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S. 319

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to review the Cattle Fever Tick
Eradication Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry

A BILL

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Fever Tick Eradication Program, and for other purposes.

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 “Cattle Fever Tick
5 Eradication Program Enhancement Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. CATTLE FEVER TICK ERADICATION PROGRAM RE-**
7 **VIEW AND REPORT.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-
10 ered institution” means—

1 (A) a land-grant college or university; and

2 (B) a non-land-grant college of agriculture.

3 (2) LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—

4 The term “land-grant college or university” has the
5 meaning given the term in section 1404 of the Na-
6 tional Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teach-
7 ing Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

8 (3) NON-LAND-GRANT COLLEGE OF AGRI-

9 CULTURE.—The term “non-land-grant college of ag-
10 riculture” has the meaning given the term in section
11 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Exten-
12 sion, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
13 3103).

14 (4) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
15 the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program carried
16 out by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
17 Service in coordination with the Texas Animal
18 Health Commission.

19 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Agriculture.

21 (b) PROGRAM REVIEW.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
24 shall offer to enter into a contract with a covered in-
25 stitution to conduct a review of the Program.

1 (2) REVIEW ELEMENTS.—The review conducted
2 under paragraph (1) shall include an evaluation of—

3 (A) the effectiveness of the Program in
4 preventing and reducing the spread of cattle
5 fever ticks;

6 (B) with respect to cattle producers—

7 (i) the benefits of the Program; and

8 (ii) the burden of compliance with the
9 Program;

10 (C) the treatment protocols developed and
11 implemented under the Program; and

12 (D) the Federal and State funds allocated
13 to support the Program for the most recent fis-
14 cal year, including the funds allocated to each
15 research project associated with the Program.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
17 on which the Secretary and a covered institution enter into
18 a contract under subsection (b)(1), the Secretary shall
19 submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
20 Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture
21 of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

22 (1) the results of the review conducted pursuant
23 to that contract; and

24 (2) recommendations for improvements to the
25 Program, including recommendations for reducing

- 1 burdens on cattle producers in complying with the
- 2 Program.

