

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7125

To amend the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Act to prevent the proliferation of biological weapons under the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2022

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stopping the Spread
5 of Taxpayer-Funded Bioweapons Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF BIOLOGICAL**
2 **WEAPONS UNDER THE COOPERATIVE**
3 **THREAT REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

4 (a) PREVENTION OF THE PROLIFERATION OF BIO-
5 LOGICAL WEAPONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1331(a) of the De-
7 partment of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction
8 Act (50 U.S.C. 3731(a)) is amended by adding at
9 the end the following new paragraphs:

10 “(6) Cooperative biological engagement.

11 “(7) Activities that facilitate the detection and
12 reporting of highly pathogenic diseases or other dis-
13 eases that are associated with or that could be used
14 as an early warning mechanism for disease out-
15 breaks, regardless of whether such diseases are
16 caused by biological weapons.”.

17 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such Act (50
18 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) is further amended as follows:

19 (A) By striking “, nuclear, or biological
20 weapons” each place it appears and inserting
21 “or nuclear weapons”.

22 (B) In section 1321—

23 (i) in subsection (a)—

24 (I) in paragraph (1), by striking
25 “, biological,”;

1 (II) by striking paragraph (4);

2 and

3 (III) by redesignating paragraphs

4 (5) and (6) as paragraphs (4) and

5 (5), respectively; and

6 (ii) in paragraph (4), as so redesign-

7 nated, by striking “, chemical, and biologi-

8 cal” and inserting “and chemical”.

9 (C) In section 1344, by striking “, nuclear,

10 and biological weapons” and inserting “and nu-

11 clear weapons”.

12 (b) PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—

13 (1) PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF

14 FUNDS.—Notwithstanding section 1681(a)(4) of the

15 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

16 2022 (Public Law 117–81), none of the funds au-

17 thorized to be appropriated for the Cooperative

18 Threat Reduction program under the Department of

19 Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Act (50

20 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) for fiscal year 2022 or any fis-

21 cal year thereafter may be obligated or expended for

22 cooperative biological engagement.

23 (2) RESCISSION OF FUNDS.—Any unobligated

24 funds available for the Cooperative Threat Reduc-

25 tion program for cooperative biological engagement

1 as of the date of the enactment of this Act are here-
2 by rescinded and deposited into the general fund of
3 the Treasury.

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