

HR 6610

Director of Pandemic and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 23, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 23, 2020
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes the position of the Director of Pandemic and Biodefense Preparedness and Response in the executive branch and sets forth the qualifications for and responsibilities of the position. Among other tasks, the director shall

- advise the President, relevant councils, and others with respect to pandemics and other health threats;
- oversee the development of a National Pandemic and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Strategy and, in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget, submit biennial reports to Congress on the implementation of the strategy; and
- plan for and coordinate specified preparedness and response activities.

The director must also (1) identify existing federal agencies charged with elements of pandemic and biodefense preparedness and response, and (2) provide recommendations to Congress for reorganizing such agencies under the Office of the Director of Pandemic and Biodefense Preparedness and Response.

The director may not simultaneously serve as the head of any other agency in the federal government and must be a member of the National Security Council.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 24, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Apr 23, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 23, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.