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S. 2905

To improve requirements relating to establishment of a consortium of universities to advise the Secretary of Defense on cybersecurity matters, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROUNDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “University Cybersecu-
5 rity Consortia Improvement Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO CONSORTIUM OF UNIVER-**
2 **SITIES TO ADVISE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**
3 **ON CYBERSECURITY MATTERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1659 of the National De-
5 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
6 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 391 note) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter before para-
8 graph (1), by striking “one or more consortia” and
9 inserting “a consortium”; and

10 (2) in subsection (c), by amending paragraph
11 (1) to read as follows:

12 “(1) DESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
13 CHAIR.—The Secretary of Defense shall designate
14 the National Defense University College of Informa-
15 tion and Cyberspace to function as the administra-
16 tive chair of the consortium established under sub-
17 section (a).”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is
19 further amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “or con-
21 sortia”;

22 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “or con-
23 sortia”;

24 (3) in subsection (c)—

25 (A) by striking paragraph (2);

1 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
2 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

3 (C) in paragraph (2), as redesignated by
4 subparagraph (B)—

5 (i) in the matter before subparagraph
6 (A)—

7 (I) by striking “Each administra-
8 tive” and inserting “The administra-
9 tive”; and

10 (II) by striking “a consortium”
11 and inserting “the consortium”; and

12 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
13 “for the term specified by the Secretary
14 under paragraph (1)”;

15 (D) by amending paragraph (3), as redesi-
16 gnated by subparagraph (B), to read as fol-
17 lows:

18 “(3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The Secretary,
19 in consultation with the administrative chair, may
20 form an executive committee for the consortium that
21 is comprised of representatives of the Federal Gov-
22 ernment to assist the chair with the management
23 and functions of the consortium.”; and

24 (4) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(d) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall meet with
2 such members of the consortium as the Secretary con-
3 siders appropriate, not less frequently than twice each
4 year or at such periodicity as is agreed to by the Secretary
5 and the consortium.”.

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