

## HR 2556

Excellence in Cybersecurity Act

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### Cosponsors

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Excellence in Cybersecurity Act - Requires the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to establish five Vertical Centers of Excellence on Cybersecurity to: (1) identify and analyze existing and future cybersecurity challenges faced by various industries, (2) create solutions and promote best practices to address such challenges, and (3) collaborate with individuals in those industries to share knowledge.

Requires the Director to select for each Center: (1) a manager, (2) an appropriate location, and (3) a particular industry to be the focus of its work.

Requires the Director and each manager to jointly select a group of experts to: (1) identify and analyze existing and future cybersecurity challenges faced by the industry selected for the Center; (2) create cost-effective, repeatable, and scalable solutions; (3) collaborate, convene discussions, and share knowledge with individuals in that industry; and (4) create educational programs to promote best practices for such individuals.

Directs each Center to: (1) work within the Cybersecurity Framework created pursuant to Executive Order 13636, entitled "Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity"; (2) collaborate with each of the other Centers; (3) encourage relationships among individuals in the industry selected for the Center; and (4) share best practices and lessons learned from the work of the Center with those individuals.

Requires the Director to submit to Congress a report describing the cybersecurity challenges, solutions, and best practices addressed by each Center.

### **Actions Timeline**

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