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# H. R. 9229

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2022

Mr. GUTHRIE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Department of Health  
5 and Human Services Cybersecurity Coordination Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING CYBERSECURITY AT DEPART-**  
2 **MENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2811(b) of the Public  
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–10(b)) is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(8) CYBERSECURITY.—With respect to cyber-  
7 security:

8 “(A) Monitor, evaluate, and report on the  
9 progress and performance of the Government  
10 Coordinating Council’s Cybersecurity Working  
11 Group and HHS Cybersecurity Working Group.

12 “(B) Ensure that authorizing Federal offi-  
13 cials review and approve the charter describing  
14 how the HHS Cybersecurity Working Group  
15 will facilitate collaboration with the HHS Chief  
16 Information Security Officer Council, Contin-  
17 uous Monitoring and Risk Scoring Working  
18 Group, and Cloud Security Working Group.

19 “(C)(i) Finalize written agreements that  
20 include a description of how the Government  
21 Coordinating Council’s Cybersecurity Working  
22 Group will collaborate with advisory bodies fo-  
23 cused on cybersecurity.

24 “(ii) Identify the roles and responsibilities  
25 of the Government Coordinating Council’s Cy-  
26 bersecurity Working Group.

1           “(iii) Monitor and update the written  
2           agreements on a regular basis.

3           “(iv) Ensure that authorizing Federal offi-  
4           cials leading the working group approve the fi-  
5           nalized agreements.

6           “(D) Update the charter for the Joint  
7           Healthcare and Public Health Cybersecurity  
8           Working Group for the current fiscal year and  
9           ensure that authorizing officials leading the  
10          working group review and approve the updated  
11          charter.”.

12          (b) **ADDITIONAL CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION.**—  
13          Subtitle A of title XXVIII of the Public Health Service  
14          Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh et seq.) is amended by adding at  
15          the end the following:

16          **“SEC. 2804. CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION.**

17          “The Secretary shall—

18                 “(1) monitor, evaluate, and report on the  
19                 progress and performance of the HHS Chief Infor-  
20                 mation Security Officer Council, Continuous Moni-  
21                 toring and Risk Scoring Working Group, and Cloud  
22                 Security Working Group; and

23                 “(2) regularly monitor and update written  
24                 agreements describing how the HHS Chief Informa-  
25                 tion Security Officer Council, Continuous Monitoring

1       and Risk Scoring Working Group, and Cloud Secu-  
2       rity Working Group will facilitate collaboration, and  
3       ensure that authorizing Federal officials review and  
4       approve the updated agreements under section  
5       2811(b)(8)(C).”.

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