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# S. 1705

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a homeland security academic centers for public health preparedness network.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2001

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

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## 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. HOMELAND SECURITY ACADEMIC CENTERS**  
4 **FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS NET-**  
5 **WORK.**

6 Title III of the Public Health Service Act is amended  
7 by inserting after section 319G (42 U.S.C. 247d–7) the  
8 following:

1 **“SEC. 319H. HOMELAND SECURITY ACADEMIC CENTERS**  
2 **FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS NET-**  
3 **WORK.**

4 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director of the Centers  
5 for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this  
6 section as the ‘Director’), acting through the Centers for  
7 Public Health Preparedness program, shall establish a na-  
8 tional network of academic centers for public health pre-  
9 paredness to train and prepare the national public health  
10 workforce, health care providers and the general public  
11 against terrorist threats.

12 “(b) COMPOSITION.—Not later than 6 months after  
13 the date of enactment of this section, the Director, acting  
14 through the cooperative agreement between the Centers  
15 for Disease Control and Prevention and the Association  
16 of Schools of Public Health, shall establish the network  
17 described in subsection (a) through the creation or fund-  
18 ing of not less than 25 centers for public health prepared-  
19 ness, including centers funded or approved by the Public  
20 Health Practice Program Office prior to such date of en-  
21 actment.

22 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—Each center funded under this  
23 section, shall—

24 “(1) provide training and education to State  
25 and local health department staff, emergency first  
26 responders, and primary and acute care providers

1       concerning the best practices necessary to protect  
2       against, and respond to, the array of potential  
3       threats facing the American public, including bioter-  
4       rorism, infectious disease, and weapons of mass de-  
5       struction;

6               “(2) provide information to health care pro-  
7       viders and other components of the health care in-  
8       dustry on the threats described in paragraph (1);

9               “(3) provide information and education on rel-  
10      evant bioterrorist threats to the public; and

11              “(4) assist the Director, as requested, to im-  
12      prove the evaluation, monitoring, risk and threat as-  
13      sessment, communications, and research about  
14      homeland security threats affecting the public  
15      health.

16              “(d) EXPERTISE.—Each center funded under this  
17      section shall be located at an accredited school of public  
18      health, or an academic institution that is likely to have  
19      an accredited school of public health within the 5-year pe-  
20      riod beginning on the date on which the center is estab-  
21      lished at such institution.

22              “(e) TRAINEESHIPS.—Not less than 25 percent of the  
23      amount provided in each fiscal year to a center under this  
24      section shall be used for traineeships to enable students

1 to receive certificates in public health or Masters in Public  
2 Health degrees.

3 “(f) CENTER FUNDING.—The Director shall provide  
4 not less than \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to each center  
5 established or otherwise funded under this section, and  
6 may provide additional sums in each such year if the Di-  
7 rector determines that additional resources are necessary  
8 to carry out regional or national training activities at a  
9 particular center.

10 “(g) PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS WORKFORCE  
11 STRATEGY.—Not later than 6 months after the date of  
12 enactment of this section, the Director shall submit to the  
13 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of  
14 the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce  
15 of the House of Representatives, a detailed strategy, in-  
16 cluding schedule, target audiences and curriculum content,  
17 on how the network of academic centers will assist the  
18 United States to train and educate the national public  
19 health workforce on homeland security threats that could  
20 potentially affect the public health.

21 “(h) EVALUATION.—Not later than 3 years after the  
22 date of enactment of this section, the Director shall under-  
23 take an evaluation of the effectiveness of the network es-  
24 tablished under this section in meeting the goals estab-  
25 lished by the Director.

1       “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
3 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$65,000,000 for fiscal  
4 year 2003, \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2004, \$95,000,000  
5 for fiscal year 2005, and such sums as may be necessary  
6 for each subsequent fiscal year.”.

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