

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 542

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Research
3 and Development for First Responders Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
5 **ORATORY.**

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

9 **“SEC. 321. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
10 **ORATORY.**

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

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

21 “(1) known, as of the date of the enactment of
22 this section, as the National Urban Security Tech-
23 nology Laboratory;

24 “(2) previously known as the Environmental
25 Measurements Laboratory; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“321. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 10, 2019.

Attest:

Clerk.

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