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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT (for himself and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Gang Elimination Act  
5       of 2007”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The number of documented members of  
2 gangs located in the United States has grown to  
3 over 800,000. This number is larger than all but six  
4 armies in the world.

17 (5) The average recruit into a gang is in the  
18 seventh grade.

19 (6) Gangs run by international drug cartels  
20 now number in the hundreds of thousands, across  
21 city, State, and national boundaries.

22 (7) Current efforts by municipal and State law  
23 enforcement communities have not eliminated this  
24 threat to the Nation, law and order, or to children.

5 SEC. 3. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE THE ILLEGAL  
6 OPERATIONS OF THE THREE INTER-  
7 NATIONAL DRUG GANGS THAT PRESENT THE  
8 BIGGEST THREAT IN THE UNITED STATES.

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General,  
11 in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
12 shall submit to Congress a report, in both classified and  
13 unclassified form, setting forth a national strategy to  
14 eliminate within the period that is four years after the  
15 date of such submission the illegal operations of each Na-  
16 tional Threat Drug Gang designated under subsection (b).  
17 In addition to such strategy, the report shall include the  
18 following information:

24 (b) DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL THREAT DRUG  
25 GANGS.—In developing the national strategy under sub-

1 section (a), the Attorney General shall identify the top  
2 three international drug gangs that present the greatest  
3 threat to law and order in the United States and shall  
4 designate each such gang as a “National Threat Drug  
5 Gang”. For purposes of identifying such gangs, the Attorney  
6 General shall consider—

21 (3) the extent to which the gang is a threat to  
22 children and schools within the United States, as  
23 compared to the extent to which other international  
24 drug gangs are such a threat.

25 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act:

10 (C) the activities of which—

11 (i) include crimes of violence, as de-  
12 fined in section 16 of title 18, United  
13 States Code (including rape); and

14 (ii) affect interstate or foreign com-  
15 merce.

16 (2) DRUG-RELATED OFFENSE.—The term  
17 “drug-related offense” means—

18 (A) a Federal felony involving a controlled  
19 substance (as defined in section 102 of the Con-  
20 trolled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)) for  
21 which the maximum penalty is not less than 5  
22 years, including a crime involving the manufac-  
23 turing, importing, distributing, dispensing, or  
24 possessing with the intent to manufacture, dis-

1 tribute, or dispense such a controlled substance;

2 and

3 (B) a conspiracy to commit an offense de-  
4 scribed in subparagraph (A).

5 (3) INTERNATIONAL DRUG GANG.—The term  
6 “international drug gang” means a drug gang  
7 that—

8 (A) conducts activities that affect foreign  
9 commerce; or

10 (B) conspires with another drug gang that  
11 conducts activities that affect foreign com-  
12 merce.

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