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H. R. 6357

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to assess and make recommendations related to disaster medical assistance teams, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON DISASTER MED-**
4 **ICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS.**

5 (a) STUDY AND REPORT.—

6 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
7 United States shall conduct a study on the mission
8 readiness of disaster medical assistance teams with

1 respect to current and emerging natural and man-
2 made threats.

3 (2) COMPONENTS.—The study conducted pur-
4 suant to paragraph (1) shall include an assessment,
5 in relation to disaster medical assistance teams, of—

6 (A) whether the mission readiness of such
7 teams, and the needs relating to such readiness,
8 have changed over time;

9 (B) the standards the Assistant Secretary
10 for Preparedness and Response of the Depart-
11 ment of Health and Human Services uses to de-
12 termine—

13 (i) the training needs of such teams;

14 and

15 (ii) whether such teams are mission
16 ready;

17 (C) how to improve the determinations de-
18 scribed in subparagraph (B);

19 (D) the extent to which the provision of
20 additional resources (including personnel, train-
21 ing, and equipment) has addressed mission
22 readiness concerns; and

23 (E) the extent to which the Assistant Sec-
24 retary has developed plans to address mission
25 readiness issues.

1 (3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-
3 eral shall submit to the Committee on Energy and
4 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the
5 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
6 sions of the Senate a report containing—

7 (A) the findings of the study conducted
8 pursuant to paragraph (1); and

9 (B) related recommendations.

10 (b) DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM DE-
11 FINED.—In this section, the term “disaster medical assist-
12 ance team” means a disaster medical assistance team op-
13 erating pursuant to the National Disaster Medical System
14 established under section 2812 of the Public Health Serv-
15 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–11).

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