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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 “Homeland Security Cy-*
5 *bersecurity Boots-on-the-Ground Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. CYBERSECURITY OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATIONS,**
7 **WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT, AND STRATEGY.**

8 *(a) CYBERSECURITY OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATIONS.—*

9 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after*
10 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
11 *Homeland Security shall develop and issue com-*
12 *prehensive occupation classifications for individuals*
13 *performing activities in furtherance of the cybersecu-*
14 *rity mission of the Department of Homeland Secu-*
15 *rity.*

16 *(2) APPLICABILITY.—The Secretary of Homeland*
17 *Security shall ensure that the comprehensive occupa-*
18 *tion classifications issued under paragraph (1) are*
19 *used throughout the Department of Homeland Secu-*
20 *rity and are made available to other Federal agencies.*

21 *(b) CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT.—*

22 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*
23 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
24 *Homeland Security, acting through the Chief Human*
25 *Capital Officer and Chief Information Officer of the*

1 *Department of Homeland Security, shall assess the*
2 *readiness and capacity of the Department to meet its*
3 *cybersecurity mission.*

4 (2) *CONTENTS.—The assessment required under*
5 *paragraph (1) shall, at a minimum, include the fol-*
6 *lowing:*

7 (A) *Information where cybersecurity posi-*
8 *tions are located within the Department of*
9 *Homeland Security, specified in accordance with*
10 *the cybersecurity occupation classifications*
11 *issued under subsection (a).*

12 (B) *Information on which cybersecurity po-*
13 *sitions are—*

14 (i) *performed by—*

15 (I) *permanent full time depart-*
16 *mental employees, together with demo-*
17 *graphic information about such em-*
18 *ployees' race, ethnicity, gender, dis-*
19 *ability status, and veterans status;*

20 (II) *individuals employed by*
21 *independent contractors; and*

22 (III) *individuals employed by*
23 *other Federal agencies, including the*
24 *National Security Agency; and*

25 (ii) *vacant.*

1 (C) *The number of individuals hired by the*
2 *Department pursuant to the authority granted to*
3 *the Secretary of Homeland Security in 2009 to*
4 *permit the Secretary to fill 1,000 cybersecurity*
5 *positions across the Department over a three*
6 *year period, and information on what challenges,*
7 *if any, were encountered with respect to the im-*
8 *plementation of such authority.*

9 (D) *Information on vacancies within the*
10 *Department's cybersecurity supervisory work-*
11 *force, from first line supervisory positions*
12 *through senior departmental cybersecurity posi-*
13 *tions.*

14 (E) *Information on the percentage of indi-*
15 *viduals within each cybersecurity occupation*
16 *classification who received essential training to*
17 *perform their jobs, and in cases in which such*
18 *training is not received, information on what*
19 *challenges, if any, were encountered with respect*
20 *to the provision of such training.*

21 (F) *Information on recruiting costs in-*
22 *curring with respect to efforts to fill cybersecurity*
23 *positions across the Department in a manner*
24 *that allows for tracking of overall recruiting and*

1 *identifying areas for better coordination and*
2 *leveraging of resources within the Department.*

3 (c) *WORKFORCE STRATEGY.*—

4 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after*
5 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
6 *Homeland Security shall develop a comprehensive*
7 *workforce strategy that enhances the readiness, capac-*
8 *ity, training, and recruitment and retention of the*
9 *cybersecurity workforce of the Department of Home-*
10 *land Security.*

11 (2) *CONTENTS.*—*The comprehensive workforce*
12 *strategy developed under paragraph (1) shall in-*
13 *clude—*

14 (A) *a multiphased recruitment plan, in-*
15 *cluding relating to experienced professionals,*
16 *members of disadvantaged or underserved com-*
17 *munities, the unemployed, and veterans;*

18 (B) *a 5-year implementation plan; and*

19 (C) *a 10-year projection of Federal work-*
20 *force needs.*

21 (d) *INFORMATION SECURITY TRAINING.*—*Not later*
22 *than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*
23 *the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish and*
24 *maintain a process to verify on an ongoing basis that indi-*
25 *viduals employed by independent contractors who serve in*

1 *cybersecurity positions at the Department of Homeland Se-*
2 *curity receive initial and recurrent information security*
3 *training comprised of general security awareness training*
4 *necessary to perform their job functions, and role-based se-*
5 *curity training that is commensurate with assigned respon-*
6 *sibilities. The Secretary shall maintain documentation to*
7 *ensure that training provided to an individual under this*
8 *subsection meets or exceeds requirements for such individ-*
9 *ual's job function.*

10 *(e) UPDATES.—Together with the submission to Con-*
11 *gress of annual budget requests, the Secretary of Homeland*
12 *Security shall provide updates regarding the cybersecurity*
13 *workforce assessment required under subsection (b), infor-*
14 *mation on the progress of carrying out the comprehensive*
15 *workforce strategy developed under subsection (c), and in-*
16 *formation on the status of the implementation of the infor-*
17 *mation security training required under subsection (d).*

18 *(f) GAO STUDY.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-*
19 *rity shall provide the Comptroller General of the United*
20 *States with information on the cybersecurity workforce as-*
21 *essment required under subsection (a) and progress on car-*
22 *rying out the comprehensive workforce strategy developed*
23 *under subsection (c). The Comptroller General shall submit*
24 *to the Secretary, the Committee on Homeland Security of*
25 *the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Home-*

1 *land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a*
2 *study on such assessment and strategy.*

3 **SEC. 3. CYBERSECURITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.**

4 *Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment*
5 *of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall sub-*
6 *mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House*
7 *of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-*
8 *riety and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on*
9 *the feasibility of establishing a Cybersecurity Fellowship*
10 *Program to offer a tuition payment plan for undergraduate*
11 *and doctoral candidates who agree to work for the Depart-*
12 *ment of Homeland Security for an agreed-upon period of*
13 *time.*

14 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

15 *In this Act, the term “cybersecurity mission” means*
16 *activities that encompass the full range of threat reduction,*
17 *vulnerability reduction, deterrence, incident response, resil-*
18 *iency, and recovery activities to foster the security and sta-*
19 *bility of cyberspace.*

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