

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4061, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. KRATOVIL OF MARYLAND**

Page 27, after line 7, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 111. NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR CYBER-**
2 **SECURITY.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—As part of the Program, the Di-
4 rector of the National Science Foundation shall, in coordi-
5 nation with other Federal agencies participating in the
6 Program, establish a National Center of Excellence for
7 Cybersecurity.

8 (b) **MERIT REVIEW.**—The National Center of Excel-
9 lence for Cybersecurity shall be awarded on a merit-re-
10 viewed, competitive basis.

11 (c) **ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED.**—The National Center
12 of Excellence for Cybersecurity shall—

13 (1) involve institutions of higher education or
14 national laboratories and other partners, which may
15 include States and industry;

16 (2) make use of existing expertise in cybersecu-
17 rity;

1 (3) interact and collaborate with Computer and
2 Network Security Research Centers to foster the ex-
3 change of technical information and best practices;

4 (4) perform research to support the develop-
5 ment of technologies for testing hardware and soft-
6 ware products to validate operational readiness and
7 certify stated security levels;

8 (5) coordinate cybersecurity education and
9 training opportunities nationally;

10 (6) enhance technology transfer and commer-
11 cialization that promote cybersecurity innovation;
12 and

13 (7) perform research on cybersecurity social
14 and behavioral factors, including human-computer
15 interactions, usability, user motivations, and organi-
16 zational cultures.

