

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6505

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify the role of the National Biosurveillance Integration Center of the Department of Homeland Security regarding an emerging highly communicable infectious disease event of national concern, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Detection and Re-
5 sponse to Emerging Highly Communicable Infectious Dis-
6 ease Events Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL BIOSURVEILLANCE INTEGRATION CEN-**
2 **TER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 316 of
4 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 195b) is
5 amended by inserting “, including an emerging highly
6 communicable infectious disease event,” after “biological
7 event”.

8 (b) REPORTING.—Section 316 of the Homeland Se-
9 curity Act of 2002 is amended by—

10 (1) redesignating subsections (h) through (j) as
11 subsections (i) through (k), respectively; and

12 (2) inserting after subsection (g) the following
13 new subsection:

14 “(h) REPORTING.—The Directing Officer of the
15 NBIC shall report to the National Security Council, the
16 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives, and the Committee on Homeland Security
18 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate within 72 hours
19 of confirmation of an emerging highly communicable infec-
20 tious disease event of national concern being detected.”.

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