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# H. R. 9459

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Mr. GUEST (for himself and Mr. IVEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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 “Producing Advanced  
5 Technologies for Homeland Security Act” or the “PATHS  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACQUISITION**  
2 **PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 831 of the Homeland Se-  
4 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 391) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
7 by striking “Until September 30, 2024, and  
8 subject to subsection (d)” and inserting “Until  
9 September 30, 2027, and subject to subsection  
10 (c)”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
12 paragraph:

13 “(3) OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY INVOLV-  
14 ING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Not later than 72  
15 hours after the use or extension of the transaction  
16 authority authorized under paragraph (1) involving  
17 artificial intelligence technology, the Secretary shall  
18 notify the Committee on Appropriations and the  
19 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
20 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Appro-  
21 priations and the Committee on Homeland Security  
22 of the House of Representatives and offer a briefing  
23 explaining the reason for the use or extension.”; and

24 (2) in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding  
25 subparagraph (A), by striking “September 30,  
26 2024” and inserting “September 30, 2027”.

1           (b) REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF COVERED CONTRACT  
2 AWARD.—Subparagraph (A) of section 7113(d)(1) of the  
3 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for  
4 Fiscal Year 2023 (6 U.S.C. 112 note; Public Law 117–  
5 263) is amended by striking “\$4,000,000” and inserting  
6 “\$1,000,000”.

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