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To allow the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to award a grant to create and maintain a website with information regarding bioterrorism.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CARNAHAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Bioterrorism Aware-
5 ness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BIOTERRORISM WEBSITE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Centers for
8 Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this section
9 as the “Director”) shall award a grant to 1 entity to cre-

1 ate and maintain the official Federal Government website
2 containing comprehensive information about bioterrorism.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the website referred
4 to in subsection (a) is to create an integrated website that
5 serves as the official Federal Government source of infor-
6 mation for the public and targeted populations containing
7 accurate, scientifically-based information about bioter-
8 rorism.

9 (c) DURATION.—The grant awarded under this sec-
10 tion shall extend for a period of 3 years. If the entity re-
11 ceiving such grant desires to extend such grant beyond
12 the 3-year period, such entity may submit an application
13 to the Director for an extension of 2 years.

14 (d) QUALIFICATIONS.—In awarding the grant under
15 this section, the Director shall select an entity that has
16 demonstrated successful experience in—

- 17 (1) research on bioterrorism and public health;
- 18 (2) development of websites and distribution of
19 information; and
- 20 (3) working with Federal Government agencies.

21 (e) DEADLINE.—Not later than 180 days after the
22 date of enactment of this section, the entity awarded the
23 grant under this section shall create the website described
24 in this section.

1 (f) CONSULTATION.—The entity awarded a grant
2 under this section shall receive the approval of the Direc-
3 tor, or its designee, prior to the placement of information
4 on the website. In approving information to be included
5 in the website, the Director, or designee, shall consult,
6 where appropriate, with representatives of—

7 (1) the Department of Defense;

8 (2) the Department of Justice;

9 (3) the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
10 cy;

11 (4) the Department of Agriculture;

12 (5) the Department of Health and Human
13 Services;

14 (6) the Department of Labor;

15 (7) the Environmental Protection Agency; and

16 (8) any other Federal agency that has jurisdic-
17 tion over bioterrorism.

18 (g) CONTENT.—The website referred to in subsection

19 (a) shall contain scientifically-based information
20 regarding—

21 (1) the definition of bioterrorism;

22 (2) the potential consequences of bioterrorism
23 and other risks associated with bioterrorism;

24 (3) how to recognize physical symptoms that
25 may result from a bioterrorist attack;

1 (4) what the public can do to prepare for a bio-
2 terrorist attack;

3 (5) how parents can talk to their children about
4 bioterrorism;

5 (6) how teachers can talk to their students
6 about bioterrorism, including science teachers;

7 (7) how farmers and other personnel involved in
8 the Nation's food supply system may protect them-
9 selves, their livestock, and the Nation's food supply
10 in the case of a bioterrorist attack;

11 (8) chemical warfare, and the differences be-
12 tween bioterrorism and chemical warfare;

13 (9) vaccines for possible terrorist agents that
14 are available to the public, including information re-
15 garding the availability and effectiveness of such
16 vaccines; and

17 (10) other situations or consequences of bioter-
18 rorism, or any other information, that the entity,
19 with the approval of the Director or its designee, de-
20 termines should be included.

21 (h) ORGANIZATION.—The website referred to in sub-
22 section (a) shall contain targeted sections with specific in-
23 formation for—

24 (1) health care professionals, public health pro-
25 fessionals, pharmacists, personnel working in labora-

1 tories, veterinarians, and individuals in business and
2 industry;

3 (2) children, parents, and teachers (including
4 age-appropriate educational material); and

5 (3) farmers and other individuals involved in
6 the Nation's food supply.

7 (i) LINKS.—The website referred to in subsection (a)
8 shall contain links to appropriate State and local agencies.

9 (j) USE OF FUNDS.—The entity that receives the
10 grant awarded under this section shall use funds received
11 through such grant to—

12 (1) create and maintain the website on bioter-
13 rorism as described in this section;

14 (2) consult with public and private entities in
15 the gathering of essential information regarding bio-
16 terrorism, and any other experts who may provide
17 pertinent information regarding bioterrorism;

18 (3) continually update the website with the
19 most up-to-date information regarding bioterrorism;

20 (4) consult State and local representatives re-
21 garding how to develop links to State and local
22 agencies;

23 (5) develop and implement a marketing strategy
24 to raise public awareness about the availability of
25 the website; and

1 (6) make the information on the website avail-
2 able for sale to the public, at cost, in alternative
3 forms such as CD Roms and printed materials.

4 (k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
6 \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$1,000,000 for each of
7 the fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006, and such
8 sums as may be necessary for subsequent fiscal years.

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