

**AMENDMENT TO DHS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
REFORM AND IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2015 CP  
OFFERED BY MR. RICHMOND OF LOUISIANA**

Page 29, line 3, strike the closing quotes and the second period.

Page 29, beginning line 4, insert the following (and make necessary technical, clerical, and conforming changes):

1 **“SEC. 323. INTEGRATED PRODUCT TEAMS.**

2       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish in-  
3 tegrated product teams to serve as a central mechanism  
4 for the Department to identify, coordinate, and align re-  
5 search and development efforts with departmental mis-  
6 sions. Each team shall be managed by the Under Sec-  
7 retary for Science and Technology and the relevant senior  
8 leadership of operational components, and shall be respon-  
9 sible for the following:

10               “(1) Identifying and prioritizing homeland secu-  
11 rity capability gaps within a specific mission area  
12 and technological solutions to address such gaps.

13               “(2) Identifying ongoing departmental research  
14 and development activities and component acquisi-

1 tions of technologies that are outside of depart-  
2 mental research and development activities to ad-  
3 dress a specific mission area.

4 “(3) Assessing the appropriateness of a tech-  
5 nology to address a specific mission area.

6 “(4) Identifying unnecessary redundancy in de-  
7 partmental research and development activities with-  
8 in a specific mission area.

9 “(5) Informing the Secretary and the annual  
10 budget process regarding whether certain techno-  
11 logical solutions are able to address homeland secu-  
12 rity capability gaps within a specific mission area.

13 “(b) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—Not later than  
14 two years after the date of enactment of this section, the  
15 Secretary shall report to the appropriate congressional  
16 committees on the impact and effectiveness of the mecha-  
17 nism described in subsection (a) on research and develop-  
18 ment efforts, component relationships, and how the proc-  
19 ess has informed the research and development budget  
20 and enhanced decision making, including acquisition deci-  
21 sion making, at the Department. The Secretary shall seek  
22 feedback from the Under Secretary for Science and Tech-  
23 nology, Under Secretary for Management, and the senior  
24 leadership of operational components regarding the impact

- 1 and effectiveness of such mechanism and include such
- 2 feedback in the report required this subsection.”.

