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

SEC. 11. BIOLOGICAL THREATS REPORT.

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

(b) Elements.—The report shall include the following:

(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:

(A) Department of Defense policy guidance to address the threat of naturally and accident-
tally occurring diseases in addition to potential deliberate biological events.

(B) Organizational chart describing those responsible in each Department for coordinating these activities, in accordance with the report required by section 745 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92).

(C) A description of efforts to integrate Department of Defense infectious disease research, cooperative threat reduction programs, and other activities designed to protect Department of Defense personnel against infectious disease threats.

(2) Programs and policies to address the threat of accidental or deliberate misuse of emerging biological technologies, including synthetic biology, including Cooperative Threat Reduction, efforts to cooperate with other partners to establish international norms and standards, consideration of new technologies in the Biological Threat Reduction Program, and efforts to develop countermeasures.