

SBA Cyber Awareness Act

The SBA Cyber Awareness Act, introduced by Senator Rubio and Senator Ben Cardin, works to ensure that the information technology (IT) systems at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are protected from cyber criminals by:

- Requiring the SBA to assess its internal cybersecurity, including determining the countries-of-origin for its IT products;
- Requiring the SBA to develop an agency cyber strategy and to report that strategy to the Senate and House Small Business Committees after the bill is enacted and annually thereafter; and
- Requiring the SBA to report to the Senate and House Small Business Committees on actions taken to secure agency data and systems, newly identified threats and breaches, and any actions taken to mitigate breaches and threats.

The SBA, which houses vital personal information for small business owners and lenders, must ensure that its systems are safe and this data is protected. This legislation would require the SBA to be more proactive in protecting data and require greater transparency of threats and breaches that occur.