

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To [provide for grid security], and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To [provide for grid security], 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “[_____ Act of
5 2023]”.

6 **SEC. 2. [GRID SECURITY].**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VIII of division Z of the
8 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–
9 260) is amended—

1 “(1) identify cybersecurity risks to information
2 technology and operational technology within, and
3 impacting, the electricity sector, energy systems, and
4 energy infrastructure;

5 “(2) develop methods and tools to rapidly detect
6 and mitigate cyber intrusions and cyber incidents,
7 including through the use of advanced data analytics
8 and related methods, such as intrusion detection,
9 and security information and event management sys-
10 tems, to validate and verify system behavior;

11 “(3) develop methods and tools for distributed
12 and collaborative cybersecurity defense and analysis
13 that can be deployed across the electric sector to
14 maximize scale and provide increased automation;

15 “(4) assess emerging cybersecurity capabilities
16 that could be applied to energy systems and develop
17 technologies that integrate cybersecurity features
18 and procedures into the design, development, and
19 management of existing and emerging grid tech-
20 nologies, including renewable energy, storage, and
21 demand-side management technologies;

22 “(5) identify existing vulnerabilities in intel-
23 ligent electronic devices, advanced analytics systems,
24 information systems, control and protection devices,
25 and distributed generation sources;

1 “(6) work with relevant entities to develop algo-
2 rithms, methodologies, technologies, or other con-
3 cepts that build or retrofit cybersecurity features
4 and procedures into—

5 “(A) information and energy management
6 system devices, components, software, firmware,
7 and hardware, including distributed control and
8 management systems, and building manage-
9 ment systems;

10 “(B) data storage systems, data manage-
11 ment systems, and data analysis processes;

12 “(C) automated and manually controlled
13 devices and equipment for monitoring and con-
14 trolling the electric grid;

15 “(D) technologies used to synchronize
16 time;

17 “(E) power system delivery and end user
18 systems and devices that exchange information
19 with grid systems or respond to grid conditions,
20 including—

21 “(i) meters, phasor measurement
22 units, and other sensors;

23 “(ii) distribution automation tech-
24 nologies, smart inverters, and other grid
25 control technologies;

- 1 “(iii) distributed generation, energy
2 storage, and other distributed energy tech-
3 nologies;
- 4 “(iv) demand response technologies;
- 5 “(v) home and building energy man-
6 agement and control systems;
- 7 “(vi) electric and plug-in hybrid vehi-
8 cles and electric vehicle charging systems;
- 9 “(vii) electrified aerospace mobility;
- 10 “(viii) internet of things and the in-
11 dustrial internet of things; and
- 12 “(ix) other relevant devices, software,
13 firmware, and hardware; and
- 14 “(F) the supply chain of electric grid man-
15 agement system components;
- 16 “(6) develop technologies, including information
17 technologies and operational technologies, that im-
18 prove the physical security of the electric grid, in-
19 cluding remote assets;
- 20 “(7) integrate human factors research into the
21 design and development of advanced tools and proc-
22 esses for dynamic monitoring, detection, protection,
23 mitigation, response, and cyber situational aware-
24 ness;

1 “(8) evaluate and understand the potential con-
2 sequences of practices used to maintain the cyberse-
3 curity of information systems and intelligent elec-
4 tronic devices;

5 “(9) develop or expand the capabilities of exist-
6 ing cybersecurity test beds to simulate impacts of
7 cyber attacks and combined cyber-physical attacks
8 on information systems and electronic devices, in-
9 cluding by increasing access to existing and emerg-
10 ing test beds for cooperative utilities, utilities owned
11 by a political subdivision of a State, such as municipi-
12 pally owned electric utilities, and other relevant
13 stakeholders; and

14 “(10) develop technologies that reduce the cost
15 of implementing effective cybersecurity technologies
16 and tools, including ongoing monitoring, mainte-
17 nance, and updates of these technologies and tools,
18 in the energy sector.

19 “(c) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.—The Direc-
20 tor of the National Science Foundation, in coordination
21 with the heads of other Federal agencies as appropriate,
22 shall through its cybersecurity research and development
23 programs—

24 “(1) support basic research to advance knowl-
25 edge, applications, technologies, and tools to

1 strengthen the cybersecurity of information systems
2 that support the electric grid and energy systems,
3 including interdisciplinary research in—

4 “(A) evolutionary systems, theories, mathe-
5 matics, and models;

6 “(B) economic and financial theories,
7 mathematics, and models;

8 “(C) advanced data analytical methods,
9 mathematics, computer coding, and algorithms;
10 and

11 “(D) machine learning, artificial intel-
12 ligence, and federated learning methods, mathe-
13 matics, computer coding, and algorithms; and

14 “(2) support cybersecurity education and train-
15 ing focused on information systems for the electric
16 grid and energy workforce, including through the
17 Advanced Technological Education program, the
18 Cybercorps program, graduate research fellowships,
19 and other appropriate programs.

20 “(d) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
21 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE.—The Sec-
22 retary of Homeland Security, acting through the Science
23 and Technology Directorate shall coordinate with the Sec-
24 retary of Energy, the private sector, and other relevant
25 stakeholders, to research existing cybersecurity tech-

1 nologies and tools used in the defense industry in order
2 to—

3 “(1) identify technologies and tools that may
4 meet civilian energy sector cybersecurity needs;

5 “(2) develop a research strategy that incor-
6 porates human factors research findings to guide the
7 modification of defense industry cybersecurity tools
8 for use in the civilian sector;

9 “(3) develop a strategy to accelerate efforts to
10 bring modified defense industry cybersecurity tools
11 to the civilian market; and

12 “(4) carry out other activities the Secretary of
13 Homeland Security considers appropriate to meet
14 the goals of this subsection.

15 **“SEC. 8014. GRID RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
17 the enactment of the Grid Security Research and Develop-
18 ment Act, the Secretary shall establish a research, devel-
19 opment, and demonstration program to enhance resilience
20 and strengthen emergency response and management per-
21 taining to the energy sector.

22 “(b) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award grants to
23 eligible entities under subsection (d) on a competitive basis
24 to conduct research and development with the purpose of

1 improving the resilience and reliability of the electric grid
2 by—

3 “(1) developing methods, data, and tools to im-
4 prove community and governmental preparation for
5 an emergency response to widespread, long-duration
6 electricity outages, including through the use of en-
7 ergy efficiency, energy storage, demand response,
8 and distributed generation technologies;

9 “(2) developing tools to help utilities and com-
10 munities ensure the continuous delivery of electricity
11 to critical facilities;

12 “(3) developing tools to better plan for cross-
13 sector dependencies among critical infrastructures
14 such as electricity, natural gas, telecommunications,
15 and transportation as they relate to cyber and phys-
16 ical threats, vulnerabilities, and response;

17 “(4) developing tools to improve coordination
18 between utilities and relevant Federal agencies to
19 enable communication, information-sharing, and sit-
20 uational awareness in the event of a physical or
21 cyber-attack on the electric grid;

22 “(5) developing technologies and capabilities to
23 withstand and manage the current and projected im-
24 pact of the changing climate on energy sector infra-

1 structure, including extreme weather events, other
2 natural disasters, and wildfires;

3 “(6) developing technologies capable of early
4 detection of malfunctioning electrical equipment on
5 the transmission and distribution grid, including de-
6 tection of high-impedance faults, spark ignition
7 causing wildfires and risks of vegetation contact;

8 “(7) assessing upgrades and additions needed
9 to energy sector infrastructure due to projected
10 changes in the energy generation mix and energy de-
11 mand;

12 “(8) developing tools that can estimate the eco-
13 nomic, health, safety, and other impacts of wide-
14 spread, long-duration electricity outages and inter-
15 ruptions;

16 “(9) develop guidance for operational contin-
17 gency plans when time synchronization technologies,
18 are compromised; and

19 “(10) developing tools and technologies to assist
20 with the planning, safe execution of, training of, and
21 safe and timely restoration of power after cyber and
22 physical attacks, natural disasters, and emergency
23 power shut offs, such as those conducted to reduce
24 risks of wildfires started by grid infrastructure.

1 “(c) CONCURRENT AND CO-LOCATED DISASTERS.—
2 In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Sec-
3 retary shall support research and development on tools,
4 techniques, and technologies for improving electric grid
5 and energy sector safety and resilience in the event of mul-
6 tiple simultaneous or co-located weather or climate events
7 leading to extreme conditions, such as extreme wind,
8 wildfires, extreme cold, and extreme heat, or natural disas-
9 ters co-incident with cyberattacks.

10 “(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The entities eligible to
11 receive grants under this section include—

12 “(1) an institution of higher education, which
13 includes a historically Black college or university or
14 a minority-serving institution;

15 “(2) a nonprofit organization;

16 “(3) a National Laboratory;

17 “(4) a unit of State, local, or Tribal Govern-
18 ment;

19 “(5) an electric utility or electric cooperative;

20 “(6) a retail service provider of electricity;

21 “(7) a private commercial entity;

22 “(8) a partnership or consortium of 2 or more
23 entities described in paragraphs (1) through (7); and

24 “(9) any other entities the Secretary deems ap-
25 propriate.

1 “(e) RELEVANT ACTIVITIES.—Grants awarded under
2 subsections (b) and (c) shall include funding for research
3 and development activities related to the purpose de-
4 scribed in subsections (b) and (c), including—

5 “(1) development of technologies to use distrib-
6 uted energy resources, such as solar photovoltaics,
7 energy storage systems, electric vehicles, and
8 microgrids, to improve grid and critical end-user re-
9 silience;

10 “(2) analysis of non-technical barriers to great-
11 er integration and use of technologies on the dis-
12 tribution grid;

13 “(3) analysis of past widespread, long-duration
14 electricity interruptions to identify common elements
15 and best practices for electricity restoration, preven-
16 tion of future disruptions and the mitigation of im-
17 pacts to electricity infrastructure;

18 “(4) development of—

19 “(A) advanced monitoring, analytics, oper-
20 ation, planning, and controls of electric grid
21 and interdependent systems to improve electric
22 grid resilience; and

23 “(B) independent verification and valida-
24 tion methodologies, in coordination with the
25 National Institute of Standards and Tech-

1 nology, to address the potential cybersecurity
2 vulnerabilities of electric grid systems and of
3 the technologies identified in subparagraph (A)
4 of this paragraph;

5 “(5) analysis of technologies, methods, and con-
6 cepts that can improve community resilience and
7 survivability of frequent or long-duration power out-
8 ages;

9 “(6) development of methodologies to evaluate
10 and maintain cybersecurity during restoration of en-
11 ergy sector infrastructure and operation;

12 “(7) development of advanced power delivery
13 systems controls and components to improve electric
14 grid resilience; and

15 “(8) any other relevant activities determined by
16 the Secretary.

17 “(f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
19 technical assistance to eligible entities for the com-
20 mercial application of technologies to improve the re-
21 silience of the electric grid and commercial applica-
22 tion of technologies to help entities develop plans for
23 preventing and recovering from various power out-
24 age scenarios at the local, regional, and State level.

1 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The
2 commercial application technical assistance program
3 established in paragraph (1) shall include assistance
4 to eligible entities for—

5 “(A) the commercial application of tech-
6 nologies developed from the grant program es-
7 tablished in subsection (b), including coopera-
8 tive utilities and utilities owned by a political
9 subdivision of a State, such as municipally
10 owned electric utilities;

11 “(B) the development of methods to
12 strengthen or otherwise mitigate adverse im-
13 pacts on electric grid infrastructure against
14 natural hazards;

15 “(C) the use of Department data and mod-
16 eling tools for various purposes;

17 “(D) a resource assessment and analysis of
18 future demand and distribution requirements,
19 including development of advanced grid archi-
20 tectures and risk analysis;

21 “(E) the development of tools and tech-
22 nologies to coordinate data across relevant enti-
23 ties to promote resilience and wildfire preven-
24 tion in the planning, design, construction, oper-

1 ation, and maintenance of transmission infra-
2 structure;

3 “(F) analysis to predict the likelihood of
4 extreme weather events to inform the planning,
5 design, construction, operation, and mainte-
6 nance of transmission infrastructure in con-
7 sultation with the National Oceanic and Atmos-
8 pheric Administration; and

9 “(G) the commercial application of rel-
10 evant technologies, such as grid enhancing tech-
11 nologies, distributed energy resources,
12 microgrids, or other energy technologies, to es-
13 tablish backup power for users or facilities af-
14 fected by emergency power shutoffs.

15 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The entities eligible
16 to receive technical assistance for commercial appli-
17 cation of technologies under this subsection in-
18 clude—

19 “(A) representatives of all sectors of the
20 electric power industry, including electric utili-
21 ties, trade organizations, and transmission and
22 distribution system organizations, owners, and
23 operators;

1 tivities to improve the cybersecurity capabilities of the en-
2 ergy sector through participating agencies. As part of
3 these activities, the Secretary, in coordination with rel-
4 evant Federal agencies, shall—

5 “(1) facilitate stakeholder involvement to up-
6 date—

7 “(A) the Roadmap to Achieve Energy De-
8 livery Systems Cybersecurity;

9 “(B) the Report on Cybersecurity of Elec-
10 trical Distribution Systems;

11 “(C) the Cybersecurity Procurement Lan-
12 guage for Energy Delivery Systems, including
13 developing guidance for—

14 “(i) contracting with third parties to
15 conduct vulnerability testing for informa-
16 tion systems used across the energy pro-
17 duction, delivery, storage, and end use sys-
18 tems;

19 “(ii) contracting with third parties
20 that utilize transient devices to access in-
21 formation systems; and

22 “(iii) managing supply chain risks;
23 and

24 “(D) the Electricity Subsector Cybersecu-
25 rity Capability Maturity Model, including the

1 development of metrics to measure changes in
2 cybersecurity readiness;

3 “(2) develop voluntary guidance to improve dig-
4 ital forensic analysis capabilities, including—

5 “(A) developing standardized terminology
6 and normalized baseline monitoring processes;

7 “(B) utilizing human factors research to
8 develop more effective procedures for respond-
9 ing, logging, and mitigating incident events;
10 and

11 “(C) developing standardized approaches
12 to reporting and sharing cyber threat informa-
13 tion stemming from observation of cyber activ-
14 ity; and

15 “(3) work with the National Science Founda-
16 tion, Department of Homeland Security, and stake-
17 holders to develop a mechanism to anonymize, ag-
18 gregate, and share the testing results from cyberse-
19 curity test beds to facilitate technology improve-
20 ments by public and private sector researchers.

21 “(b) BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary, in collabora-
22 tion with the Director of the National Institute of Stand-
23 ards and Technology, the Director of the Cybersecurity
24 and Infrastructure Security Agency, and the heads of

1 other appropriate Federal agencies, shall convene relevant
2 stakeholders and facilitate the development of—

3 “(1) consensus-based best practices to improve
4 cybersecurity for—

5 “(A) emerging energy technologies;

6 “(B) distributed generation and energy
7 storage technologies, and other distributed en-
8 ergy resources;

9 “(C) distributed energy resource
10 aggregators and other distributed generation
11 service providers;

12 “(D) electric vehicles and electric vehicle
13 charging stations; and

14 “(E) other technologies and devices that
15 connect to the electric grid;

16 “(2) recommended cybersecurity designs and
17 technical requirements that can be used by the pri-
18 vate sector to design and build interoperable cyber-
19 security features into technologies that connect to
20 the electric grid, including networked devices and
21 components on distribution systems; and

22 “(3) technical analysis that can be used by the
23 private sector in developing best practices for test
24 beds and test bed methodologies that will enable re-
25 producible testing of cybersecurity protections for in-

1 formation systems, electronic devices, and other rel-
2 evant components, software, and hardware across
3 test beds.

4 “(c) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—None of the activi-
5 ties authorized in this section shall be construed to author-
6 ize regulatory actions. Additionally, the voluntary stand-
7 ards developed under this section shall not duplicate or
8 conflict with mandatory reliability standards.

9 **“SEC. 8016. VULNERABILITY TESTING AND TECHNICAL AS-**
10 **SISTANCE TO IMPROVE CYBERSECURITY.**

11 “The Secretary shall—

12 “(1) coordinate with the heads of appropriate
13 Federal agencies and energy sector asset owners and
14 operators, leveraging the research facilities and ex-
15 pertise of the National Laboratories, to assist enti-
16 ties in developing testing capabilities by—

17 “(A) utilizing a range of methods, includ-
18 ing advanced control and artificial intelligence-
19 based algorithms, to identify vulnerabilities in
20 physical and cyber systems;

21 “(B) developing cybersecurity risk assess-
22 ment tools and providing analyses and rec-
23 ommendations to participating stakeholders;
24 and

1 “(C) working with appropriate Federal
2 agencies and stakeholders to develop methods
3 and tools to share anonymized and aggregated
4 test results to assist relevant stakeholders in
5 the energy sector, researchers, and the private
6 sector to advance cybersecurity efforts, tech-
7 nologies, and tools;

8 “(2) collaborate with relevant stakeholders, in-
9 cluding public utility commissions, to—

10 “(A) identify information, research, staff
11 training, automation tools, and analytical tools
12 needed to evaluate cybersecurity issues and
13 challenges in the energy sector; and

14 “(B) facilitate the sharing of information
15 and the development of tools identified under
16 subparagraph (A); and

17 “(3) coordinate with Tribal Governments to
18 identify information, research, and analysis tools
19 needed by Tribal Governments to increase the cyber-
20 security of energy assets within their jurisdiction.

21 **“SEC. 8017. CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE**
22 **TRAINING RESEARCH AND STANDARDS.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall support the
24 development of a cybersecurity workforce through a pro-
25 gram that—

1 “(1) facilitates collaboration between under-
2 graduate and graduate students, faculty, researchers
3 at the National Laboratories, and the private sector;

4 “(2) prioritizes science and technology in areas
5 relevant to the mission of the Department of Energy
6 through the design and application of cybersecurity
7 technologies for the energy sector;

8 “(3) develops, or facilitates private sector devel-
9 opment of, voluntary cybersecurity training and re-
10 training standards, lessons, and recommendations
11 for the energy sector that minimize duplication of
12 cybersecurity compliance training programs; and

13 “(4) maintains a public database of energy sec-
14 tor cybersecurity education, training, and certifi-
15 cation programs.

16 “(b) GRID RESILIENCE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING.—
17 The Secretary shall support the development of the grid
18 workforce through a training program that prioritizes ac-
19 tivities that enhance the resilience of the electric grid and
20 energy sector infrastructure, including training on the use
21 of tools, technologies, and methods developed under the
22 grant program established in section 1311(b).

23 “(c) COLLABORATION.—In carrying out the program
24 authorized in subsection (a) and (b), the Secretary shall
25 coordinate with appropriate Federal agencies and leverage

1 programs and activities carried out across the Department
2 of Energy, other relevant Federal agencies, institutions of
3 higher education, and other appropriate entities best suit-
4 ed to provide national leadership on cybersecurity and grid
5 resilience-related issues.

6 **“SEC. 8018. INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND STRATEGIC**
7 **PLAN FOR ENERGY SECTOR CYBERSECURITY**
8 **RESEARCH.**

9 “(a) DUTIES.—The Secretary, in coordination with
10 the heads of appropriate Federal agencies and the Energy
11 Sector Government Coordinating Council, shall—

12 “(1) review the updated versions of the Road-
13 map to Achieve Energy Delivery Systems Cybersecu-
14 rity and the Multi-Year Program Plan for Energy
15 Sector Cybersecurity to identify crosscutting energy
16 sector cybersecurity research needs and opportuni-
17 ties for collaboration among Federal agencies and
18 other relevant stakeholders;

19 “(2) identify interdisciplinary research, tech-
20 nology, and tools that can be applied to cybersecu-
21 rity challenges in the energy sector;

22 “(3) identify technology transfer opportunities
23 to accelerate the development and commercial appli-
24 cation of novel cybersecurity technologies, systems,
25 and processes in the energy sector; and

1 “(4) develop a coordinated Interagency Stra-
2 tegic Plan for research to advance cybersecurity ca-
3 pabilities used in the energy sector that builds on
4 the Roadmap to Achieve Energy Delivery Systems in
5 Cybersecurity and the Multi-Year Program Plan for
6 Energy Sector Cybersecurity.

7 “(b) INTERAGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN.—

8 “(1) SUBMITTAL.—The Interagency Strategic
9 Plan developed under subsection (a)(4) shall be sub-
10 mitted to Congress and made public within 12
11 months after the date of enactment of the Grid Se-
12 curity Research and Development Act.

13 “(2) CONTENTS.—The Interagency Strategic
14 Plan shall include—

15 “(A) an analysis of how existing cybersecu-
16 rity research efforts across the Federal Govern-
17 ment are advancing the goals of the Roadmap
18 to Achieve Energy Delivery Systems Cybersecu-
19 rity and the Multi-Year Program Plan for En-
20 ergy Sector Cybersecurity;

21 “(B) recommendations for research areas
22 that may advance the cybersecurity of the en-
23 ergy sector;

24 “(C) an overview of existing and proposed
25 public and private sector research efforts that

1 address the topics outlined in paragraph (3);
2 and

3 “(D) an overview of needed support for
4 workforce training in cybersecurity for the en-
5 ergy sector.

6 “(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the
7 Interagency Strategic Plan, the Secretary, in coordi-
8 nation with appropriate Federal agencies and the
9 Energy Sector Government Coordinating Council,
10 shall consider—

11 “(A) opportunities for human factors re-
12 search to improve the design and effectiveness
13 of cybersecurity devices, technologies, tools,
14 processes, and training programs;

15 “(B) contributions of other disciplines to
16 the development of innovative cybersecurity pro-
17 cedures, devices, components, technologies, and
18 tools;

19 “(C) opportunities for technology transfer
20 programs to facilitate private sector develop-
21 ment of cybersecurity procedures, devices, com-
22 ponents, technologies, and tools for the energy
23 sector;

24 “(D) broader applications of the work done
25 by relevant Federal agencies to advance the cy-

1 bersecurity of information systems and data
2 analytics systems for the energy sector; and

3 “(E) activities called for in the Federal cy-
4 bersecurity research and development strategic
5 plan required by section 201(a)(1) of the Cy-
6 bersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014 (15
7 U.S.C. 7431(a)(1)).

8 “(c) PARTICIPATION.—For the purposes of carrying
9 out this section, the Energy Sector Government Coordi-
10 nating Council shall include representatives from Federal
11 agencies with expertise in the energy sector, information
12 systems, data analytics, cyber and physical systems, engi-
13 neering, human factors research, human-machine inter-
14 faces, high performance computing, advanced data analyt-
15 ical methods, or other disciplines considered appropriate
16 by the Council Chair.

17 **“SEC. 8019. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

18 “(a) STUDY.—The Secretary, in collaboration with
19 the National Institute of Standards and Technology, other
20 Federal agencies, and energy sector stakeholders, in order
21 to provide recommendations for additional research, devel-
22 opment, demonstration, and commercial application activi-
23 ties, shall conduct a study that—

1 “(1) analyzes processes, operational procedures,
2 and other factors common among physical and cyber
3 attacks;

4 “(2) identifies areas where human behavior
5 plays a critical role in maintaining or compromising
6 the security of a system;

7 “(3) recommends—

8 “(A) changes to the design of devices,
9 human-machine interfaces, technologies, tools,
10 processes, or procedures to optimize security
11 that do not require a change in human behav-
12 ior; and

13 “(B) training techniques to increase the
14 capacity of employees to actively identify, pre-
15 vent, or neutralize the impact of physical and
16 cyber attacks;

17 “(4) evaluates existing engineering and tech-
18 nical design criteria and guidelines that incorporate
19 human factors research findings, and recommend
20 criteria and guidelines for cybersecurity tools that
21 can be used to develop display systems for cyberse-
22 curity monitoring, such as alarms, user-friendly dis-
23 plays, and layouts;

24 “(5) evaluates the physical and cybersecurity
25 risks and benefits of various design and architecture

1 options for energy sector systems, networked grid
2 systems and components, and automation systems,
3 including consideration of—

4 “(A) designs that include both digital and
5 analog control devices and technologies;

6 “(B) different communication technologies
7 used to transfer information and data between
8 control system devices, technologies, and system
9 operators;

10 “(C) automated and human-in-the-loop de-
11 vices and technologies;

12 “(D) programmable versus nonprogram-
13 mable devices and technologies;

14 “(E) increased redundancy using dissimilar
15 cybersecurity technologies; and

16 “(F) grid architectures that use autono-
17 mous functions to limit control vulnerabilities;

18 “(6) recommend methods or metrics to docu-
19 ment changes in risks associated with system de-
20 signs and architectures; and

21 “(7) identifies cost-effective opportunities to im-
22 prove physical cybersecurity.

23 “(b) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study, the
24 Secretary shall consult with energy sector stakeholders,

1 academic researchers, the private sector, and other rel-
2 evant stakeholders.

3 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after the
4 date of enactment of the Grid Security Research and De-
5 velopment Act, the Secretary shall submit the study to the
6 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
8 and Natural Resources of the Senate.

9 **“SEC. 8020. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH AND**
10 **CONSTRUCTION.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
12 program of research, development, and demonstration of
13 technologies and tools to help ensure the resilience and
14 security of critical grid infrastructures.

15 “(b) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEFINED.—In this
16 section, the term ‘critical infrastructure’ means infrastruc-
17 ture that the Secretary determines to be vital to socio-
18 economic activities such that, if destroyed or damaged,
19 such destruction or damage could cause substantial dis-
20 ruption to such socioeconomic activities.

21 “(c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the program
22 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall leverage expertise
23 and resources of and facilitate collaboration and coordina-
24 tion between—

1 “(1) relevant programs and activities across the
2 Department;

3 “(2) the Department of Defense; and

4 “(3) the Department of Homeland Security.

5 “(d) ENERGY SECTOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
6 TEST FACILITY.—In carrying out the program under sub-
7 section (a), the Secretary, in consultation with other ap-
8 propriate Federal agencies, shall establish and operate an
9 Energy Sector Critical Infrastructure Test Facility (re-
10 ferred to in this section as the ‘Test Facility’) that allows
11 for scalable physical and cyber performance testing to be
12 conducted on industry-scale energy sector critical infra-
13 structure systems. This facility shall include a focus on—

14 “(1) cybersecurity test beds; and

15 “(2) electric grid test beds.

16 “(e) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select the
17 Test Facility under this section on a competitive, merit-
18 reviewed basis. The Secretary shall consider applications
19 from National Laboratories, institutions of higher edu-
20 cation, multi-institutional collaborations, and other appro-
21 priate entities.

22 “(f) DURATION.—The Test Facility established
23 under this section shall receive support for a period of not
24 more than 5 years, subject to the availability of appropria-
25 tions.

1 “(g) RENEWAL.—Upon the expiration of any period
2 of support of the Test Facility, the Secretary may renew
3 support for the Test Facility, on a merit-reviewed basis,
4 for a period of not more than 5 years.

5 “(h) TERMINATION.—Consistent with the existing
6 authorities of the Department, the Secretary may termi-
7 nate the Test Facility for cause during the performance
8 period.

9 **“SEC. 8021. DEFINITIONS.**

10 “In this title:

11 “(1) CYBERSECURITY.—The term ‘cybersecu-
12 rity’ means protecting an information system or in-
13 formation that is stored on, processed by, or
14 transiting an information system from a cybersecu-
15 rity threat or security vulnerability.

16 “(2) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term ‘cy-
17 bersecurity threat’ has the meaning given the term
18 in section 102 of the Cybersecurity Information
19 Sharing Act of (6 U.S.C. 1501).

20 “(3) DEPARTMENT.—The term ‘Department’
21 means the Department Of Energy.

22 “(4) ELECTRICITY SUBSECTOR COORDINATING
23 COUNCIL.—The term ‘Electricity Subsector Coordi-
24 nating Council’ means the self-organized, self-gov-
25 erned council consisting of senior industry represent-

1 atives to serve as the principal liaison between the
2 Federal Government and the electric power sector
3 and to carry out the role of the Sector Coordinating
4 Council as established in the National Infrastructure
5 Protection Plan for the electricity subsector.

6 “(5) ENERGY SECTOR GOVERNMENT COORDI-
7 NATING COUNCIL.—The term ‘Energy Sector Gov-
8 ernment Coordinating Council’ means the council
9 consisting of representatives from relevant Federal
10 Government agencies to provide effective coordina-
11 tion of energy sector efforts to ensure a secure, reli-
12 able, and resilient energy infrastructure and to carry
13 out the role of the Government Coordinating Council
14 as established in the National Infrastructure Protec-
15 tion Plan for the energy sector.

16 “(6) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNI-
17 VERSITY.—The term ‘historically Black college or
18 university’ has the meaning given the term ‘part B
19 institution’ in section 322(2) of the Higher Edu-
20 cation Act of 1965 (29 U.S.C. 106(2)).

21 “(7) HUMAN FACTORS RESEARCH.—The term
22 ‘human factors research’ means research on human
23 performance in social and physical environments,
24 and on the integration and interaction of humans

1 with physical systems and computer hardware and
2 software.

3 “(8) HUMAN-MACHINE INTERFACES.—The term
4 ‘human-machine interfaces’ means technologies that
5 present information to an operator or user about the
6 state of a process or system, or accept human in-
7 structions to implement an action, including visual-
8 ization displays such as a graphical user interface.

9 “(9) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The term ‘infor-
10 mation system’—

11 “(A) has the meaning given the term in
12 section 102 of the Cybersecurity Information
13 Sharing Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1501); and

14 “(B) includes operational technology, infor-
15 mation technology, and communications.

16 “(10) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
17 term ‘minority-serving institution’ means an eligible
18 institution under section 371(a) of the Higher Edu-
19 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

20 “(11) NATIONAL LABORATORY.—The term ‘na-
21 tional laboratory’ has the meaning given the term in
22 section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
23 U.S.C. 15801).

24 “(12) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’
25 means the Secretary of Energy.

1 “(13) SECURITY VULNERABILITY.—The term
2 ‘security vulnerability’ has the meaning given the
3 term in section 102 of the Cybersecurity Information
4 Sharing Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1501).

5 “(14) TRANSIENT DEVICES.—The term ‘tran-
6 sient devices’ means removable media, including
7 floppy disks, compact disks, USB flash drives, exter-
8 nal hard drives, mobile devices, and other devices
9 that utilize wireless connections.

10 “(15) LONG-DURATION.—The term ‘long-dura-
11 tion’ refers to an event lasting longer than 24 hours.

12 “(16) INTERNET OF THINGS.—The term ‘inter-
13 net of things’ means the network of devices that
14 contain the hardware, software, firmware, and actu-
15 ators which allow the devices to connect, interact,
16 and freely exchange data and information.

17 “(17) INDUSTRIAL INTERNET OF THINGS.—The
18 term ‘industrial internet of things’ means the sen-
19 sors, instruments, machines, and other devices that
20 are networked together and use Internet connectivity
21 to enhance industrial and manufacturing business
22 processes and applications.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 101(b) of
24 division Z of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

1 (Public Law 116–260) is amended in the table of con-
2 tents—

3 (1) in the matter relating to 8013, by striking
4 “8013” and inserting “8022”;

5 (2) in the matter relating to 8014, by striking
6 “8014” and inserting “8023”;

7 (3) in the matter relating to 8015, by striking
8 “8015” and inserting “8024”; and

9 (4) by adding after the matter relating to sec-
10 tion 8012 the following:

“Sec. 8013. Energy sector security research, development, and demonstration program.

“Sec. 8014. Grid resilience and emergency response.

“Sec. 8015. Best practices and guidance documents for energy sector cybersecurity research.

“Sec. 8016. Vulnerability testing and technical assistance to improve cybersecurity.

“Sec. 8017. Cybersecurity education and workforce training research and standards.

“Sec. 8018. Interagency coordination and strategic plan for energy sector cybersecurity research.

“Sec. 8019. Report to congress.

“Sec. 8020. Critical infrastructure research and construction.

“Sec. 8021. Definitions.”.