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H. R. 6305

To ensure the security of biomedical research, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUDSON (for himself and Mr. TRONE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect America’s Bio-
5 medical Research Enterprise Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING AMERICA’S BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH**
7 **ENTERPRISE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
10 retary”), in collaboration with Assistant to the President
11 for National Security Affairs, the Director of National In-

1 telligence, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-
2 tigation, and the heads of other relevant departments and
3 agencies, and in consultation with research institutions
4 and research advocacy organizations or other relevant ex-
5 perts, as appropriate, shall—

6 (1) identify ways to improve the protection of
7 intellectual property and other proprietary informa-
8 tion, as well as identifiable, sensitive information of
9 participants in biomedical research and development,
10 from national security risks and other applicable
11 threats, including the identification of gaps in poli-
12 cies and procedures in such areas related to bio-
13 medical research and development supported by the
14 Department of Health and Human Services and bio-
15 medical research supported by other agencies as ap-
16 plicable, and make recommendations to institutions
17 of higher education or other entities that have tradi-
18 tionally received Federal funding for biomedical re-
19 search to protect such information;

20 (2) identify or develop strategies to prevent,
21 mitigate, and address national security threats in
22 biomedical research and development supported by
23 the Federal Government, including such threats as-
24 sociated with foreign talent programs, by countries
25 seeking to exploit United States technology and

1 other proprietary information as it relates to such
2 biomedical research and development;

3 (3) identify national security risks and potential
4 misuse of proprietary information, and identifiable,
5 sensitive information of biomedical research partici-
6 pants and other applicable risks, including with re-
7 spect to peer review, and make recommendations for
8 additional policies and procedures to protect such in-
9 formation;

10 (4) develop a framework to identify areas of
11 biomedical research and development supported by
12 the Federal Government that are emerging areas of
13 interest for state actors and would compromise na-
14 tional security if they were to be subjected to undue
15 foreign influence; and

16 (5) regularly review recommendations or poli-
17 cies developed under this section and make addi-
18 tional recommendations or updates, as appropriate.

19 (b) REPORT TO PRESIDENT AND TO CONGRESS.—
20 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
21 Act, the Secretary shall prepare and submit, in a manner
22 that does not compromise national security, to the Presi-
23 dent and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
24 Pensions and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
25 Senate, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the

1 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House
2 of Representatives, and other congressional committees as
3 appropriate, a report on the findings and recommenda-
4 tions pursuant to subsection (a).

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