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Representative James "Jim" Langevin (D-RI) introduced H. R. 3032: The Executive Cyberspace Coordination Act of 2013 on August 2, 2013. The bill aims to bolster national defense against cyber threats by expanding the abilities of the federal government to respond to challenges in cyberspace. A major provision of the bill is the establishment of the National Office for Cyberspace, which would serve as the "principle office of coordinating issues related to cyberspace." The National Office for Cyberspace would also: (1) oversee information security policies and practices; (2) create and manage a national educational program focusing on cybersecurity and computer literacy; (3) review aspects of federal agency budgets relating to the protection of information infrastructures; and (4) "maintain a central federal security incident center." H. R. 3032 was assigned to the House Homeland Security and House Oversight and Government Reform committees and awaits consideration.

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