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H. R. 6824

To authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security to hold an annual cybersecurity competition relating to offensive and defensive cybersecurity disciplines, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2022

Mrs. LURIA (for herself and Mr. CONNOLLY) 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 “President’s Cup Cyber-
5 security Competition Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENT’S CUP CYBERSECURITY COMPETITION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Cybersecurity
3 and Infrastructure Security Agency (referred to in this
4 section as the “Director”) of the Department of Homeland
5 Security is authorized to hold an annual cybersecurity
6 competition to be known as the “Department of Homeland
7 Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agen-
8 cy’s President’s Cup Cybersecurity Competition” (in this
9 section referred to as the “competition”) for the purpose
10 of identifying, challenging, and competitively awarding
11 prizes, including cash prizes, to the United States Govern-
12 ment’s best cybersecurity practitioners and teams across
13 offensive and defensive cybersecurity disciplines.

14 (b) COMPETITION DESIGN.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
16 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Director,
17 in carrying out the competition, may consult with,
18 and consider advice from, any person who has expe-
19 rience or expertise in the development, design, or
20 execution of cybersecurity competitions.

21 (2) LIMITATION.—The Federal Advisory Com-
22 mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to con-
23 sultations pursuant to this section.

24 (3) PROHIBITION.—A person with whom the
25 Director consults under paragraph (1) may not—

1 (A) receive pay by reason of being so con-
2 sulted; or

3 (B) be considered an employee of the Fed-
4 eral Government by reason of so consulting.

5 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to participate in the
6 competition, an individual shall be a Federal civilian em-
7 ployee or member of the uniformed services (as such term
8 is defined in section 2101(3) of title 5, United States
9 Code) and shall comply with any rules promulgated by the
10 Director regarding the competition.

11 (d) COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION.—The Director
12 may enter into a grant, contract, cooperative agreement,
13 or other agreement with a private sector for-profit or non-
14 profit entity or State or local government agency to ad-
15 minister the competition.

16 (e) FUNDING.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Support for the competition,
18 including financial support for the design and ad-
19 ministration of the competition or funds for a cash
20 prize, may consist of—

21 (A) amounts appropriated pursuant to ap-
22 propriations Acts or otherwise made available
23 for such purpose; and

24 (B) in accordance with paragraph (2),
25 funds provided by other Federal agencies,

1 States, United States territories, local govern-
2 ments, federally recognized Tribal governments,
3 or private sector for-profit or nonprofit entities.

4 (2) REQUEST.—The Director may request and
5 accept funds from other Federal agencies, States,
6 United States territories, local governments, feder-
7 ally recognized Tribal governments, and private sec-
8 tor for-profit and nonprofit entities.

9 (3) OBLIGATION AND EXPENDITURE.—Funds
10 accepted pursuant to paragraph (2) shall be credited
11 to, and in addition to, any amounts appropriated or
12 otherwise made available pursuant to paragraph
13 (1)(A) to carry out this section, and the Secretary
14 of Homeland Security, acting through the Director,
15 may obligate and expend such funds for such pur-
16 pose—

17 (A) without regard to specific authoriza-
18 tion relating thereto provided in advance in an
19 appropriations Act; and

20 (B) not subject to any condition or purpose
21 relating thereto specified in such appropriations
22 Act.

23 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
24 vision of law, the Director may use funds available for car-

1 rying out the competition authorized under this section for
2 the following:

3 (1) Advertising, marketing, and promoting the
4 competition.

5 (2) Meals for participants and organizers of the
6 competition if attendance at the meal during the
7 competition is necessary to maintain the integrity of
8 the competition.

9 (3) Promotional items, including merchandise
10 and apparel.

11 (4) Monetary and nonmonetary awards for com-
12 petition participants, including members of the uni-
13 formed services.

14 (5) Necessary expenses for the honorary rec-
15 ognition of competition participants, including mem-
16 bers of the uniformed services.

17 (6) Any other appropriate activity necessary to
18 carry out the competition, as determined by the Di-
19 rector.

20 (g) PRIZE LIMITATION.—The Director may make one
21 or more awards per competition, except that the amount
22 or value of each shall not exceed \$10,000. The Secretary
23 of Homeland Security may make one or more awards per
24 competition, except the amount or the value of each shall

- 1 not to exceed \$25,000. A monetary award under this sec-
- 2 tion shall be in addition to the regular pay of the recipient.

