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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WENSTRUP (for himself and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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 “Elevating Bio-
5 technology Threats Reporting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON BIOTECHNOLOGY**
2 **THREATS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ELE-**
3 **MENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.**

4 (a) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than
5 June 30, 2025, the head of each covered element of the
6 intelligence community shall submit a separate report to
7 the congressional intelligence committees with respect to
8 biotechnology threats and intelligence activities related to
9 biotechnology threats.

10 (b) **MATTERS INCLUDED.**—Each report under sub-
11 section (a) shall include, with respect to each covered ele-
12 ment of the intelligence community, the following:

13 (1) A description of any gaps that exist with re-
14 spect to intelligence activities that impede such ele-
15 ment from fully targeting, collecting, and analyzing
16 intelligence related to biotechnology threats.

17 (2) A description of any existing formal mecha-
18 nisms by which the intelligence community provides
19 intelligence and support with respect to bio-
20 technology threats to—

21 (A) departments and agencies of the Fed-
22 eral Government outside the intelligence com-
23 munity;

24 (B) the governments of foreign countries;
25 and

1 (C) private industry and academic institu-
2 tions.

3 (3) An assessment of any existing mechanisms
4 and manners by which the intelligence community
5 consults with biotechnology experts and other out-
6 side experts with related expertise.

7 (c) COVERED ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE
8 COMMUNITY.—For purposes of this section, the covered
9 elements of the intelligence community are as follows:

10 (1) The Central Intelligence Agency.

11 (2) The Defense Intelligence Agency.

12 (3) The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

13 (4) The National Security Agency.

14 (5) The Office of the Director of National Intel-
15 ligence.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “con-
17 gressional intelligence committees”, “intelligence commu-
18 nity”, and “intelligence” each have the meaning given
19 such terms in section 3 of the National Security Act of
20 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

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