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To require Federal agencies to use the Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Framework developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology with respect to the use of artificial intelligence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LIEU 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 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Artificial Intel-
5 ligence Risk Management Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARDS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYS-**
2 **TEMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title LIII of division E of the
4 William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-
5 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 5304. STANDARDS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
8 **SYSTEMS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National In-
10 stitute of Standards and Technology, in consultation with
11 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and
12 the heads of other Federal agencies, as appropriate,
13 shall—

14 “(1) develop Federal standards and guidelines,
15 including minimum requirements, for artificial intel-
16 ligence systems used or operated by an agency or by
17 a contractor of an agency or other organization on
18 behalf of an agency, other than national security
19 systems (as defined in section 3552(b)(6) of title 44,
20 United States Code);

21 “(2) develop standards and guidelines, includ-
22 ing minimum requirements, for managing risks asso-
23 ciated with the trustworthiness of artificial intel-
24 ligence systems for all agency operations and assets,
25 but such standards and guidelines shall not apply to
26 national security systems;

1 “(3) develop standards and guidelines, includ-
2 ing minimum requirements, for authenticating,
3 tracking provenance of, and labeling synthetic con-
4 tent generated by an agency or by a contractor of
5 an agency or other organization on behalf of an
6 agency, other than national security systems; and

7 “(4) conduct research and analysis pursuant to
8 section 5301 of this Act to inform the development
9 of standards and guidelines for activities described
10 in this section.

11 “(b) STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.—In developing
12 the standards and guidelines required by subsections (a),
13 the Director shall—

14 “(1) provide standards, guidelines, and best
15 practices consistent with the framework established
16 under section 22A(c) of the National Institute of
17 Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278h-
18 1(c)), as appropriate, and tools that Federal agen-
19 cies can use to leverage the framework to reduce
20 risks caused by agency implementation in the devel-
21 opment, procurement, and use of artificial intel-
22 ligence systems;

23 “(2) to the extent practicable, provide stand-
24 ards and guidelines that—

1 “(A) are consistent with the framework,
2 successor document, or Federal standard that is
3 functionally equivalent to the framework;

4 “(B) are consistent with Circular A–119 of
5 the Office of Management and Budget; and

6 “(C) enable conformity assessment;

7 “(3) recommend training on standards and
8 guidelines for each agency responsible for procuring
9 artificial intelligence systems;

10 “(4) identify or develop, and as appropriate pe-
11 riodically revise, performance indicators and meas-
12 ures that support the implementation of standards
13 and guidelines for agency artificial intelligence sys-
14 tems;

15 “(5) provide guidelines for developing profiles
16 for agency use of artificial intelligence systems con-
17 sistent with the framework;

18 “(6) evaluate policies and practices developed
19 for artificial intelligence systems that are national
20 security systems to assess potential application by
21 agencies to strengthen risk management of artificial
22 intelligence systems; and

23 “(7) periodically assess the effectiveness of
24 standards and guidelines developed under this sec-
25 tion and undertake revisions as appropriate.

1 “(c) READINESS.—For standards and guidelines de-
2 veloped pursuant to subsection (a) that are deemed by the
3 Director to be at a readiness level sufficient for widespread
4 adoption by Federal agencies, the Director—

5 “(1) shall submit said Federal standards and
6 guidelines to the Secretary of Commerce for promul-
7 gation under section 11331 of title 40, United
8 States Code;

9 “(2) where practicable and appropriate, shall
10 provide technical review and assistance to Federal
11 agencies, including assisting Federal agencies in as-
12 ssuming the effectiveness and sufficiency of imple-
13 mentation of standards and guidelines developed
14 under this section; and

15 “(3) shall evaluate the effectiveness and suffi-
16 ciency of, and challenges to, Federal agencies imple-
17 mentation of Federal standards and guidelines devel-
18 oped under this section and Federal standards and
19 guidelines promulgated under section 11331 of title
20 40, United States Code.

21 “(d) TESTING AND EVALUATION OF ARTIFICIAL IN-
22 TELLIGENCE ACQUISITIONS.—

23 “(1) STUDY.—Subject to the availability of ap-
24 propriations, the Director shall conduct a gap anal-
25 ysis to review the existing and forthcoming voluntary

1 technical standards for the testing, evaluation,
2 verification, and validation related to acquisitions of
3 an artificial intelligence system or service.

4 “(2) STANDARDS FOR TESTING AND EVALUA-
5 TION.—After the date of the completion of the study
6 required by paragraph (1), the Director shall—

7 “(A) convene relevant stakeholders to fa-
8 cilitate the development of standards for the
9 testing, evaluation, verification, and validation
10 related to acquisitions of an artificial intel-
11 ligence system or service;

12 “(B) develop and periodically update
13 standards and guidelines for testing, evaluation,
14 verification, and validation related to acquisi-
15 tions of an artificial intelligence system or serv-
16 ice pursuant to subsection (a); and

17 “(C) when determined by the Director to
18 be at a readiness level sufficient for widespread
19 adoption by Federal agencies, submit standards
20 and guidelines to the Secretary of Commerce
21 for promulgation under section 11331 of title
22 40, United States Code.

23 “(3) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
24 the date on which the Director conducts the analysis
25 described in paragraph (1), the Director shall sub-

1 mit a report to the Committee on Science, Space,
2 and Technology of the House of Representatives and
3 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
4 portation of the Senate that includes—

5 “(A) the gap analysis described in para-
6 graph (1); and

7 “(B) a plan for activities described in
8 paragraph (2).

9 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ means any
11 department, independent establishment, Government
12 corporation, or other agency of the executive branch
13 of the Federal Government.

14 “(2) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The term
15 ‘artificial intelligence system’ means—

16 “(A) any system that meets the definition
17 given the term ‘artificial intelligence’ in section
18 5002 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-
19 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
20 Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9401); or

21 “(B) any data system, software, hardware,
22 application, tool, or utility that operates, in
23 whole or in part, using a system described by
24 subparagraph (A).

1 “(4) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
2 the Director of the National Institute of Standards
3 and Technology.

4 “(5) FRAMEWORK.—The term ‘framework’
5 means document number NIST AI 100–1 of the Na-
6 tional Institute of Standards and Technology enti-
7 tled ‘Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Frame-
8 work’, or any successor document.

9 “(6) PROFILE.—The term ‘profile’ means an
10 implementation of the artificial intelligence risk
11 management functions, categories, and subcategories
12 for a specific setting or application based on the re-
13 quirements, risk tolerance, and resources of the
14 framework user.

15 “(7) SYNTHETIC CONTENT.—The term ‘syn-
16 thetic content’ means information, such as images,
17 videos, audio clips, and text, that has been signifi-
18 cantly modified or generated by algorithms, includ-
19 ing by artificial intelligence systems.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
21 in section 2 and title LIII of division E of the William
22 M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act
23 for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) are each
24 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
25 5303 the following new item:

 “Sec. 5304. Standards for artificial intelligence systems.”.