

HR 5263

Directed Energy Threat Emergency Response Act

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Related Bills

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| 117 S 2590 | Related bill | Aug 3, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence. |

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This bill requires actions to address anomalous health incidents.

The President must designate an appropriate senior official as the Anomalous Health Incidents Interagency Coordinator. The interagency coordinator must (1) coordinate the U.S. government's response to anomalous health incidents, (2) ensure that affected personnel and dependents get access to care, and (3) ensure adequate training and education for relevant U.S. government personnel.

The President must also appoint an appropriate senior official as the Deputy Anomalous Health Incidents Interagency Coordinator.

The bill also requires certain agencies, including the Department of Defense and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, to designate an appropriate senior official to serve as the Anomalous Health Incident Agency Coordination Lead. These officials must work with the interagency coordinator to (1) achieve objectives related to anomalous health incidents, and (2) jointly provide quarterly briefings to Congress on its activities.

Such agencies must also develop updated workplace guidance to address anomalous health incidents.

The bill authorizes the Department of State to take certain actions, such as increasing staffing for the Health Incident Response Task Force and collecting data related to anomalous health incidents.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 14, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Oversight and Reform, and Energy and Commerce, 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.