[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. ____

To include cybersecurity technical assistance in the national rural water and wastewater circuit rider program of Department of Agriculture.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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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 "Cybersecurity for

5   Rural Water Systems Act of 2023".

SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CYBERSECURITY TECHNICAL AS-SISTANCE IN THE NATIONAL RURAL WATER AND WASTEWATER CIRCUIT RIDER PRO-GRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 306(a)(22)(A) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(22)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of clause (i); and

(2) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii) and inserting after clause (i) the following:

"(ii) shall include cybersecurity technical assistance for rural water systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons, to—

"(I) assess system efficacy in protecting against cyber threats; and

"(II) implement cybersecurity plans, procedures, and technologies to protect against cyber threats; and".

(b) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 306(a)(22)(B) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(22)(B)) is amended by striking "$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023" and inserting "$32,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028, of which $7,500,000 for each of the fiscal years shall be used to provide cyber-

1 security technical assistance in accordance with subpara-

2 graph (A)(ii)''.