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The law I'll be proposing was passed by the House, although was never passed by the Senate. Therefore, was never enacted into law. It is a very relevant and important cybersecurity issue in the small business sector. It is the H.R.1649- Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act of 2019.

The purpose of The Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act of 2019 is to get resources to inform and educate small business owners and their workers about the dangers that can arise from cybersecurity. The Small Business Administration would be obligated to submit yearly reports and documentation to Congress. These reports would detail the specific information technology systems that they have and would list all of the upgrades that are required in order for it to run efficiently and effectively.

This bill would also require the SBA to inform Congress about any potential risks associated with cyberspace and its response. This is to ensure the administration and the business are handling it the right way. Another important requirement of this bill is for the SBA to create an initiative with the goal to qualify personnel to gain accreditation in the cyber field. This would benefit them so that they are able to guide others at small-business growth facilities.

The problem that this law is trying to fix or reduce is the security risks that small businesses endure. This is a daily occurrence that small businesses have to deal with

every day. Small businesses lack the resources that big corporations have. Which means they aren't able to educate their employees on the dangers of cyber-attacks. This also means they aren't able to fight these attacks and mitigate these risks. Without the proper resources that they deserve, this makes small businesses a huge target. Small businesses become susceptible to these attacks and risks. Which can cost them thousands and thousands of dollars. It is absolutely critical that small businesses are aware and know how to handle cyber threats and crime.

This law most definitely does not fix the problem. I think it can help prevent it from happening as much to the small businesses. Personally, I don't believe that cybercrime will ever go away. It occurs in any kind of business.

Every day technology is advancing. This means hackers and cybercriminals are getting better and better at finding new ways to hack or steal from a business. However, I do believe they could have added more regulations on what small businesses have to do in order to prevent these attacks. Such as; having specific coverage within their insurance so that in case of an attack, they don't have to worry.

I believe that many voters will be able to relate to this law. This is because many of the voters have most likely dealt with cybersecurity risks within a company they work for or even own. In that case, they first hand know the consequences that a small business can face due to a lack of resources or even just a lack of knowledge on the subject. I feel this bill is so critical in the cybersecurity field as small businesses are the foundation of our great nation. Therefore, it is our responsibility to make sure the proper laws and policies are in place to protect them.

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