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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Homeland Security

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 “State and Local Gov-
5 ernment Cybersecurity Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY ACT**
7 **OF 2002.**

8 Subtitle A of title XXII of the Homeland Security
9 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in section 2201 (6 U.S.C. 651), by adding
2 at the end the following:

3 “(7) SLTT ENTITY.—The term ‘SLTT entity’
4 means a domestic government entity that is a State
5 government, local government, Tribal government,
6 territorial government, or any subdivision thereof.”;
7 and

8 (2) in section 2209 (6 U.S.C. 659)—

9 (A) in subsection (c)(6), by inserting
10 “operational and” before “timely”;

11 (B) in subsection (d)(1)(E), by inserting “,
12 including an entity that collaborates with elec-
13 tion officials,” after “governments”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(p) COORDINATION ON CYBERSECURITY FOR SLTT
16 ENTITIES.—

17 “(1) COORDINATION.—The Center shall, upon
18 request and to the extent practicable, and in coordi-
19 nation as appropriate with Federal and non-Federal
20 entities, such as the Multi-State Information Shar-
21 ing and Analysis Center—

22 “(A) conduct exercises with SLTT entities;

23 “(B) provide operational and technical cy-
24 bersecurity training to SLTT entities to ad-

1 dress cybersecurity risks or incidents, with or
2 without reimbursement, related to—

3 “(i) cyber threat indicators;

4 “(ii) defensive measures;

5 “(iii) cybersecurity risks;

6 “(iv) vulnerabilities; and

7 “(v) incident response and manage-
8 ment;

9 “(C) in order to increase situational aware-
10 ness and help prevent incidents, assist SLTT
11 entities in sharing, in real time, with the Fed-
12 eral Government, as well as among SLTT enti-
13 ties, actionable—

14 “(i) cyber threat indicators;

15 “(ii) defensive measures;

16 “(iii) information about cybersecurity
17 risks or vulnerabilities; and

18 “(iv) information about incidents;

19 “(D) provide SLTT entities notifications
20 containing specific incident and malware infor-
21 mation that may affect them or their residents;

22 “(E) provide to, and periodically update,
23 SLTT entities via an easily accessible platform
24 and other means—

25 “(i) information about tools;

1 “(ii) information about products;
2 “(iii) resources;
3 “(iv) policies;
4 “(v) guidelines;
5 “(vi) controls; and
6 “(vii) other cybersecurity standards
7 and best practices and procedures related
8 to information security;

9 “(F) work with senior SLTT entity offi-
10 cials, including chief information officers and
11 senior election officials and through national as-
12 sociations, to coordinate the effective implemen-
13 tation by SLTT entities of tools, products, re-
14 sources, policies, guidelines, controls, and
15 standards and best practices and procedures re-
16 lated to information security to secure the in-
17 formation systems, including election systems,
18 of SLTT entities;

19 “(G) provide operational and technical as-
20 sistance to SLTT entities to implement tools,
21 products, resources, policies, guidelines, con-
22 trols, and standards and best practices and pro-
23 cedures on information security;

24 “(H) assist SLTT entities in developing
25 policies and procedures for coordinating vulner-

1 ability disclosures consistent with international
2 and national standards in the information tech-
3 nology industry; and

4 “(I) promote cybersecurity education and
5 awareness through engagements with Federal
6 agencies and non-Federal entities.

7 “(q) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
8 of enactment of this subsection, and every 2 years there-
9 after, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
10 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
11 ate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the
12 House of Representatives a report on the services and ca-
13 pabilities that the Agency directly and indirectly provides
14 to SLTT entities.”.

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