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To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M_____. introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Rural and Municipal
5 Utility Cybersecurity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RURAL AND MUNICIPAL UTILITY ADVANCED CY-**
2 **BERSECURITY GRANT AND TECHNICAL AS-**
3 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 40124 of the Infrastructure Investment and
5 Jobs Act (42 U.S.C. 18723) is amended to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 40124. RURAL AND MUNICIPAL UTILITY ADVANCED**
7 **CYBERSECURITY GRANT AND TECHNICAL AS-**
8 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

9 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) ADVANCED CYBERSECURITY TECHNOLOGY.—The term ‘advanced cybersecurity technology’ means any technology, operational capability, or service, including computer hardware, software, or a related asset, that enhances the security posture of electric utilities through improvements in the ability to protect against, detect, respond to, or recover from a cybersecurity threat.

18 “(2) BULK-POWER SYSTEM.—The term ‘bulk-power system’ has the meaning given the term in section 215(a) of the Federal Power Act.

21 “(3) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term ‘cybersecurity threat’ has the meaning given the term in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

25 “(4) DEFENSE CRITICAL ELECTRIC INFRA-
26 STRUCTURE.—The term ‘defense critical electric in-

1 frastructure' has the meaning given the term in sec-
2 tion 215A(a) of the Federal Power Act.

3 “(5) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
4 tity’ means—

5 “(A) a rural electric cooperative;

6 “(B) an electric utility owned by a political
7 subdivision of a State, such as a municipally
8 owned electric utility;

9 “(C) an electric utility owned by any agen-
10 cy, authority, corporation, or instrumentality of
11 1 or more political subdivisions of a State;

12 “(D) a not-for-profit entity that is in a
13 partnership with not fewer than 6 entities de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C); and

15 “(E) an investor-owned electric utility that
16 sells less than 4,000,000 megawatt hours of
17 electricity per year.

18 “(6) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means
19 the Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cyberse-
20 curity Grant and Technical Assistance Program es-
21 tablished under subsection (b).

22 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall main-
23 tain a program, to be known as the Rural and Municipal
24 Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant and Technical As-
25 sistance Program, to provide technical assistance and

1 award funding, including grants, cooperative agreements,
2 and prizes, to eligible entities to protect against, detect,
3 respond to, and recover from cybersecurity threats.

4 “(c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Program
5 shall be—

6 “(1) to deploy advanced cybersecurity tech-
7 nologies for electric utility systems; and

8 “(2) to increase the participation of eligible en-
9 tities in cybersecurity threat information sharing
10 programs.

11 “(d) AWARDS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Pro-
13 gram, the Secretary—

14 “(A) shall, subject to the availability of ap-
15 propriations, provide technical assistance, and
16 award funding, including grants, cooperative
17 agreements, and prizes, to eligible entities on a
18 competitive or noncompetitive basis;

19 “(B) shall develop criteria for providing
20 such technical assistance and awarding such
21 funding;

22 “(C) may enter into agreements that can
23 facilitate the objectives described in subsection
24 (c) with eligible entities to provide technical as-

1 assistance or award funding, including grants, co-
2 operative agreements, and prizes; and

3 “(D) shall establish a process to ensure, to
4 the extent practicable, that all eligible entities
5 are informed about opportunities to receive
6 technical assistance or funding, including
7 grants, cooperative agreements, and prizes.

8 “(2) PRIORITY FOR FUNDING AND TECHNICAL
9 ASSISTANCE.—In providing technical assistance and
10 awarding funding, including grants, cooperative
11 agreements, and prizes, under the Program, the Sec-
12 retary shall give priority to an eligible entity that, as
13 determined by the Secretary—

14 “(A) has limited cybersecurity resources;

15 “(B) owns assets critical to the reliability

16 of the bulk-power system; or

17 “(C) owns or operates defense critical elec-

18 tric infrastructure.

19 “(e) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—Information
20 shared by or with the Federal Government or a State,
21 Tribal, or local government under the Program shall be
22 deemed voluntarily shared information and exempt from
23 disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code
24 (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act),
25 or any provision of any State, Tribal, or local freedom of

1 information law, open government law, open meetings law,
2 open records law, sunshine law, or similar law requiring
3 the disclosure of information or records.

4 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
6 out this section \$250,000,000 for the period of fiscal years
7 2026 through 2030.”.