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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOSSELLA (for himself, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SWEENEY, Mrs. BONO, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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

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 “Responsible Bioter-
5 rorism Funding Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES;**
2 **USE OF RISK-BASED FORMULA FOR DIS-**
3 **TRIBUTION OF GRANTS FOR BIOTERRORISM**
4 **PREPAREDNESS.**

5 (a) USE OF FORMULA.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each pro-
7 gram of grants that is administered by the Secretary
8 of Health and Human Services and whose purpose
9 (or one of whose principal purposes) is providing
10 funds to States or political subdivisions of States to
11 prepare for or respond to bioterrorism, all grants
12 made under the program for fiscal year 2007 or any
13 subsequent fiscal year shall, notwithstanding the
14 provisions of the program, be distributed in accord-
15 ance with the formula under subsection (b), as in ef-
16 fect for the fiscal year involved.

17 (2) CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—The programs to
18 which the requirement of paragraph (1) applies in-
19 clude the programs under sections 319C–1 and
20 319C–2 of the Public Health Service Act.

21 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF FORMULA BY SECRETARY OF
22 HOMELAND SECURITY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
24 (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security, in con-
25 sultation with the Secretary of Health and Human
26 Services, shall develop a formula for the distribution

1 of grants based on a quantitative assessment of risk
2 based on the following three categories:

3 (A) Threat.

4 (B) Vulnerability.

5 (C) Consequences

6 (2) REVISIONS.—The initial formula under
7 paragraph (1) shall be established and provided to
8 the Secretary of Health and Human Services not
9 later than March 31, 2006. The Secretary of Home-
10 land Security, in consultation with the Secretary of
11 Health and Human Services, shall periodically re-
12 view the formula and make such revisions as the
13 Secretary determines to be appropriate to accurately
14 distribute funds based on risk. A revision is not ef-
15 fective for a fiscal year unless it is approved by both
16 the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Sec-
17 retary of Health and Human Services on or before
18 July 1 of the preceding year.

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