

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5626

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Securing And For-
5 tifying Everyday Biomedical Research Act” or the “SAFE
6 Biomedical Research Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.**

2 Section 402(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 282(b)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (24), by striking “; and” and
5 inserting a semicolon;

6 (2) in paragraph (25)(B), by striking the period
7 and inserting a semicolon; and

8 (3) by inserting after paragraph (25) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(26) shall consult with the Director of the Of-
11 fice of National Security within the Department of
12 Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary
13 for Preparedness and Response, the Director of Na-
14 tional Intelligence, the Director of the Federal Bu-
15 reau of Investigation, and the heads of other appro-
16 priate agencies on a regular basis, regarding bio-
17 medical research conducted or supported by the Na-
18 tional Institutes of Health that may affect or be af-
19 fected by matters of national security; and

20 “(27) shall ensure that recipients of awards
21 from the National Institutes of Health, and, as ap-
22 propriate and practicable, entities collaborating with
23 such recipients, have in place and are adhering to
24 appropriate technology practices and policies for the
25 security of identifiable, sensitive information, includ-

- 1 ing information collected, stored, or analyzed by do-
- 2 mestic and foreign entities.”.

