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# H. R. 9085

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

Mr. VEASEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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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 “Cybersecurity Clinics  
5       Grant Program Act”.

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

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

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

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

21 (3) offer high-potential paths to increase the  
22 number of experienced cybersecurity professionals by  
23 creating a talent pipeline of students with practical  
24 experience, and appropriate certifications, interested  
25 in joining the cybersecurity workforce; and

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

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

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

22      (d) GUIDANCE.—Not later than two years after the  
23      date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
24      land Security, acting through the Director of the Cyberse-  
25      curity and Infrastructure Security Agency, shall issue

1 guidance regarding the development of experiential cyber-  
2 security curriculums described in paragraph (2) of sub-  
3 section (a).

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

7 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

21 (4) JUNIOR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The  
22 term “junior or community college” has the meaning  
23 given such term in section 312(f) of the Higher  
24 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(f)).

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

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