

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2205
OFFERED BY MR. NEUGEBAUER OF TEXAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Data Security Act of
3 2015”.

4 SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

5 The purposes of this Act are—

6 (1) to establish strong and uniform national
7 data security and breach notification standards for
8 electronic data;

9 (2) to expressly preempt any related laws of a
10 State, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the
11 United States; and

12 (3) to provide the Federal Trade Commission
13 with authority to enforce such standards for entities
14 covered under this Act that are not otherwise regu-
15 lated by one of the enumerated enforcement agencies
16 in the Act.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions
3 shall apply:

4 (1) **AFFILIATE.**—The term “affiliate” means
5 any company that controls, is controlled by, or is
6 under common control with another company.

7 (2) **AGENCY.**—The term “agency” has the same
8 meaning as in section 551(1) of title 5, United
9 States Code.

10 (3) **BREACH OF DATA SECURITY.**—

11 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “breach of
12 data security” means the unauthorized acquisi-
13 tion of sensitive financial account information
14 or sensitive personal information.

15 (B) **EXCEPTION FOR DATA THAT IS NOT IN**
16 **USABLE FORM.**—The term “breach of data se-
17 curity” does not include the unauthorized ac-
18 quisition of sensitive financial account informa-
19 tion or sensitive personal information that is
20 encrypted, redacted, or otherwise protected by
21 another method that renders the information
22 unreadable and unusable if the encryption, re-
23 daction, or protection process or key is not also
24 acquired without authorization.

25 (4) **CARRIER.**—The term “carrier” means any
26 entity that—

1 (A) provides electronic data transmission,
2 routing, intermediate, and transient storage, or
3 connections to its system or network;

4 (B) does not select or modify the content
5 of the electronic data;

6 (C) is not the sender or the intended re-
7 cipient of the data; and

8 (D) does not differentiate sensitive finan-
9 cial account information or sensitive personal
10 information from other information that the en-
11 tity transmits, routes, stores in intermediate or
12 transient storage, or for which such entity pro-
13 vides connections.

14 (5) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
15 means the Federal Trade Commission.

16 (6) CONSUMER.—The term “consumer” means
17 an individual.

18 (7) CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY THAT COM-
19 PILES AND MAINTAINS FILES ON CONSUMERS ON A
20 NATIONWIDE BASIS.—The term “consumer reporting
21 agency that compiles and maintains files on con-
22 sumers on a nationwide basis” has the same mean-
23 ing as in section 603(p) of the Fair Credit Report-
24 ing Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(p)).

25 (8) COVERED ENTITY.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “covered en-
2 tity” means any individual, partnership, cor-
3 poration, trust, estate, cooperative, association,
4 or entity that accesses, maintains, commu-
5 nicates, or handles sensitive financial account
6 information or sensitive personal information.

7 (B) EXCEPTION.—The term “covered enti-
8 ty” does not include any agency or any other
9 unit of Federal, State, or local government or
10 any subdivision of the unit.

11 (9) FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The term “fi-
12 nancial institution” has the same meaning as in sec-
13 tion 509(3) of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15
14 U.S.C. 6809(3)).

15 (10) INFORMATION SECURITY PROGRAM.—The
16 term “information security program” means the ad-
17 ministrative, technical, and physical safeguards that
18 a covered entity uses to protect the confidentiality
19 and security of sensitive financial account informa-
20 tion and sensitive personal information when access-
21 ing, collecting, distributing, processing, protecting,
22 storing, using, transmitting, disposing of, or other-
23 wise handling sensitive financial account information
24 and sensitive personal information.

1 (11) SENSITIVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNT INFORMA-
2 TION.—The term “sensitive financial account infor-
3 mation” means a financial account number relating
4 to a consumer, including a credit card number or
5 debit card number, in combination with any security
6 code, access code, password, or other personal identi-
7 fication information required to access the financial
8 account.

9 (12) SENSITIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “sensitive
11 personal information” includes—

12 (i) a non-truncated Social Security
13 number;

14 (ii) the first name or initial and last
15 name of a consumer in combination with—

16 (I) the consumer’s driver’s li-
17 cense number, passport number, mili-
18 tary identification number, or other
19 similar number issued on a govern-
20 ment document used to verify identity;

21 (II) information that could be
22 used to access a consumer’s account,
23 such as a user name and password or
24 e-mail and password; or

1 (III) biometric data of the con-
2 sumer used to gain access to financial
3 accounts of the consumer; and

4 (iii) medical information and health
5 insurance information.

6 (B) EXCEPTION.—The term “sensitive per-
7 sonal information” does not include publicly
8 available information that is lawfully made
9 available to the general public and obtained
10 from—

11 (i) Federal, State, or local government
12 records; or

13 (ii) widely distributed media.

14 (13) THIRD-PARTY SERVICE PROVIDER.—The
15 term “third-party service provider” means any per-
16 son that maintains, processes, or otherwise is per-
17 mitted access to sensitive financial account informa-
18 tion or sensitive personal information in connection
19 with providing services to a covered entity.

20 **SEC. 4. PROTECTION OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY**
21 **BREACH NOTIFICATION.**

22 (a) SECURITY PROCEDURES REQUIRED.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each covered entity shall de-
24 velop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive in-
25 formation security program that contains adminis-

1 trative, technical, and physical safeguards that are
2 reasonably designed to achieve the objectives in
3 paragraph (2).

4 (2) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of this sub-
5 section are to—

6 (A) protect security and confidentiality of
7 sensitive financial account information and sen-
8 sitive personal information;

9 (B) protect against any anticipated threats
10 or hazards to the security or integrity of such
11 information; and

12 (C) protect against unauthorized acquisi-
13 tion of such information that could result in
14 harm to the individuals to whom such informa-
15 tion relates.

16 (3) LIMITATION.—A covered entity's informa-
17 tion security program under paragraph (1) shall be
18 appropriate to—

19 (A) the size and complexity of the covered
20 entity;

21 (B) the nature and scope of the activities
22 of the covered entity; and

23 (C) the sensitivity of the consumer infor-
24 mation to be protected.

1 (4) ELEMENTS.—In order to develop, imple-
2 ment, maintain, and enforce its information security
3 program, a covered entity shall—

4 (A) designate an employee or employees to
5 coordinate the information security program;

6 (B) identify reasonably foreseeable internal
7 and external risks to the security, confiden-
8 tiality, and integrity of sensitive financial ac-
9 count information and sensitive personal infor-
10 mation and assess the sufficiency of any safe-
11 guards in place to control these risks, including
12 consideration of risks in each relevant area of
13 the covered entity's operations, including—

14 (i) employee training and manage-
15 ment;

16 (ii) information systems, including
17 network and software design, as well as in-
18 formation processing, storage, trans-
19 mission, and disposal; and

20 (iii) detecting, preventing, and re-
21 sponding to attacks, intrusions, or other
22 systems failures;

23 (C) design and implement safeguards to
24 control the risks identified in its risk assess-
25 ment, and regularly assess the effectiveness of

1 the safeguards' key controls, systems, and pro-
2 cedures;

3 (D) oversee third-party service providers
4 by—

5 (i) taking reasonable steps to select
6 and retain third-party service providers
7 that are capable of maintaining appro-
8 priate safeguards for the sensitive financial
9 account information or sensitive personal
10 information at issue;

11 (ii) requiring third-party service pro-
12 viders by contract to implement and main-
13 tain such safeguards; and

14 (iii) reasonably oversee or obtain an
15 assessment of the third-party service pro-
16 vider's compliance with contractual obliga-
17 tions, where appropriate; and

18 (E) evaluate and adjust the information
19 security program in light of the results of the
20 risk assessments and testing and monitoring re-
21 quired by subparagraphs (C) and (D) and any
22 material changes to the covered entity's oper-
23 ations or business arrangements, or any other
24 circumstances that the covered entity knows or

1 has reason to know may have a material impact
2 on its information security program.

3 (5) SECURITY CONTROLS.—Each covered entity
4 shall—

5 (A) consider whether the following security
6 measures are appropriate for the covered entity
7 and, if so, adopt those measures that the cov-
8 ered entity concludes are appropriate—

9 (i) access controls on information sys-
10 tems, including controls to authenticate
11 and permit access only to authorized indi-
12 viduals and controls to prevent employees
13 from providing sensitive financial account
14 information or sensitive personal informa-
15 tion to unauthorized individuals who may
16 seek to obtain this information through
17 fraudulent means;

18 (ii) access restrictions at physical lo-
19 cations containing sensitive financial ac-
20 count information or sensitive personal in-
21 formation, such as buildings, computer fa-
22 cilities, and records storage facilities, to
23 permit access only to authorized individ-
24 uals;

1 (iii) encryption of electronic sensitive
2 financial account information or sensitive
3 personal information, including while in
4 transit or in storage on networks or sys-
5 tems to which unauthorized individuals
6 may have access;

7 (iv) procedures designed to ensure
8 that information system modifications are
9 consistent with the covered entity's infor-
10 mation security program;

11 (v) dual control procedures, segrega-
12 tion of duties, and criminal background
13 checks for employees with responsibilities
14 for, or access to, sensitive financial account
15 information or sensitive personal informa-
16 tion;

17 (vi) monitoring systems and proce-
18 dures to detect actual and attempted at-
19 tacks on, or intrusions into, information
20 systems;

21 (vii) response programs that specify
22 actions to be taken when the covered entity
23 suspects or detects that unauthorized indi-
24 viduals have gained access to information
25 systems; and

1 (viii) measures to protect against de-
2 struction, loss, or damage of sensitive fi-
3 nancial account information or sensitive
4 personal information due to potential envi-
5 ronmental hazards, such as fire and water
6 damage or technological failures;

7 (B) develop, implement, and maintain ap-
8 propriate measures to properly dispose of sen-
9 sitive financial account information and sen-
10 sitive personal information; and

11 (C) train staff to implement the covered
12 entity's information security program.

13 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—

14 (A) BOARD OVERSIGHT.—If a covered enti-
15 ty has a board of directors, the covered entity's
16 board of directors or an appropriate committee
17 of the board shall direct that the covered entity
18 has a written information security program in
19 place and appoint committees or personnel to
20 oversee the development and implementation of
21 the information security program.

22 (B) REPORT TO THE BOARD.—If a covered
23 entity has a board of directors, a report shall
24 be made to its board or an appropriate com-

1 mittee of the board at least annually, including
2 describing—

3 (i) the overall status of the informa-
4 tion security program and the covered enti-
5 ty's compliance with this Act; and

6 (ii) material matters related to the de-
7 velopment and implementation of the cov-
8 ered entity's program, addressing issues
9 such as risk assessment, risk management
10 and control decisions, service provider ar-
11 rangements, results of testing, security
12 breaches or violations and management's
13 responses, and recommendations for
14 changes in the information security pro-
15 gram.

16 (b) INVESTIGATION REQUIRED.—If a covered entity
17 believes that a breach of data security has or may have
18 occurred in relation to sensitive financial account informa-
19 tion or sensitive personal information that is maintained,
20 communicated, or otherwise handled by, or on behalf of,
21 the covered entity, the covered entity shall conduct an in-
22 vestigation to—

23 (1) assess the nature and scope of the incident;

1 (2) identify any sensitive financial account in-
2 formation or sensitive personal information that may
3 have been involved in the incident;

4 (3) determine if the sensitive financial account
5 information or sensitive personal information has
6 been acquired without authorization; and

7 (4) take reasonable measures to restore the se-
8 curity and confidentiality of the systems com-
9 promised in the breach.

10 (c) NOTICE REQUIRED.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—If a covered entity deter-
12 mines under subsection (b) that the unauthorized
13 acquisition of sensitive financial account information
14 or sensitive personal information involved in a
15 breach of data security is reasonably likely to cause
16 harm to the consumers to whom the information re-
17 lates, the covered entity, or a third party acting on
18 behalf of the covered entity, shall—

19 (A) notify, within the most expedient time
20 possible and without unreasonable delay—

21 (i) an appropriate Federal and State
22 law enforcement agency;

23 (ii) the appropriate agency or author-
24 ity identified in section 5 to enforce this
25 section;

1 (iii) any relevant payment card net-
2 work, if the breach involves a breach of
3 payment card numbers;

4 (iv) each consumer reporting agency
5 that compiles and maintains files on con-
6 sumers on a nationwide basis, if the breach
7 involves sensitive personal information or
8 sensitive financial account information re-
9 lating to 5,000 or more consumers; and

10 (v) all consumers to whom the sen-
11 sitive financial account information or sen-
12 sitive personal information relates;

13 (B) provide notice to consumers by—

14 (i) written notification sent to the
15 postal address of the consumer in the
16 records of the covered entity;

17 (ii) telephonic notification to the num-
18 ber of the consumer in the records of the
19 covered entity;

20 (iii) e-mail notification to the con-
21 sumer (or via other electronic means) in
22 the records of the covered entity; or

23 (iv) substitute notification in print
24 and to broadcast media where the indi-
25 vidual whose personal information was ac-

1 required resides, if providing written, tele-
2 phonic, or e-mail notification is not feasible
3 due to—

4 (I) lack of sufficient contact in-
5 formation for the consumers that
6 must be notified;

7 (II) the anticipated cost of such
8 notification exceeding \$250,000;

9 (III) the number of consumers to
10 be notified exceeds 500,000; or

11 (IV) exigent circumstances; and

12 (C) provide notice that includes—

13 (i) a description of the type of sen-
14 sitive financial account information or sen-
15 sitive personal information involved in the
16 breach of data security;

17 (ii) a general description of the ac-
18 tions taken by the covered entity to restore
19 the security and confidentiality of the sen-
20 sitive financial account information or sen-
21 sitive personal information involved in the
22 breach of data security; and

23 (iii) a summary of rights of victims of
24 identity theft prepared under section
25 609(d) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act

1 (15 U.S.C. 1681g(d)), if the breach of
2 data security involves sensitive personal in-
3 formation.

4 (2) DELAY PERMITTED WHEN REQUESTED BY
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT.—A covered entity may delay
6 any notification described under paragraph (1) if
7 such delay is requested by a law enforcement agen-
8 cy.

9 (d) CLARIFICATION.—A financial institution shall
10 have no obligation under this Act for a breach of security
11 at another covered entity involving sensitive financial ac-
12 count information relating to an account owned by the fi-
13 nancial institution.

14 (e) SPECIAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

15 (1) THIRD-PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS.—In the
16 event of a breach of security of a system maintained
17 by a third-party service provider that has been con-
18 tracted to maintain, store, or process data in elec-
19 tronic form containing sensitive financial account in-
20 formation or sensitive personal information on behalf
21 of a covered entity who owns or possesses such data,
22 such third-party service provider shall—

23 (A) notify the covered entity; and

1 (B) notify consumers if it is agreed that
2 the third-party service provider will provide
3 such notification on behalf of the covered entity.

4 (2) CARRIER OBLIGATIONS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—If a carrier becomes
6 aware of a breach of security involving data in
7 electronic form containing sensitive financial ac-
8 count information or sensitive personal informa-
9 tion that is owned or licensed by a covered enti-
10 ty that connects to or uses a system or network
11 provided by the carrier for the purpose of trans-
12 mitting, routing, or providing intermediate or
13 transient storage of such data, such carrier
14 shall notify the covered entity who initiated
15 such connection, transmission, routing, or stor-
16 age of the data containing sensitive financial
17 account information or sensitive personal infor-
18 mation, if such covered entity can be reasonably
19 identified. If a service provider is acting solely
20 as a third-party service provider for purposes of
21 this subsection, the service provider has no
22 other notification obligations under this section.

23 (B) COVERED ENTITIES WHO RECEIVE NO-
24 TICE FROM CARRIERS.—Upon receiving notifi-
25 cation from a service provider under paragraph

1 (1), a covered entity shall provide notification
2 as required under this section.

3 (3) COMMUNICATIONS WITH ACCOUNT HOLD-
4 ERS.—If a covered entity that is not a financial in-
5 stitution experiences a breach of security involving
6 sensitive financial account information, a financial
7 institution that issues an account to which the sen-
8 sitive financial account information relates may com-
9 municate with the account holder regarding the
10 breach, including—

11 (A) an explanation that the financial insti-
12 tution was not breached, and that the breach
13 occurred at a third-party that had access to the
14 consumer’s sensitive financial account informa-
15 tion; or

16 (B) identify the covered entity that experi-
17 enced the breach after the covered entity has
18 provided notice consistent with this Act.

19 (f) COMPLIANCE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity shall be deemed to
21 be in compliance with—

22 (A) in the case of a financial institution—
23 (i) subsection (a), if the financial in-
24 stitution maintains policies and procedures
25 to protect the confidentiality and security

1 of sensitive financial account information
2 and sensitive personal information that are
3 consistent with the policies and procedures
4 of the financial institution that are de-
5 signed to comply with the requirements of
6 section 501(b) of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley
7 Act (15 U.S.C. 6801(b)) and any regula-
8 tions or guidance prescribed under that
9 section that are applicable to the financial
10 institution; and

11 (ii) subsections (b) and (c), if the fi-
12 nancial institution—

13 (I)(aa) maintains policies and
14 procedures to investigate and provide
15 notice to consumers of breaches of
16 data security that are consistent with
17 the policies and procedures of the fi-
18 nancial institution that are designed
19 to comply with the investigation and
20 notice requirements established by
21 regulations or guidance under section
22 501(b) of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley
23 Act (15 U.S.C. 6801(b)) that are ap-
24 plicable to the financial institution;

1 (bb) is an affiliate of a bank
2 holding company that maintains poli-
3 cies and procedures to investigate and
4 provide notice to consumers of
5 breaches of data security that are con-
6 sistent with the policies and proce-
7 dures of a bank that is an affiliate of
8 the financial institution, and the poli-
9 cies and procedures of the bank are
10 designed to comply with the investiga-
11 tion and notice requirements estab-
12 lished by any regulations or guidance
13 under section 501(b) of the Gramm-
14 Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. 6801(b))
15 that are applicable to the bank; or

16 (cc)(AA) is an affiliate of a sav-
17 ings and loan holding company that
18 maintains policies and procedures to
19 investigate and provide notice to con-
20 sumers of data breaches of data secu-
21 rity that are consistent with the poli-
22 cies and procedures of a savings asso-
23 ciation that is an affiliate of the fi-
24 nancial institution; and

1 (BB) the policies and procedures
2 of the savings association are designed
3 to comply with the investigation and
4 notice requirements established by any
5 regulations or guidelines under section
6 501(b) of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley
7 Act (15 U.S. 6801(b)) that are appli-
8 cable to savings associations; and

9 (II) provides for notice to the en-
10 tities described under clauses (ii), (iii),
11 and (iv) of subsection (c)(1)(A), if no-
12 tice is provided to consumers pursu-
13 ant to the policies and procedures of
14 the financial institution described in
15 subclause (I); and

16 (B) subsections (a), (b), and (c)—

17 (i) if the entity is a covered entity for
18 purposes of the regulations promulgated
19 under section 264(c) of the Health Insur-
20 ance Portability and Accountability Act of
21 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note), to the ex-
22 tent that the entity is in compliance with
23 such regulations; or

1 (ii) if the entity is in compliance with
2 sections 13402 and 13407 of the HITECH
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 17932 and 17937).

4 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

5 (A) the terms “bank holding company”
6 and “bank” have the meanings given the terms
7 in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act
8 of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841);

9 (B) the term “savings and loan holding
10 company” has the meaning given the term in
11 section 10 of the Home Owners’ Loan Act (12
12 U.S.C. 1467a); and

13 (C) the term “savings association” has the
14 meaning given the term in section 2 of the
15 Home Owners’ Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1462).

16 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
18 sion of law and except as provided in subsection (c), sec-
19 tion 4 shall be enforced exclusively under—

20 (1) section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance
21 Act (12 U.S.C. 1818), in the case of—

22 (A) a national bank, a Federal branch or
23 Federal agency of a foreign bank, or any sub-
24 sidiary thereof (other than a broker, dealer,
25 person providing insurance, investment com-

1 pany, or investment adviser), or a savings asso-
2 ciation, the deposits of which are insured by the
3 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or any
4 subsidiary thereof (other than a broker, dealer,
5 person providing insurance, investment com-
6 pany, or investment adviser), by the Office of
7 the Comptroller of the Currency;

8 (B) a member bank of the Federal Reserve
9 System (other than a national bank), a branch
10 or agency of a foreign bank (other than a Fed-
11 eral branch, Federal agency, or insured State
12 branch of a foreign bank), a commercial lending
13 company owned or controlled by a foreign bank,
14 an organization operating under section 25 or
15 25A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
16 601, 611), or a bank holding company and its
17 nonbank subsidiary or affiliate (other than a
18 broker, dealer, person providing insurance, in-
19 vestment company, or investment adviser), by
20 the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
21 System; and

22 (C) a bank, the deposits of which are in-
23 sured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Cor-
24 poration (other than a member of the Federal
25 Reserve System), an insured State branch of a

1 foreign bank, or any subsidiary thereof (other
2 than a broker, dealer, person providing insur-
3 ance, investment company, or investment ad-
4 viser), by the Board of Directors of the Federal
5 Deposit Insurance Corporation;

6 (2) the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C.
7 1751 et seq.), by the National Credit Union Admin-
8 istration Board with respect to any federally insured
9 credit union;

10 (3) the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15
11 U.S.C. 78a et seq.), by the Securities and Exchange
12 Commission with respect to any broker or dealer;

13 (4) the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15
14 U.S.C. 80a-1 et seq.), by the Securities and Ex-
15 change Commission with respect to any investment
16 company;

17 (5) the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15
18 U.S.C. 80b-1 et seq.), by the Securities and Ex-
19 change Commission with respect to any investment
20 adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange
21 Commission under that Act;

22 (6) the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1
23 et seq.), by the Commodity Futures Trading Com-
24 mission with respect to any futures commission mer-

1 chant, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool
2 operator, or introducing broker;

3 (7) the provisions of title XIII of the Housing
4 and Community Development Act of 1992 (12
5 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.), by the Director of Federal
6 Housing Enterprise Oversight (and any successor to
7 the functional regulatory agency) with respect to the
8 Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal
9 Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and any other
10 entity or enterprise (as defined in that title) subject
11 to the jurisdiction of the functional regulatory agen-
12 cy under that title, including any affiliate of any the
13 enterprise;

14 (8) State insurance law, in the case of any cov-
15 ered entity engaged in providing insurance, by the
16 applicable—

17 (A) lead State insurance regulator for an
18 insurance group of an insurance company, if
19 the sensitive financial account information or
20 sensitive personal information is owned by such
21 insurance group; or

22 (B) State of domicile of the covered entity
23 if subparagraph (A) does not apply;

24 (9) State securities law, in the case of any in-
25 vestment adviser required to be registered with a

1 State securities commissioner (or any agency or of-
2 fice performing like functions), by the applicable se-
3 curities commissioner (or any agency or office per-
4 forming like functions) of the State in which the in-
5 vestment adviser is required to be registered; and

6 (10) the Federal Trade Commission Act (15
7 U.S.C. 41 et seq.), by the Commission for any finan-
8 cial institution or covered entity that is not subject
9 to the jurisdiction of any agency or authority de-
10 scribed under paragraphs (1) through (9), includ-
11 ing—

12 (A) notwithstanding section 5(a)(2) of the
13 Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C.
14 45(a)(2)), common carriers subject to the Com-
15 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et
16 seq.);

17 (B) notwithstanding the Federal Aviation
18 Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. App. 1301 et seq.), in-
19 clude the authority to enforce compliance by air
20 carriers and foreign air carriers; and

21 (C) notwithstanding the Packers and
22 Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), include
23 the authority to enforce compliance by persons,
24 partnerships, and corporations subject to the
25 provisions of that Act.

1 (b) APPLICATION TO CABLE OPERATORS, SATELLITE
2 OPERATORS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS.—

3 (1) DATA SECURITY AND BREACH NOTIFICA-
4 TION.—Sections 201, 202, 222, 338, and 631 of the
5 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 201, 202,
6 222, 338, and 551), and any regulations promul-
7 gated in accordance with those sections, shall not
8 apply with respect to the information security prac-
9 tices, including practices relating to the notification
10 of unauthorized access to data in electronic form, of
11 any covered entity otherwise subject to those sec-
12 tions.

13 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
14 subsection limits authority of the Federal Commu-
15 nication Commission with respect to sections 201,
16 202, 222, 338, and 631 of the Communications Act
17 of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 201, 202, 222, 338, and 551).

18 (c) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE ATTORNEYS GEN-
19 ERAL.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
21 (a)(10), with respect to a covered entity that is not
22 a financial institution, section 4 may be enforced by
23 the attorney general of a State, in any case in which
24 the attorney general of a State has reason to believe
25 that an interest of the residents of that State has

1 been or is threatened or adversely affected by a cov-
2 ered entity that violates section 4 of this Act, by the
3 State (as *parens patriae*) bringing a civil action on
4 behalf of the residents of the State in a district
5 court of the United States of appropriate jurisdic-
6 tion to—

7 (A) enjoin further violation of such section
8 by the defendant;

9 (B) compel compliance with such section;
10 or

11 (C) obtain civil penalties.

12 (2) INTERVENTION BY THE FEDERAL TRADE
13 COMMISSION.—

14 (A) NOTICE AND INTERVENTION.—In all
15 cases, the State shall provide prior written no-
16 tice of any action under paragraph (1) to the
17 Commission and provide the Commission with a
18 copy of its complaint, except in any case in
19 which such prior notice is not feasible, in which
20 case the State shall serve such notice imme-
21 diately upon instituting such action. The Com-
22 mission shall have the right—

23 (i) to intervene in the action;

24 (ii) upon so intervening, to be heard
25 on all matters arising therein; and

1 (iii) to file petitions for appeal.

2 (B) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—If the Com-
3 mission initiates a Federal civil action for a vio-
4 lation of this Act, no State attorney general
5 may bring an action for a violation of this Act
6 that resulted from the same or related acts or
7 omissions against a defendant named in the
8 civil action initiated by the Commission.

9 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
10 subsection may be construed as permitting an attor-
11 ney general of a State to bring an action pursuant
12 to paragraph (1) against any covered entity that is
13 a financial institution.

14 **SEC. 6. RELATION TO STATE LAW.**

15 No requirement or prohibition may be imposed under
16 the laws, rules, or regulations of any State, the District
17 of Columbia, or any territory of the United States with
18 respect to the responsibilities of any person to—

19 (1) protect the security of information relating
20 to consumers that is maintained, communicated, or
21 otherwise handled by, or on behalf of, the person;

22 (2) safeguard information relating to consumers
23 from—

24 (A) unauthorized access; and

25 (B) unauthorized acquisition;

1 (3) investigate or provide notice of the unau-
2 thorized acquisition of, or access to, information re-
3 lating to consumers, or the potential misuse of the
4 information, for fraudulent, illegal, or other pur-
5 poses; or

6 (4) mitigate any potential or actual loss or
7 harm resulting from the unauthorized acquisition of,
8 or access to, information relating to consumers.

9 **SEC. 7. DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CERTAIN PROVI-**
10 **SIONS.**

11 Sections 4 and 6 shall take effect 1 year after the
12 date of enactment of this Act.

