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To provide for the development and dissemination of educational materials about responding to terrorist events involving a nuclear, biological, or chemical element, and to provide for an emergency medicine alert network.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHADEGG 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF EDU-**
2 **CATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT RESPONDING**
3 **TO TERRORIST EVENTS INVOLVING A NU-**
4 **CLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, OR CHEMICAL ELE-**
5 **MENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services (hereafter in this section referred to as
8 the “Secretary”) shall make a grant or enter into a con-
9 tract with a private nonprofit organization (meeting cri-
10 teria established by the Secretary) to—

11 (1) develop materials for teaching to physicians,
12 nurses, and other appropriate health care personnel
13 the elements of a core curriculum for responding, at
14 a preparedness level, to a terrorist event involving a
15 nuclear, biological, or chemical element;

16 (2) develop materials for teaching the elements
17 of a core curriculum for an awareness level course
18 to prepare the general public to respond to such an
19 event;

20 (3) develop a core curriculum and materials for
21 planning by local governments, legislators, hospital
22 administrators, chiefs of police and fire departments,
23 and local business leaders to respond to such an
24 event; and

25 (4) provide for disseminating and teaching the
26 materials described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)

1 by all appropriate means, including telemedicine,
2 long-distance learning, and CD-ROMs.

3 (b) USE OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANELS.—An or-
4 ganization receiving a grant for the purposes specified in
5 subsection (a) may utilize one or more technical advisory
6 panels to assist in the preparation of the curricula and
7 materials described in such subsection.

8 (c) CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPI-
9 ENT.—The criteria established by the Secretary under
10 subsection (a) shall require that, in order to be eligible
11 for a grant or contract under such subsection, an organi-
12 zation shall have recent experience with the development
13 of a core curriculum for responding to a terrorist event
14 involving a nuclear, biological, or chemical element.

15 (d) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN DATA BASE.—Estab-
16 lish and maintain a data base containing up-to-date infor-
17 mation on the identities and current addresses (geographic
18 and electronic) of doctors, nurses and other health care
19 personnel who have received training in the curriculum de-
20 scribed in subsection (a)(1) in order to update these per-
21 sonnel as new information becomes available.

22 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2002 and
24 for each fiscal year thereafter such sums as may be nec-
25 essary for the purpose of carrying out this section.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DATA BASE AND EMERGENCY**
2 **MEDICINE ALERT NETWORK.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services (hereafter in this section referred to as
5 the “Secretary”) shall make a grant or enter into a con-
6 tract with a private nonprofit organization (meeting cri-
7 teria established by the Secretary) to—

8 (1) establish and maintain a mechanism (which
9 shall be known as the “emergency medicine alert
10 network”) for use by the Secretary, State depart-
11 ments of health, and other appropriate entities in
12 transmitting to such personnel—

13 (A) information about a terrorist event in-
14 volving a nuclear, biological, or chemical ele-
15 ment;

16 (B) information about changes in the rec-
17 ommended methods for such personnel to re-
18 spond to such an event; and

19 (C) that allows for coordinated sharing and
20 discussion of essential information in real time
21 across jurisdictional and geographic boundaries.

22 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
24 necessary for fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year there-
25 after for the purpose of carrying out this section.