

S 3712

Cyber Leap Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Latest Action: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably. (May 20, 2020)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		May 13, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Markup By	May 20, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8634	Related bill	Oct 20, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.

Cybersecurity Competitions to Yield Better Efforts to Research the Latest Exceptionally Advanced Problems Act of 2020 or the Cyber Leap Act of 2020

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to establish national cybersecurity grand challenges to achieve high-priority breakthroughs in cybersecurity.

These challenges will offer cash and noncash prizes to winners and shall include competitions that encompass

- building more resilient systems that raise adversary costs of carrying out common cyberattacks,
- empowering people with a sufficient level of digital literacy to make safe and secure decisions online and developing a cybersecurity workforce to protect and maintain information systems,
- advancing cybersecurity efforts in response to emerging technologies,
- maintaining usability while improving the security and safety of individuals' online activity, and
- reducing cybersecurity risks to federal networks and systems and improving the response of federal agencies to cybersecurity incidents.

Commerce must designate an advisory council to seek recommendations for the scope of the challenges and for metrics to assess submissions for prizes.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **May 13, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 13, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.