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Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish
the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, 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 “Supporting Research
5 and Development for First Responders Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
 2 **ORATORY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-
 4 rity Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing new section:

6 **“SEC. 321. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
 7 **ORATORY.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through
 9 the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall
 10 designate the laboratory described in subsection (b) as an
 11 additional laboratory pursuant to the authority under sec-
 12 tion 308(c)(2). Such laboratory shall be used to test and
 13 evaluate emerging technologies and conduct research and
 14 development to assist emergency response providers in
 15 preparing for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.

16 “(b) LABORATORY DESCRIBED.—The laboratory de-
 17 scribed in this subsection is the laboratory—

18 “(1) known, as of the date of the enactment of
 19 this section, as the National Urban Security Tech-
 20 nology Laboratory;

21 “(2) previously known as the Environmental
 22 Measurements Laboratory; and

23 “(3) transferred to the Department pursuant to
 24 section 303(1)(E).

25 “(c) LABORATORY ACTIVITIES.—The laboratory des-
 26 ignated pursuant to subsection (a), shall—

1 “(1) conduct tests, evaluations, and assess-
 2 ments of current and emerging technologies, includ-
 3 ing, as appropriate, cybersecurity of such tech-
 4 nologies that can connect to the internet, for emer-
 5 gency response providers;

6 “(2) conduct research and development on radi-
 7 ological and nuclear response and recovery;

8 “(3) act as a technical advisor to emergency re-
 9 sponse providers; and

10 “(4) carry out other such activities as the Sec-
 11 retary determines appropriate.”.

12 ~~(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—~~The table of contents
 13 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
 14 the item relating to section 320 the following new item:

 “321. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 *This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Research*
 17 *and Development for First Responders Act”.*

18 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
 19 **ORATORY.**

20 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Security*
 21 *Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by adding*
 22 *at the end the following:*

1 **“SEC. 321. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
2 **ORATORY.**

3 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary, acting through the*
4 *Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall des-*
5 *ignate the laboratory described in subsection (b) as an addi-*
6 *tional laboratory pursuant to the authority under section*
7 *308(c)(2). Such laboratory shall be used to test and evaluate*
8 *emerging technologies and conduct research and develop-*
9 *ment to assist emergency response providers in preparing*
10 *for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.*

11 “(b) *LABORATORY DESCRIBED.*—*The laboratory de-*
12 *scribed in this subsection is the laboratory—*

13 “(1) *known, as of the date of the enactment of*
14 *this section, as the National Urban Security Tech-*
15 *nology Laboratory;*

16 “(2) *previously known as the Environmental*
17 *Measurements Laboratory; and*

18 “(3) *transferred to the Department pursuant to*
19 *section 303(1)(E).*

20 “(c) *LABORATORY ACTIVITIES.*—*The laboratory des-*
21 *ignated pursuant to subsection (a) shall—*

22 “(1) *conduct tests, evaluations, and assessments*
23 *of current and emerging technologies, including, as*
24 *appropriate, the cybersecurity of such technologies*
25 *that can connect to the internet, for emergency re-*
26 *sponse providers;*

1 “(2) notwithstanding the amendments made by
2 section 501(b)(2) of the SAFE Port Act (Public Law
3 109–347; 120 Stat. 1935), conduct research and devel-
4 opment on radiological and nuclear response and re-
5 covery;

6 “(3) act as a technical advisor to emergency re-
7 sponse providers; and

8 “(4) carry out other such activities as the Sec-
9 retary determines appropriate.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in
11 section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public
12 Law 107–296) is amended by inserting after the item relat-
13 ing to section 320 the following:

 “Sec. 321. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.

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