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To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training, 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 “National Cybersecurity  
5 Preparedness Consortium Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) the term “consortium” means a group pri-  
9 marily composed of nonprofit entities, including aca-

1       demic institutions, that develop, update, and deliver  
2       cybersecurity training in support of homeland secu-  
3       rity;

4               (2) the terms “cybersecurity risk” and “inci-  
5       dent” have the meanings given those terms in sec-  
6       tion 2209(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
7       (6 U.S.C. 659(a));

8               (3) the term “Department” means the Depart-  
9       ment of Homeland Security; and

10              (4) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
11       of Homeland Security.

12 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS CON-**  
13 **SORTIUM.**

14       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may work with a  
15       consortium to support efforts to address cybersecurity  
16       risks and incidents.

17       (b) ASSISTANCE TO THE NCCIC.—The Secretary  
18       may work with a consortium to assist the national cyberse-  
19       curity and communications integration center of the De-  
20       partment (established under section 2209 of the Home-  
21       land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 659)) to—

22              (1) provide training to State and local first re-  
23       sponders and officials specifically for preparing for  
24       and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,  
25       in accordance with applicable law;

1           (2) develop and update a curriculum utilizing  
2 existing programs and models in accordance with  
3 such section 2209, for State and local first respond-  
4 ers and officials, related to cybersecurity risks and  
5 incidents;

6           (3) provide technical assistance services to build  
7 and sustain capabilities in support of preparedness  
8 for and response to cybersecurity risks and inci-  
9 dents, including threats of terrorism and acts of ter-  
10 rorism, in accordance with such section 2209;

11           (4) conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training  
12 and simulation exercises for entities, including State  
13 and local governments, critical infrastructure owners  
14 and operators, and private industry, to encourage  
15 community-wide coordination in defending against  
16 and responding to cybersecurity risks and incidents,  
17 in accordance with section 2210(c) of the Homeland  
18 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 660(c));

19           (5) help States and communities develop cyber-  
20 security information sharing programs, in accord-  
21 ance with section 2209 of the Homeland Security  
22 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 659), for the dissemination  
23 of homeland security information related to cyberse-  
24 curity risks and incidents; and

1           (6) help incorporate cybersecurity risk and inci-  
2           dent prevention and response into existing State and  
3           local emergency plans, including continuity of oper-  
4           ations plans.

5           (c) CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING SELECTION OF A  
6           CONSORTIUM.—In selecting a consortium with which to  
7           work under this Act, the Secretary shall take into consid-  
8           eration the following:

9           (1) Any prior experience conducting cybersecu-  
10          rity training and exercises for State and local enti-  
11          ties.

12          (2) Geographic diversity of the members of any  
13          such consortium so as to cover different regions  
14          throughout the United States.

15          (d) METRICS.—If the Secretary works with a consor-  
16          tium under subsection (a), the Secretary shall measure the  
17          effectiveness of the activities undertaken by the consor-  
18          tium under this Act.

19          (e) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall conduct out-  
20          reach to universities and colleges, including historically  
21          Black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institu-  
22          tions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and other minor-  
23          ity-serving institutions, regarding opportunities to support  
24          efforts to address cybersecurity risks and incidents, by  
25          working with the Secretary under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2       Nothing in this Act may be construed to authorize  
3 a consortium to control or direct any law enforcement  
4 agency in the exercise of the duties of the law enforcement  
5 agency.

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