118TH CONGRESS 2D Session



To establish an information-sharing pilot program to combat the illicit use of crypto assets.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS) 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.

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4 This Act may be cited as the "Preventing Illicit Fi-

5 nance Through Partnership Act of 2024".

6 SEC. 2. INFORMATION-SHARING PILOT PROGRAM TO COM-

BAT ILLICIT USE OF CRYPTO ASSETS.

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) COVERED AGENCY.—The term "covered 10 agency" means—

1	(A) the Department of Justice, including
2	the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the
3	Drug Enforcement Administration;
4	(B) the Financial Crimes Enforcement
5	Network; and
6	(C) the Department of Homeland Security.
7	(2) CRYPTO ASSET.—The term "crypto asset"
8	means a natively electronic asset that—
9	(A) confers economic, proprietary, or ac-
10	cess rights or powers; and
11	(B) is recorded using cryptographically se-
12	cured distributed ledger technology, or any
13	similar analogue.
14	(3) Designated private sector entity.—
15	The term "designated private sector entity" means
16	a private sector entity designated under subsection
17	(e).
18	(4) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means
19	the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement
20	Network.
21	(5) Illicit finance violation.—The term
22	"illicit finance violation" means the illicit use of
23	crypto assets.
24	(6) ILLICIT USE.—The term "illicit use" in-
25	cludes fraud, darknet marketplace transactions,

1 money laundering, the purchase and sale of illicit 2 goods, sanctions evasion, theft of funds, funding of 3 illegal activities, transactions related to child sexual 4 abuse material, and any other financial transaction 5 involving the proceeds of specified unlawful activity 6 (as defined in section 1956(c) of title 18, United 7 States Code). (7) MONEY SERVICES BUSINESS.—The term 8

9 "money services business" has the meaning given
10 the term in section 1010.100 of title 31, Code of
11 Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

12 (8) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means
13 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Attorney
General shall establish a pilot program under which covered agencies and designated private sector entities securely share information about potential illicit finance violations and threats and emerging risks relating to illicit
finance violations.

20 (c) Designation of Private Sector Entities.—

21 (1) REQUIRED DESIGNATION.—

(A) INITIAL DESIGNATION.—Not later
than 90 days after the date of enactment of
this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation
with the Director and the Secretary, shall des-

ignate 10 private sector entities that are money
 services businesses and 10 private sector enti ties from the crypto asset industry to partici pate in the pilot program established under
 subsection (b).

6 (B) BIANNUAL REVIEW.—Not less fre-7 quently than once every 6 months, the Attorney 8 General, in consultation with the Director and 9 the Secretary, shall review and, as appropriate, 10 replace the private sector entities designated 11 under this paragraph.

(2) OPTIONAL DESIGNATION.—In addition to
the 20 private sector entities designated under paragraph (1), the Attorney General, in consultation
with the Director and the Secretary, may designate
1 or more information sharing and analysis centers
to participate in the pilot program.

18 (d) INFORMATION SHARING WITH PRIVATE SECTOR 19 ENTITIES.—A covered agency that initiates an investiga-20 tion into a potential illicit finance violation, or identifies 21 a threat or emerging risk relating to illicit finance viola-22 tions, may share with any designated private sector entity 23 such information about the investigation, threat, or 24 emerging risk as the covered agency determines appro-25 priate.

(e) USE OF INFORMATION BY PRIVATE SECTOR EN TITIES.—Information received by a designated private sec tor entity under this section may not be used for any pur pose other than identifying and reporting on activities that
 may involve illicit finance violations or threats and emerg ing risks relating to illicit finance violations.

7 (f) MEANS OF SHARING INFORMATION.—The covered
8 agencies and designated private sector entities may share
9 information about potential illicit finance violations, or
10 threats and emerging risks relating to illicit finance viola11 tions, with each other—

(1) through a portal established by the Attorney
General or a similar mechanism determined appropriate by the Attorney General;

15 (2) through secure email; or

16 (3) at virtual monthly meetings, which shall be17 facilitated by the Attorney General.

18 (g) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—A designated pri-19 vate sector entity that transmits, receives, or shares infor-20 mation for the purposes of identifying and reporting ac-21 tivities that may constitute illicit finance violations, or 22 threats and emerging risks relating to illicit finance viola-23 tions, shall not be liable to any person under any law or 24 regulation of the United States, any constitution, law, or 25 regulation of any State or political subdivision thereof, or OLL24022 3V0

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under any contract or other legally enforceable agreement
 (including any arbitration agreement), for such disclosure
 or for any failure to provide notice of such disclosure to
 the person who is the subject of such disclosure, or any
 other person identified in the disclosure.

6 (h) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—Participation by a 7 designated private sector entity in the pilot program estab-8 lished under subsection (b), including sharing of informa-9 tion regarding potential illicit finance violations or threats 10 and emerging risks relating to illicit finance violations, 11 shall be voluntary.

(i) SUNSET.—The pilot program established under
subsection (b) shall terminate on the date that is 5 years
after the date of enactment of this Act.