

[Committee Print]

[SHOWING THE TEXT OF H.R. 5967, AS FORWARDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE, MANUFACTURING, AND TRADE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2026]

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5967

To direct the Federal Trade Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, to convene an interagency task force for the purpose of addressing scams, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Ms. CRAIG, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. SUBRAMANYAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Federal Trade Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, to convene an interagency task force for the purpose of addressing scams, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strategic Task Force
3 on Scam Prevention Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TASK FORCE.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commission shall con-
6 vene an interagency task force for the purpose of address-
7 ing scams targeting consumers.

8 (b) COMPOSITION.—The task force convened under
9 subsection (a) shall include representatives from each of
10 the following:

11 (1) The Department of Homeland Security, in-
12 cluding the United States Secret Service.

13 (2) The Department of Justice, including the
14 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

15 (3) The Department of State.

16 (4) The Department of the Treasury.

17 (5) The Department of Veterans Affairs.

18 (6) The Federal Communications Commission.

19 (7) The Commission.

20 (8) The Securities and Exchange Commission.

21 (9) The Social Security Administration.

22 (10) The United States Postal Service.

23 (11) Any other Federal agency as determined
24 appropriate by the Commission.

25 (c) DUTIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The task force convened
2 under subsection (a) shall develop and implement a
3 national strategy to address scams targeting con-
4 sumers that includes—

5 (A) utilization of—

6 (i) the Consumer Sentinel Network of
7 the Federal Trade Commission;

8 (ii) the Internet Crime Complaint
9 Center of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
10 tion; and

11 (iii) any other Federal program re-
12 lated to reporting, organizing, or sharing
13 information with respect to scams tar-
14 geting consumers;

15 (B) public education;

16 (C) coordination with industry entities, in-
17 cluding providers of online platforms;

18 (D) enforcement actions using existing
19 legal authorities, including legal authorities
20 with respect to money laundering, human traf-
21 ficking, and fraud;

22 (E) coordination with international part-
23 ners; and

24 (F) strategies to reduce the risk of finan-
25 cial losses as a result of scams and improve re-

1 covery resources for victims of scams targeting
2 consumers.

3 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the task force
5 convened under subsection (a) shall submit to Con-
6 gress, and make available to the public on the
7 website of the Commission, a report on the actions
8 taken by the task force pursuant to paragraph (1).

9 (d) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the duties spec-
10 ified in subsection (c), the task force convened under sub-
11 section (a) shall consult with representatives of the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (1) Consumer advocacy organizations that ad-
14 dress fraud and scams.

15 (2) Industry, including the following industry
16 sectors:

17 (A) Financial institutions.

18 (B) Consumer-facing artificial intelligence.

19 (C) Cryptocurrency.

20 (D) Online dating services.

21 (E) Peer-to-peer payment platforms.

22 (F) Search engines.

23 (G) Social media.

24 (H) Communications providers.

25 (3) State attorneys general.

1 (4) State securities commissions (including
2 State agencies and offices that perform similar func-
3 tions).

4 (5) State, local, and Tribal law enforcement.

5 (e) TERMINATION.—The task force convened under
6 subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is 10 years
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
10 means the Federal Trade Commission.

11 (2) FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The term “fi-
12 nancial institution” has the meaning given the term
13 in section 20 of title 18, United States Code.

14 (3) ONLINE DATING SERVICE.—The term “on-
15 line dating service” means a service that—

16 (A) is provided through a website or a mo-
17 bile application; and

18 (B) offers a member of such service access
19 to dating or romantic relationships with other
20 such members by arranging or facilitating the
21 social introduction to such members.