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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health - Contingency Plan for Biological and Chemical Terrorism**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop
4 a Contingency Plan for Biological and Chemical Terrorism; requiring that the
5 Plan address certain issues; requiring the Secretary to consult with the National
6 Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure, and Counter-terrorism; and generally
7 relating to public health and biological and chemical terrorism.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Health - General

10 Section 13-1001 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10. Contingency Plan for
11 Biological and Chemical Terrorism"

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Health - General**

17 **SUBTITLE 10. CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL TERRORISM.**

18 13-1001.

19 (A) THE SECRETARY SHALL DEVELOP FOR THE STATE A CONTINGENCY PLAN
20 FOR BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL TERRORISM.

21 (B) IN DEVELOPING THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BIOLOGICAL AND
22 CHEMICAL TERRORISM, THE SECRETARY SHALL CONSULT WITH THE NATIONAL
23 COORDINATOR FOR SECURITY, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND COUNTER-TERRORISM.

24 (C) THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL TERRORISM
25 SHALL ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

1 (1) PREVENTING, DETECTING, AND MONITORING BIOLOGICAL AND
2 CHEMICAL ATTACKS;

3 (2) MANAGING THE CONSEQUENCES OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL
4 ATTACKS, INCLUDING THE TREATMENT OF VICTIMS;

5 (3) THE NEED TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISEASE
6 AGENTS OF BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL ATTACKS AND TREATMENT PROTOCOLS;

7 (4) INTEGRATING THE STATE'S PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM WITH THE
8 FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEMS;

9 (5) THE AVAILABILITY OF THE APPROPRIATE KIND AND QUANTITY OF
10 PHARMACEUTICALS AND LABORATORY RESOURCES; AND

11 (6) THE NEED TO COORDINATE STATE, LOCAL, AND FEDERAL EFFORTS
12 TO DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL TERRORISM.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 1999.