

HR 6541

Improving Cybersecurity of Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Local Governments Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2022
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 1, 2022

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2483	Related bill	Dec 5, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 573.

Improving Cybersecurity of Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Local Governments Act

This bill requires reporting and other efforts to improve the cybersecurity of small entities. These include small businesses, governments (or certain governmental bodies) that represent populations of less than 50,000, and small nonprofits.

Specifically, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) must periodically report on and make recommendations about cybersecurity policies and controls for small entities. CISA, the Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Minority Business Development Agency must (1) promote the report, including by making it available through their respective websites; and (2) make voluntary training and technical assistance available to employees of small entities concerning cybersecurity recommendations identified in the report.

In addition, the Department of Commerce must report to Congress about improving the cybersecurity of small entities. Further, the SBA must collect information from small businesses concerning cybersecurity matters and report to Congress about the cybersecurity of small businesses.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation.
- **Feb 1, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.