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To direct the Director of National Intelligence to produce a National Intelligence Estimate on the threat of global pandemic disease, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. HIMES, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HECK, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. SPEIER, and Mrs. DEMINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, 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

To direct the Director of National Intelligence to produce a National Intelligence Estimate on the threat of global pandemic disease, and for other purposes.

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 “The Global Pandemic
5 NIE Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON THREAT**
2 **OF GLOBAL PANDEMIC DISEASE.**

3 (a) NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE.—

4 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Director of National
5 Intelligence, acting through the National Intelligence
6 Council, shall produce a National Intelligence Esti-
7 mate on the threat of global pandemic disease, in-
8 cluding with respect to the following:

9 (A) An assessment of the possible courses
10 of the COVID–19 pandemic during the 18
11 months following the date of the Estimate, in-
12 cluding—

13 (i) the projected spread of the 2019
14 novel coronavirus outside the United
15 States and the likelihood of a potential sec-
16 ond wave of the virus;

17 (ii) the capacity of countries and
18 international organizations to combat the
19 further spread of the virus, including risks
20 and opportunities for further global co-
21 operation; and

22 (iii) the risks to the national security
23 and health security of the United States if
24 the disease is not contained abroad.

1 (B) An assessment of the global public
2 health system and the responses of the system
3 to the COVID–19 pandemic, including—

4 (i) prospects for an effective global
5 disease surveillance and response system,
6 opportunities to advance the development
7 of such a system, and signposts for evalu-
8 ating whether or not an effective system
9 has been developed before a disease out-
10 break occurs; and

11 (ii) an assessment of health system
12 capacity.

13 (C) An assessment of—

14 (i) the humanitarian and economic
15 implications of the COVID–19 pandemic;
16 and

17 (ii) the consequences of the pandemic
18 with respect to political stability, armed
19 conflict, democratization, and the global
20 leadership by the United States of the
21 post-World War II international system.

22 (D) An assessment of—

23 (i) likely threats by viruses during the
24 10-year period following the date of the
25 Estimate;

1 (ii) global readiness to avert a future
2 global pandemic;

3 (iii) challenges and opportunities for
4 the policy of the United States to advance
5 global pandemic preparedness; and

6 (iv) the potential role of non-state and
7 state-backed global influence activities or
8 disinformation campaigns involving
9 COVID–19 or future potential pandemics.

10 (E) Any other matters the Director deter-
11 mines appropriate.

12 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

13 (A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 90 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
15 Director shall submit to the Permanent Select
16 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Select Committee on Intel-
18 ligence of the Senate the National Intelligence
19 Estimate produced under paragraph (1), includ-
20 ing all intelligence reporting underlying the Es-
21 timate.

22 (B) NOTICE REGARDING SUBMISSION.—If
23 before the end of the 90-day period specified in
24 subparagraph (A) the Director determines that
25 the National Intelligence Estimate under para-

1 graph (1) cannot be submitted by the end of
2 that period, the Director shall (before the end
3 of that period)—

4 (i) submit to the Permanent Select
5 Committee on Intelligence of the House of
6 Representatives and the Select Committee
7 on Intelligence of the Senate a report set-
8 ting forth—

9 (I) the reasons why the National
10 Intelligence Estimate cannot be sub-
11 mitted by the end of that period; and

12 (II) an estimated date for the
13 submission of the National Intel-
14 ligence Estimate; and

15 (ii) testify before such committees on
16 the issues that will be covered by the Na-
17 tional Intelligence Estimate.

18 (C) FORM.—The National Intelligence Es-
19 timate shall be submitted under subparagraph
20 (A) in classified form.

21 (3) PUBLIC VERSION.—Consistent with the pro-
22 tection of intelligence sources and methods, at the
23 same time as the Director submits to the congres-
24 sional intelligence committees the National Intel-
25 ligence Estimate under paragraph (2), the Director

1 shall submit to the congressional committees speci-
2 fied in paragraph (4), and make publicly available
3 on the internet website of the Director, an unclassi-
4 fied version of the National Intelligence Estimate.

5 (4) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SPECI-
6 FIED.—The congressional committees specified in
7 this paragraph are the following:

8 (A) The Committee on Appropriations, the
9 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee
10 on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on
11 Financial Services, the Committee on Foreign
12 Affairs, the Committee on Homeland Security,
13 and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
14 ligence of the House of Representatives.

15 (B) The Committee on Appropriations, the
16 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee
17 on Finance, the Committee on Foreign Rela-
18 tions, the Committee on Health, Education,
19 Labor, and Pensions, the Committee on Home-
20 land Security and Governmental Affairs, and
21 the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
22 Senate.

23 (5) CONSULTATION.—The Director shall pre-
24 pare the National Intelligence Estimate under para-
25 graph (1) in consultation with the Secretary of

1 Health and Human Services, the Director of the
2 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and any
3 other head of an element of the Federal Government
4 the Director of National Intelligence determines ap-
5 propriate.

6 (b) FUTURE PANDEMIC PLAN.—

7 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
9 President shall transmit to the congressional com-
10 mittees specified in paragraph (3), and make pub-
11 licly available on the internet website of the Presi-
12 dent, a report containing a whole-of-government
13 plan for an effective response to a potential second
14 wave of the COVID–19 pandemic and for other fu-
15 ture pandemic diseases.

16 (2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The plan under
17 paragraph (1) shall address how to improve the fol-
18 lowing:

- 19 (A) Pandemic planning.
- 20 (B) Homeland preparedness.
- 21 (C) International disease surveillance.
- 22 (D) Testing.
- 23 (E) Contact tracing.

1 (F) The role of the Federal Government
2 with respect to the regulation, acquisition, and
3 disbursement of essential equipment.

4 (G) The provision of personal protective
5 equipment.

6 (H) Early domestic response to future
7 pandemic diseases in the United States.

8 (3) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SPECI-
9 FIED.—The congressional committees specified in
10 this paragraph are the following:

11 (A) The Committee on Appropriations, the
12 Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Com-
13 mittee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
14 Homeland Security, and the Permanent Select
15 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives.

17 (B) The Committee on Appropriations, the
18 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Com-
19 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
20 sions, the Committee on Homeland Security
21 and Governmental Affairs, and the Select Com-
22 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

23 (c) GLOBAL STRATEGY.—

24 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 President, in coordination with the Director of Na-
2 tional Intelligence, shall transmit to the congres-
3 sional committees specified in paragraph (2), and
4 make publicly available on the internet website of
5 the President, a report containing a global strategy
6 for mobilizing international institutions to combat
7 the COVID–19 pandemic.

8 (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SPECI-
9 FIED.—The congressional committees specified in
10 this paragraph are the following:

11 (A) The Committee on Appropriations, the
12 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee
13 on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Select
14 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives.

16 (B) The Committee on Appropriations, the
17 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee
18 on Foreign Relations, and the Select Committee
19 on Intelligence of the Senate.

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