**§ 709-a. Office of counterterrorism.** The office of counterterrorism shall develop and analyze the state's policies, protocols and strategies relating to the prevention and detection of terrorist acts and terrorist threats. The office shall also be responsible for coordinating strategies, protocols and first responder equipment needs to detect a biological, chemical or radiological terrorist act or threat; working with private entities and local, state and federal agencies to conduct assessments of the vulnerability of critical infrastructure to terrorist attack; and consulting with appropriate state and local governments and private entities to facilitate and foster cooperation to better prepare the state to prevent and detect threats and acts of terrorism.