

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–57

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At the end of title XII of division A, add the following:

1 Subtitle H—Global Health Security
2 Act of 2020

3 SEC. 1281. SHORT TITLE.

4 This subtitle may be cited as the “Global Health Se-
5 curity Act of 2020”.

6 SEC. 1282. GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AGENDA INTER-
7 AGENCY REVIEW COUNCIL.

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President shall establish
9 a Global Health Security Agenda Interagency Review
10 Council (in this section referred to as the “Council”) to
11 perform the general responsibilities described in sub-
12 section (c) and the specific roles and responsibilities de-
13 scribed in subsection (e).

14 (b) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet not less than
15 four times per year to advance its mission and fulfill its
16 responsibilities.

17 (c) GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Council shall
18 be responsible for the following activities:

1 (1) Provide policy-level recommendations to
2 participating agencies on Global Health Security
3 Agenda (GHSA) goals, objectives, and implementa-
4 tion.

5 (2) Facilitate interagency, multi-sectoral en-
6 gagement to carry out GHSA implementation.

7 (3) Provide a forum for raising and working to
8 resolve interagency disagreements concerning the
9 GHSA.

10 (4)(A) Review the progress toward and work to
11 resolve challenges in achieving United States com-
12 mitments under the GHSA, including commitments
13 to assist other countries in achieving the GHSA tar-
14 gets.

15 (B) The Council shall consider, among other
16 issues, the following:

17 (i) The status of United States financial
18 commitments to the GHSA in the context of
19 commitments by other donors, and the con-
20 tributions of partner countries to achieve the
21 GHSA targets.

22 (ii) The progress toward the milestones
23 outlined in GHSA national plans for those
24 countries where the United States Government
25 has committed to assist in implementing the

1 GHSA and in annual work-plans outlining
2 agency priorities for implementing the GHSA.

3 (iii) The external evaluations of United
4 States and partner country capabilities to ad-
5 dress infectious disease threats, including the
6 ability to achieve the targets outlined within the
7 WHO Joint External Evaluation (JEE) tool, as
8 well as gaps identified by such external evalua-
9 tions.

10 (d) PARTICIPATION.—The Council shall consist of
11 representatives, serving at the Assistant Secretary level or
12 higher, from the following agencies:

13 (1) The Department of State.

14 (2) The Department of Defense.

15 (3) The Department of Justice.

16 (4) The Department of Agriculture.

17 (5) The Department of Health and Human
18 Services.

19 (6) The Department of Labor.

20 (7) The Department of Homeland Security.

21 (8) The Office of Management and Budget.

22 (9) The United States Agency for International
23 Development.

24 (10) The Environmental Protection Agency.

1 (11) The Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
2 vention.

3 (12) The Office of Science and Technology Pol-
4 icy.

5 (13) The National Institutes of Health.

6 (14) The National Institute of Allergy and In-
7 fectious Diseases.

8 (15) Such other agencies as the Council deter-
9 mines to be appropriate.

10 (e) SPECIFIC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The heads of agencies de-
12 scribed in subsection (d) shall—

13 (A) make the GHSA and its implementa-
14 tion a high priority within their respective agen-
15 cies, and include GHSA-related activities within
16 their respective agencies' strategic planning and
17 budget processes;

18 (B) designate a senior-level official to be
19 responsible for the implementation of this sub-
20 title;

21 (C) designate, in accordance with sub-
22 section (d), an appropriate representative at the
23 Assistant Secretary level or higher to partici-
24 pate on the Council;

1 (D) keep the Council apprised of GHSA-
2 related activities undertaken within their re-
3 spective agencies;

4 (E) maintain responsibility for agency-re-
5 lated programmatic functions in coordination
6 with host governments, country teams, and
7 GHSA in-country teams, and in conjunction
8 with other relevant agencies;

9 (F) coordinate with other agencies that are
10 identified in this section to satisfy pro-
11 grammatic goals, and further facilitate coordi-
12 nation of country teams, implementers, and do-
13 nors in host countries; and

14 (G) coordinate across GHSA national
15 plans and with GHSA partners to which the
16 United States is providing assistance.

17 (2) ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBIL-
18 ITIES.—In addition to the roles and responsibilities
19 described in paragraph (1), the heads of agencies de-
20 scribed in subsection (d) shall carry out their respec-
21 tive roles and responsibilities described in sub-
22 sections (b) through (i) of section 3 of Executive
23 Order 13747 (81 Fed. Reg. 78701; relating to Ad-
24 vancing the Global Health Security Agenda to
25 Achieve a World Safe and Secure from Infectious

1 Disease Threats), as in effect on the day before the
2 date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 1283. UNITED STATES COORDINATOR FOR GLOBAL**
4 **HEALTH SECURITY.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-
6 gress that, given the complex and multisectoral nature of
7 global health threats to the United States, the President
8 should consider appointing an individual with significant
9 background and expertise in public health or emergency
10 response management to the position of United States Co-
11 ordinator for Global Health Security, as required by sub-
12 section (b), who is an employee of the National Security
13 Council at the level of Deputy Assistant to the President
14 or higher.

15 (b) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint an in-
16 dividual to the position of United States Coordinator for
17 Global Health Security, who shall be responsible for the
18 coordination of the interagency process for responding to
19 global health security emergencies. As appropriate, the
20 designee shall coordinate with the President’s Special Co-
21 ordinator for International Disaster Assistance.

22 (c) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not less frequently
23 than twice each year, the employee designated under this
24 section shall provide to the appropriate congressional com-

1 mittees a briefing on the responsibilities and activities of
2 the individual under this section.

3 **SEC. 1284. STRATEGY AND REPORTS.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-
5 gress that, given the complex and multisectoral nature of
6 global health threats to the United States, the President,
7 in providing assistance to implement the strategy required
8 under subsection (c), should—

9 (1) coordinate, through a whole-of-government
10 approach, the efforts of relevant Federal depart-
11 ments and agencies to implement the strategy;

12 (2) seek to fully utilize the unique capabilities
13 of each relevant Federal department and agency
14 while collaborating with and leveraging the contribu-
15 tions of other key stakeholders; and

16 (3) utilize open and streamlined solicitations to
17 allow for the participation of a wide range of imple-
18 menting partners through the most appropriate pro-
19 curement mechanisms, which may include grants,
20 contracts, cooperative agreements, and other instru-
21 ments as necessary and appropriate.

22 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
23 United States to—

24 (1) promote global health security as a core na-
25 tional security interest;

1 (2) advance the aims of the Global Health Se-
2 curity Agenda;

3 (3) collaborate with other countries to detect
4 and mitigate outbreaks early to prevent the spread
5 of disease;

6 (4) encourage other countries to invest in basic
7 resilient and sustainable health care systems; and

8 (5) strengthen global health security across the
9 intersection of human and animal health to prevent
10 infectious disease outbreaks and combat the growing
11 threat of antimicrobial resistance.

12 (c) STRATEGY.—The United States Coordinator for
13 Global Health Security (appointed under section 1283(b))
14 shall coordinate the development and implementation of
15 a strategy to implement the policy aims described in sub-
16 section (b), which shall—

17 (1) set specific and measurable goals, bench-
18 marks, timetables, performance metrics, and moni-
19 toring and evaluation plans that reflect international
20 best practices relating to transparency, account-
21 ability, and global health security;

22 (2) support and be aligned with country-owned
23 global health security policy and investment plans
24 developed with input from key stakeholders, as ap-
25 propriate;

1 (3) facilitate communication and collaboration,
2 as appropriate, among local stakeholders in support
3 of a multi-sectoral approach to global health secu-
4 rity;

5 (4) support the long-term success of programs
6 by building the capacity of local organizations and
7 institutions in target countries and communities;

8 (5) develop community resilience to infectious
9 disease threats and emergencies;

10 (6) leverage resources and expertise through
11 partnerships with the private sector, health organi-
12 zations, civil society, nongovernmental organizations,
13 and health research and academic institutions; and

14 (7) support collaboration, as appropriate, be-
15 tween United States universities, and public and pri-
16 vate institutions in target countries and communities
17 to promote health security and innovation.

18 (d) COORDINATION.—The President, acting through
19 the United States Coordinator for Global Health Security,
20 shall coordinate, through a whole-of-government approach,
21 the efforts of relevant Federal departments and agencies
22 in the implementation of the strategy required under sub-
23 section (c) by—

1 (1) establishing monitoring and evaluation sys-
2 tems, coherence, and coordination across relevant
3 Federal departments and agencies; and

4 (2) establishing platforms for regular consulta-
5 tion and collaboration with key stakeholders and the
6 appropriate congressional committees.

7 (e) STRATEGY SUBMISSION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
10 President, in consultation with the head of each rel-
11 evant Federal department and agency, shall submit
12 to the appropriate congressional committees the
13 strategy required under subsection (c) that provides
14 a detailed description of how the United States in-
15 tends to advance the policy set forth in subsection
16 (b) and the agency-specific plans described in para-
17 graph (2).

18 (2) AGENCY-SPECIFIC PLANS.—The strategy re-
19 quired under subsection (c) shall include specific im-
20 plementation plans from each relevant Federal de-
21 partment and agency that describes—

22 (A) the anticipated contributions of the de-
23 partment or agency, including technical, finan-
24 cial, and in-kind contributions, to implement
25 the strategy; and

1 (B) the efforts of the department or agen-
2 cy to ensure that the activities and programs
3 carried out pursuant to the strategy are de-
4 signed to achieve maximum impact and long-
5 term sustainability.

6 (f) REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
8 the date on which the strategy required under sub-
9 section (c) is submitted to the appropriate congres-
10 sional committees under subsection (e), and not later
11 than October 1 of each year thereafter, the Presi-
12 dent shall submit to the appropriate congressional
13 committees a report that describes the status of the
14 implementation of the strategy.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required under
16 paragraph (1) shall—

17 (A) identify any substantial changes made
18 in the strategy during the preceding calendar
19 year;

20 (B) describe the progress made in imple-
21 menting the strategy;

22 (C) identify the indicators used to establish
23 benchmarks and measure results over time, as
24 well as the mechanisms for reporting such re-
25 sults in an open and transparent manner;

1 (D) contain a transparent, open, and de-
2 tailed accounting of expenditures by relevant
3 Federal departments and agencies to implement
4 the strategy, including, to the extent prac-
5 ticable, for each Federal department and agen-
6 cy, the statutory source of expenditures,
7 amounts expended, partners, targeted popu-
8 lations, and types of activities supported;

9 (E) describe how the strategy leverages
10 other United States global health and develop-
11 ment assistance programs;

12 (F) assess efforts to coordinate United
13 States global health security programs, activi-
14 ties, and initiatives with key stakeholders;

15 (G) incorporate a plan for regularly review-
16 ing and updating strategies, partnerships, and
17 programs and sharing lessons learned with a
18 wide range of stakeholders, including key stake-
19 holders, in an open, transparent manner; and

20 (H) describe the progress achieved and
21 challenges concerning the United States Gov-
22 ernment's ability to advance the Global Health
23 Security Agenda across priority countries, in-
24 cluding data disaggregated by priority country
25 using indicators that are consistent on a year-

1 to-year basis and recommendations to resolve,
2 mitigate, or otherwise address the challenges
3 identified therein.

4 (g) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection
5 (c) and the report required under subsection (f) shall be
6 submitted in unclassified form but may contain a classi-
7 fied annex.

8 **SEC. 1285. COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOREIGN AID TRANS-**
9 **PARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF**
10 **2016.**

11 Section 2(3) of the Foreign Aid Transparency and
12 Accountability Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–191; 22
13 U.S.C. 2394c note) is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at
15 the end;

16 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
17 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(E) the Global Health Security Act of
20 2020.”.

21 **SEC. 1286. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this subtitle:

23 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
24 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
2 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
3 of Representatives; and

4 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
6 Senate.

7 (2) GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY.—The term
8 “global health security” means activities supporting
9 epidemic and pandemic preparedness and capabili-
10 ties at the country and global levels in order to mini-
11 mize vulnerability to acute public health events that
12 can endanger the health of populations across geo-
13 graphical regions and international boundaries.

14 **SEC. 1287. SUNSET.**

15 This subtitle, and the amendments made by this sub-
16 title, (other than section 1283) shall cease to be effective
17 on December 31, 2024.

