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To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to secure the suicide prevention lifeline from cybersecurity incidents, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Mullin introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 "9–8–8 Lifeline Cyber-
- 5 security Responsibility Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. PROTECTING SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
- 7 FROM CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS.
- 8 (a) National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Pro-
- 9 GRAM.—Section 520E-3(b) of the Public Health Service
- 10 Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c(b)) is amended—

1	(1) in paragraph (4), by striking "and" at the
2	end;
3	(2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
4	the end and inserting "; and; and
5	(3) by adding at the end the following:
6	"(6) coordinating with the Chief Information
7	Security Officer of the Department of Health and
8	Human Services to take such steps as may be nec-
9	essary to ensure the program is protected from cy-
10	bersecurity incidents and eliminates known cyberse-
11	curity vulnerabilities.".
12	(b) Reporting.—Section 520E-3 of the Public
13	Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c) is amended—
14	(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
15	section (g); and
16	(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
17	lowing:
18	"(f) Cybersecurity Reporting.—
19	"(1) In General.—
20	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The program's net-
21	work administrator receiving Federal funding
22	pursuant to subsection (a) shall report to the
23	Assistant Secretary, in a manner that protects
24	personal privacy, consistent with applicable
25	Federal and State privacy laws—

1	"(i) any identified cybersecurity
2	vulnerabilities to the program within 24
3	hours of identification of such a vulner-
4	ability; and
5	"(ii) any identified cybersecurity inci-
6	dents to the program within 24 hours of
7	identification of such incident.
8	"(B) Local and regional crisis cen-
9	TERS.—Local and regional crisis centers par-
10	ticipating in the program shall report to the
11	program's network administrator described in
12	subparagraph (A), in a manner that protects
13	personal privacy, consistent with applicable
14	Federal and State privacy laws—
15	"(i) any identified cybersecurity
16	vulnerabilities to the program within 24
17	hours of identification of such vulner-
18	ability; and
19	"(ii) any identified cybersecurity inci-
20	dents to the program within 24 hours of
21	identification of such incident.
22	"(2) NOTIFICATION.—If the program's network
23	administrator receiving funding pursuant to sub-
24	section (a) discovers, or is informed by a local or re-
25	gional crisis center pursuant to paragraph (1)(B) of,

1	a cybersecurity vulnerability or incident described in
2	such paragraph, within 24 hours of such discovery
3	or receipt of information, such entity shall report the
4	vulnerability or incident to the Assistant Secretary.
5	"(3) Clarification.—
6	"(A) Oversight.—
7	"(i) Local and regional crisis
8	CENTER.—Except as provided in clause
9	(ii), local and regional crisis centers par-
10	ticipating in the program shall oversee all
11	technology each center employs in the pro-
12	vision of services as a participant in the
13	program.
14	"(ii) Network administrator.—
15	The program's network administrator re-
16	ceiving Federal funding pursuant to sub-
17	section (a) shall oversee the technology
18	each crisis center employs in the provision
19	of services as a participant in the program
20	if such oversight responsibilities are estab-
21	lished in the applicable network participa-
22	tion agreement.
23	"(B) Supplement, not supplant.—The
24	cybersecurity incident reporting requirements
25	under this subsection shall supplement, and not

1	supplant, cybersecurity incident reporting re-
2	quirements under other provisions of applicable
3	Federal law that are in effect on the date of the
4	enactment of the 9-8-8 Lifeline Cybersecurity
5	Responsibility Act.".
6	(c) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
7	of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
8	the United States shall—
9	(1) conduct and complete a study that evaluates
10	cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities associated
11	with the 9–8–8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;
12	and
13	(2) submit a report of the findings of such
14	study to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
15	the House of Representatives and the Committee on
16	Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
17	ate.