving institution” has the meaning
12 given such term in section 502 of the Higher Edu-
13 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a).

14 (2) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNI-
15 VERSITIES.—The term “historically Black colleges
16 and universities” has the meaning given the term
17 “part B institution” in section 322 of the Higher
18 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

19 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
20 term “institution of higher education” has the
21 meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-
22 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

23 (4) JUNIOR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The
24 term “junior or community college” has the meaning

1 given such term in section 312(f) of the Higher
2 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(f)).

3 (5) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
4 term “minority-serving institution” means an insti-
5 tution of higher education described in section
6 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
7 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).