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# H. R. 584

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance preparedness and response capabilities for cyber attacks, bolster the dissemination of homeland security information related to cyber threats, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. McCaul, and Mr. RATCLIFFE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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 “Cyber Preparedness  
5 Act of 2017”.

1     **SEC. 2. INFORMATION SHARING.**

2         Title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is

3         amended—

4             (1) in section 210A (6 U.S.C. 124h)—

5                 (A) in subsection (b)—

6                     (i) in paragraph (10), by inserting be-

7                     fore the semicolon at the end the following:

8                         “, including, in coordination with the na-

9                         tional cybersecurity and communications

10                         integration center under section 227, ac-

11                         cess to timely technical assistance, risk

12                         management support, and incident re-

13                         sponse capabilities with respect to cyber

14                         threat indicators, defensive measures, cy-

15                         bersecurity risks, and incidents (as such

16                         terms are defined in such section), which

17                         may include attribution, mitigation, and

18                         remediation, and the provision of informa-

19                         tion and recommendations on security and

20                         resilience, including implications of cyber-

21                         security risks to equipment and technology

22                         related to the electoral process”;

23                         (ii) in paragraph (11), by striking

24                         “and” after the semicolon;

25                         (iii) by redesignating paragraph (12)

26                         as paragraph (14); and

1 (iv) by inserting after paragraph (11)  
2 the following new paragraphs:

3               “(12) review information relating to cybersecurity  
4               risks that is gathered by State, local, and re-  
5               gional fusion centers, and incorporate such informa-  
6               tion, as appropriate, into the Department’s own in-  
7               formation relating to cybersecurity risks;

8               “(13) ensure the dissemination to State, local,  
9               and regional fusion centers of information relating  
10          to cybersecurity risks; and”;

11 (B) in subsection (c)(2)—

12 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs  
13 (C) through (G) as subparagraphs (D)  
14 through (H), respectively; and

(C) in subsection (d)

(iii) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

3               “(4) assist, in coordination with the national  
4               cybersecurity and communications integration center  
5               under section 227, fusion centers in using informa-  
6               tion relating to cybersecurity risks to develop a com-  
7               prehensive and accurate threat picture; and”; and

8 (D) in subsection (j)—

12 (ii) by inserting before paragraph (2),  
13 as so redesignated, the following new para-  
14 graph:

15           “(1) the term ‘cybersecurity risk’ has the mean-  
16           ing given that term in section 227;” and

17 (2) in section 227 (6 U.S.C. 148)—

18 (A) in subsection (c)—

1 place it appears and inserting “information,  
2 recommendations, and best practices”; and  
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4 (iii) in paragraph (9), by inserting  
5 “best practices,” after “defensive measures,”; and  
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7 (B) in subsection (d)(1)(B)(ii), by inserting  
8 “and State and major urban area fusion  
9 centers, as appropriate” before the semicolon at  
10 the end.

11 **SEC. 3. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS.**

12 Subsection (a) of section 2008 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 609) is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through  
15 (14) as paragraphs (5) through (15), respectively;  
16 and

17 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

19 “(4) enhancing cybersecurity, including preparing for and responding to cybersecurity risks and  
20 incidents (as such terms are defined in section 227)  
21 and developing statewide cyber threat information  
22 analysis and dissemination activities;”.

1 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2        It is the sense of Congress that to facilitate the timely  
3 dissemination to appropriate State, local, and private sec-  
4 tor stakeholders of homeland security information related  
5 to cyber threats, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
6 should, to the greatest extent practicable, work to share  
7 actionable information related to cyber threats in an un-  
8 classified form.

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