

HR 3242

Biological and Chemical Weapons Preparedness Act of 2001

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Nov 28, 2001)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 19, 2001
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 28, 2001
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 7, 2001
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2001
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 1486	Identical bill	Oct 3, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Biological and Chemical Weapons Preparedness Act of 2001 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a coordinated plan to achieve the following biological or chemical preparedness goals by 2010: (1) first responders (law enforcement, fire, and medical services) will have adequate response capacity, training, and technology; (2) sophisticated electronic disease surveillance and information exchange; and (3) development of the health care and public health workforce in key biopreparedness priority areas.

Requires such plan to include specific benchmarks and outcome measures. Funds activities through block grants to States. Includes Indian tribes in this program at their request.

Requires each participating States' public health agency to develop (with the recommendations of a State Bioterrorism Preparedness Advisory Committee) a certifiable plan. Sets forth uniform data collection and reporting requirements. Requires fiscal controls on the use of such funds, including audits, repayments, and withholding (after investigation).

Requires compliance with specified nondiscrimination acts. Establishes criminal penalties for fraudulently collecting payments.

Directs the Secretary to award competitive grants with an emphasis on building emergency surge capacity, biocontainment, and decontamination capabilities.

Authorizes additional appropriations for programs concerning; (1) vaccine, antibiotic, and therapeutic research and development; (2) protecting the food supply (including interdiction); and (3) research by specified federal agencies and departments.

Requires the Secretary to review Federal counterterrorism efforts in light of unique rural community requirements.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 28, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 19, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Nov 16, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
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