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To establish the Office of Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology Threats within the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BARRETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Artificial Intelligence
5 Governance and Emerging Threats Act”.

1 **SECTION 2. OFFICE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND**
2 **EMERGING TECHNOLOGY THREATS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
4 the Executive Office of the President the Office of Arti-
5 cial Intelligence and Emerging Technology Threats.

6 (b) SECRETARY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall be headed
8 by the Secretary of Artificial Intelligence and
9 Emerging Technology Threats, who shall be ap-
10 pointed by the President, by and with the advice and
11 consent of the Senate, and shall hold office at the
12 pleasure of the President.

13 (2) POSITIONS AT LEVEL I.—Section 5312 of
14 title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding
15 at the end the following:

16 “Secretary of Artificial Intelligence and Emerg-
17 ing Technology Threats.”.

18 (c) DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVES.—There shall be in
19 the Office five Deputy Artificial Intelligence and Emerging
20 Technology Threats Representatives, who shall be ap-
21 pointed by the President by and with the advice and con-
22 sent of the Senate. The five Deputy Representatives shall
23 be—

24 (1) a Deputy Representative for Intergovern-
25 mental Coordination;

1 (2) a Deputy Representative for International
2 Engagement;

3 (3) a Deputy Representative for Private Sector
4 Engagement;

5 (4) a Deputy Representative for National Secu-
6 rity and Emerging Technology Threats; and

7 (5) a Deputy Representative for Economic and
8 Workforce Impacts.

9 (d) SECRETARY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND
10 EMERGING TECHNOLOGY THREATS RESPONSIBILITIES.—
11 The Secretary shall—

12 (1) have primary responsibility for developing,
13 and coordinating the implementation of United
14 States policy relating to artificial intelligence and
15 emerging technology threats;

16 (2) serve as the principal adviser to the Presi-
17 dent on artificial intelligence and emerging tech-
18 nology threats;

19 (3) advise the President regarding the effects of
20 other policies of the United States Government on
21 the development, deployment, security, and use of
22 artificial intelligence and emerging technologies;

23 (4) coordinate Federal departments and agen-
24 cies with respect to policies, programs, and activities

1 relating to artificial intelligence and emerging tech-
2 nology threats;

3 (5) issue and coordinate policy guidance to Fed-
4 eral departments and agencies on matters relating to
5 artificial intelligence and emerging technology
6 threats, to the extent necessary to ensure coordina-
7 tion of Federal policy and consistent with the au-
8 thorities provided to such departments and agencies;

9 (6) monitor and assess developments in artifi-
10 cial intelligence and emerging technology threats, in-
11 cluding the opportunities, risks, and economic, na-
12 tional security, workforce, scientific, technological,
13 and societal implications associated with such devel-
14 opments;

15 (7) advise the President and provides updates
16 to Congress with respect to artificial intelligence and
17 emerging technology threats;

18 (8) report directly to the President and provide
19 updates to Congress regarding the coordination and
20 implementation of Federal artificial intelligence and
21 emerging technology threats policy; and

22 (9) perform such other functions relating to ar-
23 tificial intelligence and emerging technology threats
24 as the President may direct, consistent with applica-
25 ble law.

1 (e) DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR INTERGOVERN-
2 MENTAL COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Dep-
3 uty Representative for Intergovernmental Coordination
4 shall—

5 (1) coordinate policies, programs, and activities
6 relating to artificial intelligence and emerging tech-
7 nology threats among Federal departments and
8 agencies;

9 (2) facilitate the exchange of information and
10 technical expertise among Federal departments and
11 agencies;

12 (3) identify areas of overlapping, duplicative, or
13 conflicting Federal artificial intelligence policies and
14 advise the Secretary regarding opportunities to im-
15 prove coordination;

16 (4) consult regularly with relevant Federal de-
17 partments and agencies concerning developments in
18 artificial intelligence and emerging technology
19 threats; and

20 (5) perform such other functions as the Sec-
21 retary may direct.

22 (f) DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR INTERNATIONAL
23 ENGAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Representative
25 for International Engagement shall—

1 (A) advise the Secretary concerning inter-
2 national developments in artificial intelligence
3 and emerging technology threats;

4 (B) coordinate with the Secretary of State
5 and the National Security Advisor regarding
6 United States international policy concerning
7 artificial intelligence and emerging technology
8 threats;

9 (C) support and advise the Secretary of
10 State, as appropriate, with respect to inter-
11 national agreements, diplomatic engagements,
12 and multilateral initiatives concerning artificial
13 intelligence and emerging technologies;

14 (D) coordinate the exchange of information
15 among relevant Federal departments and agen-
16 cies regarding emerging technological threats
17 originating outside the United States; and

18 (E) perform such other functions as the
19 Secretary may direct.

20 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
21 subsection shall be construed to supersede or other-
22 wise affect the authorities of the Secretary of State.

23 (g) DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR PRIVATE SEC-
24 TOR ENGAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Deputy
25 Representative for Private Sector Engagement shall—

1 (1) serve as the principal liaison of the Office
2 to private-sector entities with expertise or interests
3 relating to artificial intelligence and emerging tech-
4 nology threats;

5 (2) facilitate the exchange of information be-
6 tween the Federal Government and relevant private-
7 sector stakeholders regarding developments, opportu-
8 nities, risks, and emerging threats associated with
9 artificial intelligence and emerging technology
10 threats;

11 (3) advise the Secretary regarding private-sec-
12 tor developments relevant to Federal artificial intel-
13 ligence and emerging technology threats;

14 (4) not less frequently than twice each year,
15 convene a roundtable with representatives of rel-
16 evant private-sector entities to discuss developments,
17 opportunities, risks, and emerging threats relating to
18 artificial intelligence and emerging technology
19 threats; and

20 (5) perform such other functions as the Sec-
21 retary may direct.

22 (h) DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR NATIONAL SE-
23 curity AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY THREATS RESPON-
24 SIBILITIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Representative
2 for National Security and Emerging Technology
3 Threats shall—

4 (A) coordinate with the Secretary of De-
5 fense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the
6 intelligence community, and the heads of other
7 relevant Federal departments and agencies to
8 identify, monitor, and assess emerging threats
9 to the national security of the United States
10 arising from artificial intelligence and emerging
11 technology threats;

12 (B) assess the implications of advances in
13 artificial intelligence and emerging technology
14 threats for United States national security,
15 homeland security, defense capabilities, critical
16 infrastructure, and technological competitive-
17 ness;

18 (C) facilitate interagency coordination con-
19 cerning the identification, assessment, and miti-
20 gation of national security risks associated with
21 the development, deployment, and use of artifi-
22 cial intelligence and emerging technologies;

23 (D) advise the Secretary regarding emerg-
24 ing technological threats posed by foreign ad-
25 versaries, including the development and de-

1 ployment of artificial intelligence technologies
2 that may adversely affect United States na-
3 tional security;

4 (E) coordinate with the heads of relevant
5 Federal departments and agencies to support
6 the preparation of classified assessments and
7 congressional briefings concerning artificial in-
8 telligence and emerging technology threats, con-
9 sistent with applicable laws governing classified
10 information; and

11 (F) perform such other functions as the
12 Secretary may direct.

13 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
14 subsection shall be construed to supersede or other-
15 wise affect the authorities of the Secretary of De-
16 fense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Di-
17 rector of National Intelligence, or the head of any
18 other Federal department or agency with national
19 security responsibilities.

20 (i) DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR ECONOMIC AND
21 WORKFORCE IMPACTS RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Deputy
22 Representative for Economic and Workforce Impacts
23 shall—

24 (1) monitor and assess the effects of artificial
25 intelligence and emerging technologies on the United

1 States economy, including economic growth, produc-
2 tivity, competitiveness, employment, and workforce;

3 (2) coordinate with the Secretaries of Labor,
4 Commerce, Education, Treasury, and the heads of
5 other relevant Federal departments and agencies to
6 assess the economic and workforce implications of
7 artificial intelligence;

8 (3) identify and evaluate trends in workforce
9 displacement, job creation, occupational trans-
10 formation, and changes in labor demand associated
11 with the adoption of artificial intelligence;

12 (4) facilitate interagency coordination con-
13 cerning workforce development, education, training,
14 and other Federal initiatives intended to prepare
15 American workers for technological changes;

16 (5) monitor and assess opportunities for eco-
17 nomic growth, innovation, and productivity improve-
18 ments arising from advances in artificial intelligence;

19 (6) advise the Secretary regarding the economic
20 and workforce implications of Federal artificial intel-
21 ligence policies; and

22 (7) perform such other functions as the Sec-
23 retary may direct.

24 (j) DELEGATION.—The Secretary may—

1 (1) delegate any function, power, or duty of the
2 Secretary to such officers and employees of the Of-
3 fice as the Secretary may designate; and

4 (2) authorize such successive redelegations of
5 such functions, powers, and duties to officers and
6 employees of the Office as the Secretary considers
7 appropriate.

8 (k) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Twice each year, the Sec-
10 retary shall appear before Congress to provide testi-
11 mony regarding—

12 (A) significant developments in artificial
13 intelligence and emerging technology threats;

14 (B) emerging technological threats to the
15 national security, economy, critical infrastruc-
16 ture, or other interests of the United States;

17 (C) opportunities arising from advances in
18 artificial intelligence;

19 (D) the implementation and coordination
20 of Federal artificial intelligence and emerging
21 technology threats policy; and

22 (E) such other matters within the respon-
23 sibilities of the Office as the Secretary considers
24 appropriate or as Congress requires.

1 (2) HOUSE AND SENATE APPEARANCES.—Of
2 the appearances required under paragraph (1)—

3 (A) one shall be conducted jointly before
4 the relevant committees of jurisdiction of the
5 House of Representatives; and

6 (B) one shall be conducted jointly before
7 the relevant committees of jurisdiction of the
8 Senate.

9 (3) FORM OF APPEARANCE.—Each appearance
10 required under this subsection shall be conducted in
11 an unclassified setting, except that the committees
12 participating in such appearance may receive an ad-
13 ditional classified briefing as necessary.

14 (4) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF JURISDIC-
15 TION.—In this subsection, the term “relevant com-
16 mittees of jurisdiction” means—

17 (A) the Committees on Armed Services,
18 Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, and
19 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;

20 (B) the Committees on Armed Services,
21 Commerce, Science, and Transportation, For-
22 eign Relations, and Intelligence of the Senate;
23 and

24 (C) such other committees as have jurisdic-
25 tion over matters addressed by the Secretary.

1 (l) USE OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—In car-
2 rying out the functions of the Office, the Secretary shall,
3 to the extent the Secretary considers necessary, draw upon
4 the expertise and consult with the heads of other Federal
5 departments and agencies and may, with the consent of
6 the head of the applicable department or agency, utilize
7 the services, personnel, information, and facilities of such
8 department or agency.

9 (m) PRESERVATION OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—
10 Nothing in this section shall be construed to transfer, su-
11 persede, limit, or otherwise affect any authority or respon-
12 sibility of any Federal department or agency under any
13 other provision of law.

14 (n) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “Secretary”
15 means the Secretary of Artificial Intelligence and Emerg-
16 ing Technology Threats.