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State Cyber Resiliency Act

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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 22, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 22, 2017
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2017
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1344	Identical bill	Mar 22, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.

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This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to administer a State Cyber Resiliency Grant Program to assist state, local, and tribal governments in preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to cyber threats.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may award states with planning and biennial implementation grants under the program to:

- adopt cybersecurity best practices;
- mitigate talent gaps in government workforces;
- protect public safety answering points, emergency communications, and continuity of communications during catastrophic disruption;
- mitigate threats to critical infrastructure or key resources;
- coordinate with neighboring states or countries, National Guard units, or information sharing and analysis organizations; and
- establish scholarships or apprenticeships to provide financial assistance to state residents pursuing cybersecurity education who commit to working for state government.

The bill sets forth requirements for distribution of awarded amounts to local and tribal governments within states and for consultation with local and regional officials.

The Committee for Cyber Resiliency Grants is established to: (1) promulgate guidance for states to develop applications for such cyber resiliency grants; (2) provide DHS and states with recommendations regarding the approval of state plans or applications; and (3) evaluate, and report to Congress regarding, the progress of states in implementing plans.

Actions Timeline

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