

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 756**  
**OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF TEXAS**

Page 7, after line 10, insert the following new subsection:

1       (f) CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH DATABASE.—The  
2 agencies involved in developing and updating the strategic  
3 plan under subsection (a) shall establish, in coordination  
4 with the Office of Management and Budget, a mechanism  
5 to track ongoing and completed Federal cybersecurity re-  
6 search and development projects and associated funding,  
7 and shall make such information publically available.

Page 8, lines 18 through 20, strike “\$90,000,000”  
each place it appears and insert “\$119,000,000”.

Page 9, lines 12 through 14, strike “\$4,500,000”  
each place it appears and insert “\$5,000,000”.

Page 9, lines 20 through 22, strike “\$19,000,000”  
each place it appears and insert “\$25,000,000”.

Page 10, lines 3 through 5, strike “\$2,500,000”  
each place it appears and insert “\$4,000,000”.

Page 10, lines 11 through 13, strike “\$24,000,000”  
each place it appears and insert “\$32,000,000”.

Page 18, line 18, through page 19, line 3, amend subsection (e) to read as follows:

1 (e) HIRING AUTHORITY.—

2 (1) APPOINTMENT IN EXCEPTED SERVICE.—

3 Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 33 of title  
4 5, United States Code, governing appointments in  
5 the competitive service, an agency shall appoint in  
6 the excepted service an individual who has completed  
7 the academic program for which a scholarship was  
8 awarded.

9 (2) NONCOMPETITIVE CONVERSION.—Except as  
10 provided in paragraph (4), upon fulfillment of the  
11 service term, an employee appointed under para-  
12 graph (1) may be converted noncompetitively to  
13 term, career-conditional or career appointment.

14 (3) TIMING OF CONVERSION.—An agency may  
15 noncompetitively convert a term employee appointed  
16 under paragraph (2) to a career-conditional or ca-  
17 reer appointment before the term appointment ex-  
18 pires.

19 (4) AUTHORITY TO DECLINE CONVERSION.—An  
20 agency may decline to make the noncompetitive con-  
21 version or appointment under paragraph (2) for  
22 cause.

Page 21, line 20, and page 22, lines 1, 4, and 7, redesignate paragraphs (2) through (5) as paragraphs (3) through (6), respectively.

Page 21, after line 19, insert the following new paragraph:

1           (2) identify and prioritize at least three  
2           cybersecurity grand challenges, focused on nationally  
3           significant problems requiring collaborative and  
4           interdisciplinary solutions;

Page 21, lines 21 through 24, strike “, including” and all that follows through “collaboration” and insert “to address the grand challenges identified under paragraph (2)”.

Page 30, line 14, strike “and”.

Page 30, after line 14, insert the following new paragraph:

5           (3) improving the state of cybersecurity edu-  
6           cation at all educational levels;

Page 30, line 15, redesignate paragraph (3) as paragraph (4).

Page 30, line 17, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 30, after line 17, insert the following new paragraph:

1           (5) improving the skills, training, and profes-  
2           sional development of the Federal cybersecurity  
3           workforce.

Page 31, line 22, through page 32, line 4, amend section 206 to read as follows:

4 **SEC. 206. AUTHORIZATIONS.**

5           No additional funds are authorized to carry out this  
6 Act, and the amendments made by this Act. This Act, and  
7 the amendments made by this Act, shall be carried out  
8 using amounts otherwise authorized or appropriated.

