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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a communications and outreach campaign to educate veterans about cyber risks, and for other purposes.

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Ms. MACE (for herself and Mr. BOST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans’ Cyber Risk
5 Awareness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE VETERANS ABOUT CYBER**
7 **RISKS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Veterans Affairs, through the Office of Public and Inter-
2 governmental Affairs (or successor office), shall conduct
3 a communications and outreach campaign to educate vet-
4 erans about cyber risks. In carrying out such campaign,
5 the Secretary shall—

6 (1) coordinate with other entities (including
7 Federal entities and social media companies) that
8 educate the public about cyber risks;

9 (2) promote and disseminate best practices and
10 educational materials regarding—

11 (A) cyber risks to veterans;

12 (B) information about how a veteran may
13 report cyber risks to the appropriate law en-
14 forcement agency or entity other than the De-
15 partment of Veterans Affairs; and

16 (C) any other information the Secretary
17 determines appropriate; and

18 (3) establish and maintain a publicly accessible
19 website of the Department—

20 (A) regarding the campaign; and

21 (B) that contains hyperlinks to websites of
22 entities described in paragraph (2).

23 (b) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 60 days
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 shall submit to Congress a report on progress of the Sec-
2 retary in preparing the campaign under this section.

3 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON CYBER RISKS TO VETERANS.**

4 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs shall seek to enter into an agreement with a feder-
6 ally funded research and development corporation to per-
7 form a study—

8 (1) that assesses—

9 (A) the vulnerability of veterans to cyber
10 risks;

11 (B) the availability and efficacy of re-
12 sources (including Federal resources) to assist
13 veterans in combatting cyber risks; and

14 (C) the efficacy of the campaign under sec-
15 tion 1; and

16 (2) to determine recommendations to the Sec-
17 retary on how to reduce cyber risks to veterans.

18 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
20 shall submit to Congress a report containing the results
21 of the study under this section.

1 **SEC. 4. CYBER RISKS DEFINED.**

2 In this Act, the term “cyber risks” includes
3 disinformation, identity theft, scams, and fraud, spread
4 via the internet or social media.

