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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WARNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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 “Federal Contractor  
5 Cybersecurity Vulnerability Reduction Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL CONTRACTOR VULNERABILITY DISCLO-**  
7 **SURE POLICY.**

8 (a) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-

1 rector of the Office of Management and Budget, in  
2 consultation with the Director of the Cybersecurity  
3 and Infrastructure Security Agency, the National  
4 Cyber Director, the Director of the National Insti-  
5 tute of Standards and Technology, and any other  
6 appropriate head of an Executive department,  
7 shall—

8 (A) review the Federal Acquisition Regula-  
9 tion (FAR) contract requirements and language  
10 for contractor vulnerability disclosure programs;  
11 and

12 (B) recommend updates to such require-  
13 ments and language to the Federal Acquisition  
14 Regulation Council.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—The recommendations re-  
16 quired by paragraph (1) shall include updates to  
17 such requirements designed to ensure that covered  
18 contractors implement a vulnerability disclosure pol-  
19 icy consistent with National Institute of Standards  
20 and Technology (NIST) guidelines for contractors as  
21 required under section 5 of the IoT Cybersecurity  
22 Improvement Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 278g–3c).

23 (b) PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than  
24 180 days after the date on which the recommended con-  
25 tract language developed pursuant to subsection (a) is re-

1 ceived, the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council shall  
2 review the recommended contract language and amend the  
3 FAR as necessary to incorporate requirements for covered  
4 contractors to solicit and address information about poten-  
5 tial security vulnerabilities relating to an information sys-  
6 tem owned or controlled by the contractor that is used  
7 in performance of a Federal contract.

8 (c) ELEMENTS.—The update to the FAR pursuant  
9 to subsection (b) shall—

10 (1) to the maximum extent practicable, align  
11 with the security vulnerability disclosure process and  
12 coordinated disclosure requirements relating to Fed-  
13 eral information systems under sections 5 and 6 of  
14 the IoT Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2020 (15  
15 U.S.C. 278g–3c, 278g–3d); and

16 (2) to the maximum extent practicable, be  
17 aligned with industry best practices and Standards  
18 29147 and 30111 of the International Standards  
19 Organization (or any successor standard) or any  
20 other appropriate, relevant, and widely used stand-  
21 ard.

22 (d) WAIVER.—The head of an agency may waive the  
23 security vulnerability disclosure policy requirement under  
24 subsection (b) if the agency Chief Information Officer—

1           (1) determines that the waiver is necessary in  
2           the interest of national security or research pur-  
3           poses; and

4           (2) not later than 30 days after granting the  
5           waiver, submits a notification and justification, in-  
6           cluding information about the duration of the waiv-  
7           er, to the Committee on Homeland Security and  
8           Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Com-  
9           mittee on Oversight and Reform of the House of  
10          Representatives.

11       (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12           (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the  
13           meaning given the term in section 3502 of title 44,  
14           United States Code.

15           (2) COVERED CONTRACTOR.—The term “cov-  
16           ered contractor” means a contractor (as defined in  
17           section 7101 of title 41, United States Code)—

18                   (A) whose contract is in an amount the  
19                   same as or greater than the simplified acquisi-  
20                   tion threshold; or

21                   (B) that uses, operates, manages, or main-  
22                   tains a Federal information system (as defined  
23                   by section 11331 of title 40, United States  
24                   Code) on behalf of an agency.

1           (3) EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.—The term “Ex-  
2       ecutive department” has the meaning given that  
3       term in section 101 of title 5, United States Code.

4           (4) SECURITY VULNERABILITY.—The term “se-  
5       curity vulnerability” has the meaning given that  
6       term in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act  
7       of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

8           (5) SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD.—  
9       The term “simplified acquisition threshold” has the  
10      meaning given that term in section 134 of title 41,  
11      United States Code.

12   **SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING.**

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

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