

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4470
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPAC-**
2 **ITY TO RESPOND TO CHEMICAL SECURITY IN-**
3 **CIDENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5 rity, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and
6 Technology of the Department of Homeland Security,
7 shall research and produce a study on how to improve
8 training and support for local emergency response pro-
9 viders in areas with high concentrations of covered chem-
10 ical facilities (as such term is defined in section 2101 of
11 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 621) re-
12 garding how to respond to a terrorist attack on a chemical
13 facility.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the study required
15 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security
16 shall consider, as appropriate, the following:

17 (1) The degree to which jurisdictions with high
18 concentrations of covered chemical facilities have
19 fire, police, medical, or other response personnel

1 trained and equipped to respond to a terrorist attack
2 on a chemical facility, and have—

3 (A) evacuation and shelter in place proto-
4 cols tailored to the unique needs of the jurisdic-
5 tion and the chemical properties of chemicals of
6 interest that would be involved in the attack
7 and that take into consideration vulnerable pop-
8 ulations, including schools, child care centers,
9 nursing facilities, and hospitals;

10 (B) community notification and warning
11 systems; and

12 (C) surge capacities of hospitals and other
13 health care facilities in the area.

14 (2) What, if any, distinctions are there in pre-
15 paredness for a terrorist attack on a chemical facil-
16 ity in jurisdictions that rely on volunteers to carry
17 out fire, police, medical, or other response, and juris-
18 dictions that do not so rely, in whole or in part, on
19 such volunteers.

20 (3) All training, equipment, and support pro-
21 vided by the Department of Homeland Security to
22 local emergency response providers in areas with a
23 high concentration of covered chemical facilities and
24 chemical facilities of interest (as such term is de-

1 fined in section 2101 of the Homeland Security Act
2 of 2002.

3 (c) SURVEY.—In carrying out the study required
4 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security
5 may partner with a non-Department of Homeland Secu-
6 rity entity for the survey of a representative sample of
7 emergency response providers in areas with a high con-
8 centration of covered chemical facilities, chemical facilities
9 of interest, or other facilities with large quantities of
10 chemicals.

11 (d) REPORT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years
13 after the date on which the Secretary of Homeland
14 Security commences the study required under sub-
15 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to Congress
16 the study, accompanied by plans, as appropriate, to
17 carry out the following:

18 (A) Improve the Department of Homeland
19 Security's counter-terrorism preparedness and
20 response planning, training, and equipment ef-
21 forts to ensure such efforts are better tailored
22 and resourced to address the unique needs of
23 local emergency response providers in areas
24 with a high concentration of covered chemical
25 facilities and chemical facilities of interest.

1 (B) Improve coordination among Federal,
2 State, local, Tribal, and territorial government
3 officials in emergency planning and response in
4 areas with high concentrations of covered chem-
5 ical facilities, chemical facilities of interest, or
6 other facilities with large quantities of haz-
7 ardous chemicals.

8 (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report re-
9 quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly
10 available, but may include a classified annex.

