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H. R. 4991

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

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—

8 (1) by redesignating the second section 319 (re-
9 lating to EMP and GMD mitigation research and
10 development) as section 320; and

11 (2) by inserting after section 320, as so redesi-
12 gnated, the following new section:

13 **“SEC. 321. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**
14 **ORATORY.**

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

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

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

4 “(2) previously known as the Environmental
5 Measurements Laboratory; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by striking both
23 items relating to section 319 and the item relating to sec-
24 tion 318 and inserting the following:

“318. Social media working group.

“319. Transparency in research and development.

“320. EMP and GMD mitigation research and development.
“321. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 19, 2018.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.