

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2795
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “First Responder Iden-
3 tification of Emergency Needs in Disaster Situations” or
4 the “FRIENDS Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY IMPACT FIRST RE-
6 SPONDERS DURING A TERRORIST EVENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
9 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
10 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and
11 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
12 Affairs of the Senate a report that describes select State
13 programs and policies related to the preparedness and pro-
14 tection of first responders. The report may include infor-
15 mation on—

16 (1) the degree to which such programs and poli-
17 cies include consideration of the presence of a first

1 responder's family in an area impacted by a terrorist
2 attack;

3 (2) the availability of personal protective equip-
4 ment for first responders; and

5 (3) other related factors.

6 (b) CONTEXT.—In preparing the report required
7 under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the
8 United States may, as appropriate, provide information—

9 (1) in a format that delineates high risk urban
10 areas from rural communities; and

11 (2) on the degree to which the selected State
12 policies included in the report were developed or are
13 being executed with funding from the Department of
14 Homeland Security, including grant funding from
15 the State Homeland Security Grant Program or the
16 Urban Area Security Initiative under sections 2002
17 and 2003, respectively, of the Homeland Security
18 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603 and 604).

19 (c) HOMELAND SECURITY CONSIDERATION.—After
20 issuance of the report required under subsection (a), the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security shall consider the report's
22 findings and assess its applicability for Federal first re-
23 sponders.

