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To establish a program at BARDA for developing medical countermeasures for viral threats with pandemic potential.
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
Ms. Baldwin (for herself and Mr. Tillis) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on
A BILL
To establish a program at BARDA for developing medical countermeasures for viral threats with pandemic potential.
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 "Disease X Act of
5 2023".
6 SEC. 2. MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES FOR VIRAL THREATS
7 WITH PANDEMIC POTENTIAL.

(a) In General.—Section 319L(c)(4) of the Public

9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-7e(c)(4)) is amend-

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1	(1) in subparagraph (D)—
2	(A) in clause (ii), by striking "; and" and
3	inserting a semicolon;
4	(B) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause
5	(v); and
6	(C) by inserting after clause (ii) the fol-
7	lowing:
8	"(iii) the identification and develop-
9	ment of platform manufacturing tech-
10	nologies needed for advanced development
11	and manufacturing of medical counter-
12	measures for viral families which have sig-
13	nificant potential to cause a pandemic;
14	"(iv) advanced research and develop-
15	ment of flexible medical countermeasures
16	against priority respiratory virus families
17	and other respiratory viral pathogens with
18	a significant potential to cause a pandemic,
19	with both pathogen-specific and pathogen-
20	agnostic approaches; and"; and
21	(2) in subparagraph (F)—
22	(A) in clause (ii), by striking "; and" at
23	the end and inserting a semicolon;
24	(B) in clause (iii), by striking the period
25	and inserting "; and; and

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1	(C) by adding at the end the following:
2	"(iv) priority virus families and other
3	viral pathogens with a significant potential
4	to cause a pandemic.".
5	(b) Funding.—Section 319L(d)(2) of the Public
6	Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7e(d)(2)) is amend-
7	ed—
8	(1) by striking "To carry out" and inserting
9	the following:
10	"(i) In general.—To carry out";
11	and
12	(2) by adding at the end the following:
13	"(ii) Additional funding.—In addi-
14	tion to the amounts appropriated under
15	clause (i), there is authorized to be appro-
16	priated to the Fund \$40,000,000 for each
17	of fiscal years 2024 through 2028, which
18	amounts shall be used solely for purposes
19	of carrying out clauses (iii) and (iv) of sub-
20	section (c)(4)(D), such amounts to remain
21	available until expended.".