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# H. R. 1646

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2015

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

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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 “Homeland Security  
5 Drone Assessment and Analysis Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DRONE ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
3 rity shall research how commercially available small and  
4 medium sized unmanned aerial systems could be used to  
5 perpetuate an attack and, in consultation with the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense, the Secretary of Transportation, and  
7 the Secretary of Energy, develop Federal policies, guid-  
8 ance, and protocols to prevent such an attack or mitigate  
9 the effects of such an attack.

10 (b) DISSEMINATION TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFI-  
11 CIALS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall dis-  
12 seminate information to State, local, and tribal law en-  
13 forcement officials regarding how such officials may bol-  
14 ster preparedness for and responses to attacks perpetrated  
15 by commercially available small and medium sized un-  
16 manned aerial systems.

17 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland  
19 Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Se-  
20 curity of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
21 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
22 Senate an assessment of the security threat associated  
23 with the commercial availability of small and medium  
24 sized unmanned aerial systems. Such assessment shall be  
25 informed by research conducted in accordance with sub-  
26 section (a) and may be developed in coordination with the

- 1 Centers of Excellence of the Department of Homeland Se-
- 2 curity and other academic institutions.

