

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle B of title III add the following:

1 **SEC. ____. BIOLOGICAL THREATS REPORT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
4 in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall submit
5 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on
6 efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to biological
7 threats, including through cooperation with bilateral and
8 multilateral partners.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report shall include the following:
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11 (1) A description of actions taken by the Department of Defense to improve proliferation prevention regarding, detection of, and response to biological threats of natural, accidental, or deliberate origin, including the following:

12 (A) Department of Defense policy guidance
13 to address the threat of naturally and acciden-

1 tally occurring diseases in addition to potential
2 deliberate biological events.

3 (B) Organizational chart describing those
4 responsible in each Department for coordi-
5 nating these activities, in accordance with the
6 report required by section 745 of the National
7 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020
8 (Public Law 116–92).

9 (C) A description of efforts to integrate
10 Department of Defense infectious disease re-
11 search, cooperative threat reduction programs,
12 and other activities designed to protect Depart-
13 ment of Defense personnel against infectious
14 disease threats.

15 (2) Programs and policies to address the threat
16 of accidental or deliberate misuse of emerging bio-
17 logical technologies, including synthetic biology, in-
18 cluding Cooperative Threat Reduction, efforts to co-
19 operate with other partners to establish international
20 norms and standards, consideration of new tech-
21 nologies in the Biological Threat Reduction Pro-
22 gram, and efforts to develop countermeasures.

