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To provide for an audit and mitigation of covered cellular modules in the
Department of Defense systems and infrastructure.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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modules in the Department of Defense systems and in-
frastructure.

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 "Blocking Foreign Cel-
5 lular Modules in Defense Systems Act of 2026".

1 **SEC. 2. AUDIT AND MITIGATION OF COVERED CELLULAR**
2 **MODULES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
3 **SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE.**

4 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUDIT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall initiate a Department-wide
8 audit to identify the presence of covered cellular
9 modules within covered systems.

10 (2) SCOPE.—The audit required under para-
11 graph (1) shall—

12 (A) cover all military departments, combat-
13 ant commands, defense agencies, and Depart-
14 ment of Defense activities or programs;

15 (B) prioritize covered systems critical to
16 military mobility, logistics, and installation se-
17 curity;

18 (C) include both government-owned and
19 contractor-operated covered systems connected
20 to Department of Defense networks or access-
21 ing Department of Defense information;

22 (D) identify to the maximum extent prac-
23 ticable, the manufacturer, model, firmware
24 version, and host product for each covered cel-
25 lular module identified; and

(E) assess the cybersecurity risk posed by each identified covered cellular module, including data flows, network exposure, and potential for remote access.

(b) MITIGATION AND REPORTING.—

(1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and biennially thereafter for a period not to exceed 6 years, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the audit and mitigation activities carried out under this section.

(2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) The preliminary or updated findings of the audit required under subsection (b).

(B) A description of ongoing and planned mitigation measures, including—

(i) rip-and-replace programs;

(ii) accelerated divestiture or retirement of legacy assets;

(iii) network segmentation, isolation, or compensating cybersecurity or engineering controls;

(iv) firmware or software remediation;

and

1 (v) supply-chain substitution with
2 trusted alternatives.

3 (C) Cost estimates, timelines, and resource
4 requirements for each category of mitigation
5 measure described in subparagraph (B).

6 (D) An identification of any statutory, reg-
7 ulatory, or acquisition barriers to completing
8 mitigation.

9 (E) Recommendations for additional legis-
10 lative authorities, if any, needed to complete
11 mitigation.

12 (3) FORM.—Each report submitted under para-
13 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
14 but may include a classified annex.

15 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
16 than 180 days after the submission of the report required
17 in subsection (b), the Comptroller General of the United
18 States shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
19 tees a report on the implementation and effectiveness of
20 the activities described in subsection (b).

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) CELLULAR MODULE.—The term “cellular
23 module” means a modular transmitter, as described
24 in section 15.212 of title 47, Code of Federal Regu-

1 lations, that provides cellular connectivity to a host
2 product, including an Internet of things device.

3 (2) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—
4 The term “congressional defense committees” has
5 the meaning given the term in section 101(a)(16) of
6 title 10, United States Code.

7 (3) COVERED CELLULAR MODULE.—The term
8 “covered cellular module” means any cellular module
9 produced, manufactured, or provided by—

10 (A) an entity identified under section 889
11 of the John S. McCain National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public
13 Law 115–232; 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.);

14 (B) an entity that is owned by, controlled
15 by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of
16 the People’s Republic of China; or

17 (C) any other entity determined by the
18 Secretary of Defense to present an unacceptable
19 supply-chain risk.

20 (4) COVERED SYSTEM.—The term “covered sys-
21 tem” means any item of infrastructure owned,
22 leased, operated, or controlled by the Department of
23 Defense.

- 1 (5) INTERNET OF THINGS DEVICE.—The term
- 2 “Internet of things device” has the meaning given to
- 3 such term in NIST Special Publication 1800–16.