

AMENDMENT NO._____

Calendar No._____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.**S. 2169**

To require the development of a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Hospital Cyber-
5 security Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
9 meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5,
10 United States Code.

4 (A) the Committee on Health, Education,
5 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

10 (D) the Committee on Ways and Means of
11 the House of Representatives.

16 (4) RURAL HOSPITAL.—The term “rural hos-
17 pital” means—

(A) a subsection (d) hospital (as defined in section 1886(d)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(1)(B))) that—

21 (i) is located in a rural area (as de-
22 fined in paragraph (2)(D) of section
23 1886(d) of such Act);

3 SEC. 3. RURAL HOSPITAL CYBERSECURITY WORKFORCE

4 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop
7 and transmit to the appropriate committees of Congress
8 a comprehensive rural hospital cybersecurity workforce de-
9 velopment strategy to address the growing need for skilled
10 cybersecurity professionals in rural hospitals.

11 (b) CONSULTATION.—

22 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—The rural hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy developed under sub-
23 section (a) shall, at a minimum, consider the following components:
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14 (3) Identification of—

15 (A) cybersecurity workforce challenges for
16 rural hospitals; and

17 (B) common practices to mitigate the chal-
18 lenges described in subparagraph (A).

19 (d) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days
20 after the date on which the first full fiscal year ends fol-
21 lowing the date on which the Secretary transmits the rural
22 hospital cybersecurity workforce development strategy de-
23 veloped under subsection (a), and not later than 60 days
24 after the date on which each fiscal year thereafter ends,
25 the Secretary shall provide a briefing to the appropriate

1 committees of Congress that includes, at a minimum, in-
2 formation relating to—

3 (1) updates to the rural hospital cybersecurity
4 workforce development strategy, as appropriate;

5 (2) any programs or initiatives established pur-
6 suant to the rural hospital cybersecurity workforce
7 development strategy, and the number of individuals
8 trained or educated through such programs or initia-
9 tives; and

10 (3) the effectiveness of the rural hospital cyber-
11 security workforce development strategy in address-
12 ing the need for skilled cybersecurity professionals in
13 rural hospitals.

14 **SEC. 4. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR RURAL HOS-
15 PITALS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish
18 on the website of the Department of Health and Human
19 Services and make available through other appropriate
20 means, at no cost, instructional materials for rural hos-
21 pitals that can be used to train staff on fundamental cy-
22 bersecurity efforts.

23 (b) DUTIES.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Sec-
24 retary shall—

4 (2) identify existing cybersecurity instructional
5 materials that can be adapted for use in rural hos-
6 pitals and develop new materials as needed; and

10 SEC. 5. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

11 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-
12 priated for the purpose of carrying out this Act.