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To provide for the development of State medical disaster response plans regarding terrorist attacks that use biological or chemical weapons.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATSON of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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. STATE MEDICAL DISASTER RESPONSE PLANS**  
4               **REGARDING TERRORIST ATTACKS.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—

6               (1) STATE PLANS.—The Secretary of Health  
7       and Human Services (in this section referred to as  
8       the “Secretary”), acting through the Director of the  
9       Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall  
10      cooperate with the States toward the goal of ensur-

1       ing that each State develops a medical disaster re-  
2       sponse plan regarding terrorist attacks that use bio-  
3       logical or chemical weapons.

4           (2) COLLABORATION.—The Secretary shall  
5       carry out this section in collaboration with the As-  
6       sistant to the President for Homeland Security, the  
7       Director of the Federal Emergency Management  
8       Agency, and the Attorney General.

9           (b) FEDERAL CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall estab-  
10      lish criteria that provide recommendations to the States  
11      for response plans under subsection (a). Such criteria shall  
12      provide that a response plan of a State should, with re-  
13      spect to terrorist attacks described in such subsection,  
14      include—

15           (1) provisions for a comprehensive assessment  
16      of the response capabilities of the State, including  
17      the capabilities of local governments;

18           (2) provisions for the storage and distribution  
19      of pharmaceuticals in coordination with the Office of  
20      Emergency Preparedness and the Centers for Dis-  
21      ease Control and Prevention, which provisions  
22      should be designed to meet a standard of providing  
23      supplies for every diagnosed victim within 24 hours  
24      of diagnosis;

1           (3) provisions for training medical personnel;  
2           and

3           (4) provisions for hospitals and medical per-  
4           sonnel to conduct emergency drills.

5           (c) FEDERAL EVALUATION OF PLANS; COORDINA-  
6           TION THROUGH OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—The  
7           Secretary shall request that the States submit proposed  
8           response plans under subsection (a) to the Assistant to  
9           the President for Homeland Security. Such Assistant to  
10          the President shall coordinate—

11           (1) the evaluation of the response plans by the  
12          Secretary, the Director of the Federal Emergency  
13          Management Agency, and the Attorney General; and

14           (2) the provision to the States of recommenda-  
15          tions regarding modifications to the response plans.

16          (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS; COORDINATION  
17          THROUGH OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—A report shall be submitted  
19          to the Congress that, on the basis of evaluations  
20          under subsection (c) and of State actions in response  
21          to the evaluations, describes the extent to which the  
22          States are prepared to respond to terrorist attacks  
23          that use biological or chemical weapons.

24           (2) PREPARATION OF REPORT.—The report  
25          under paragraph (1) shall be prepared by the Sec-

1       retary, the Director of the Federal Emergency Man-  
2       agement Agency, and the Attorney General, and the  
3       Assistant to the President for Homeland Security  
4       shall coordinate the preparation of the report.

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