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To protect children from terrorism.

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Ms. SLAUGHTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

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## A BILL

To protect children from terrorism.

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 “Protecting America’s  
5 Children Against Terrorism Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**  
7 **ACT.**

8 (a) **PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TO PROTECT**  
9 **AGAINST TERRORISM.**—Part B of title III of the Public

1 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended  
2 by inserting after section 319G, the following:

3 **“SEC. 319H. PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TO PROTECT**  
4 **AGAINST TERRORISM.**

5 “(a) NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN AND  
6 TERRORISM.—

7 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-  
8 tablish a National Task Force on Children and Ter-  
9 rorism (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Task  
10 Force’).

11 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be  
12 composed of—

13 “(A) the Director of the Federal Emer-  
14 gency Management Agency;

15 “(B) the Director of the Centers for Dis-  
16 ease Control and Prevention;

17 “(C) the Administrator of the Environ-  
18 mental Protection Agency;

19 “(D) the Secretary of Education;

20 “(E) child health experts on infectious dis-  
21 ease, environmental health, and toxicology, who  
22 shall be appointed by the Secretary; and

23 “(F) representatives of national children’s  
24 health organizations, including the American  
25 Academy of Pediatrics and the National Asso-

1           ciation of Children’s Hospitals, who shall be ap-  
2           pointed by the Secretary.

3           “(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 60  
4           days after the date of enactment of this section, the  
5           Task Force shall make recommendations to the Sec-  
6           retary concerning—

7                   “(A) an assessment of the preparedness of  
8                   the health care system of the United States to  
9                   respond to bioterrorism aimed at children and  
10                  youth, including the readiness of public health  
11                  institutions, providers of medical care, and  
12                  other emergency service personnel to detect, di-  
13                  agnose, and respond to bioterrorist attacks af-  
14                  fecting large numbers of children and youth;

15                  “(B) needed changes to the health care  
16                  system, including recommendations on research,  
17                  training of health personnel, and changes to the  
18                  National Pharmaceutical Stockpile Program to  
19                  include the medical needs of children; and

20                  “(C) national, regional, and local health  
21                  care protocols for dealing with mass casualties  
22                  of children and youth resulting from bioter-  
23                  rorism.

24           “(b) CHILDREN AND TERRORISM INFORMATION  
25           NETWORK.—

1           “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting  
2 through the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
3 tion, shall establish a Children and Terrorism Infor-  
4 mation Network to collect and disseminate to health  
5 providers (including children’s hospitals and pedi-  
6 atric units of hospitals), community centers (includ-  
7 ing poison control centers), and schools (including  
8 school-based health clinics) up-to-date information  
9 on how to prepare for a biological or chemical ter-  
10 rorist attack and the steps that should be taken to  
11 ensure that children get the health care they need in  
12 the event of such an attack.

13           “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
14 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
15 this subsection, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002,  
16 and such sums as may be necessary for each subse-  
17 quent fiscal year. Amounts appropriated under the  
18 preceding sentence shall remain available to carry  
19 out this section until expended.

20           “(c) NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL STOCKPILE PRO-  
21 GRAM.—

22           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
23 through the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
24 tion, shall provide for the inclusion of supplies,  
25 equipment, and instructions that are appropriate for

1 use on children in push packs and Vendor Manage-  
2 ment Inventories maintained under the National  
3 Pharmaceutical Stockpile Program.

4 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
5 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
6 this subsection, \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2002,  
7 and such sums as may be necessary for each subse-  
8 quent fiscal year. Amounts appropriated under the  
9 preceding sentence shall remain available to carry  
10 out this section until expended.

11 “(d) SECURING OUR SOCIAL SERVICES INFRASTRUC-  
12 TURE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
14 grants to eligible entities to enable such entities to  
15 implement, develop, expand, or increase the capacity  
16 of 2–1–1 call centers or other universal hotlines in  
17 order to connect the public to all available informa-  
18 tion hotlines and call centers developed in response  
19 to disaster and recovery efforts, as well as to connect  
20 the public to existing social services to provide need-  
21 ed help and support to children and families in cri-  
22 sis.

23 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a  
24 grant under subsection (a), an entity shall—

1           “(A) be a non-profit organization working  
2           to implement, develop, expand, or increase the  
3           capacity of 2–1–1 call centers, or other uni-  
4           versal hotlines in their State, region, or locality;  
5           and

6           “(B) prepare and submit to the Secretary  
7           an application at such time, in such manner,  
8           and containing such information as the Sec-  
9           retary may require.

10           “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

11           There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
12           this subsection, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002,  
13           and such sums as may be necessary for each subse-  
14           quent fiscal year. Amounts appropriated under the  
15           preceding sentence shall remain available to carry  
16           out this section until expended.”.

17           (b) PEDIATRIC STUDIES.—Part B of title IV of the  
18           Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is  
19           amended—

20           (1) by redesignating the second section 409C  
21           (relating to clinical research) and the second section  
22           409D (relating to enhancement awards) as sections  
23           409G and 409H, respectively; and

24           (2) by inserting after section 409H (as so re-  
25           designated), the following:

1 **“SEC. 409I. PEDIATRIC STUDIES OF DRUGS AND BIOLOGICS,**  
2 **INCLUDING VACCINES, USED TO PREVENT**  
3 **AND TREAT ILLNESSES AND INJURY CAUSED**  
4 **BY BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL AGENTS USED**  
5 **IN WARFARE AND TERRORISM.**

6 “(a) PUBLICATION OF LIST.—Not later than 1 year  
7 after the date of enactment of this section, and annually  
8 thereafter, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Reg-  
9 ister a list of drugs and biologics, including vaccines, that  
10 may be used to prevent and treat illnesses and injury  
11 caused by biological or chemical agents used in acts of  
12 warfare or terrorism and which require pediatric testing.

13 “(b) TESTING PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the  
14 date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter,  
15 the Secretary shall develop a plan to—

16 “(1) provide for the timely pediatric testing and  
17 labeling of the agents on the list published under  
18 subsection (a) for the year involved; and

19 “(2) coordinate such testing and labeling pro-  
20 gram with activities conducted under existing laws  
21 and regulations concerning pediatric testing of drugs  
22 and biologics.

23 “(c) CONTRACTS.—The Secretary may award con-  
24 tracts to entities that have the expertise to conduct pedi-  
25 atric clinical trials (including qualified universities, hos-  
26 pitals, laboratories, contract research organizations, feder-

1 ally funded programs such as pediatric pharmacology re-  
2 search units, other public or private institutions or, indi-  
3 viduals) to enable such entities to conduct pediatric stud-  
4 ies concerning drugs and biologics, including vaccines, that  
5 are used to prevent and treat illnesses and injuries caused  
6 by biological or chemical agents used in acts of warfare  
7 or terrorism.

8       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
9 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
10 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and such sums as may  
11 be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year. Amounts ap-  
12 propriated under the preceding sentence shall remain  
13 available to carry out this section until expended.”.

14       “(e) TRAINING.—Subpart 2 of part E of title VII of  
15 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295 et seq.) is  
16 amended—

17               (1) in section 770(a), by inserting “other than  
18               section 770A,” after “subpart,”; and

19               (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 **“SEC. 770A. TRAINING FOR PEDIATRIC ISSUES SUR-**  
21 **ROUNDING BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL**  
22 **AGENTS USED IN WARFARE AND TERRORISM.**

23       “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the  
24 Director of Health Resources and Services Administra-



1 tion, shall award grants to eligible entities to enable such  
2 entities to—

3 “(1) provide for the education and training of  
4 clinicians in the pediatric consequences, symptoms,  
5 and treatment of biological and chemical agents; and

6 “(2) assist in the development and distribution  
7 of accurate educational materials on the pediatric  
8 consequences, systems and treatment of biological or  
9 chemical agents.

10 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
11 under subsection (a), an entity shall—

12 “(1) be a children hospital, a pediatric unit of  
13 a hospital, a professional society, or any other entity  
14 that the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

15 “(2) prepare and submit to the Secretary an  
16 application at such time, in such manner, and con-  
17 taining such information as the Secretary may re-  
18 quire.

19 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
20 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
21 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and such sums as may  
22 be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year. Amounts ap-  
23 propriated under the preceding sentence shall remain  
24 available to carry out this section until expended.”.

1 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE ELEMENTARY AND SEC-**  
2 **ONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.**

3 Subpart 2 of part A of title IV of the Elementary  
4 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7131  
5 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 4124. SCHOOL EVACUATIONS, SAFE PLACES AND PA-**  
7 **RENTAL NOTIFICATIONS.**

8 “(a) **RECOMMENDATIONS AND MODELS.**—Not later  
9 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section,  
10 the Secretary shall develop recommendations and models  
11 to assist communities in developing—

12 “(1) school evacuation plans;

13 “(2) safe places for children to go in case of an  
14 attack on a school or individuals in the school;

15 “(3) partnerships with the medical community  
16 to ensure that children get the immediate care they  
17 need in the event of such an attack; and

18 “(4) procedures for notifying parents of evacu-  
19 ation plans and providing information on how and  
20 where to find their child or children in the event of  
21 such an attack.

22 “(b) **DISSEMINATION.**—The Secretary shall ensure  
23 that the recommendations and models developed under  
24 subsection (a) are disseminated to local school districts  
25 throughout the United States.

1       “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
3 \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and such sums as may  
4 be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year. Amounts ap-  
5 propriated under the preceding sentence shall remain  
6 available to carry out this section until expended.

7       **“SEC. 4125. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN**  
8                                   **AND THEIR CAREGIVERS.**

9       “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, jointly with the Sec-  
10 retary of Health and Human Services, shall award grants  
11 to eligible entities to enable such entities to develop and  
12 implement a plan for the provision of comprehensive men-  
13 tal health services for children, school faculty, and child  
14 care providers who are affected by terrorist attacks, times  
15 of war, or other major national crisis.

16       “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
17 under subsection (a), an entity shall—

18               “(1) be a local educational agency, a commu-  
19 nity-based organization, a community mental health  
20 organization, or a partnership of such entities; and

21               “(2) prepare and submit to the Secretary an  
22 application at such time, in such manner, and con-  
23 taining such information as the Secretary may re-  
24 quire.

1       “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
3 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and such sums as may  
4 be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year. Amounts ap-  
5 propriated under the preceding sentence shall remain  
6 available to carry out this section until expended.”.

7 **SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DIS-**  
8                   **ASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**  
9                   **ACT.**

10       Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
11 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.) is  
12 amended by inserting after section 410, the following:

13 **“SEC. 411. CHILDREN’S ASSISTANCE.**

14       “(a) CHILDREN’S COORDINATING OFFICER.—Upon a  
15 determination by the President that children have lost  
16 their custodial parent or parents in an area declared a  
17 disaster area by the President under this Act, the Presi-  
18 dent shall appoint an individual to serve as a Children’s  
19 Coordinating Officer for the area. Such Officer shall pro-  
20 vide necessary support and assistance for such children  
21 to ensure their immediate care and transition to a perma-  
22 nent and loving family.

23       “(b) FUNCTIONS.—A Children’s Coordinating Officer  
24 appointed under subsection (a) shall partner with relevant  
25 Federal, State and local governmental agencies, and co-

1 ordinate all efforts by community-based organizations,  
2 foundations, funds, or other organizations, to direct and  
3 coordinate the provision of assistance to children described  
4 in subsection (a).

5 “(c) SERVICES.—A Children’s Coordinating Officer  
6 appointed under subsection (a) shall ensure that children  
7 and their caregivers are provided with—

8 “(1) immediate temporary care services;

9 “(2) counseling on long-term permanency plan-  
10 ning;

11 “(3) legal services for guardianships and adop-  
12 tions;

13 “(4) information on available services and as-  
14 sistance for the victims of the disaster; and

15 “(5) mental health services.”.

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