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H. R. 8711

To require a strategy for the defense of data centers from external breaches from malefactors and the protection of the communities surrounding data centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2026

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Data Infrastructure
5 Risk Reduction Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF DATA CENTERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
4 land Security, acting through the Director of the Cyberse-
5 curity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Depart-
6 ment of Homeland Security, in collaboration, as appro-
7 priate, with the Secretary of Defense, shall—

8 (1) identify data centers that should be treated
9 as critical infrastructure;

10 (2) consider—

11 (A) the security of the power and water
12 supply infrastructure (with a particular focus
13 on above-ground electric power transmission
14 lines and electrical substations) connected to
15 such data centers; and

16 (B) any potential implications of data cen-
17 ters that are sited in proximity to communities
18 or other residential areas; and

19 (3) submit to Congress a strategy, including
20 recommendations, to—

21 (A) defend data centers described in this
22 subsection from external breaches from male-
23 factors; and

24 (B) protect communities and other residen-
25 tial areas described in paragraph (2)(B).

26 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
2 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
3 term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
4 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

5 (2) DATA CENTER.—The term “data center”
6 has the meaning given such term in section 453(a)
7 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of
8 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17112(a)).

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