

# Union Calendar No. 606

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8800

[Report No. 119-698]

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2026

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

JUNE 15, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 13, 2026]

# **A BILL**

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, 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 “National Defense Au-*  
 5 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF**  
 7 **CONTENTS.**

8 *(a) DIVISIONS.—This Act is organized into four divi-*  
 9 *sions as follows:*

10 *(1) Division A—Department of Defense Author-*  
 11 *izations.*

12 *(2) Division B—Military Construction Author-*  
 13 *izations.*

14 *(3) Division C—Department of Energy National*  
 15 *Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.*

16 *(4) Division D—Funding Tables.*

17 *(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for*  
 18 *this Act is as follows:*

*Sec. 1. Short title.*

*Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.*

*Sec. 3. Congressional defense committees.*

**DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**

**TITLE I—PROCUREMENT**

**Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations**

*Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.*

**Subtitle B—Army Programs**

*Sec. 111. Standards for networked, autonomous, kinetic capabilities to protect against small unmanned aircraft systems.*

*Subtitle C—Navy Programs*

- Sec. 121. Temporary unavailability of amphibious warfare ships.*
- Sec. 122. Authority to use incremental funding for long lead-time components for Virginia class submarines.*
- Sec. 123. Multiyear procurement authority for Arleigh Burke Class Destroyers.*
- Sec. 124. Multiyear procurement authority for John Lewis class Oilers.*
- Sec. 125. Procurement authorities for certain amphibious shipbuilding programs.*
- Sec. 126. Contract authority for submarine tender program.*
- Sec. 127. Multiyear procurement authority for E-2D Advanced Hawkeye aircraft.*
- Sec. 128. Authority to use incremental funding for the construction of a Guided Missile Destroyer (DDG).*
- Sec. 129. Authority for advance procurement of components for Ship-to-Shore Connector class craft.*
- Sec. 130. Torpedo modernization, testing, and inventory sufficiency for two simultaneous regional conflicts.*
- Sec. 131. Limitation on construction of Battleship pending certification on technology readiness levels.*
- Sec. 132. Strategy for iterative development and flight modifications for FF(X) class frigates.*
- Sec. 133. Report on continuity of mission and readiness during transition of F-5 to F/A-18E/F aircraft for the Navy Reserve.*

*Subtitle D—Air Force Programs*

- Sec. 141. Inventory requirements for certain fighter aircraft.*
- Sec. 142. Extension of prohibition on retirement of F-22 aircraft.*
- Sec. 143. Limitation on retirement of E-3 airborne warning and control system aircraft and requirements relating to E-7 aircraft.*
- Sec. 144. Evaluation for potential transfer of certain A-10 aircraft among military departments.*
- Sec. 145. Extension of requirements relating to C-130 aircraft.*
- Sec. 146. Limitation on availability of funds for C-37 aircraft recapitalization program.*
- Sec. 147. Limitation on retirement of MQ-9 Reaper aircraft.*
- Sec. 148. Analysis of alternatives for next generation airlift capabilities.*
- Sec. 149. Authorization of transitional activities to improve airlift operations.*
- Sec. 150. Conveyance of certain F-14 aircraft to U.S. Space and Rocket Center Commission in Huntsville, Alabama.*
- Sec. 151. Report on the feasibility of restoring nuclear capability to the B-1B Lancer bomber aircraft.*

*Subtitle E—Defense-wide, Joint, and Multiservice Matters*

- Sec. 161. Multiyear procurement authority for F-15EX aircraft.*
- Sec. 162. Multiyear procurement authority for F-35 aircraft.*
- Sec. 163. Prohibition on procurement and use of humanoid robotic systems produced, developed, or controlled by foreign adversaries.*
- Sec. 164. Limitation on availability of funds to retire or decommission certain radar systems.*
- Sec. 165. Standards for common operating system for small unmanned aircraft systems.*
- Sec. 166. Minimum annual procurement goal for AbilityOne Program.*
- Sec. 167. Implementation of Comptroller General recommendations on F-35 Joint Strike Fighter technical data needs for sustainment.*

- Sec. 168. Implementation of GAO recommendation on F-35 joint strike fighter use of contract incentive fees.*
- Sec. 169. Study on fuel procurement practices of the Department of Defense.*

## **TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**

### *Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations*

- Sec. 201. Authorization of appropriations.*

### *Subtitle B—Program Requirements, Restrictions, and Limitations*

- Sec. 211. Budget review and certification for certain categories of research and development.*
- Sec. 212. Deputy Directors of Operational Test and Evaluation.*
- Sec. 213. Repeal of pilot authority for use of other transactions for installation or facility prototyping.*
- Sec. 214. Modifications to responsibilities of the Defense Innovation Unit.*
- Sec. 215. Test and evaluation repository and regional test hubs of the Test Resource Management Center.*
- Sec. 216. Weapon system platform modernization and cyber hardening.*
- Sec. 217. Repeal of requirement for Secretary of Defense to act through a specified official for NATO innovation program.*
- Sec. 218. Modification to test program for engineering plant of certain vessels.*
- Sec. 219. United States–Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative.*
- Sec. 220. Establishment of synthetic training environment to support Indo-Pacific operations.*
- Sec. 221. Requirement to establish test and training corridors for small unmanned aircraft systems and associated capabilities.*
- Sec. 222. Operational autonomy requirements for unmanned surface vessels.*
- Sec. 223. Realignment of the National Strategic Research Institute to the Department of the Air Force.*
- Sec. 224. Reimbursement of National Guard for research, development, test, and evaluation expenses.*
- Sec. 225. Use of innovative and emerging food production technologies for components of military rations.*
- Sec. 226. Support for advanced technologies that strengthen United States agricultural production, agrifood systems, and associated bioindustrial manufacturing capacity.*
- Sec. 227. Prize competitions to support the research and development of biotechnology for the Department of Defense.*
- Sec. 228. Pilot program to recognize outstanding achievements in technology and prototype development.*
- Sec. 229. Pilot program on forward deployable biomanufacturing capabilities.*
- Sec. 230. Pilot program on the use of automated data security posture management technologies for artificial intelligence systems.*
- Sec. 231. Pilot program on technologies to strengthen authentication and attribution of human authorization for consequential actions.*
- Sec. 232. Cloud laboratory pilot program.*
- Sec. 233. Pilot program to test and evaluate muzzle blast overpressure mitigation devices.*
- Sec. 234. Space technology demonstration of advanced nuclear propulsion technologies.*
- Sec. 235. Prohibition on pilot trainees operating T-7 aircraft pending testing and corrective actions.*
- Sec. 236. Prohibition on availability of funds for gain of function research.*

*Sec. 237. Prohibition on availability of funds for animal research in collaboration with foreign countries of concern.*

*Subtitle C—Plans, Reports, and Other Matters*

*Sec. 251. Policy to guide the development and acquisition of quantum computing systems for the Department of Defense.*

*Sec. 252. Plan for competitive experimentation relating to autonomous and non-traditional capabilities relevant to the A-10 mission set.*

*Sec. 253. Plan for establishment and evaluation of experimental, drone-centric reconnaissance and security formations.*

*Sec. 254. Plan for use of certain aircraft for research and development purposes.*

*Sec. 255. Sonobuoy modernization, testing, and inventory sufficiency for two simultaneous regional conflicts.*

*Sec. 256. Review and implementation of strategies to accelerate the qualification process for domestically produced advanced energetic materials.*

**TITLE III—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

*Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations*

*Sec. 301. Authorization of appropriations.*

*Subtitle B—Energy and Environment*

*Sec. 311. Inclusion of nuclear energy in energy policy of Department of Defense and related matters.*

*Sec. 312. Modification to pilot program on Navy installation nuclear energy.*

*Sec. 313. Standardized document on scope of projects carried out under Military Munitions Response Program.*

*Sec. 314. Pilot program for secure recycling of domestic electronic waste.*

*Sec. 315. Program for deployment of transportable nuclear microreactor in area of responsibility of the United States Indo-Pacific Command.*

*Sec. 316. Prohibition on operation of connected vehicles designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign entity of concern on Department of Defense property.*

*Sec. 317. Pilot program on off-grid tactical power.*

*Sec. 318. Clarification of certain authorities independent from designated Executive Agent for installation or operational nuclear energy.*

*Subtitle C—Logistics and Sustainment*

*Sec. 321. Requirement for quarterly reports on munitions inventory numbers.*

*Sec. 322. Increase of capital investment program threshold for working-capital funds.*

*Sec. 323. Establishment of Civil Reserve Industrial Base.*

*Sec. 324. Modification of minimum capital investment for certain depots of Department of Defense.*

*Sec. 325. Expansion of covered depots to include Crane Army Ammunition Activity, Indiana.*

*Sec. 326. Expansion of space-available travel program for members of the Armed Forces stationed at United States Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.*

*Sec. 327. Authorization of sustainable aviation fuel procurement.*

- Sec. 328. Modification and extension of pilot program on optimization of aerial refueling and fuel management in contested logistics environments through use of artificial intelligence.*
- Sec. 329. Army expansion of production of 155mm artillery ammunition.*
- Sec. 330. Requirements relating to aerial refueling capability of Air Force tanker fleet.*
- Sec. 331. Navy containerized expeditionary advanced manufacturing capabilities pilot program.*
- Sec. 332. Expansion of transportation services on Navy installations.*
- Sec. 333. Requirements relating to sustainment of A-10 aircraft and related training.*
- Sec. 334. Requirement for standardized munitions with respect to certain unmanned aircraft.*
- Sec. 335. Requirement to ensure sufficiency of naval mine inventory.*

#### *Subtitle D—Reports*

- Sec. 341. Strategy to support Joint Strike Fighter sustainment and maintenance in contested operating environments.*

#### *Subtitle E—Other Matters*

- Sec. 351. Establishment of Center for the Study of the National Guard.*
- Sec. 352. Disposition of accountable property in designated theaters of operation.*
- Sec. 353. Certification requirement for motor carriers transporting Department of Defense freight.*
- Sec. 354. Establishment of national security registry for motor carriers handling Department of Defense freight.*
- Sec. 355. Protection of property owned, possessed, or shipped by the Department of Defense from lien, arrest, or seizure during shipment.*
- Sec. 356. Establishment of United States Marine Corps Museum System.*
- Sec. 357. Requirement for FireGuard program.*
- Sec. 358. Pilot program for testing and evaluation of counter-fire unmanned fire suppression aircraft systems on military installations.*
- Sec. 359. Pilot program on data collection and analysis in connection with Army combat training center rotations.*
- Sec. 360. Minimum maritime firefighting capability standards for naval installations that berth large naval vessels.*
- Sec. 361. Minimum staffing requirements for fire apparatus at certain Space Force installations.*
- Sec. 362. Activities for evaluating integration and interoperability of technologies for subterranean operations.*
- Sec. 363. Improvements to Osprey aircraft safety efforts.*
- Sec. 364. Army pilot program on electronic ammunition simulation for small arms training.*
- Sec. 365. Pilot program on hydrophobin-based biomanufactured treatment as flame-resistant and water-repellent treatments for military uniforms.*

### *TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS*

#### *Subtitle A—Active Forces*

- Sec. 401. End strengths for active forces.*

*Subtitle B—Reserve Forces*

- Sec. 411. End strengths for Selected Reserve.*  
*Sec. 412. End strengths for Reserves on active duty in support of the Reserves.*  
*Sec. 413. End strengths for military technicians (dual status).*  
*Sec. 414. Maximum number of reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support.*  
*Sec. 415. Authorized strengths: Senior enlisted members on active duty or on full-time National Guard Duty for administration of the Marine Corps Reserve.*

*Subtitle C—Authorization of Appropriations*

- Sec. 421. Military personnel.*

**TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY**

*Subtitle A—Officer Policy and Reserve Component Management*

- Sec. 501. Flexibility in requirements of selection boards: composition; convening.*  
*Sec. 502. Requirements for removal of certain general and flag officers.*  
*Sec. 503. Ranks of Judge Advocates General.*  
*Sec. 504. Grades of certain chiefs of reserve components.*  
*Sec. 505. Grade of Chief of the Veterinary Corps of the Army.*  
*Sec. 506. Limitation on the transfer to the Space Force of certain functions of the Air National Guard.*  
*Sec. 507. Inclusion of Judge Advocates in Global Force Management processes.*  
*Sec. 508. Role of military chaplains.*

*Subtitle B—Recruitment, General Service Authorities and Prohibitions, and Military Records*

- Sec. 511. Recruitment: improvements relating to secondary schools.*  
*Sec. 512. Prohibition on reduction in personnel assigned to duty with a service review agency; report on reviews of certain discharges related to PTSD.*  
*Sec. 513. Selective Service System: omission of deceased persons from registration.*  
*Sec. 514. Requirement of equal opportunity, racial neutrality, and exclusive use of merit in military personnel actions.*  
*Sec. 515. Prohibition of hate symbols: regulations; guidance; training.*  
*Sec. 516. Timely resolution of career-impacting administrative investigations.*  
*Sec. 517. Prohibition on use of prediction markets by personnel of the Department of Defense.*  
*Sec. 518. Pilot program on modernization of drug testing using voice-based risk assessment.*  
*Sec. 519. Soldier Digital Lifecycle Modernization Initiative.*  
*Sec. 519A. Authority to study the propensity of certain students to serve in the Armed Forces.*

*Subtitle C—Member Training*

- Sec. 521. Ineligibility of a national of a non-allied foreign nation to attend a Service Academy.*  
*Sec. 522. Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics program for Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.*  
*Sec. 523. Additional nominees to the Service Academies from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*



- Sec. 524. Elimination of cap on the number of cadets or midshipmen who may receive alternative service obligations to become professional athletes.*
- Sec. 525. Elimination of the right of cadets to automatic reexamination.*
- Sec. 526. Congressional communications officials of the Service Academies.*
- Sec. 527. Revision to decision timeframe for expedited transfers at the military service academies.*
- Sec. 528. Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor pay.*
- Sec. 529. Establishment of program to promote participation of foreign students in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.*
- Sec. 529A. Establishment of the Military Service Academy Panel on Athletics.*
- Sec. 529B. Limitation on authority to eliminate the 70th Flying Training Squadron of the United States Air Force Academy.*

*Subtitle D—Member Education*

- Sec. 531. Establishment of a doctor of psychology program and a master of social work program at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.*
- Sec. 532. Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance program; eligible institutions; continuity of payments.*
- Sec. 533. Inclusion of National Intelligence College as part of the National Defense University.*
- Sec. 534. Defense Information School: authority to grant associate's degree in communications.*
- Sec. 535. Eligibility of an enlisted member to receive a degree from the Naval Postgraduate School.*

*Subtitle E—Military Justice*

- Sec. 541. Clarification of qualifications for judge advocates.*
- Sec. 542. Authority of special trial counsel to enter into pretrial agreements with respect to certain offenses.*
- Sec. 543. Clarifying amendment to completion of appellate review under article 57 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*
- Sec. 544. Review of courts-martial records.*
- Sec. 545. Uniform Code of Military Justice: prohibition of review of factual sufficiency in certain appeals before a Court of Criminal Appeals.*
- Sec. 546. Clarification of court of criminal appeals review of sentencing.*
- Sec. 547. Expansion of victim access to Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.*
- Sec. 548. Modifications to offense of wrongful broadcast or distribution of intimate visual images under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*
- Sec. 549. Authorization of death penalty for offense of rape of a child under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*
- Sec. 549A. Punitive article on retaliation for reporting of sexual harassment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*
- Sec. 549B. Revision of Department of Defense Instruction regarding early release eligibility for offenders convicted of certain sexual offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*
- Sec. 549C. Notification required to implement changes to military legal system recommended by Special Review Panel activities.*
- Sec. 549D. Analysis of potential establishment of separate punitive article on hazing under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*

*Subtitle F—Investigations and Other Legal Matters*

- Sec. 551. Extension of Special Victims' Counsel services to domestic violence victims.*
- Sec. 552. Policies regarding the reporting of missing members of the Armed Forces.*
- Sec. 553. Authority of Naval Criminal Investigative Service to investigate sexual harassment.*
- Sec. 554. Cross-service data sharing regarding substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct.*
- Sec. 555. Inclusion of sexual harassment in Catch a Serial Offender program.*
- Sec. 556. Military domestic violence emergent housing policy.*
- Sec. 557. Requirement for standardized policies and processes to ensure the timely review, documentation, and resolution of requests for military protective orders.*
- Sec. 558. Reestablishment of Defense Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct.*
- Sec. 559. Pilot program on use of advanced monitoring and rehabilitative technologies in Army correctional facilities.*

*Subtitle G—Career Transition*

- Sec. 561. Establishment of separation oath for members of the Armed Forces.*
- Sec. 562. Designation of senior official for military-to-civilian transition.*
- Sec. 563. Authorization of pilot program to help members separating from certain Armed Forces obtain employment as teachers.*
- Sec. 564. Study on separation of members of the Armed Forces due to the mandate to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and the transfer of education benefits by such members.*

*Subtitle H—Family Programs, Child Care, and Dependent Education*

- Sec. 571. Extension of non-medical counseling services program for military families.*
- Sec. 572. Pilot program to increase payments for child care services in high-cost areas.*
- Sec. 573. Pilot program to provide financial assistance to members of the Armed Forces for in-home child care: inclusion of au pairs.*
- Sec. 574. Modifications to pilot program to provide financial assistance to members of the Armed Forces for in-home child care.*
- Sec. 575. Certain assistance to local educational agencies that benefit dependents of military and civilian personnel.*
- Sec. 576. Policies to support military families subject to court-ordered child custody arrangements.*
- Sec. 577. Authority for pilot program for certain military spouses to become special education teachers in DODEA schools.*
- Sec. 578. Pilot program for push-text notifications to members and dependents.*

*Subtitle I—Decorations and Awards*

- Sec. 581. Gold star survivor: definition prescribed by Secretary of Defense.*
- Sec. 582. Medal of Honor recipients: access to any military installation; liaison.*
- Sec. 583. Technical correction to authorization to award the Distinguished-Service Cross to Isaac "Ike" Camacho.*
- Sec. 584. Authorization of service ribbon for a member of the National Guard who performs homeland defense duty.*

- Sec. 585. Authorization for posthumous award of Medal of Honor to Rafael Peralta for acts of valor.*
- Sec. 586. Authorization for posthumous award of Medal of Honor to Robert A. Lodge for acts of valor.*
- Sec. 587. Authorization for award of the Distinguished-Service Cross for James O. Ratliff for acts of valor during the Vietnam War.*
- Sec. 588. Authorization to award the Distinguished-Service Cross to Joseph P. Lynch for acts of valor as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War.*
- Sec. 589. Sense of Congress regarding award of medal of honor to Thomas J. Grasso for acts of valor during Operation Freedom's Sentinel.*
- Sec. 589A. Sense of Congress regarding award of Medal of Honor to retired Colonel Philip J. Conran for acts of valor in Laos during the Vietnam war.*

*Subtitle J—Other Matters and Miscellaneous Reports*

- Sec. 591. Expansion of eligibility of veterans for certain military adaptive sports program.*
- Sec. 592. Expanded goals of authorized program regarding the National September 11 Memorial and Museum.*
- Sec. 593. Local agricultural procurement in Guam commissaries.*
- Sec. 594. Submission of review of operational effectiveness of Army and Marine Corps ground combat units.*

**TITLE VI—MILITARY COMPENSATION AND OTHER BENEFITS**

*Subtitle A—Bonus and Incentive Pays*

- Sec. 601. One-year extension of certain expiring bonus and special pay authorities.*
- Sec. 602. Authorizing board certification incentive pay for medical officers with doctoral degrees.*
- Sec. 603. One-time corrective increase and annual adjustments for certain special and incentive pays for members of the armed forces; clarification of special and incentive pay authorities for members of reserve components.*
- Sec. 604. Payment of maximum amount of aviation incentive pay to aviation officers with more than 8 years of aviation service; enhancement of retention incentives available to aviation officers.*
- Sec. 605. Expansions of authorities to contract with members of the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.*
- Sec. 606. Retroactive granting of waivers for aviation incentive pay.*

*Subtitle B—Allowances*

- Sec. 611. Basic needs allowance: exclusion of basic allowance for housing from the calculation of gross household income of an eligible member of the Armed Forces.*
- Sec. 612. Basic allowance for housing: permanent authority to make certain temporary increases.*
- Sec. 613. Temporary adjustment to a rate of the basic allowance for housing for members of the uniformed services: lower threshold; permanent authority.*
- Sec. 614. Modifications to cost-of-living allowance in the continental United States for members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.*

*Sec. 615. Payment of costs to ship breast milk of a member performing certain duty.*

*Subtitle C—Leave*

*Sec. 621. Accrual of leave for members of the Armed Forces.*

*Sec. 622. Accumulation of leave for members of the Armed Forces.*

*Sec. 623. Bereavement leave for a member of the Armed Forces in the case of a loss of pregnancy or stillbirth.*

*Subtitle D—Family and Survivor Benefits*

*Sec. 631. Payment to participant in Survivor Benefit Plan whose spouse dies before the participant.*

*Sec. 632. Increase in and cost-of-living adjustment of death gratuity.*

*Subtitle E—Defense Resale Matters*

*Sec. 641. Use of commissary stores by employees of the Department of Defense Education Activity and military child development centers.*

*Sec. 642. Single-use shopping bags in commissary stores.*

*Sec. 643. Limitation on implementation of Supply Chain Transformation Initiative of the Defense Commissary Agency.*

*Subtitle F—Other Benefits, Reports, and Briefings*

*Sec. 651. Career flexibility programs: eligibility of a member already subject to a period of obligated service; minimum length of program.*

*Sec. 652. Provision of information regarding food access and child care for members receiving orders for a change of permanent station.*

*Sec. 653. Reserves and retired members: acceptance of employment, payments, and awards from foreign governments through private entities.*

*Sec. 654. Program to provide to certain patrons a discount on motor fuel sold at exchange stores.*

**TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS**

*Subtitle A—TRICARE and Other Health Benefits*

*Sec. 701. Dental readiness for certain members of Selected Reserve.*

*Sec. 702. Expanded access to dental care for certain dependents.*

*Sec. 703. Fertility treatment for certain members of the Armed Forces and dependents.*

*Sec. 704. Limitation on ability of Secretary of Defense to modify scope of medical services.*

*Sec. 705. Prohibition on and reversal of actions to modify scope of medical services provided at certain military medical treatment facilities.*

*Sec. 706. TRICARE coverage for increased supply for contraception.*

*Sec. 707. Pilot program to help certain members of the Armed Forces stop smoking.*

*Subtitle B—Health Care Administration*

*Sec. 721. Improvements to Defense Health Agency.*

*Sec. 722. Improvements to administration of military medical treatment facilities.*

*Sec. 723. Designation of Defense Health Agency as Combat Support Agency.*

- Sec. 724. Accounts for medical and health care programs of the Department of Defense.*
- Sec. 725. Availability of Combat and Operational Medicine Program Account and other funds for certain medical countermeasures.*
- Sec. 726. Inclusion of Defense Health Agency in reporting requirements relating to unfunded priorities.*
- Sec. 727. Joint trauma system.*
- Sec. 728. Clarification of consistent evaluations of medical malpractice claims.*
- Sec. 729. Chaperones for certain sensitive examinations at military medical treatment facilities.*
- Sec. 730. Requirement to offer medical chaperones during sensitive medical examinations.*
- Sec. 731. Uniform protocols on screening for unwanted sexual behavior.*
- Sec. 732. Requirement to notify Committees on Armed Services of hospitalization of combat wounded members of the Armed Forces.*
- Sec. 733. Authority to provide residencies, internships, and similar postgraduate programs for civilian health care professionals of the Department of Defense.*
- Sec. 734. Notification to TRICARE beneficiaries of coverage transition requirements.*
- Sec. 735. Waiver of referral requirement under TRICARE Prime for certain physical therapy.*
- Sec. 736. Rates of pay for a provider of care or services furnished under TRICARE program.*
- Sec. 737. Plans on military health system.*
- Sec. 738. Modification to qualification waiver authority for applicants for nursing or practical nurse positions in the Department of Defense.*
- Sec. 739. Aerial transport and Department-wide capability for high-consequence infectious diseases.*
- Sec. 740. Availability of obstetrician-gynecologists and certified nurse-midwives at military medical treatment facilities.*
- Sec. 741. Availability of sexual assault nurse examiner services at military medical treatment facilities.*
- Sec. 742. Improvement of process for filing of complaints and reporting of issues under TRICARE program.*
- Sec. 743. Pilot program on filling primary care management positions at remote military medical treatment facilities.*
- Sec. 744. Establishment of pilot program on use of health care assessments other than periodic health assessments.*

*Subtitle C—Studies, Reports, and Other Matters*

- Sec. 751. Quarterly briefing on military treatment facilities.*
- Sec. 752. Enhanced medical coverage for civilian employees of the Department of Defense and dependents in certain locations.*
- Sec. 753. Modifications to pilot program to assist certain members of the Armed Forces and dependents with additional supplemental coverage relating to cancer.*
- Sec. 754. Modifications to evaluation and report on TRICARE program effectiveness.*
- Sec. 755. Extension of extramedical maternal health providers demonstration project.*
- Sec. 756. Modification of traumatic brain injury oversight strategy and action plan of the Department of Defense.*
- Sec. 757. Expansion of prohibition on painful research on certain animals.*

- Sec. 758. Pilot program to treat pregnancy as a qualifying event for enrollment in TRICARE Select.*
- Sec. 759. Access to automated external defibrillators during military physical training.*
- Sec. 760. Pilot program on remote blood pressure monitoring for certain pregnant and postpartum TRICARE beneficiaries.*
- Sec. 761. Pilot program on secure, mobile personal health record for members of the Armed Forces.*
- Sec. 762. Pilot program to provide for the use of blue-light dissipating displays to certain individuals.*
- Sec. 763. Extension and improvement of pilot program of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences on pharmaceutical supply chain.*
- Sec. 764. Working group on digital strategy for traumatic brain injuries.*
- Sec. 765. Study on long-term effects of military flight operations on brain health and mental health.*
- Sec. 766. Study on feasibility of establishing military medical treatment facility at Homestead Air Reserve Base.*
- Sec. 767. Study on feasibility of establishing digital system relating to access to care at military medical treatment facilities.*
- Sec. 768. Review by Inspector General of the Department of Defense on efforts to prevent suicide.*
- Sec. 769. Requirements relating to wellness checks for health and welfare of certain members of the Armed Forces.*
- Sec. 770. Reports on Department of Defense Comprehensive Autism Care Demonstration program.*
- Sec. 771. Transition of medics to civilian workforce.*
- Sec. 772. Strategic plan to address mental health of certain members of the Armed Forces.*
- Sec. 773. Briefing on prostate cancer incidence and emerging diagnostic technologies.*
- Sec. 774. Assessment of access, fairness, and transparency under TRICARE pharmacy benefits program.*
- Sec. 775. Report on feasibility of pilot program on behavioral neurology fellowships.*
- Sec. 776. Government Accountability Office study on reserve component dental readiness and benefit sufficiency.*
- Sec. 777. Review of the occupational health and safety conditions of operational facilities associated with the LGM-30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile system.*
- Sec. 778. Continued evaluation of the TRICARE program through beneficiary experience surveys.*
- Sec. 779. Removal of peptides from prohibited performance enhancing substances list.*
- Sec. 780. Study on long-term effects of exposure to toxic substances on reproductive health and fertility.*

## **TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POLICY, ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT, AND RELATED MATTERS**

### **Subtitle A—Acquisition Policy and Management**

- Sec. 801. Responsibilities and authorities of portfolio acquisition executives with respect to contractors.*
- Sec. 802. Ensuring best value in procurement.*

- Sec. 803. Limitation on certain contract clauses for commercial products or commercial services.*
- Sec. 804. Elimination of late cost and pricing data submission defense.*
- Sec. 805. Reporting of price increases.*
- Sec. 806. Limitation on suspension of progress payments.*
- Sec. 807. Uniform requirements for electronic contract writing systems and acquisition management systems.*
- Sec. 808. Risk-based approach to monitoring contractor business systems.*
- Sec. 809. Procurement of initial spares.*
- Sec. 810. Procurement of local produce, seafood, and meat in the area of responsibility of the United States Indo-Pacific Command.*
- Sec. 811. Review of defense audit agencies.*

*Subtitle B—Amendments to General Contracting Authorities, Procedures, and Limitations*

- Sec. 821. Modification to certain acquisition thresholds.*
- Sec. 822. Use of accrued interest by certain consortium managers.*
- Sec. 823. Amendment to other transaction authority.*
- Sec. 824. Requirement for modular open system approach and modifications to rights in technical data.*
- Sec. 825. Modifications to requirements relating to long-term concessions agreements with certain retailers.*
- Sec. 826. Prohibition on contracting with employers of convicted traffickers.*
- Sec. 827. Acquisition thresholds for certain materials.*
- Sec. 828. Clarification of certain elements of Department of Defense Mentor-Protege Program.*
- Sec. 829. Codification of program for negotiation of comprehensive small business subcontracting plans.*
- Sec. 830. Consumption-based procurements and associated payments.*
- Sec. 831. Extension of briefing and certification requirement.*
- Sec. 832. Preference for recycled strategic and critical materials.*
- Sec. 833. Transfer authority for rapid transition of other transaction authority prototypes.*
- Sec. 834. Portfolio-based acquisition of autonomous capability.*
- Sec. 835. Establishment of Pathfinder Programs to inform requirements reform.*
- Sec. 836. Requirements for certain unmanned surface vessels to be manufactured in the United States.*

*Subtitle C—Provisions Relating to Acquisition Workforce Development*

- Sec. 851. Acquisition workforce data analytics capability.*
- Sec. 852. Chief Acquisition Talent Officer.*
- Sec. 853. Codification of acquisition workforce key performance objectives.*
- Sec. 854. Demonstrated proficiency requirements for critical acquisition positions.*
- Sec. 855. Extension and modification of acquisition workforce demonstration project.*

*Subtitle D—Intellectual Property Matters*

- Sec. 861. Reform of technical data and software rights to support competition, sustainment, and readiness.*
- Sec. 862. Intellectual Property Ombudsman; voluntary expert mediation for certain intellectual property matters.*
- Sec. 863. Expansion of reverse engineering authority for prototype projects.*

- Sec. 864. Clarifications to sustainment planning requirements for covered systems.*
- Sec. 865. Software accountability improvements over lifecycles.*
- Sec. 866. Assessment of a Pay-to-Print Program.*
- Sec. 867. Prioritizing maintenance, repair, and overhaul for readiness.*

*Subtitle E—Other Matters*

- Sec. 871. Enhancement to defense supply chain resilience and secondary source qualification.*
- Sec. 872. Tailored acquisition pathways for non-traditional intermediate-range fires capabilities.*
- Sec. 873. Pilot program for domestic antimony and copper production for defense applications.*
- Sec. 874. Addressing the backlog of open cases related to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement.*
- Sec. 875. Limitation on availability of funds for purchase of photovoltaic cells, modules, or inverters from foreign entities of concern.*
- Sec. 876. Ensuring Department of Defense contractor compliance with disability hiring goals.*
- Sec. 877. Expedited implementation of commercial acquisition reforms.*

**TITLE IX—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ORGANIZATION AND  
MANAGEMENT**

- Sec. 901. Transfer of responsibility to supervise activities of Department of Defense relating to export controls.*
- Sec. 902. Membership of Commandant of the Coast Guard on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.*
- Sec. 903. Oversight of geographic combatant commands.*

**TITLE X—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*Subtitle A—Financial Matters*

- Sec. 1001. General transfer authority.*
- Sec. 1002. Annual report on unfunded priorities of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.*
- Sec. 1003. Equivalency standards for financial management positions.*
- Sec. 1004. Compliance with Payment Integrity Information Act requirements and strengthening improper payments detection.*
- Sec. 1005. Authority to establish Joint Task Force Audit.*
- Sec. 1006. Budget transparency for Army multi-domain task force and Marine Littoral Regiment.*

*Subtitle B—Naval Vessels and Shipyards*

- Sec. 1011. Modification of authority to purchase used vessels with National Defense Sealift Fund.*
- Sec. 1012. Requirement for procurement of components for naval vessels from manufacturers in national technology and industrial base.*
- Sec. 1013. Settlement of admiralty claims against the United States.*
- Sec. 1014. Amphibious fleet force structure.*
- Sec. 1015. Armament of naval auxiliary vessels.*
- Sec. 1016. Additional measures for Navy strategy for investment in and support for the maritime industrial base.*



- Sec. 1017. Inclusion of Navy surface combat ship maintenance as a separate line item in operation and maintenance budget.*
- Sec. 1018. Contracting reform for surface ship maintenance, repair, and overhaul.*
- Sec. 1019. Realignment of contract management for Polar Security Cutter program.*
- Sec. 1020. Domestic sourcing of bulk fuel to support Tanker Security Program.*
- Sec. 1021. Requirements relating to unmanned surface vessels.*
- Sec. 1022. Enhancement of Navy submarine rescue capabilities.*
- Sec. 1023. Navy–Coast Guard maritime workforce and capacity coordination plan.*
- Sec. 1024. Pilot program on use of additive and advanced manufacturing to support naval shipbuilding.*
- Sec. 1025. Limitation on use of funds for procurement of a battle force ship.*
- Sec. 1026. Strategy for distributed shipbuilding.*
- Sec. 1027. Strategy of Department of Defense relating to small uncrewed surface vessels.*
- Sec. 1028. Arctic-focused forecasting, ice modeling, and naval readiness assessment.*
- Sec. 1029. Renaming of USNS Cesar Chavez.*
- Sec. 1030. Sense of Congress regarding naming of vessel for Battle of Dai Do.*
- Sec. 1031. Sense of Congress regarding naming of a vessel “USS Guadalcanal”.*
- Sec. 1032. Sense of Congress regarding naming of a naval vessel for Battle of Midway.*
- Sec. 1033. Sense of Congress regarding naming of a naval vessel in honor of Casimir Pulaski.*
- Sec. 1034. Sense of Congress regarding naming of vessel for Rear Admiral Alene Duerk.*

#### *Subtitle C—Counterterrorism*

- Sec. 1041. Extension of prohibition on use of funds for transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United States.*
- Sec. 1042. Extension of prohibition on use of funds to construct or modify facilities in the United States to house detainees transferred from United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.*
- Sec. 1043. Extension of prohibition on use of funds for transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to certain countries.*
- Sec. 1044. Extension of prohibition on use of funds to close or relinquish control of United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.*

#### *Subtitle D—Miscellaneous Authorities and Limitations*

- Sec. 1051. Establishment of the Secretaries of Defense historical series and priority declassification authority.*
- Sec. 1052. Inclusion of National Guard Relief Foundation as a military welfare society for certain purposes.*
- Sec. 1053. Joint Experimentation and Training Range Innovation Office.*
- Sec. 1054. Establishment of Army Information Operations Center of Excellence.*
- Sec. 1055. Extension of limitation on retirement or divestment of EA–18G Aircraft.*
- Sec. 1056. Authority for Secretary of Defense waiver relating to certain training.*
- Sec. 1057. Expansion of prohibition on destruction or scrapping of World War II–era aircraft.*

- Sec. 1058. Prohibition on Department of Defense contracts with certain foreign-owned online tutoring services.*
- Sec. 1059. Prohibition on display of unapproved flags.*
- Sec. 1060. Prohibition on lobbying activities with respect to the Department of Defense by certain officers of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department following separation from military service or employment with the Department.*
- Sec. 1061. Integration of small unmanned aircraft systems and counter-unmanned aircraft systems training into initial, officer, and joint collective training.*
- Sec. 1062. Eastern Regional Range Complex demonstration project.*
- Sec. 1063. Pilot program on total replacement value for Air Force Test Center ground test infrastructure.*
- Sec. 1064. Pilot program for blockchain-enabled inventory management.*
- Sec. 1065. Extended deadline to reassess necessity of use of immediate response authority of Department of Defense.*
- Sec. 1066. Reconstitution of A-10 demonstration team.*
- Sec. 1067. Implementation of cognitive performance enhancement program for special operations forces.*
- Sec. 1068. Senator Robert J. Dole Greatest Generation Education Program.*
- Sec. 1069. Recognition program for working dogs.*
- Sec. 1070. Prohibition on availability of funds for closure of Rock Island Arsenal Museum.*
- Sec. 1071. Limitation on availability of funds for deactivation of Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades.*
- Sec. 1072. Limitation on availability of funds for travel expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.*
- Sec. 1073. Limitation on availability of funds for travel expenses of Office of the Secretary of Defense until submission certain assessment.*

#### *Subtitle E—Studies and Reports*

- Sec. 1081. Repeal of obsolete reporting requirements.*
- Sec. 1082. Extension of briefing requirement regarding civil authorities at the Southwest border.*
- Sec. 1083. Extension of requirement for annual briefings on national biodefense strategy.*
- Sec. 1084. Annual report and briefing on implementation of Army Transformation Initiative.*
- Sec. 1085. Quarterly reports on effects of unplanned global taskings on operations, deterrence, and readiness in the area of operations of United States Indo-Pacific Command.*
- Sec. 1086. Biannual reports on operational adaptation and fielding of Defense Autonomous Warfare Group.*
- Sec. 1087. Service-wide enterprise strategies for human performance.*
- Sec. 1088. Mobility capabilities strategic plan.*
- Sec. 1089. Required doctrine on use of unmanned autonomous systems and autonomous formations.*
- Sec. 1089A. Strategy for sustainment of certain unmanned aircraft systems.*
- Sec. 1089B. Strategy for use of low-cost and attritable Group 4 and 5 unmanned aircraft systems in contested logistics operations.*
- Sec. 1089C. Feasibility study on tactical information operations command authority.*
- Sec. 1089D. Public availability of findings of Inspector General investigation of certain targeting operations.*

- Sec. 1089E. Report on cost of United States military operations in Iran.*
- Sec. 1089F. Report on Operation Southern Spear.*
- Sec. 1089G. Report on civilian harm investigation relating to Shajareh Tayyebah Elementary School.*
- Sec. 1089H. Report on Port Shuaiba investigation.*

*Subtitle F—Other Matters*

- Sec. 1091. Deeming references to the Department of Defense and Secretary of Defense as references to the Department of War and Secretary of War.*
- Sec. 1092. Definition of special operations activities.*
- Sec. 1093. Definition of counter-sUAS system for purposes of Joint Interagency Task Force 401.*
- Sec. 1094. Increase in cap for support of small scale construction projects of foreign partners in support of counterdrug activities and activities to counter transnational organized crime.*
- Sec. 1095. Modification to funding limitation for procurement of equipment for certain drug interdiction and counter-drug activities.*
- Sec. 1096. National Guard attorney license portability.*
- Sec. 1097. Oversight and direction of Irregular Warfare Exercise Laboratory.*
- Sec. 1098. Ubiquitous technical surveillance and digital force protection.*
- Sec. 1099. Potential designation of information as a domain of warfare.*

*TITLE XI—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL*

- Sec. 1101. Limitation on outside income for individuals in Office of the Secretary of Defense.*
- Sec. 1102. Skills-based hiring for Department of Defense civilian positions.*
- Sec. 1103. Establishment of a student internship program for military child and youth programs.*
- Sec. 1104. Expansion of eligible educational programs under the Smart Defense Education Program.*
- Sec. 1105. Military technician (dual status): elimination of title 32 authority; conversions of existing positions.*
- Sec. 1106. One-year extension of authority to waive annual limitation on premium pay and aggregate limitation on pay for Federal civilian employees working overseas.*
- Sec. 1107. One-year extension of temporary authority to grant allowances, benefits, and gratuities to civilian personnel on official duty in a combat zone.*
- Sec. 1108. Living quarter allowance for Department of Defense civilian employees with permanent duty station in Guam.*
- Sec. 1109. Pilot program on integration of United States tech force with skills-based hiring authorities.*
- Sec. 1110. Enhanced hiring authority for instructor pilots and civilian simulator instructors.*
- Sec. 1111. Pilot program on tech talent competitiveness.*
- Sec. 1112. Civilian employee and contractor financial management workforce within the Department of Defense.*
- Sec. 1113. Department of Defense best practices guide for Family Child Care homes.*
- Sec. 1114. Delegation of authority for corrective action for nonappropriated fund employees in cases of complaint of reprisal.*
- Sec. 1115. Limitation on use of funds to limit collective bargaining.*
- Sec. 1116. Hiring freeze exceptions.*

- Sec. 1117. Prohibition on availability of funds for termination of DODEA, childcare, and healthcare workers.*
- Sec. 1118. Demonstration project relating to pay and personnel policies for employees at ground-based intercontinental ballistic missile development and maintenance facilities.*
- Sec. 1119. Demonstration project relating to pay and personnel policies for employees at Naval shipyards, Navy regional maintenance centers, and Navy trident refit facilities.*
- Sec. 1120. Demonstration project relating to pay and personnel policies for prevailing rate employees at covered depots.*
- Sec. 1121. Prohibition on carrying out hiring freeze, reduction in force, or hiring delay without cause at public shipyards of Department of Defense.*

## *TITLE XII—MATTERS RELATING TO FOREIGN NATIONS*

### *Subtitle A—Assistance and Training*

- Sec. 1201. Modification of authority for support of special operations for irregular warfare.*
- Sec. 1202. Authority to build capacity for space domain awareness.*
- Sec. 1203. Establishment of Inter-Pacific Air Forces Academy.*
- Sec. 1204. Review of execution of programs to build partner capacity.*
- Sec. 1205. Establishment of partnership programs on military trauma care and research between the United States and foreign countries.*

### *Subtitle B—Matters Relating to the Near and Middle East*

- Sec. 1211. Extension of counter-terrorism support authority.*
- Sec. 1212. Extension of authority for reimbursement of certain coalition nations for support provided to United States military operations.*
- Sec. 1213. Deadline for Afghanistan War Commission final report.*
- Sec. 1214. Prohibition on use of funds to support the Taliban.*
- Sec. 1215. Extension of authority to provide assistance to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.*
- Sec. 1216. Extension of limitation on availability of funds for the Iraqi Security Forces.*
- Sec. 1217. Prohibition on transfers to the Badr Organization.*

### *Subtitle C—Matters Relating to Israel*

- Sec. 1221. Extension of war reserve stockpile authority for Israel.*
- Sec. 1222. United States-Israel subterranean cooperation.*
- Sec. 1223. United States-Israel cooperation to counter unmanned systems in all warfighting domains.*

### *Subtitle D—Matters Relating to Europe*

- Sec. 1231. Arms sales and weapons system transfers to NATO countries.*
- Sec. 1232. Extension and modification of oversight of United States military posture in Europe.*
- Sec. 1233. Modification of certification with respect to oversight of United States military posture in Europe.*
- Sec. 1234. Poland defense industrial cooperation program.*
- Sec. 1235. Policy on NATO standardization and allied production for next-generation small arms ammunition.*

- Sec. 1236. Review of the analytical basis for United States force posture adjustments in Europe.*
- Sec. 1237. NATO defense planning and burden sharing activities.*

*Subtitle E—Matters Relating to the Indo-Pacific*

- Sec. 1241. Sense of Congress on defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region.*
- Sec. 1242. Extension of Pacific Deterrence Initiative.*
- Sec. 1243. Extension of requirement for public reporting of Chinese military companies operating in the United States.*
- Sec. 1244. Modifications to public reporting of Chinese military companies operating in the United States.*
- Sec. 1245. Extension and modification of annual report on military and security developments involving the People's Republic of China.*
- Sec. 1246. Modification of Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative.*
- Sec. 1247. Oversight of United States military posture on the Korean peninsula.*

*Subtitle F—Reports*

- Sec. 1251. Oversight of military-to-military exchanges and contacts between the United States and the Russian Federation.*
- Sec. 1252. Report on Russia's targeting of religious infrastructure in Ukraine.*
- Sec. 1253. Study on effectiveness of United States-Somalia policy.*

*Subtitle G—Other Matters*

- Sec. 1261. Repeal of temporary authority to provide training to military forces or national security forces of Costa Rica and Panama.*

**TITLE XIV—OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**

*Subtitle A—Military Programs*

- Sec. 1401. Working capital funds.*
- Sec. 1402. Chemical agents and munitions destruction, defense.*
- Sec. 1403. Drug interdiction and counter-drug activities, defense-wide.*
- Sec. 1404. Defense Inspector General.*
- Sec. 1405. Defense Health Program.*
- Sec. 1406. Cable security fleet expansion.*

*Subtitle B—Other Matters*

- Sec. 1411. Extension of authorities for funding and management of joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund for Captain James A. Lovell Health Care Center, Illinois.*
- Sec. 1412. Authorization of appropriations for Armed Forces Retirement Home.*
- Sec. 1413. Critical minerals traceability pilot program.*

**TITLE XV—CYBERSPACE-RELATED MATTERS**

*Subtitle A—Cybersecurity*

- Sec. 1501. Data recovery requirements and strategy.*
- Sec. 1502. Department of Defense AI incident and vulnerability reporting program.*

- Sec. 1503. Review and realignment of Department of Defense cybersecurity responsibilities.*
- Sec. 1504. Inclusion of critical infrastructure and operational technology security in combatant command planning and readiness exercises.*
- Sec. 1505. Pilot program for autonomous mission integration of unmanned surface vehicles.*
- Sec. 1506. Civilian cybersecurity reserve corps pilot program.*
- Sec. 1507. Federal contractor vulnerability disclosure policy.*

*Subtitle B—Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence*

- Sec. 1521. Software planning, programming, budgeting, and execution reform.*
- Sec. 1522. Requirement for guidance and prohibition on use of artificial intelligence of certain artificial intelligence companies.*
- Sec. 1523. Artificial Intelligence Model Rapid Deployment Framework.*
- Sec. 1524. Update of policy on autonomous and artificial intelligence-enabled systems.*
- Sec. 1525. Expansion of AI-enabled maintenance intelligence platforms across Air Education and Training Command.*

*Subtitle C—Reports and Other Matters*

- Sec. 1541. Roadmap for modernization of Top Secret and Special Access Program network architectures.*
- Sec. 1542. Semiannual reports on Cyber Operational Readiness Assessment program.*

**TITLE XVI—SPACE ACTIVITIES, STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, AND INTELLIGENCE MATTERS**

*Subtitle A—Space Activities*

- Sec. 1601. Reorganization of acquisition responsibilities of the Space Force.*
- Sec. 1602. Reorganization of oversight of the Department of Defense positioning, navigation, and timing enterprise.*
- Sec. 1603. Space launch support services and alternative launch procurement process.*
- Sec. 1604. Spaceport of the Future initiative.*
- Sec. 1605. Procurement of commercial space-based data and to support wildfire resilience.*
- Sec. 1606. Continuation of Next-Generation Overhead Persistent Infrared Polar program of the Department of the Air Force.*

*Subtitle B—Defense Intelligence and Intelligence-Related Activities*

- Sec. 1611. Expenditure of funds across fiscal years for Department of Defense intelligence and counterintelligence activities.*
- Sec. 1612. Permanent authority for military intelligence collection and analysis partnerships.*
- Sec. 1613. Repeal of certain reporting and briefing requirements.*
- Sec. 1614. Modification of authority of Army counterintelligence agents to execute warrants and make arrests.*
- Sec. 1615. Periodic strategy and assessment of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities to meet intelligence collection priorities.*
- Sec. 1616. Integration of open-source intelligence training and tradecraft into all-source intelligence analysis curricula.*

*Sec. 1617. Object-based generative artificial intelligence for open-source intelligence.*

*Sec. 1618. Report on protection from disclosure of members of the Armed Forces under cover.*

#### *Subtitle C—Nuclear Forces*

*Sec. 1631. Matters relating to intercontinental ballistic missiles.*

*Sec. 1632. Designation of Air Force Global Strike Command as National Center for Conventional–Nuclear Integration.*

*Sec. 1633. Quadrennial report on the plan for the nuclear weapons stockpile, nuclear weapons complex, nuclear weapons delivery systems, and nuclear weapons command and control system.*

*Sec. 1634. Prohibition on reduction of intercontinental ballistic missiles of the United States.*

*Sec. 1635. Limitation on reallocation of funds for Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test Range and United States Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll.*

*Sec. 1636. Feasibility assessment for potential designation of Joint Global Strike Operations Center as Global Operations Center–Alternate.*

*Sec. 1637. Space Launch Complex 46.*

*Sec. 1638. Modification of report requirement for certain decisions relating to nuclear weapons employment strategy of the United States.*

*Sec. 1639. Independent assessment of bone marrow radiation shielding for nuclear survivability.*

#### *Subtitle D—Missile Defense Programs*

*Sec. 1651. Prohibition of unauthorized use of name or seal of the Missile Defense Agency.*

*Sec. 1652. Removal of duplicative Missile Defense Agency testing requirement.*

*Sec. 1653. Updated Middle East integrated air and missile defense strategy.*

*Sec. 1654. Next-generation integrated air and missile defense system munitions strategy.*

*Sec. 1655. Space-based interceptors.*

*Sec. 1656. Low-cost exo-atmospheric interceptor development.*

#### *Subtitle E—Other Matters*

*Sec. 1661. Briefings and reports on cross-functional team for anomalous health incidents.*

*Sec. 1662. Cooperative threat reduction funds.*

*Sec. 1663. Solid rocket motor industrial base.*

### *TITLE XVII—OTHER DEFENSE MATTERS*

#### *Subtitle A—Miscellaneous Authorities and Limitations*

*Sec. 1701. Availability of funds for Department of Defense State Partnership Program.*

*Sec. 1702. Inclusion of members of special operations forces in preseparation counseling.*

*Sec. 1703. Copyright to a literary work produced by a civilian faculty member of a Space Force professional military education program in the course of employment; free use by the Federal Government.*

*Sec. 1704. Inapplicability of Defense Base Act to Guam.*

*Sec. 1705. Extension of admission for certain nonimmigrant H-2B workers.*

- Sec. 1706. Reauthorization of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015.*  
*Sec. 1707. United States-Abraham Accords Defense Cooperation Initiative.*  
*Sec. 1708. Establishment of the Atomic Civilians Commemorative Service Medal.*  
*Sec. 1709. Establishment of the Blast Overpressure Task Force of the Department of Veterans Affairs.*  
*Sec. 1710. Authorization of transfer of certain land near Dayton National Cemetery to Department of Veterans Affairs.*

*Subtitle B—Other Matters*

- Sec. 1721. Technical and conforming amendments.*  
*Sec. 1722. Countering China’s control of the Caucasus.*  
*Sec. 1723. Comptroller General study on Skillbridge programs.*

**TITLE XVIII—REVITALIZATION OF THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL  
BASE**

*Subtitle A—Provisions to Protect and Strengthen Supply Chains*

- Sec. 1801. Requirements for information relating to supply chain risk.*  
*Sec. 1802. Oversight of specialty metals procurements under exception relating to agreements with foreign governments.*  
*Sec. 1803. Critical materials: tiered sourcing restrictions and requirements.*  
*Sec. 1804. Changes with respect to the Federal Acquisition Security Council.*  
*Sec. 1805. Modifications to strategy to eliminate sourcing of computer displays from certain nations.*  
*Sec. 1806. Extension of Comptroller General assessments and reports on compliance with procurement requirements relating to rare earth elements and strategic and critical materials.*  
*Sec. 1807. Requirements related to detection and avoidance of counterfeit electronic parts.*  
*Sec. 1808. Analysis and report on sourcing of certain items.*  
*Sec. 1809. Assessment and implementation plan for sourcing of synthetic diamond and super abrasive materials used in defense applications.*  
*Sec. 1810. Defense Supply Chain Intelligence and Risk Response Program.*  
*Sec. 1811. Identification of supply chain dependencies.*  
*Sec. 1812. Federal Acquisition Security Council exclusion orders for Chinese military company designees.*  
*Sec. 1813. Domestic preference in the procurement of professional services.*  
*Sec. 1814. Prohibition on the use of Chinese-manufactured optical fiber by the Department of Defense.*  
*Sec. 1815. Report on primary aluminum sector industrial base assessment.*  
*Sec. 1816. Assessment of risk related to adversarial capital in the defense industrial base.*  
*Sec. 1817. Integration of demand for foreign military sales into industrial base planning.*  
*Sec. 1818. Report on the feasibility of requiring Bills of Materials for defense acquisition.*

*Subtitle B—Provisions Relating to Defense Industrial Base Manufacturing*

- Sec. 1831. Clarification of eligible uses of Defense Industrial Base Fund.*  
*Sec. 1832. Inclusion of biotechnology in uses of the Industrial Base Fund.*  
*Sec. 1833. Development and application of alternative material sources.*  
*Sec. 1834. Report and implementation of plan for advanced manufacturing for certain critical readiness items of supply.*  
*Sec. 1835. Additional guidance related to advanced manufacturing.*



- Sec. 1836. Modifications to advanced manufacturing policy review and guidance.*
- Sec. 1837. Enhanced domestic content requirement for shipbuilding programs.*
- Sec. 1838. Triennial review of merger and acquisition activity associated with major defense suppliers.*
- Sec. 1839. Multiyear procurement authority for certain munitions.*
- Sec. 1840. Multiyear procurement authority for platforms and components systems.*
- Sec. 1841. Managing and mitigating risks in major munitions programs.*
- Sec. 1842. Comptroller General assessment on improving weapon systems and technology procurement.*

#### *Subtitle C—Organic Industrial Base*

- Sec. 1861. Modification to annual report on depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by public and private sectors.*
- Sec. 1862. Authority to write off capital expenditures for certain depots of Department of Defense.*
- Sec. 1863. Reforms relating to Army organic industrial base.*
- Sec. 1864. Exclusion of manufacturing arsenal workload from depot carryover calculation.*
- Sec. 1865. Temporary authority for use of operation and maintenance funds to provide training for certain employees performing services or work funded by working-capital funds.*
- Sec. 1866. Demonstration and prototyping program for qualification of organic industrial base as alternate source for manufacture of casts and forged components for legacy aircraft.*
- Sec. 1867. Briefing and report on Defense industrial base chokepoints and organic industrial base modernization.*

#### *Subtitle D—Small Business Matters*

- Sec. 1871. Exception to contract price requirement relating to use of test and evaluation installations by commercial entities.*
- Sec. 1872. Amendments to the procurement technical assistance cooperative agreement program.*
- Sec. 1873. Pilot program on digital engineering and advanced manufacturing to address no-bid solicitations.*
- Sec. 1874. Pilot program to improve participation by small business concerns in certain Department of Defense contracts.*
- Sec. 1875. Guidance to ensure protection of covered information during covered preaward engagements.*

#### *Subtitle E—Defense Industrial Base Workforce Matters*

- Sec. 1881. Skills-based requirements for Department of Defense contractor personnel.*
- Sec. 1882. Modification of working group on the advanced manufacturing workforce.*
- Sec. 1883. Workforce development initiatives to support mining of critical minerals.*

#### *Subtitle F—Other Matters*

- Sec. 1891. Exemption from trademark licensing fees for certain military exchange contractors.*
- Sec. 1892. Major system cost growth oversight.*

- Sec. 1893. Inapplicability of Berry Amendment exceptions to certain seafood purchases.*
- Sec. 1894. Clarification of commercial solicitation restrictions during initial entry training for memorabilia and photography.*

#### ***DIVISION B—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS***

- Sec. 2001. Short title.*
- Sec. 2002. Expiration of authorizations and amounts required to be specified by law.*
- Sec. 2003. Effective date.*

#### ***TITLE XXI—ARMY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION***

- Sec. 2101. Authorized Army construction and land acquisition projects.*
- Sec. 2102. Family Housing.*
- Sec. 2103. Authorization of appropriations, Army.*
- Sec. 2104. Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2021 project at Fort Gillem, Georgia.*
- Sec. 2105. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2022 projects.*
- Sec. 2106. Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2022 project at Fort Stewart, Georgia.*
- Sec. 2107. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects.*
- Sec. 2108. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2024 projects.*
- Sec. 2109. Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2025 project at Grafenwoehr, Germany.*
- Sec. 2110. Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2026 project at Joint Region Marianas, Guam.*

#### ***TITLE XXII—NAVY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION***

- Sec. 2201. Authorized Navy construction and land acquisition projects.*
- Sec. 2202. Family Housing.*
- Sec. 2203. Authorization of appropriations, Navy.*
- Sec. 2204. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects.*
- Sec. 2205. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2024 projects.*
- Sec. 2206. Extension and modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2024 project at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia.*
- Sec. 2207. Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2026 project at Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, Hawaii.*
- Sec. 2208. Transfer of amounts for mitigation for projects located at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington.*

#### ***TITLE XXIII—AIR FORCE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION***

- Sec. 2301. Authorized Air Force construction and land acquisition projects.*
- Sec. 2302. Family Housing.*
- Sec. 2303. Authorization of appropriations, Air Force.*
- Sec. 2304. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2019 projects.*
- Sec. 2305. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2020 projects.*
- Sec. 2306. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects.*
- Sec. 2307. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2024 projects.*
- Sec. 2308. Authority to carry out project at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.*

*TITLE XXIV—DEFENSE AGENCIES MILITARY CONSTRUCTION*

- Sec. 2401. Authorized Defense Agencies construction and land acquisition projects.*  
*Sec. 2402. Authorized Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program projects.*  
*Sec. 2403. Authorization of appropriations, Defense Agencies.*  
*Sec. 2404. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects.*  
*Sec. 2405. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2024 projects.*

*TITLE XXV—INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS*

*Subtitle A—North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program*

- Sec. 2501. Authorized NATO construction and land acquisition projects.*  
*Sec. 2502. Authorization of appropriations, NATO.*

*Subtitle B—Host Country In-Kind Contributions*

- Sec. 2511. Republic of Korea funded construction projects.*  
*Sec. 2512. Republic of Poland funded construction projects.*

*TITLE XXVI—GUARD AND RESERVE FORCES FACILITIES*

- Sec. 2601. Authorized Army National Guard construction and land acquisition projects.*  
*Sec. 2602. Authorized Army Reserve construction and land acquisition projects.*  
*Sec. 2603. Authorized Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve construction and land acquisition projects.*  
*Sec. 2604. Authorized Air National Guard construction and land acquisition projects.*  
*Sec. 2605. Authorized Air Force Reserve construction and land acquisition projects.*  
*Sec. 2606. Authorization of appropriations, National Guard and Reserve.*  
*Sec. 2607. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects.*  
*Sec. 2608. Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2024 projects.*  
*Sec. 2609. Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2026 project at Colonie, New York.*

*TITLE XXVII—BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVITIES*

- Sec. 2701. Authorization of appropriations for base realignment and closure activities funded through Department of Defense base closure account.*

*TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS*

*Subtitle A—Military Construction Programs*

- Sec. 2801. Execution of projects under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program.*  
*Sec. 2802. Inclusion of Tribal governments in Defense Community Infrastructure Program.*  
*Sec. 2803. Briefing required for certain basing actions of the Department of the Air Force.*  
*Sec. 2804. Unspecified minor military construction dollar thresholds.*  
*Sec. 2805. Repeal of limitation on available funds for research, development, test, and evaluation military construction projects.*

- Sec. 2806. Modification of approval and notification thresholds for repair projects on military facilities.*
- Sec. 2807. Department of Defense military installation stormwater project acceleration program.*
- Sec. 2808. Expansion of annual report on unfunded requirements for certain military construction projects.*

*Subtitle B—Military Housing Reforms*

- Sec. 2811. Congressional notification of window fall incidents in certain privatized military housing.*
- Sec. 2812. Expansion of protections against reprisal or retaliation for certain tenants of privatized military housing.*
- Sec. 2813. Treatment of nondisclosure agreements with respect to privatized military housing.*
- Sec. 2814. Expansion of pilot program to include authority to replace certain Department of Defense laboratories.*
- Sec. 2815. Modification to pilot program for military construction projects to replace certain military unaccompanied housing facilities.*
- Sec. 2816. Establishment of timeliness standards with respect to maintenance work orders for covered military unaccompanied housing; annual report.*
- Sec. 2817. Expansion of elements included in annual reports on the condition of covered military unaccompanied housing.*
- Sec. 2818. Modification to required investments in improving military unaccompanied housing.*

*Subtitle C—Real Property and Facilities Administration*

- Sec. 2821. Authorization for certain planning, design, and construction contracts in support of military service academies.*
- Sec. 2822. Exemption of certain military installations from guidance with respect to aggregate square footage requirements.*
- Sec. 2823. Matching requirement for the public schools on military installations program.*
- Sec. 2824. Improvement to procedures for processing visitors to Department of Defense military installations.*
- Sec. 2825. Restrictions on data facility equipment placed on facilities leased from the Department of Defense.*
- Sec. 2826. Name of Department of the Army military installation, Augusta, Georgia.*
- Sec. 2827. Name of the Department of the Army military installation located in Muscogee County and Chattahoochee County, Georgia.*
- Sec. 2828. Military installation renamings.*

*Subtitle D—Land Conveyances and Withdrawals*

- Sec. 2831. Report on land withdrawal at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.*
- Sec. 2832. Land conveyance, State Armory Board, Utah National Guard, Camp Williams State Military Reservation, Lehi, Utah.*
- Sec. 2833. Land conveyance, Milan Army Ammunition Plant, Tennessee.*

*Subtitle E—Pilot Programs*

- Sec. 2841. Digital twin models at certain military installations.*
- Sec. 2842. Pilot program on wastewater monitoring and pathogen-agnostic monitoring system of certain military installations.*

- Sec. 2843. Department of Defense pilot program for development and use of on-line real estate inventory tool.*
- Sec. 2844. Pilot program to provide integrated connectivity service.*

*Subtitle F—Miscellaneous Authorities*

- Sec. 2851. Authority for Secretary of Defense to acquire real property and facilities in the National Capital Region and to administer such property as part of the Pentagon Reservation.*
- Sec. 2852. Establishment of a dashboard for military construction projects for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation facilities.*
- Sec. 2853. Additional authority for defense site reimbursement in the Federated States of Micronesia.*
- Sec. 2854. Recognition of certain aspects of the National Navy UDT–SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as a national memorial, national memorial garden, and national K9 memorial.*

*Subtitle G—Reports and Other Matters*

- Sec. 2861. Annual report on supervision, inspection, and overhead costs for military construction projects.*
- Sec. 2862. Requirements relating to the Multi-Mission Dry Dock military construction project at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Washington.*
- Sec. 2863. Comptroller General review of Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program.*
- Sec. 2864. Conditions on transfer of Department of Defense power grid infrastructure in Guam.*
- Sec. 2865. Annual report on military construction projects supporting readiness and public interest in Guam.*
- Sec. 2866. Annual report on effects of extreme weather on Department of Defense military installations and combatant commander requirements.*
- Sec. 2867. Reports to Census Bureau with respect to military and civilian personnel on military installations.*

***DIVISION C—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY  
AUTHORIZATIONS AND OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS***

***TITLE XXXI—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY  
PROGRAMS***

*Subtitle A—National Security Programs and Authorizations*

- Sec. 3101. National Nuclear Security Administration.*
- Sec. 3102. Defense environmental cleanup.*
- Sec. 3103. Other defense activities.*
- Sec. 3104. Nuclear energy.*

*Subtitle B—Program Authorizations, Restrictions, and Limitations*

- Sec. 3111. Modifications to requirements for plutonium pit production capacity.*
- Sec. 3112. Modification to implementation of programs for acceleration of replacement of cesium blood irradiation sources.*
- Sec. 3113. Other transaction authority.*
- Sec. 3114. Extension of alternative personnel system of the National Nuclear Security Administration.*
- Sec. 3115. Deadline for commencement of High Explosive Synthesis, Formulation, and Production Facility.*

- Sec. 3116. Contracting authority to acquire commercial testing services for effects of radiation.*  
*Sec. 3117. Prohibition relating to reclassification of high-level waste.*

*Subtitle C—Reports and Other Matters*

- Sec. 3121. Technical and conforming amendments relating to codification of atomic energy defense provisions.*  
*Sec. 3122. Modification of submission deadline for certain Selected Acquisition Reports.*

*TITLE XXXII—DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD*

- Sec. 3201. Authorization.*

*TITLE XXXIV—NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES*

- Sec. 3401. Authorization of appropriations.*

*TITLE XXXV—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION*

*Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations*

*Subtitle A—Maritime Administration*

- Sec. 3501. Authorization of appropriations for Maritime Administration.*

*Subtitle B—Merchant Marine Academy*

- Sec. 3511. Transferring the Administration of the United States Merchant Marine Academy to the Department.*  
*Sec. 3512. Establishment of the United States Merchant Marine Academy as an office within the Office in the Department.*  
*Sec. 3513. Support for athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Academy.*

*Subtitle C—Other Matters*

- Sec. 3521. Limitation on waiver of navigation and vessel-inspection laws to address foreign entities of concern.*  
*Sec. 3522. Financing of fishing vessels.*  
*Sec. 3523. Cranes; shore power.*  
*Sec. 3524. Cargoes procured, furnished, or financed by United States Government.*  
*Sec. 3525. Assistance for small shipyards.*  
*Sec. 3526. Committee on the Marine Transportation System.*  
*Sec. 3527. Assessment of channel depths and placement of aids to navigation.*  
*Sec. 3528. Waiver.*  
*Sec. 3529. National Maritime Workforce Advisory Committee.*  
*Sec. 3530. Enhancing United States maritime workforce.*  
*Sec. 3531. Enhancing United States shipyards and shipbuilding.*

*TITLE XXXVI—SHIPS FOR AMERICA*

- Sec. 3601. Report on privilege.*  
*Sec. 3602. Fleet testing and briefing requirement.*  
*Sec. 3603. Assessment of the use of commercial best practices for Navy shipbuilding.*  
*Sec. 3604. Military Sealift Command.*

*Sec. 3605. Assessment on maritime infrastructure readiness.*

*Sec. 3606. United States Merchant Marine Academy infrastructure and facilities modernization.*

*Sec. 3607. United States Merchant Marine Academy.*

*Sec. 3608. State maritime academies.*

*Sec. 3609. Enforcement of service obligation requirements.*

*Sec. 3610. State Maritime Academy Sea Term Scholarship Programs.*

*Sec. 3611. Implementation plan.*

#### *DIVISION D—FUNDING TABLES*

*Sec. 4001. Authorization of amounts in funding tables.*

#### *TITLE XLI—PROCUREMENT*

*Sec. 4101. Procurement.*

#### *TITLE XLII—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION*

*Sec. 4201. Research, development, test, and evaluation.*

#### *TITLE XLIII—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE*

*Sec. 4301. Operation and maintenance.*

#### *TITLE XLIV—MILITARY PERSONNEL*

*Sec. 4401. Military personnel.*

#### *TITLE XLV—OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS*

*Sec. 4501. Other authorizations.*

#### *TITLE XLVI—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION*

*Sec. 4601. Military construction.*

#### *TITLE XLVII—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS*

*Sec. 4701. Department of Energy national security programs.*

### **1 SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.**

2       *In this Act, the term “congressional defense commit-*  
 3 *tees” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(16)*  
 4 *of title 10, United States Code.*

1     ***DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF***  
2     ***DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS***  
3     ***TITLE I—PROCUREMENT***  
4     ***Subtitle A—Authorization of***  
5     ***Appropriations***

6     ***SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.***

7         *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-*  
8     *cal year 2027 for procurement for the Army, the Navy and*  
9     *the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Space Force, and*  
10    *Defense-wide activities, as specified in the funding table in*  
11    *section 4101.*

12         ***Subtitle B—Army Programs***

13    ***SEC. 111. STANDARDS FOR NETWORKED, AUTONOMOUS, KI-***  
14                 ***NETIC CAPABILITIES TO PROTECT AGAINST***  
15                 ***SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.***

16         *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
17    *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army*  
18    *shall establish standards to guide the development, procure-*  
19    *ment, and fielding of covered capabilities to protect ground*  
20    *combat, support, and mobility platforms against small un-*  
21    *manned aircraft systems.*

22         *(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The standards established under*  
23    *subsection (a) shall provide for the development, procure-*  
24    *ment, and fielding of covered capabilities that—*



1           (1) *are interoperable across brigade combat team*  
 2           *elements, including interoperability of capabilities for*  
 3           *the detection, tracking, and kinetic interception of*  
 4           *small unmanned aircraft systems;*

5           (2) *ensure seamless networking between a wide*  
 6           *variety of sensors and ground platforms; and*

7           (3) *meet such other requirements as the Sec-*  
 8           *retary of the Army determines appropriate.*

9           (c) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—*Not later than 90 days*  
 10          *after the date on which the Secretary of the Army establishes*  
 11          *the standards under subsection (a), the Secretary shall sub-*  
 12          *mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and*  
 13          *the House of Representatives a report that includes—*

14                 (1) *an explanation of the standards; and*

15                 (2) *identification of any hardware or software*  
 16          *components that—*

17                         (A) *potentially meet such standards; and*

18                         (B) *would be appropriate for incorporation*  
 19          *into covered capabilities.*

20          (d) *COVERED CAPABILITIES DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*  
 21          *tion, the term “covered capabilities” means platforms and*  
 22          *other capabilities that—*

23                 (1) *are networked and autonomous;*

1           (2) are capable of the detection, tracking, and ki-  
 2       netic interception of small unmanned aircraft sys-  
 3       tems; and

4           (3) incorporate—

5               (A) passive and active sensors for the per-  
 6       sistent detection and tracking of threats posed by  
 7       unmanned aircraft systems;

8               (B) autonomous kinetic effects capable of  
 9       neutralizing threats with minimal operator  
 10      intervention; and

11              (C) mesh networking to allow for sensor-to-  
 12      shooter handoffs between multiple ground plat-  
 13      forms.

## 14           ***Subtitle C—Navy Programs***

### 15   ***SEC. 121. TEMPORARY UNAVAILABILITY OF AMPHIBIOUS*** 16           ***WARFARE SHIPS.***

17       Section 8062(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 18   amended—

19           (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The naval”; and

20           (2) by adding at the end the following new para-  
 21   graph:

22       “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘temporarily unavail-  
 23   able’, when used with respect to an amphibious warfare  
 24   ship, means that the ship has not surpassed its planned  
 25   availability by a margin of—

1           “(A) greater than 100 percent of the nominal du-  
2           ration of that availability in 2026 or 2027;

3           “(B) greater than 75 percent of the nominal du-  
4           ration of that availability in 2028 or 2029;

5           “(C) greater than 50 percent of the nominal du-  
6           ration of that availability in 2030 or 2031; and

7           “(D) greater than 25 percent of the nominal du-  
8           ration of that availability in 2032 or any year there-  
9           after.”.

10 **SEC. 122. AUTHORITY TO USE INCREMENTAL FUNDING FOR**  
11 **LONG LEAD-TIME COMPONENTS FOR VIR-**  
12 **GINIA CLASS SUBMARINES.**

13           Section 126 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
14 for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 755)  
15 is amended—

16           (1) by redesignating subsections (b) through (d)  
17 as subsections (c) through (e), respectively; and

18           (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
19 lowing:

20           “(b) **AUTHORITY TO USE INCREMENTAL FUNDING.**—  
21 In exercising the authority under subsection (a), the Sec-  
22 retary of the Navy may enter into incrementally funded  
23 contracts for the procurement of covered components that  
24 are long lead-time items.”.

1 **SEC. 123. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR**  
 2 **ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS DESTROYERS.**

3 (a) *AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.*—  
 4 *Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, the*  
 5 *Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more multiyear*  
 6 *contracts for the procurement of up to 15 Arleigh Burke*  
 7 *class Flight III guided missile destroyers.*

8 (b) *AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.*—*The*  
 9 *Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more contracts,*  
 10 *beginning in fiscal year 2027, for advance procurement as-*  
 11 *sociated with the destroyers for which authorization to enter*  
 12 *into a multiyear procurement contract is provided under*  
 13 *subsection (a), and for systems and subsystems associated*  
 14 *with such destroyers in economic order quantities when cost*  
 15 *savings are achievable.*

16 (c) *CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-*  
 17 *MENTS.*—*A contract entered into under subsection (a) shall*  
 18 *provide that any obligation of the United States to make*  
 19 *a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after fiscal*  
 20 *year 2027 is subject to the availability of appropriations*  
 21 *or funds for that purpose for such later fiscal year.*

22 (d) *MANDATORY INCLUSION OF PREPRICED OPTION IN*  
 23 *CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.*—

24 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*In the event the total base*  
 25 *quantity of destroyers to be procured through all con-*  
 26 *tracts entered into under subsection (a) is less than*

1       15, the Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that one or  
2       more of the contracts includes a prepriced option for  
3       the procurement of additional destroyers such that the  
4       sum of such base quantity and the number of destroy-  
5       ers that may be procured through the exercise of such  
6       options is equal to 15 destroyers.

7               (2) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this subsection:

8               (A) *BASE QUANTITY.*—The term “base  
9       quantity” means the quantity of destroyers to be  
10       procured under a contract entered into under  
11       subsection (a) excluding any quantity of destroy-  
12       ers that may be procured through the exercise of  
13       an option that may be part of such contract.

14              (B) *PREPRICED OPTION.*—The term  
15       “prepriced option” means a contract option for  
16       a contract entered into under subsection (a) that,  
17       if exercised, would allow the Secretary of the  
18       Navy to procure a destroyer at a predetermined  
19       price specified in such contract.

20              (e) *LIMITATION.*—The Secretary of the Navy may not  
21       modify a contract entered into under subsection (a) if the  
22       modification would increase the target price of the destroyer  
23       by more than 10 percent above the target price specified  
24       in the original contract for the destroyer under subsection  
25       (a).

1 **SEC. 124. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR**  
2 **JOHN LEWIS CLASS OILERS.**

3 (a) *AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.—*  
4 *Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, the*  
5 *Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more multiyear*  
6 *contracts for the procurement of John Lewis class Oilers*  
7 *and systems, components, and long-lead time materials as-*  
8 *sociated with such vessels.*

9 (b) *AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The*  
10 *Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more contracts,*  
11 *beginning in fiscal year 2027, for advance procurement as-*  
12 *sociated with the oilers for which authorization to enter into*  
13 *a multiyear procurement contract is provided under sub-*  
14 *section (a), including economic order quantity purchases*  
15 *and advance procurement of long-lead time materials, to*  
16 *support the continuous production of such vessels and to*  
17 *achieve cost savings.*

18 (c) *CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-*  
19 *MENTS.—A contract entered into under subsection (a) shall*  
20 *provide that any obligation of the United States to make*  
21 *a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after fiscal*  
22 *year 2027 is subject to the availability of appropriations*  
23 *or funds for that purpose for such later fiscal year.*

24 (d) *TERMINATION LIABILITY.—A contract entered into*  
25 *under subsection (a) shall provide that the total liability*  
26 *to the Federal Government for termination of the contract*

1 *shall be limited to the total amount of funding obligated*  
2 *for the contract at the time of termination.*

3 **SEC. 125. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN AM-**  
4 **PHIBIOUS SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) *CONTRACT AUTHORITY.*—

6 (1) *PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZED.*—*The Sec-*  
7 *retary of the Navy may enter into one or more con-*  
8 *tracts for the procurement of covered ships.*

9 (2) *PROCUREMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXIST-*  
10 *ING CONTRACTS.*—*The ships authorized to be procured*  
11 *under paragraph (1) may be procured as additions to*  
12 *existing contracts covering programs for covered*  
13 *ships.*

14 (b) *CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.*—*A contract may not*  
15 *be entered into under subsection (a) unless the Secretary*  
16 *of the Navy certifies to the congressional defense committees,*  
17 *in writing, not later than 30 days before entry into the con-*  
18 *tract, each of the following, which shall be prepared by the*  
19 *milestone decision authority for the covered ship program*  
20 *concerned:*

21 (1) *The use of such a contract is consistent with*  
22 *the Commandant of the Marine Corps' projected force*  
23 *structure requirements for amphibious ships.*

24 (2) *The use of such a contract will result in sav-*  
25 *ings compared to the total anticipated costs of car-*

1        *rying out the program through annual contracts. In*  
2        *certifying cost savings under the preceding sentence,*  
3        *the Secretary shall include a written explanation of—*

4                *(A) the estimated end cost and appropriated*  
5                *funds by fiscal year, by hull, without the author-*  
6                *ity provided in subsection (a);*

7                *(B) the estimated end cost and appro-*  
8                *priated funds by fiscal year, by hull, with the*  
9                *authority provided in subsection (a);*

10               *(C) the estimated cost savings or increase by*  
11               *fiscal year, by hull, with the authority provided*  
12               *in subsection (a); and*

13               *(D) the contractual actions that will ensure*  
14               *the estimated cost savings are realized.*

15               *(3) The Secretary of the Navy has a reasonable*  
16               *expectation that throughout the contemplated contract*  
17               *period funding will be available for the contract at*  
18               *the level required to avoid contract cancellation.*

19               *(4) There is a stable design for the property to*  
20               *be acquired and the technical risks associated with*  
21               *such property are not excessive.*

22               *(5) The estimates of both the cost of the contract*  
23               *and the anticipated cost avoidance through the use of*  
24               *a contract authorized under subsection (a) are real-*  
25               *istic.*



1           (6) *The use of such a contract will promote the*  
2           *national security of the United States.*

3           (7) *During the fiscal year in which such contract*  
4           *is to be awarded, sufficient funds will be available to*  
5           *perform the contract in such fiscal year.*

6           (c) *AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The*  
7           *Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more contracts*  
8           *for advance procurement or advance construction associated*  
9           *with a ship or ships for which authorization to enter into*  
10          *a contract is provided under subsection (a), and for systems,*  
11          *sub systems, spare parts, and major shore based spares asso-*  
12          *ciated with such ships in economic order quantities when*  
13          *cost savings are achievable.*

14          (d) *AUTHORITY TO USE INCREMENTAL FUNDING.—*  
15          *The Secretary of the Navy may incrementally fund a con-*  
16          *tract entered into under subsection (a) or (c).*

17          (e) *CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-*  
18          *MENTS.—A contract entered into under subsection (a) shall*  
19          *provide that any obligation of the United States to make*  
20          *a payment under the contract for a fiscal year is subject*  
21          *to the availability of appropriations for that purpose for*  
22          *such fiscal year.*

23          (f) *TERMINATION.—The authority of the Secretary of*  
24          *the Navy to enter into contracts under subsection (a) shall*  
25          *terminate on September 30, 2030.*

1       (g) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

2               (1) *The term “covered ship” means a San Anto-*  
3       *nio-class or America-class ship.*

4               (2) *The term “milestone decision authority” has*  
5       *the meaning given that term in section 4251(e) of*  
6       *title 10, United States Code.*

7       **SEC. 126. CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR SUBMARINE TENDER**  
8               **PROGRAM.**

9       (a) *CONTRACT AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary of the*  
10       *Navy may enter into one or more contracts for the procure-*  
11       *ment of not more than two AS(X) submarine tenders.*

12       (b) *USE OF INCREMENTAL FUNDING.*—*With respect to*  
13       *a contract entered into under subsection (a), the Secretary*  
14       *of the Navy may use incremental funding to make pay-*  
15       *ments under the contract.*

16       (c) *LIABILITY.*—*Any contract entered into under sub-*  
17       *section (a) shall provide that—*

18               (1) *any obligation of the United States to make*  
19       *a payment under the contract is subject to the avail-*  
20       *ability of appropriations for that purpose; and*

21               (2) *the total liability of the Federal Government*  
22       *for termination of the contract shall be limited to the*  
23       *total amount of funding obligated to the contract at*  
24       *the time of termination.*

1 **SEC. 127. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR E-2D**  
2 **ADVANCED HAWKEYE AIRCRAFT.**

3 (a) *AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.*—  
4 *Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, the*  
5 *Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more multiyear*  
6 *contracts, beginning with the fiscal year 2027 program*  
7 *year, for the procurement of twelve E-2D Advanced Hawk-*  
8 *eye aircraft.*

9 (b) *AUTHORITY FOR ECONOMIC ORDER QUANTITY.*—  
10 *The Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more con-*  
11 *tracts, beginning in fiscal year 2027, for advance procure-*  
12 *ment associated with the aircraft for which authorization*  
13 *to enter into a multiyear procurement contract is provided*  
14 *under subsection (a), which may include procurement of*  
15 *economic order quantities of material and equipment for*  
16 *such aircraft when cost savings are achievable.*

17 (c) *LIABILITY.*—*Any contract entered into under sub-*  
18 *section (a) shall provide that—*

19 (1) *any obligation of the United States to make*  
20 *a payment under the contract is subject to the avail-*  
21 *ability of appropriations for that purpose; and*

22 (2) *the total liability of the Federal Government*  
23 *for termination of the contract shall be limited to the*  
24 *total amount of funding obligated to the contract at*  
25 *the time of termination.*

1 **SEC. 128. AUTHORITY TO USE INCREMENTAL FUNDING FOR**  
2 **THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GUIDED MISSILE**  
3 **DESTROYER (DDG).**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Amounts authorized to be appro-  
5 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for the  
6 Navy for Shipbuilding and Conversion for fiscal year 2027  
7 may be used by the Secretary of the Navy to enter into an  
8 incrementally funded contract for the construction of one  
9 Guided Missile Destroyer (DDG).

10 (b) *AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND TERMINATION LI-*  
11 *ABILITY.*—A contract entered into under subsection (a)  
12 shall provide that any obligation of the United States to  
13 make a payment under the contract is subject to the avail-  
14 ability of appropriations for that purpose, and that total  
15 liability to the Government for the termination of the con-  
16 tract shall be limited to the total amount of funding obli-  
17 gated at time of termination.

18 **SEC. 129. AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT OF**  
19 **COMPONENTS FOR SHIP-TO-SHORE CON-**  
20 **NECTOR CLASS CRAFT.**

21 (a) *AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.*—The  
22 Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more contracts,  
23 prior to ship authorization, for the advance procurement  
24 of components for Ship-to-Shore Connector class craft, in-  
25 cluding procurement of such components in economic order  
26 quantities when cost savings are achievable.

1       (b) *CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-*  
 2 *MENTS.*—*A contract entered into under subsection (a) shall*  
 3 *provide that any obligation of the United States to make*  
 4 *a payment under the contract for a fiscal year is subject*  
 5 *to the availability of appropriations for that purpose for*  
 6 *such fiscal year.*

7 **SEC. 130. TORPEDO MODERNIZATION, TESTING, AND IN-**  
 8 **VENTORY SUFFICIENCY FOR TWO SIMULTA-**  
 9 **NEOUS REGIONAL CONFLICTS.**

10       (a) *STRATEGY AND INVENTORY REQUIREMENT.*—

11           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 90 days after*  
 12 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
 13 *the Navy shall develop and implement a comprehen-*  
 14 *sive strategy for torpedo modernization, testing, pro-*  
 15 *duction, and inventory sufficiency.*

16           (2) *ELEMENTS.*—*The strategy required under*  
 17 *subsection (a) shall include the following:*

18               (A) *An assessment of the minimum required*  
 19 *inventory levels of—*

20                       (i) *MK–48 heavyweight torpedoes;*

21                       (ii) *lightweight torpedoes, including*

22                               *MK–54 torpedoes;*

23                       (iii) *advanced torpedo variants;*

24                       (iv) *exercise, training, and telemetry*

25                               *torpedoes; and*

1                   (v) torpedo countermeasure systems,  
2                   necessary to support not fewer than two si-  
3                   multaneous regional conflicts.

4                   (B) An assessment of wartime torpedo ex-  
5                   penditure assumptions for combat operations  
6                   against peer and near-peer maritime adver-  
7                   saries.

8                   (C) An evaluation of current torpedo pro-  
9                   duction capacity, including limitations associ-  
10                  ated with—

- 11                   (i) energetics;  
12                   (ii) propulsion systems;  
13                   (iii) acoustic seekers;  
14                   (iv) guidance electronics;  
15                   (v) specialty metals;  
16                   (vi) undersea weapon integration fa-  
17                  cilities; and  
18                   (vii) single-source suppliers.

19                  (D) A plan to increase annual torpedo pro-  
20                  duction capacity and reduce production lead  
21                  times during contingencies.

22                  (E) An assessment of the adequacy of exist-  
23                  ing torpedo testing infrastructure, including—

- 24                   (i) undersea warfare test ranges;

1                   (ii) target vessels and unmanned tar-  
2 gets;

3                   (iii) telemetry and instrumentation  
4 systems;

5                   (iv) contested electromagnetic environ-  
6 ment testing capabilities;

7                   (v) digital engineering and modeling  
8 environments;

9                   (vi) Arctic and deep-water testing ca-  
10 pacity;

11                  (vii) shallow water testing capability;  
12 and

13                  (viii) opportunities to cooperate on  
14 testing activities with allies and partners of  
15 the United States.

16                  (F) A description of efforts to improve tor-  
17 pedo survivability and effectiveness against ad-  
18 vanced countermeasures and adversary electronic  
19 warfare systems.

20                  (G) An assessment of storage, transpor-  
21 tation, reload, and expeditionary rearmament  
22 capacity for torpedoes during wartime oper-  
23 ations.

1                   (H) *A description of any statutory or regu-*  
2                   *latory barriers limiting expansion of torpedo*  
3                   *production, testing, or procurement.*

4                   (I) *Recommendations for legislative or ad-*  
5                   *ministrative action necessary to improve torpedo*  
6                   *readiness and wartime sufficiency.*

7           (b) *INDUSTRIAL BASE EXPANSION PLAN.*—*Not later*  
8   *90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
9   *retary of the Navy shall develop a plan to expand the under-*  
10   *sea weapons industrial base to support sustained wartime*  
11   *production requirements. Such plan shall include—*

12                   (1) *options for second-source suppliers;*

13                   (2) *expansion of Government-owned, contractor-*  
14                   *operated facilities;*

15                   (3) *use of multiyear procurement authorities*  
16                   *pursuant to section 3501 of title 10, United States*  
17                   *Code;*

18                   (4) *opportunities to expand public-private part-*  
19                   *nerships for undersea weapons manufacturing and*  
20                   *sustainment;*

21                   (5) *measures to improve supply chain resilience*  
22                   *for critical components; and*

23                   (6) *options for surge production during national*  
24                   *emergencies or armed conflict.*



1       (c) *REPORTS REQUIRED.*—Not later than 120 days  
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3 of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
4 mittees—

5           (1) a report on the strategy developed under sub-  
6 section (a); and

7           (2) a report on the plan developed under sub-  
8 section (b).

9       (d) *BRIEFING REQUIRED.*—Not later than 120 days  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
11 of the Navy shall provide to the congressional defense com-  
12 mittees a briefing on—

13           (1) the highest-risk shortfalls in torpedo inven-  
14 tory and testing capacity;

15           (2) operational testing methodology for torpedos  
16 and efforts to test for real world scenarios;

17           (3) projected wartime torpedo inventory deple-  
18 tion timelines; and

19           (4) investments required during period covered  
20 by the future-years defense program to ensure torpedo  
21 sufficiency for two simultaneous regional conflicts.

1 **SEC. 131. LIMITATION ON CONSTRUCTION OF BATTLESHIP**  
 2 **PENDING CERTIFICATION ON TECHNOLOGY**  
 3 **READINESS LEVELS.**

4 *The Secretary of the Navy may not enter into a con-*  
 5 *tract or other agreement that includes a scope of work for*  
 6 *the construction of the lead ship of the Battleship program*  
 7 *until the date on which the Secretary certifies to the con-*  
 8 *gressional defense committees that the weapon systems*  
 9 *planned for inclusion in such lead ship are at a sufficiently*  
 10 *mature technology readiness level.*

11 **SEC. 132. STRATEGY FOR ITERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND**  
 12 **FLIGHT MODIFICATIONS FOR FF(X) CLASS**  
 13 **FRIGATES.**

14 *(a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days*  
 15 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
 16 *of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
 17 *mittees a strategy for the iterative development of the FF(X)*  
 18 *class frigate. Such strategy shall include the following:*

19 *(1) Information on the estimated timeline for*  
 20 *each planned variant (commonly known as a*  
 21 *“Flight”) of the FF(X) class frigate.*

22 *(2) Details on the integration of additional ca-*  
 23 *pabilities for future Flights of the frigate, such as*  
 24 *vertical launch systems or improved sensors, and im-*  
 25 *plications for the space, weight, power, and cost of the*  
 26 *hull form.*

1           (3) *Any additional mission sets or combat func-*  
 2           *tions that may be added to the concept of operation*  
 3           *for FF(X) class frigates.*

4           (b) *INTERIM BRIEFING.*—*Not later than 90 days after*  
 5           *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the*  
 6           *Navy shall provide to the congressional defense committees*  
 7           *a briefing on the development of the strategy required under*  
 8           *subsection (a).*

9           (c) *FF(X) CLASS FRIGATE DEFINED.*—*In this section,*  
 10          *the term “FF(X) class frigate” means the new class of frig-*  
 11          *ate vessel under development by the Secretary of the Navy*  
 12          *(as of the date of the enactment of this Act) based on a*  
 13          *design derived from the Legend class Coast Guard cutter.*

14       **SEC. 133. REPORT ON CONTINUITY OF MISSION AND READI-**  
 15                               **NESS DURING TRANSITION OF F-5 TO F/A-18E/**  
 16                               **F AIRCRAFT FOR THE NAVY RESERVE.**

17          (a) *REPORT REQUIRED.*—*Not later than March 1,*  
 18          *2027, and annually thereafter for four years, the Secretary*  
 19          *of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
 20          *mittees a report on the status of efforts to transfer F/A-*  
 21          *18E/F aircraft to the Navy Reserve to replace the F-5 air-*  
 22          *craft.*

23          (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each report under subsection (a)*  
 24          *shall include an explanation of—*

1           (1) *how the Secretary will mitigate risk to any*  
2           *degradation, gap, or delay in mission execution, fleet*  
3           *readiness, or pilot and maintainer qualification dur-*  
4           *ing the period in which aircraft are being transferred*  
5           *and replaced as described in subsection (a);*

6           (2) *the Secretary's plans for retaining key Navy*  
7           *Reserve personnel to support operational readiness*  
8           *during such period;*

9           (3) *how the Secretary plans, if possible, to ensure*  
10          *that assigned operational and adversary training*  
11          *missions are executed during such period;*

12          (4) *how the Secretary plans to maintain pilot*  
13          *and maintenance personnel proficiency, currency,*  
14          *and qualifications during such period; and*

15          (5) *the timelines associated with the transfer and*  
16          *replacement of aircraft described in subsection (a), in-*  
17          *cluding timelines associated with—*

18                 (A) *support equipment and initial spares;*

19                 (B) *pilot and maintenance personnel train-*  
20                 *ing;*

21                 (C) *achievement of initial operational capa-*  
22                 *bility and full operational capability; and*

23                 (D) *execution of all contracts supporting the*  
24                 *transfer and replacement of such aircraft.*

1     ***Subtitle D—Air Force Programs***

2     ***SEC. 141. INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FIGHT-***  
 3     ***ER AIRCRAFT.***

4     *(a) MODIFICATION OF INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS*  
 5     *FOR AIR FORCE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT.—*

6             *(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (i) of section 9062*  
 7             *of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as*  
 8             *follows:*

9             *“(i)(1) During the period beginning on October 1,*  
 10            *2026, and ending on October 1, 2035, the Secretary of the*  
 11            *Air Force shall maintain a total aircraft inventory of fight-*  
 12            *er aircraft of not less than 1,800 aircraft.*

13            *“(2) In this subsection:*

14                 *“(A) The term ‘fighter aircraft’—*

15                     *“(i) means an aircraft that—*

16                         *“(I) is designated by a mission design*  
 17                         *series prefix of F– or A–;*

18                         *“(II) is manned by one or two crew-*  
 19                         *members; and*

20                         *“(III) executes single-role or multi-role*  
 21                         *missions, including air-to-air combat, air-*  
 22                         *to-ground attack, air interdiction, suppres-*  
 23                         *sion or destruction of enemy air defenses,*  
 24                         *close air support, strike control and recon-*

1           *naissance, combat search and rescue sup-*  
 2           *port, or airborne forward air control; and*  
 3           “(ii) *does not include collaborative combat*  
 4           *aircraft.*”

5           “(B) *The term ‘primary mission aircraft inven-*  
 6           *tory’ means aircraft assigned to meet the primary*  
 7           *aircraft authorization to a unit for the performance*  
 8           *of its wartime mission.’.*”

9           (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendment made by*  
 10          *paragraph (1) shall take effect on October 1, 2026.*

11          (b) *AUTHORITY TO INCREASE PLANNED PROCURE-*  
 12          *MENT.*—*Beginning on October 1, 2026, the Secretary of the*  
 13          *Air Force may increase the total planned procurement of*  
 14          *F–15EX aircraft to beyond 267 aircraft.*

15          **SEC. 142. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON RETIREMENT OF**  
 16                               **F–22 AIRCRAFT.**

17          *Section 9062(k)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 18          *amended by striking “September 30, 2027” and inserting*  
 19          *“September 30, 2032”.*

20          **SEC. 143. LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OF E–3 AIRBORNE**  
 21                               **WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM AIRCRAFT**  
 22                               **AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO E–7 AIR-**  
 23                               **CRAFT.**

24          (a) *EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF MINIMUM IN-*  
 25          *VENTORY REQUIREMENT.*—*Section 149 of the National De-*

1 *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law*  
2 *119–60) is amended—*

3 *(1) by striking “below 16” each place it appears*  
4 *and inserting “below 15”; and*

5 *(2) in subsection (a), by striking “fiscal year*  
6 *2026” and inserting “fiscal year 2026 or 2027”.*

7 *(b) REQUIREMENT TO PLAN AND BUDGET FOR E–7*  
8 *PROGRAM OF RECORD.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
9 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air*  
10 *Force shall submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
11 *tees—*

12 *(1) a detailed schedule for procurement, fielding,*  
13 *and achievement of initial and full operating capa-*  
14 *bility for E–7 Wedgetail aircraft; and*

15 *(2) a funding profile across the period covered by*  
16 *the Future Years Defense Program sufficient to meet*  
17 *the requirements of paragraph (1).*

18 *(c) CAPABILITY ASSURANCE.—The Secretary of Air*  
19 *Force shall certify to the congressional defense committees*  
20 *that—*

21 *(1) the plan under subsection (b) will ensure*  
22 *there is no degradation in the airborne early warn-*  
23 *ing, battle management, and command and control*  
24 *capabilities available to support combatant com-*  
25 *mands; and*

1           (2) *any proposed retirement of E–3 aircraft will*  
 2           *not result in a gap in operational coverage, mission*  
 3           *availability, or responsiveness to the demands of the*  
 4           *combatant commands.*

5   **SEC. 144. EVALUATION FOR POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF CER-**  
 6                   **TAIN A–10 AIRCRAFT AMONG MILITARY DE-**  
 7                   **PARTMENTS.**

8           *Section 137(b) of the National Defense Authorization*  
 9   *Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.*  
 10 *174) is amended—*

11           (1) *by striking “by this Act or by the National*  
 12           *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Pub-*  
 13           *lic Law 117–263)” and inserting “to the Department*  
 14           *of Defense for any of fiscal years 2023 through 2030”;*  
 15           *and*

16           (2) *by inserting “to another military department*  
 17           *or” after “evaluated for potential transfer”.*

18   **SEC. 145. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO C–**  
 19                   **130 AIRCRAFT.**

20           (a) *EXTENSION OF MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIRE-*  
 21 *MENT.—Section 146(a)(3)(B) of the James M. Inhofe Na-*  
 22 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Pub-*  
 23 *lic Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2455), as most recently amend-*  
 24 *ed by section 145(a) of the National Defense Authorization*  
 25 *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.*



1 760), is further amended by striking “2026” and inserting  
2 “2028”.

3 (b) *EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION OF*  
4 *C-130 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO NATIONAL GUARD.*—Sec-  
5 *tion 146(b)(1) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Au-*  
6 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263;*  
7 *136 Stat. 2455), as most recently amended by section 145(b)*  
8 *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
9 *2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 760), is further*  
10 *amended by striking “2026” and inserting “2028”.*

11 (c) *REPORT REQUIREMENT.*—*Not later than 180 days*  
12 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
13 *of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense*  
14 *committees a report detailing the following:*

15 (1) *The total number and variant types of C-130*  
16 *aircraft in the inventory of the Air Force.*

17 (2) *Any planned retirements, divestments, or re-*  
18 *ductions to the fleet of such aircraft.*

19 (3) *Modernization and recapitalization efforts,*  
20 *including block upgrades and procurement schedules.*

21 (4) *Planned basing actions for fielding C-130J*  
22 *aircraft to recapitalize C-130H aircraft.*

1 **SEC. 146. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR C-**  
 2 **37 AIRCRAFT RECAPITALIZATION PROGRAM.**

3 *Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act*  
 4 *or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the Air*  
 5 *Force for the procurement of C-37 aircraft, not more than*  
 6 *50 percent may be obligated or expended until a period of*  
 7 *30 days has elapsed following the date on which the Sec-*  
 8 *retary of the Air Force submits to the congressional defense*  
 9 *committees—*

- 10 (1) *the acquisition strategy for such aircraft; and*  
 11 (2) *a justification for using other than competi-*  
 12 *tive procedures under section 3204 of title 10, United*  
 13 *States Code, for the award of a contract for the pro-*  
 14 *curement of such aircraft.*

15 **SEC. 147. LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OF MQ-9 REAPER**  
 16 **AIRCRAFT.**

17 (a) *LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OR DIVESTMENT.—*  
 18 *None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act*  
 19 *or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the De-*  
 20 *partment of the Air Force may be obligated or expended*  
 21 *to retire, divest, place in storage, transfer to nonoperational*  
 22 *status, or prepare for retirement any MQ-9 Reaper air-*  
 23 *craft.*

24 (b) *CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE RE-*  
 25 *TIREMENT OR DIVESTMENT.—Beginning after September*  
 26 *30, 2027, the Secretary of the Air Force may not retire,*

1 *divest, or transfer to nonoperational status any MQ-9*  
2 *Reaper aircraft until the Secretary certifies in writing to*  
3 *the congressional defense committees that—*

4           *(1) a replacement capability has achieved initial*  
5           *operational capability;*

6           *(2) such replacement capability provides com-*  
7           *parable or superior—*

8                   *(A) persistent intelligence, surveillance, and*  
9                   *reconnaissance capability;*

10                   *(B) strike capability;*

11                   *(C) survivability in a dynamic and high-*  
12                   *threat environment;*

13                   *(D) maritime surveillance capability;*

14                   *(E) communications relay capability; and*

15                   *(F) operational availability and sortie gen-*  
16                   *eration capacity;*

17           *(3) the replacement capability is available in*  
18           *sufficient operational quantities to meet requirements*  
19           *of the combatant commands;*

20           *(4) the retirement or divestment will not increase*  
21           *operational risk to ongoing contingency operations,*  
22           *homeland defense missions, maritime domain aware-*  
23           *ness missions, or crisis response operations;*

1           (5) *the Secretary has conducted a force structure*  
2           *assessment evaluating the impact of such retirement*  
3           *on—*

4                     *(A) globally deployed operations;*

5                     *(B) distributed operations in the Indo-Pa-*  
6           *cific region;*

7                     *(C) operations in the United States Central*  
8           *Command area of responsibility;*

9                     *(D) support to special operations forces;*  
10          *and*

11                    *(E) support to allied and partner nation*  
12          *operations; and*

13          (6) *the Secretary has submitted the assessments*  
14          *required under subsection (c).*

15          (c) *COMBATANT COMMANDER SUFFICIENCY ASSESS-*  
16          *MENT.—Not later than 30 days prior to submitting a cer-*  
17          *tification under subsection (b), the Secretary of the Air*  
18          *Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees*  
19          *an assessment from—*

20                    (1) *each of the commanders of the combatant*  
21          *commands regarding the operational sufficiency of the*  
22          *remaining remotely piloted aircraft force to execute*  
23          *approved operational plans and ongoing missions;*

1           (2) *the Commander of United States Special Op-*  
 2           *erations Command regarding the impact of such re-*  
 3           *irement on support to special operations missions;*

4           (3) *the Commander of United States Indo-Pa-*  
 5           *cific Command regarding the impact on distributed*  
 6           *maritime surveillance and targeting operations in the*  
 7           *Indo-Pacific theater; and*

8           (4) *the Commander of United States Central*  
 9           *Command regarding the impact on ongoing counter-*  
 10          *terrorism, force protection, and crisis response oper-*  
 11          *ations.*

12          (d) *REPLACEMENT CAPABILITY DEFINED.—In this*  
 13          *section, the term “replacement capability” means a plat-*  
 14          *form, family of systems, or operational capability intended*  
 15          *to replace the operational functions currently performed by*  
 16          *the MQ–9 Reaper fleet, including—*

17               (1) *intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance;*

18               (2) *precision strike;*

19               (3) *maritime domain awareness;*

20               (4) *electronic warfare; and*

21               (5) *communications relay.*

22          **SEC. 148. ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES FOR NEXT GENERA-**  
 23                               **TION AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES.**

24           (a) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force, in*  
 25          *coordination with the Commander of the United States*

1 *Transportation Command, shall conduct an analysis of al-*  
2 *ternatives for next generation airlift capabilities.*

3       (b) *ELEMENTS.—In conducting the analysis of alter-*  
4 *natives required under subsection (a), the Secretary of the*  
5 *Air Force shall—*

6           (1) *evaluate a range of options for next genera-*  
7 *tion airlift capabilities, including recapitalization of*  
8 *existing platforms, service life extension and mod-*  
9 *ernization efforts, and development of new airlift*  
10 *platforms;*

11          (2) *in evaluating such options, consider oper-*  
12 *ational effectiveness, survivability in contested envi-*  
13 *ronments, fuel efficiency, lifecycle costs, connectivity,*  
14 *basing, and interoperability with joint and coalition*  
15 *forces and battle networks; and*

16          (3) *assess the feasibility of incorporating un-*  
17 *manned or optionally crewed systems and innovative*  
18 *concepts of operations.*

19       (c) *REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
20 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force*  
21 *shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-*  
22 *port on the results of the analysis of alternatives conducted*  
23 *under subsection (a). The report shall include—*

24           (1) *the findings and conclusions of the analysis;*

- 1           (2) *recommendations, if any, for future invest-*  
2           *ment in next generation airlift capabilities; and*
- 3           (3) *such other information as the Secretary de-*  
4           *termines appropriate.*

5 **SEC. 149. AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSITIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
6                           **TO IMPROVE AIRLIFT OPERATIONS.**

7           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of the Air Force may*  
8           *carry out activities, prior to fielding the next generation*  
9           *airlift aircraft, to improve the readiness, reliability, capac-*  
10          *ity, and capabilities of the Air Force with respect to airlift*  
11          *operations.*

12          (b) *ACTIVITIES.*—*The activities carried out under sub-*  
13          *section (a) may include—*

14               (1) *entering into partnerships with commercial*  
15               *entities—*

16                       (A) *to provide the Air Force with access to*  
17                       *commercially developed aircraft capable of han-*  
18                       *dling outsized airlift payloads; and*

19                       (B) *to modify such aircraft, as necessary, to*  
20                       *meet military requirements;*

21               (2) *carrying out a pilot program to assess the*  
22               *feasibility and advisability of using commercial pro-*  
23               *viders to test, certify, and operate select C-5 aircraft*  
24               *in support of the Air Force; and*

1           (3) *such other activities as the Secretary of the*  
 2       *Air Force determines appropriate.*

3       (c) *FUNDING.—This section shall be carried out using*  
 4       *amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the De-*  
 5       *partment of the Air Force and no additional funds are au-*  
 6       *thorized to be appropriated to carry out this section.*

7       **SEC. 150. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN F-14 AIRCRAFT TO U.S.**  
 8                       **SPACE AND ROCKET CENTER COMMISSION IN**  
 9                       **HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA.**

10       (a) *AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Navy may con-*  
 11       *vey, without consideration, to the U.S. Space and Rocket*  
 12       *Center Commission in Huntsville, Alabama (in this section*  
 13       *referred to as the “Commission”), all right, title, and inter-*  
 14       *est of the United States in the following:*

15               (1) *F-14 aircraft (Bureau number 159437).*

16               (2) *F-14 aircraft (Bureau number 164341).*

17               (3) *F-14 aircraft (Bureau number 164602).*

18       (b) *FORM OF CONVEYANCE.—Any conveyance under*  
 19       *subsection (a) shall be made by means of a conditional deed*  
 20       *of gift.*

21       (c) *CONVEYANCE AT NO COST TO THE UNITED*  
 22       *STATES.—Any conveyance under subsection (a) shall be*  
 23       *made at no cost to the United States. Any costs associated*  
 24       *with such conveyance, costs of determining compliance with*  
 25       *terms of the conveyance, and costs of operation and mainte-*



1 nance of the aircraft conveyed shall be borne by the Com-  
2 mission.

3 (d) *CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT.*—*The aircraft being con-*  
4 *veyed under subsection (a) do not have any capability for*  
5 *use as a platform for launching or releasing munitions or*  
6 *any other combat capability that it was designed to have.*

7 (e) *CONDITIONS.*—*The Secretary shall include in the*  
8 *instrument of conveyance of the aircraft under subsection*  
9 *(a)—*

10 (1) *a condition that the Secretary is not required*  
11 *to repair or alter the condition of the aircraft before*  
12 *conveying ownership of the aircraft;*

13 (2) *a condition that the Secretary shall provide*  
14 *any maintenance and operations manuals that—*

15 (A) *are specific to the F–14 aircraft; and*

16 (B) *the Secretary has sufficient intellectual*  
17 *property rights to convey;*

18 (3) *a condition that the Secretary may provide*  
19 *excess spare parts to make one of the F–14 aircraft*  
20 *flyable or able to complete a static display, provided*  
21 *that any part transferred from existing Navy stock is*  
22 *reimbursed at fair market value by the Commission,*  
23 *with no items being procured by the Secretary on be-*  
24 *half of the Commission; and*

1           (4) *a condition that the Secretary will not be re-*  
2           *sponsible for transferring any additional parts or*  
3           *providing any additional support beyond what is*  
4           *stated in this section, during or after the conveyance*  
5           *of the aircraft.*

6           (f) *AGREEMENTS FOR RESTORATION AND OPER-*  
7           *ATION.—The Secretary may—*

8           (1) *authorize the Commission to enter into agree-*  
9           *ments with qualified nonprofit organizations for the*  
10          *purpose of restoring and operating the aircraft trans-*  
11          *ferred under subsection (a) for public display,*  
12          *airshows, and commemorative events to preserve*  
13          *naval aviation heritage; and*

14          (2) *if the Secretary authorizes any such agree-*  
15          *ment, require such additional terms and conditions in*  
16          *the instrument of conveyance as appropriate to pro-*  
17          *tect the interests of the United States.*

18          (g) *REVERTER UPON BREACH OF CONDITIONS.—The*  
19          *Secretary shall include in the instrument of conveyance of*  
20          *the aircraft under subsection (a)—*

21          (1) *a condition that the Commission shall oper-*  
22          *ate and maintain the aircraft in compliance with all*  
23          *applicable limitations and maintenance requirements*  
24          *imposed by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation*  
25          *Administration;*

1           (2) *a condition that the Commission shall not*  
2           *convey any ownership interest in, or transfer posses-*  
3           *sion of, the aircraft to another party without the*  
4           *prior approval of the Secretary; and*

5           (3) *a condition that if the Secretary determines*  
6           *at any time that the Commission has failed to comply*  
7           *with the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1) and*  
8           *(2), all right, title, and interest in and to the aircraft,*  
9           *including any repair or alteration of the aircraft,*  
10          *shall revert to the United States, and the United*  
11          *States shall have the right of immediate possession of*  
12          *the aircraft.*

13          (h) *CLARIFICATION OF LIABILITY.—Notwithstanding*  
14          *any other provision of law, upon the conveyance to the*  
15          *Commission of interests in the aircraft under subsection (a),*  
16          *the United States may not be liable for any death, injury,*  
17          *loss, or damage that results from any use of such aircraft*  
18          *by any person other than the United States.*

19          (i) *APPLICABLE LAW.—The conveyance of an aircraft*  
20          *under subsection (a), and the use of such aircraft following*  
21          *such conveyance, shall be subject to all applicable Federal*  
22          *and State laws and regulations, including the Arms Export*  
23          *Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), the Export Control*  
24          *Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.), chapter 37*  
25          *of title 18, United States Code (commonly referred to as*

1 the “Espionage Act”), the regulations set forth in sub-  
 2 chapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regula-  
 3 tions (commonly referred to as the “International Traffic  
 4 in Arms Regulations”), subchapter C of chapter VII of title  
 5 15, Code of Federal Regulations (commonly referred to as  
 6 the “Export Administration Regulations”), and chapter V  
 7 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (commonly referred  
 8 to as the “Foreign Assets Control Regulations”).

9 **SEC. 151. REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF RESTORING NU-**  
 10 **CLEAR CAPABILITY TO THE B-1B LANCER**  
 11 **BOMBER AIRCRAFT.**

12 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than December 1, 2026,  
 13 the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the  
 14 Commander of the United States Strategic Command, shall  
 15 submit to the congressional defense committees a report as-  
 16 sessing the feasibility of restoring nuclear capability to the  
 17 B-1B Lancer bomber aircraft.

18 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The report required under subsection  
 19 (a) shall include the following:

20 (1) A description of any structural, electronic,  
 21 software, and weapons-integration modifications re-  
 22 quired to enable the B-1B aircraft to deliver nuclear  
 23 weapons.

1           (2) *An assessment of the compatibility of such*  
2           *aircraft with currently fielded and planned nuclear*  
3           *gravity bombs and air-launched cruise missiles.*

4           (3) *Identification of any military construction,*  
5           *storage, security, and certification infrastructure that*  
6           *would be required at forward operating locations*  
7           *within the continental United States should nuclear*  
8           *capability be restored to such aircraft.*

9           (4) *Requirements related to aircrew certification,*  
10          *maintenance training, security forces training, nu-*  
11          *clear surety inspections, and personnel reliability*  
12          *programs should nuclear capability be restored to*  
13          *such aircraft.*

14          (5) *Estimated research, development, test, eval-*  
15          *uation, procurement, operations, and sustainment*  
16          *costs over a the five-year period following the initi-*  
17          *ation of any efforts to restore nuclear capability to*  
18          *such aircraft.*

19          (6) *An assessment of the expected remaining*  
20          *service life of the B-1B aircraft fleet.*

21          (7) *The estimated time required to achieve ini-*  
22          *tial operational capability and full operational capa-*  
23          *bility should the Air Force pursue restoring nuclear*  
24          *capability to such aircraft.*

1           (8) *An assessment of the military utility and*  
 2           *strategic deterrence value of restoring nuclear capa-*  
 3           *bility to the B-1B aircraft.*

4           (9) *An assessment of any costs and additional*  
 5           *requirements to restore nuclear capability across*  
 6           *bomber bases.*

7           (c) *FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)*  
 8           *shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a*  
 9           *classified annex.*

10           ***Subtitle E—Defense-wide, Joint,***  
 11           ***and Multiservice Matters***

12           ***SEC. 161. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR F-***  
 13           ***15EX AIRCRAFT.***

14           (a) *AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.—*  
 15           *Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, and*  
 16           *except as provided in subsection (b), the Secretary of De-*  
 17           *fense may enter into one or more multiyear contracts, be-*  
 18           *ginning with the fiscal year 2027 program year, for the*  
 19           *procurement of—*

20                   (1) *F-15EX aircraft; and*

21                   (2) *initial spare parts, alternate mission equip-*  
 22                   *ment, and conformal fuel tanks for such aircraft.*

23           (b) *LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Defense may not*  
 24           *enter into a contract for the procurement of an aircraft*  
 25           *under subsection (a) until the date on which the Secretary*

1 *certifies to the congressional defense committees that such*  
 2 *contract will provide for the procurement of the full com-*  
 3 *plement of initial spare parts, alternate mission equipment,*  
 4 *and conformal fuel tanks for each aircraft to be procured*  
 5 *under the contract.*

6 (c) *CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-*  
 7 *MENTS.—A contract entered into under subsection (a) shall*  
 8 *provide that any obligation of the United States to make*  
 9 *a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after fiscal*  
 10 *year 2027 is subject to the availability of appropriations*  
 11 *or funds for that purpose for such later fiscal year.*

12 (d) *AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The*  
 13 *Secretary of Defense may enter into one or more contracts,*  
 14 *beginning in fiscal year 2027, for advance procurement as-*  
 15 *sociated with the aircraft for which authorization to enter*  
 16 *into a multiyear procurement contract is provided under*  
 17 *subsection (a), which may include procurement of economic*  
 18 *order quantities of material and equipment for such air-*  
 19 *craft when cost savings are achievable.*

20 **SEC. 162. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR F-35**  
 21 **AIRCRAFT.**

22 (a) *AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.—*  
 23 *Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, and*  
 24 *except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary*  
 25 *of Defense may enter into one or more multiyear contracts,*

1 *beginning with the fiscal year 2027 program year, for the*  
2 *procurement of—*

3 *(1) F–35 aircraft; and*

4 *(2) initial spare parts and alternate mission*  
5 *equipment for such aircraft.*

6 *(b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Defense may not*  
7 *enter into a contract for the procurement of an aircraft*  
8 *under subsection (a) until the date on which the Secretary*  
9 *certifies to the congressional defense committees that such*  
10 *contract will provide for the procurement of the full com-*  
11 *plement of initial spare parts and alternate mission equip-*  
12 *ment for each aircraft to be procured under the contract.*

13 *(c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.—*

14 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may*  
15 *not enter into a contract for the procurement of an*  
16 *aircraft under subsection (a) until the date on which*  
17 *all of the following requirements have been met:*

18 *(A) The Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-*  
19 *quisition and Sustainment has certified to the*  
20 *congressional defense committees that—*

21 *(i) any multiyear contracts for the*  
22 *procurement of F–35 aircraft units will*  
23 *achieve savings of not less than 5 percent*  
24 *compared with the estimated cost of pro-*  
25 *curing the same number and configuration*



1           *of F-35 aircraft through annual contracts*  
2           *over the same period; and*

3           *(ii) the Director of Cost Assessment*  
4           *and Program Evaluation reviewed and*  
5           *validated such savings estimate.*

6           *(B) The Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-*  
7           *quisition and Sustainment has submitted to the*  
8           *congressional defense committees a report on the*  
9           *plan of the Department of Defense to improve*  
10          *operational readiness rates of F-35 aircraft. The*  
11          *report shall include—*

12           *(i) funding requirements, by fiscal*  
13           *year, that achieve readiness to the required*  
14           *rates of full mission capability, mission ca-*  
15           *pability, and aircraft availability, as de-*  
16           *finied by the Air Force and the Department*  
17           *of the Navy; and*

18           *(ii) funding requirements across the*  
19           *period covered by the future-years defense*  
20           *program that demonstrate full resources*  
21           *budgeted and programmed to achieve an-*  
22           *ual readiness requirements as identified in*  
23           *clause (i).*

24           *(2) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of*  
25          *the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act*

1       or otherwise made available for the Department of  
2       Defense for fiscal year 2027 for the Office of the  
3       Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
4       Sustainment for official travel, not more than 50 per-  
5       cent may be obligated or expended until the date on  
6       which the Under Secretary submits to the congress-  
7       sional defense committees a certification—

8               (A) that funding for fiscal year 2026 has  
9       been obligated and expended to meet the fiscal  
10      year 2026 readiness requirements as identified  
11      in paragraph (1)(B)(i); and

12              (B) that funding for fiscal year 2027 has  
13      been requested to meet fiscal year 2027 readiness  
14      requirements as identified in such paragraph.

15      (d) *CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-*  
16      *MENTS.*—A contract entered into under subsection (a) shall  
17      provide that any obligation of the United States to make  
18      a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after fiscal  
19      year 2027 is subject to the availability of appropriations  
20      or funds for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

21      (e) *AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.*—The  
22      Secretary of Defense may enter into one or more contracts,  
23      beginning in fiscal year 2027, for advance procurement as-  
24      sociated with the aircraft for which authorization to enter  
25      into a multiyear procurement contract is provided under

1 subsection (a), which may include procurement of economic  
 2 order quantities of material and equipment for such air-  
 3 craft when cost savings are achievable.

4 **SEC. 163. PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT AND USE OF**  
 5 **HUMANOID ROBOTIC SYSTEMS PRODUCED,**  
 6 **DEVELOPED, OR CONTROLLED BY FOREIGN**  
 7 **ADVERSARIES.**

8 (a) *PROHIBITION.*—

9 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense may*  
 10 *not procure, lease, or otherwise obtain a covered*  
 11 *humanoid robotic system that—*

12 (A) *is produced or developed by a foreign*  
 13 *adversary or foreign adversary entity;*

14 (B) *incorporates firmware, software, artifi-*  
 15 *cial intelligence models, remote update capa-*  
 16 *bility, or cloud services provided by a foreign ad-*  
 17 *versary or foreign adversary entity; or*

18 (C) *is subject to remote access, maintenance,*  
 19 *data transmission, or update authority con-*  
 20 *trolled by a foreign adversary or foreign adver-*  
 21 *sary entity.*

22 (2) *APPLICABILITY.*—*The prohibition under*  
 23 *paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to contracts*  
 24 *and other agreements entered into after the date of the*  
 25 *enactment of this Act.*

1       (b) *LIMITED WAIVER FOR CONTROLLED TESTING AND*  
2 *COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PURPOSES.*—*The Secretary of De-*  
3 *fense may waive the prohibition under subsection (a)(1)*  
4 *with respect to a covered humanoid robotic system if—*

5           (1) *the system is to be used solely for counter-*  
6 *intelligence, cybersecurity testing, vulnerability as-*  
7 *essment, or research purposes;*

8           (2) *the system operates in a physically isolated*  
9 *or air-gapped environment;*

10          (3) *the system is not connected to operational*  
11 *Department of Defense networks; and*

12          (4) *the Secretary notifies the congressional de-*  
13 *fense committees not later than 30 days after issuing*  
14 *such waiver.*

15       (c) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
16 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
17 *fense shall issue any rules, regulations, policies, and guid-*  
18 *ance necessary for the implementation of this section.*

19       (d) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this section*  
20 *shall be construed to prohibit the procurement or use of a*  
21 *covered humanoid robotic system solely on the basis that*  
22 *such system incorporates commercially available, off-the-*  
23 *shelf components not specifically designed for humanoid*  
24 *robotic systems, provided that such components do not en-*

1 able remote access, data transmission, or control by a for-  
2 eign adversary or foreign adversary entity.

3 (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

4 (1)(A) *The term “covered humanoid robotic sys-*  
5 *tem” means a commercially available robotic system*  
6 *that—*

7 (i) *is designed for general-purpose inter-*  
8 *action within human-occupied environments;*

9 (ii) *possesses articulated upper extremities*  
10 *capable of dexterous manipulation;*

11 (iii) *is capable of autonomous or semi-au-*  
12 *tonomous operation using artificial intelligence*  
13 *or machine learning systems; and*

14 (iv) *is equipped with wired or wireless net-*  
15 *working connectivity, including internet, cel-*  
16 *lular, satellite, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, radio-frequency*  
17 *communication, or cloud-based data storage or*  
18 *processing services.*

19 (B) *Such term does not include—*

20 (i) *industrial robotic systems permanently*  
21 *installed in controlled manufacturing environ-*  
22 *ments;*

23 (ii) *robotic systems incapable of network*  
24 *connectivity; or*

1           (iii) *assistive medical devices regulated*  
 2           *under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*  
 3           *(21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).*

4           (2) *The term “foreign adversary” means a cov-*  
 5           *ered nation as defined in section 4872(f)(2) of title*  
 6           *10, United States Code.*

7           (3) *The term “foreign adversary entity” means*  
 8           *an entity that—*

9                   (A) *is organized under the laws of,*  
 10                  *headquartered in, or subject to the jurisdiction of*  
 11                  *a foreign adversary;*

12                  (B) *is owned or controlled by the govern-*  
 13                  *ment of a foreign adversary; or*

14                  (C) *is owned or controlled by an entity that*  
 15                  *meets any of the criteria described in subpara-*  
 16                  *graph (A) or (B).*

17 **SEC. 164. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO RE-**  
 18 **TIRE OR DECOMMISSION CERTAIN RADAR**  
 19 **SYSTEMS.**

20           (a) *LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection*  
 21           *(b), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this*  
 22           *Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the*  
 23           *Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to re-*  
 24           *tire, decommission, divest, or otherwise remove from active*  
 25           *operational service, any covered radar system.*

1       (b) *EXCEPTION.*—*The limitation under subsection (a)*  
 2 *shall not apply to any individual unit of a covered radar*  
 3 *system that the Secretary of the military department con-*  
 4 *cerned determines has been damaged or degraded beyond*  
 5 *economical repair.*

6       (c) *COVERED RADAR SYSTEM.*—*In this section, the*  
 7 *term “covered radar system” means the following:*

8               (1) *The AN/SPN-43 shipboard air traffic control*  
 9 *and air marshaling radar system.*

10              (2) *The AN/SPY-1 phased-array radar system*  
 11 *for the Aegis Combat System.*

12              (3) *The AN/TPQ-36 Firefinder counter-battery*  
 13 *radar system.*

14              (4) *The AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder counter-battery*  
 15 *radar system.*

16              (5) *Airborne Station Keeping Equipment radar*  
 17 *systems, including the AN/APN-243.*

18 **SEC. 165. STANDARDS FOR COMMON OPERATING SYSTEM**

19 **FOR SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

20       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*  
 21 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,*  
 22 *in coordination with the Secretaries of the military depart-*  
 23 *ments, shall establish standards for a common operating*  
 24 *system for small unmanned aircraft systems.*

1       (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The standards established under sub-*  
2 *section (a) shall provide for a common operating system*  
3 *for small unmanned aircraft systems that—*

4           (1) *enables interoperability between small un-*  
5 *manned aircraft system platforms from different ven-*  
6 *dors and classes across the joint force;*

7           (2) *enables modular integration of mission ap-*  
8 *plications, including by enabling the use of applica-*  
9 *tions and features from multiple different vendors on*  
10 *the same platform;*

11          (3) *facilitates rapid deployment of autonomy*  
12 *and command and control functions;*

13          (4) *facilitates rapid deployment of autonomy*  
14 *and operating capabilities in contested, degraded, and*  
15 *denied environments, including capabilities enabling*  
16 *operation in contested electromagnetic and degraded*  
17 *positioning, navigation, and timing environments;*

18          (5) *integrates operating software that can func-*  
19 *tion on multiple hardware platforms from different*  
20 *vendors;*

21          (6) *supports secure software updates and cyberse-*  
22 *curity improvements;*

23          (7) *avoids vendor lock by enabling multiple ven-*  
24 *dors of hardware and software to develop and field*  
25 *applications and capabilities; and*



1           (8) *establishes baseline standards for aided target*  
 2           *recognition capabilities.*

3           (c) *IMPLEMENTATION.—*

4           (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after*  
 5           *the date on which the Secretary of Defense finalizes*  
 6           *the standards under subsection (a), the Secretary, in*  
 7           *coordination with the Secretaries of the military de-*  
 8           *partments, shall develop and commence implementa-*  
 9           *tion of a plan for equipping small unmanned aircraft*  
 10           *systems of the Department of Defense with a common*  
 11           *operating system that meets such standards.*

12           (2) *USE OF COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE SOLU-*  
 13           *TIONS.—In implementing the plan under paragraph*  
 14           *(1), the Secretary of Defense shall make use of com-*  
 15           *mercially available solutions to the maximum extent*  
 16           *practicable.*

17   **SEC. 166. MINIMUM ANNUAL PROCUREMENT GOAL FOR**  
 18           **ABILITYONE PROGRAM.**

19           *Beginning in fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Defense*  
 20           *shall establish the goal that the total amount of funds obli-*  
 21           *gated for the procurement of products and services from*  
 22           *nonprofit concerns pursuant to chapter 85 of title 41,*  
 23           *United States Code, in a fiscal year is equal to not less*  
 24           *than one percent of the total amount of funds obligated for*

1 *all procurement contracts entered into by the Department*  
 2 *of Defense in such fiscal year.*

3 **SEC. 167. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL**  
 4 **RECOMMENDATIONS ON F-35 JOINT STRIKE**  
 5 **FIGHTER TECHNICAL DATA NEEDS FOR**  
 6 **SUSTAINMENT.**

7 *(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—*

8 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*  
 9 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
 10 *Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
 11 *mittees and to the Comptroller General of the United*  
 12 *States a plan to address the following recommenda-*  
 13 *tions made by the Government Accountability Office:*

14 *(A) Recommendation 5 in the report titled*  
 15 *“F-35 Sustainment: Need for Affordable Strat-*  
 16 *egy, Greater Attention to Risks, and Improved*  
 17 *Cost Estimates” (GA-14-778).*

18 *(B) Recommendations 1 through 7 in the*  
 19 *report titled “F-35 Aircraft: DOD and the Mili-*  
 20 *tary Services Need to Reassess the Future*  
 21 *Sustainment Strategy” (GAO-23-105341).*

22 *(C) Recommendations 1 and 2 in the report*  
 23 *titled “F-35 Aircraft: Actions Needed to Address*  
 24 *Long-Standing Risks to Operational Effective-*  
 25 *ness” (GAO-25-107101C).*

1           (2) *ELEMENTS.*—*The plan under paragraph (1)*  
2       *shall include the following:*

3           (A) *With respect to each recommendation*  
4       *specified in paragraph (1) that the Secretary has*  
5       *implemented or intends to implement—*

6           (i) *a summary of actions that have*  
7       *been taken or will be taken to implement the*  
8       *recommendation; and*

9           (ii) *a schedule, with specific mile-*  
10       *stones, for completing implementation of the*  
11       *recommendation.*

12          (B) *Identification of any recommendations*  
13       *specified in paragraph (1) that the Secretary*  
14       *does not intend to implement, together with a*  
15       *discussion of the reasons for not implementing*  
16       *the recommendations and any alternative actions*  
17       *taken or intended to be taken to address the mat-*  
18       *ters identified by the Government Accountability*  
19       *Office in connection with such recommendations.*

20       (b) *PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.*—*Not later than*  
21       *one year after the date on which the Secretary of Defense*  
22       *submits the implementation plan under subsection (a), the*  
23       *Secretary shall carry out activities to implement the plan*  
24       *and submit to the congressional defense committees and the*

1 *Comptroller General of the United States a report on the*  
 2 *following:*

3           (1) *All critical technical data rights require-*  
 4 *ments for F-35 Joint Strike Fighter sustainment, in-*  
 5 *cluding for both organizational-level and depot-level*  
 6 *sustainment and repair.*

7           (2) *Estimated costs for acquiring identified crit-*  
 8 *ical technical data rights for sustainment.*

9           (3) *The status of efforts for acquiring identified*  
 10 *critical technical data rights for sustainment.*

11           (4) *Any known challenges for acquiring identi-*  
 12 *fied critical technical data rights for sustainment.*

13 **SEC. 168. IMPLEMENTATION OF GAO RECOMMENDATION ON**  
 14 **F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER USE OF CON-**  
 15 **TRACT INCENTIVE FEES.**

16 (a) *IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—*

17           (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
 18 *develop and implement a plan to address rec-*  
 19 *ommendation 3 from the report of the Government*  
 20 *Accountability Office titled “F-35 Joint Strike Fight-*  
 21 *er: Actions Needed to Address Late Deliveries and Im-*  
 22 *prove Future Development” (GAO-25-107632).*

23           (2) *REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
 24 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
 25 *fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-*

1        *mittees and to the Comptroller General of the United*  
2        *States a report on the plan developed under para-*  
3        *graph (1). Such report shall include—*

4                *(A)(i) a summary of actions that have been*  
5                *taken or will be taken to implement the rec-*  
6                *ommendation specified in paragraph (1); and*

7                *(ii) a schedule, with specific milestones, for*  
8                *completing implementation of the recommenda-*  
9                *tion; or*

10               *(B) if the Secretary does not intend to im-*  
11               *plement the recommendation, discussion of the*  
12               *reasons and alternative actions taken or in-*  
13               *tended to be taken to address the issues to which*  
14               *the recommendation pertains.*

15        *(b) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than one*  
16        *year after the submittal of the plan under subsection (a),*  
17        *the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional*  
18        *defense committees and the Comptroller General of the*  
19        *United States a report on the status of the implementation*  
20        *of the plan. Such report shall include, at a minimum—*

21               *(1) the results of a reevaluation of contract in-*  
22               *centive fees for inclusion in future F135 and F-35*  
23               *production contracts;*

1           (2) *a timeframe for implementing a new incen-*  
 2           *tive fee structure in future F135 and F-35 production*  
 3           *contracts;*

4           (3) *a plan for determining the effectiveness of a*  
 5           *new incentive fee structure in achieving desired pro-*  
 6           *duction outcomes; and*

7           (4) *an explanation of any efforts to apply a new*  
 8           *incentive fee structure more broadly across the F-35*  
 9           *contracting enterprise.*

10 **SEC. 169. STUDY ON FUEL PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF**  
 11 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

12           (a) *STUDY REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of Defense, in*  
 13 *coordination with the Commander of the United States*  
 14 *Transportation Command and the Director of the Defense*  
 15 *Logistics Agency, shall conduct a study on the fuel procure-*  
 16 *ment practices of the Department of Defense.*

17           (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The study under subsection (a) shall*  
 18 *address the following:*

19           (1) *The projected amount budgeted by the De-*  
 20 *partment of Defense for fuel procurement and con-*  
 21 *sumption for fiscal year 2026, set forth separately by*  
 22 *military department and Defense Agency.*

23           (2) *The actual amount spent by the Department*  
 24 *of Defense for fuel procurement and consumption for*

1 *fiscal year 2026, set forth separately by military de-*  
2 *partment and Defense Agency.*

3 *(3) Any changes to fuel cost and fuel cost projec-*  
4 *tions for fiscal year 2026 that have occurred since*  
5 *February 28, 2026, including an examination of—*

6 *(A) the magnitude of such changes (ex-*  
7 *pressed in total dollars and as a percentage*  
8 *change from prior projections);*

9 *(B) the factors driving such changes, includ-*  
10 *ing changes in market crude oil prices, changes*  
11 *in the standard price of fuel established by the*  
12 *Defense Logistics Agency, changes in operational*  
13 *demand, and any other relevant factors;*

14 *(C) the effects of such changes on the budget*  
15 *of the Department of Defense as a whole and the*  
16 *budget of each military department; and*

17 *(D) the effects of such changes on the ability*  
18 *of the military departments to meet readiness*  
19 *standards, including—*

20 *(i) any exercises (including joint exer-*  
21 *cises with allies and partners), training, or*  
22 *other operational activities that were modi-*  
23 *fied, delayed, or canceled as a result of such*  
24 *changes, set forth separately by Armed*  
25 *Force;*

1                   (ii) *any reductions in readiness ac-*  
2                   *counts resulting from such changes, set forth*  
3                   *separately by account, amount, and Armed*  
4                   *Force, including—*

5                   (I) *operation and maintenance*  
6                   *accounts; and*

7                   (II) *accounts for depot mainte-*  
8                   *nance and spare parts; and*

9                   (iii) *any effects of such changes on*  
10                  *prepositioned fuel stocks or bulk fuel inven-*  
11                  *tories.*

12               (4) *Any transfers, reprogramming actions, or*  
13               *other budgetary adjustments made or anticipated to*  
14               *be made during the period of fiscal years 2026*  
15               *through 2031 as a result of fuel cost variances.*

16           (c) *REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date*  
17           *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
18           *submit to the congressional defense committees a report on*  
19           *the results of the study conducted under subsection (a), in-*  
20           *cluding the findings of the study with respect to each ele-*  
21           *ment specified in subsection (b).*



1 ***TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOP-***  
 2 ***MENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-***  
 3 ***TION***

4 ***Subtitle A—Authorization of***  
 5 ***Appropriations***

6 ***SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.***

7 *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-*  
 8 *cal year 2027 for the use of the Department of Defense for*  
 9 *research, development, test, and evaluation, as specified in*  
 10 *the funding table in section 4201.*

11 ***Subtitle B—Program Requirements,***  
 12 ***Restrictions, and Limitations***

13 ***SEC. 211. BUDGET REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION FOR CER-***  
 14 ***TAIN CATEGORIES OF RESEARCH AND DEVEL-***  
 15 ***OPMENT.***

16 *Section 133a of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 17 *ed—*

18 *(1) in subsection (b)—*

19 *(A) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at*  
 20 *the end;*

21 *(B) in paragraph (5), by striking the period*  
 22 *at the end and inserting “; and”; and*

23 *(C) by adding at the end the following new*  
 24 *paragraph:*

1           “(6) *in addition to the duties described in sub-*  
2           *section (c), promulgating guidance and recommended*  
3           *standards on adequate levels of science and technology*  
4           *spending by elements of the Department of Defense*  
5           *with responsibilities associated with basic research,*  
6           *applied research, and advanced technology develop-*  
7           *ment (budget activities 6.1 through 6.3, respectively,*  
8           *as set forth in the Department of Defense Financial*  
9           *Management Regulation (DOD 7000.14-R), or any*  
10          *successor budget classification) and developmental test*  
11          *and evaluation that could be incorporated into budget*  
12          *and planning guidance of the Department as appro-*  
13          *priate.”;*

14           (2) *by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection*  
15          *(d); and*

16           (3) *by inserting after subsection (b) the following*  
17          *new subsection:*

18          “(c) *BUDGET REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION.—*

19           “(1) *TRANSMITTAL.—The Secretary of Defense,*  
20           *acting through the Under Secretary of Defense*  
21           *(Comptroller), shall require the Secretaries of the*  
22           *military departments and the heads of the Defense*  
23           *Agencies with responsibilities associated with basic*  
24           *research, applied research, and advanced technology*  
25           *development (budget activities 6.1 through 6.3, respec-*

1        *tively, as set forth in the Department of Defense Fi-*  
2        *nancial Management Regulation (DOD 7000.14-R),*  
3        *or any successor budget classification) and develop-*  
4        *mental test and evaluation to transmit the proposed*  
5        *budget for such activities for a fiscal year and for the*  
6        *period covered by the future-years defense program*  
7        *submitted to Congress under section 221 of this title*  
8        *for that fiscal year to the Under Secretary of Defense*  
9        *for Research and Engineering for review under para-*  
10       *graph (2) before submitting the proposed budget to the*  
11       *Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).*

12            *“(2) REPORT AND CERTIFICATION.—The Under*  
13        *Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering*  
14        *shall review each proposed budget transmitted under*  
15        *paragraph (1) and, not later than January 31 of the*  
16        *year preceding the fiscal year for which the budget is*  
17        *proposed, shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a*  
18        *report containing the comments of the Under Sec-*  
19        *retary of Defense for Research and Engineering with*  
20        *respect to all such proposed budgets, together with the*  
21        *certification of the Under Secretary regarding wheth-*  
22        *er each proposed budget is adequate.*

23            *“(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 15*  
24        *days after the date on which the budget of the Presi-*  
25        *dent for each fiscal year is submitted to Congress pur-*

1        *suant to section 1105(a) of title 31, the Secretary of*  
 2        *Defense shall submit to Congress a report specifying*  
 3        *each proposed budget contained in the most-recent re-*  
 4        *port submitted under paragraph (2) that the Under*  
 5        *Secretary of Defense for Research Engineering did not*  
 6        *certify to be adequate. The report of the Secretary*  
 7        *shall include the following matters:*

8                *“(A) A discussion of the actions that the*  
 9                *Secretary proposes to take, together with any rec-*  
 10              *ommended legislation that the Secretary con-*  
 11              *siders appropriate, to address the inadequacy of*  
 12              *the proposed budgets specified in the report.*

13              *“(B) Any additional comments that the*  
 14              *Secretary considers appropriate regarding the*  
 15              *inadequacy of the proposed budgets.”.*

16    **SEC. 212. DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND**  
 17                      **EVALUATION.**

18        *Section 139 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 19        *ed—*

20              *(1) by redesignating subsection (l) as subsection*  
 21              *(m); and*

22              *(2) by inserting after subsection (k) the following*  
 23              *new subsection (l):*

24              *“(l) The Director shall have a sufficient number of*  
 25        *Deputy Directors to supervise the activities of the Office and*

1 *to carry out the duties and responsibilities prescribed by*  
 2 *law. Each such Deputy Director shall be appointed from*  
 3 *the Senior Executive Service.”.*

4 **SEC. 213. REPEAL OF PILOT AUTHORITY FOR USE OF**  
 5 **OTHER TRANSACTIONS FOR INSTALLATION**  
 6 **OR FACILITY PROTOTYPING.**

7 *Section 4022 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 8 *ed by striking subsection (i).*

9 **SEC. 214. MODIFICATIONS TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE**  
 10 **DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT.**

11 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4127(d) of title 10, United*  
 12 *States Code, is amended—*

13 *(1) by redesignating paragraph (11) as para-*  
 14 *graph (12); and*

15 *(2) by inserting after paragraph (10) the fol-*  
 16 *lowing new paragraph:*

17 *“(11) Coordinate with the portfolio acquisition*  
 18 *executives of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine*  
 19 *Corps, and Space Force to—*

20 *“(A) identify priority acquisition problems*  
 21 *and capability needs and gaps;*

22 *“(B) identify platforms, capabilities, and*  
 23 *solutions developed by entities working with the*  
 24 *Unit that have the potential to address the pri-*  
 25 *ority acquisition problems and capability needs*

1           *and gaps identified under subparagraph (A);*  
 2           *and*

3           “(C) assist such portfolio acquisition execu-  
 4           tives in establishing and carrying out programs  
 5           for the acquisition of such platforms, capabili-  
 6           ties, and solutions.”.

7           (b) *CLARIFYING AMENDMENT TO BOOST PROGRAM.*—  
 8           Section 1833 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
 9           Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 3453  
 10          note) is amended by striking “commercial” each place it  
 11          appears.

12       **SEC. 215. TEST AND EVALUATION REPOSITORY AND RE-**  
 13                               **GIONAL TEST HUBS OF THE TEST RESOURCE**  
 14                               **MANAGEMENT CENTER.**

15          (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 4173 of title 10, United  
 16          States Code, is amended—

17               (1) in subsection (c)(1) by adding at the end the  
 18               following new subparagraph:

19                       “(G) To carry out the activities described in sub-  
 20               sections (j) and (k).”;

21               (2) by redesignating subsection (j) as subsection  
 22               (l);

23               (3) by inserting after subsection (i) the following  
 24               new subsections:

1       “(j) *REPOSITORY OF TEST AND EVALUATION FACILI-*  
 2 *TIES.*—(1) *The Director shall establish and maintain a dig-*  
 3 *ital repository that identifies and provides relevant infor-*  
 4 *mation on all testing and evaluation facilities in the United*  
 5 *States that could be made available for use by the Depart-*  
 6 *ment of Defense and qualified partners for the testing and*  
 7 *evaluation of weapon systems and innovative technologies.*

8       “(2) *The repository established under paragraph (1)*  
 9 *shall—*

10               “(A) *identify all testing and evaluation facilities*  
 11 *that meet the criteria specified in paragraph (1), in-*  
 12 *cluding—*

13                       “(i) *facilities owned or operated by the Fed-*  
 14 *eral Government, including—*

15                               “(I) *facilities in the Major Range and*  
 16 *Test Facility Base;*

17                               “(II) *facilities not included in the*  
 18 *Major Range and Test Facility Base; and*

19                               “(III) *National Guard facilities; and*

20                       “(ii) *facilities owned or operated by—*

21                               “(I) *State or local governments;*

22                               “(II) *academic institutions;*

23                               “(III) *nonprofit organizations; or*

24                               “(IV) *for-profit entities; and*

1           “(B) with respect to each testing and evaluation  
2       facility identified in the repository, provide—

3           “(i) a description of the facility, including  
4       a description of the capabilities and instrumen-  
5       tation available at the facility;

6           “(ii) points of contact for scheduling range  
7       time at the facility; and

8           “(iii) such other information as the Direc-  
9       tor determines appropriate.

10          “(3) The Director shall update the repository  
11       under paragraph (1) not less frequently than annu-  
12       ally.

13          “(4) The Director shall make the repository es-  
14       tablished under paragraph (1) accessible to such ele-  
15       ments of the Department of Defense and qualified  
16       partners as the Director determines appropriate.

17          “(k) *AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL TEST AND*  
18       *EVALUATION HUBS.*—(1) The Director may establish and  
19       maintain regional test and evaluation hubs at locations  
20       within and outside the United States for purposes of facili-  
21       tating or conducting test and evaluation activities.

22          “(2) In the event the Director exercises the authority  
23       to establish and maintain regional test and evaluation hubs  
24       under paragraph (1), the Director shall develop a strategy  
25       and criteria for the selection of locations for such hubs,



1 *which shall include consideration of whether the geographic*  
 2 *region served by the hub provides an environment conducive*  
 3 *to the simulation of realistic threats and environmental*  
 4 *conditions.”; and*

5 *(4) in subsection (l), as so redesignated—*

6 *(A) in the subsection heading, by striking*  
 7 *“DEFINITION” and inserting “DEFINITIONS”;*

8 *(B) by striking “In this section, the term”*  
 9 *and inserting “In this section:*  
 10 *“(1) The term”; and*

11 *(C) by adding at the end the following new*  
 12 *paragraph:*

13 *“(2) The term ‘qualified partner’ means an enti-*  
 14 *ty that the Director determines—*

15 *“(A) is engaged in the development of capa-*  
 16 *bilities for the Department of Defense, such as a*  
 17 *contractor, academic institution, or other private*  
 18 *sector organization; and*

19 *“(B) is qualified to conduct test and evalua-*  
 20 *tion activities at a facility described in sub-*  
 21 *section (j) or a regional test and evaluation hub*  
 22 *described in subsection (k).”.*

23 *(b) DEADLINE.—The Director of the Test Resource*  
 24 *Management Center shall establish the repository required*  
 25 *under section 4173(j) of title 10, United States Code (as*

1 *added by subsection (a) of this section), by not later than*  
 2 *180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

3 **SEC. 216. WEAPON SYSTEM PLATFORM MODERNIZATION**  
 4 **AND CYBER HARDENING.**

5 *Section 228 of the National Defense Authorization Act*  
 6 *for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 786;*  
 7 *10 U.S.C. 4001 note) is amended—*

8 *(1) in subsection (b), by inserting after para-*  
 9 *graph (2) the following new paragraph:*

10 *“(3) The Secretary shall, not later than two*  
 11 *years after the date of the enactment of this Act, select*  
 12 *not fewer than three additional weapon system plat-*  
 13 *forms for participation in the demonstration.”;*

14 *(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection*  
 15 *(d), and in such subsection—*

16 *(A) in paragraph (1)—*

17 *(i) by inserting after “2027,” the fol-*  
 18 *lowing: “and again on January 1, 2028,*  
 19 *and January 1, 2029,”; and*

20 *(ii) by striking “with respect to the*  
 21 *demonstration conducted pursuant to sub-*  
 22 *section (a)” and inserting “with respect to*  
 23 *the activities carried out under subsections*  
 24 *(a), (b), and (c)”;*

1                   (B) in each of paragraphs (2) and (3), by  
2                   striking “The report” and inserting “Each re-  
3                   port”; and

4                   (C) in paragraph (2)—

5                   (i) by redesignating subparagraph (B)  
6                   as subparagraph (C); and

7                   (ii) by inserting after subparagraph  
8                   (B) the following new subparagraph:

9                   “(B) The results of the evaluation carried  
10                  out under subsection (c)(1) and any pilot efforts  
11                  carried out under subsection (c)(2).”;

12                  (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following  
13                  new subsection:

14                  “(c) *OPERATIONAL INTEGRATION.*—The Secretary of  
15                  Defense shall—

16                       “(1) evaluate opportunities to integrate data col-  
17                       lected and analyzed from the demonstration into com-  
18                       mand and control, logistics, sustainment, and main-  
19                       tenance systems of the Department of Defense,  
20                       prioritizing systems with the greatest operational  
21                       value; and

22                       “(2) conduct pilot efforts to integrate the moni-  
23                       toring capabilities included in the demonstration into  
24                       the platforms included in the demonstration, as ap-  
25                       propriate.”; and

1           (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
2       section:

3       “(e) *DURATION OF AUTHORITY.*—The authority pro-  
4       vided under this section shall remain in effect until Sep-  
5       tember 30, 2028.”.

6       **SEC. 217. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR SECRETARY OF**  
7                       **DEFENSE TO ACT THROUGH A SPECIFIED OF-**  
8                       **FICIAL FOR NATO INNOVATION PROGRAM.**

9       (a) *REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO ACT THROUGH*  
10      *SPECIFIED OFFICIAL.*—Subsections (a) and (b) of section  
11      222 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
12      Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 189) are amend-  
13      ed by striking “, acting through the Under Secretary of De-  
14      fense for Research and Engineering,” each place it appears.

15      (b) *REPEAL OF EXECUTED REQUIREMENT.*—Such sec-  
16      tion is further amended—

17           (1) by striking subsection (c); and

18           (2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
19      subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

20      **SEC. 218. MODIFICATION TO TEST PROGRAM FOR ENGI-**  
21                       **NEERING PLANT OF CERTAIN VESSELS.**

22      Section 221 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
23      for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1599)  
24      is amended—

1           (1) *in the section heading, by inserting “**AND***  
 2           ***OTHER LARGE SURFACE COMBATANT**” before*  
 3           *“**VESSELS**”;*

4           (2) *in subsection (a), by inserting “or any subse-*  
 5           *quent class of large surface combatant vessels” after*  
 6           *“destroyer class of vessels”;*

7           (3) *in subsection (b), by striking “Senior Tech-*  
 8           *nical Authority for the DDG(X) destroyer class of ves-*  
 9           *sels” and inserting “Senior Technical Authority for*  
 10           *the class of vessels involved (as designated pursuant*  
 11           *to section 8669b of title 10, United States Code)”;*

12           (4) *in subsection (d), by striking “for the*  
 13           *DDG(X) destroyer class of vessels” and inserting “for*  
 14           *the class of vessels involved”;*

15           (5) *in subsection (e), by striking “by not later*  
 16           *than the delivery date of the lead ship in the DDG(X)*  
 17           *destroyer class of vessels” and inserting “for a class*  
 18           *of vessels by not later than the delivery date of the*  
 19           *lead ship in that class of vessels”; and*

20           (6) *by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:*

21           “(f) *DELIVERY DATE DEFINED.—In this section, term*  
 22           *‘delivery date’ has the meaning given that term in section*  
 23           *8671 of title 10, United States Code.”.*

1 **SEC. 219. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY**  
2 **COOPERATION INITIATIVE.**

3 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*  
4 *designate an executive agent, as such term is defined in De-*  
5 *partment of Defense Directive 5101.01 (relating to DoD Ex-*  
6 *ecutive Agent, issued February 7, 2022), responsible for syn-*  
7 *chronizing cooperative efforts between the United States and*  
8 *Israel, to expand and accelerate bilateral defense technology*  
9 *research, development, testing, evaluation, integration, and*  
10 *industrial cooperation, by—*

11 (1) *identifying jointly developed or Israeli-origin*  
12 *technologies with operational utility for potential in-*  
13 *tegration into United States systems and programs of*  
14 *record;*

15 (2) *ensuring collaborative research initiatives in-*  
16 *volving government, private sector, and academic in-*  
17 *stitutions in the United States and Israel, is done in*  
18 *a manner that protects sensitive technology and infor-*  
19 *mation and the national security interests of the*  
20 *United States and Israel;*

21 (3) *facilitating the transition of technologies*  
22 *from research and development into procurement and*  
23 *acquisition pathways;*

24 (4) *establishing frameworks for joint ventures, li-*  
25 *censing agreements, and United States-based co-pro-*

1        *duction or manufacturing partnerships with Israeli*  
2        *industry;*

3            (5) *coordinating with relevant Department of*  
4        *Defense components, including the Irregular Warfare*  
5        *Technical Support Directorate, capability develop-*  
6        *ment and innovation divisions, the Under Secretary*  
7        *of Defense for Research and Engineering, the Defense*  
8        *Innovation Unit, the United States-Israel Operations*  
9        *Technology Working Group, the Defense Advanced Re-*  
10       *search Projects Agency, the Missile Defense Agency,*  
11       *the United States Space Command, the military de-*  
12       *partments, and other Department of Defense entities,*  
13       *as appropriate, to align efforts and avoid duplication;*  
14       *and*

15           (6) *promoting joint training exercises and infor-*  
16       *mation-sharing mechanisms to enhance operational*  
17       *readiness to deploy jointly developed technologies.*

18        (b) *COOPERATIVE EFFORTS.—The synchronized coop-*  
19       *erative efforts under subsection (a) may be carried out*  
20       *through the following domains:*

21           (1) *Counter-Unmanned Systems including aer-*  
22       *ial, maritime, and ground platforms.*

23           (2) *Anti-tunneling and subterranean threats.*

24           (3) *Missile and air defense technologies.*

1           (4) *Artificial intelligence, quantum, machine*  
 2           *learning, and autonomous systems.*

3           (5) *Directed energy and advanced sensing.*

4           (6) *Cyber defense, electronic warfare, and digital*  
 5           *resilience.*

6           (7) *Biotechnology, biomanufacturing, and med-*  
 7           *ical defense.*

8           (8) *Network integration, data fusion, and con-*  
 9           *tested logistics.*

10          (9) *Defense industrial base cooperation, manu-*  
 11          *facturing, and co-production.*

12          (10) *Other emerging technologies as jointly*  
 13          *agreed by the United States and Israel.*

14          (c) *ACTIVITIES IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER FED-*  
 15          *ERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.*—*The Secretary of De-*  
 16          *fense shall coordinate activities, as appropriate, with the*  
 17          *Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the*  
 18          *heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies,*  
 19          *to ensure consistency with existing laws and regulations.*

20          (d) *INTERIM PROGRESS UPDATE.*—*Not later than 180*  
 21          *days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
 22          *of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense commit-*  
 23          *tees an interim briefing on—*

24               (1) *the executive agent designated pursuant to*  
 25               *subsection (a) and the efforts undertaken by such exec-*



1        *utive agent to lead Department of Defense implemen-*  
2        *tation of the synchronized cooperative efforts described*  
3        *in such subsection;*

4            *(2) the status of coordination, Department-wide,*  
5        *with Israeli counterparts;*

6            *(3) initial technology areas identified for acceler-*  
7        *ated cooperation and technologies with operational*  
8        *utility for integration into United States systems and*  
9        *programs of record; and*

10           *(4) any early transition, prototyping, or integra-*  
11        *tion activities initiated during the period covered by*  
12        *the update.*

13        *(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the*  
14        *date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until*  
15        *2030, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congres-*  
16        *sional defense committees a report on implementation of the*  
17        *cooperative efforts described in subsection (a). Each such*  
18        *report shall include—*

19            *(1) a description of activities conducted;*

20            *(2) an assessment of progress made in advancing*  
21        *shared national security interests;*

22            *(3) an assessment of collaboration with other rel-*  
23        *evant Federal programs;*

1           (4) a description of technologies transitioned into  
2       United States acquisition programs or fielded sys-  
3       tems;

4           (5) a description of partnerships established with  
5       United States and Israeli industry; and

6           (6) recommendations for future opportunities to  
7       promote the long-term integration of joint capabilities  
8       between the United States and Israel.

9       (f) *FORM.*—Each report required under subsection (e)  
10   shall be submitted in unclassified form and may include  
11   a classified annex.

12       (g) *PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY.*—The Secretary of Defense  
13   shall make available on a publicly accessible website of the  
14   Department of Defense periodic, unclassified updates, to the  
15   maximum extent practicable, on the synchronized coopera-  
16   tive efforts carried out under subsection (a), including a  
17   description of how these efforts contribute to United States  
18   technological and military supremacy. Such updates shall  
19   be made in a manner that ensures that classified informa-  
20   tion or other information that would compromise oper-  
21   ational security, export controls, or sensitive technology are  
22   not released.

1 **SEC. 220. ESTABLISHMENT OF SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVI-**  
2 **RONMENT TO SUPPORT INDO-PACIFIC OPER-**  
3 **ATIONS.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than 180 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
6 fense, in coordination with the Commander of the United  
7 States Indo-Pacific Command, shall establish a synthetic  
8 training environment that meets the requirements of sub-  
9 section (b) to support operations in the Indo-Pacific Re-  
10 gion.

11 (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—The synthetic training environ-  
12 ment established under subsection (a) shall—

13 (1) *incorporate live, virtual, and constructive*  
14 *elements;*

15 (2) *integrate training, testing, and simulation*  
16 *capabilities across the area of responsibility of the*  
17 *United States Indo-Pacific Command;*

18 (3) *provide integrated synthetic training and*  
19 *mission rehearsal capabilities across all warfighting*  
20 *domains, including land, maritime, air, space, cyber-*  
21 *space, and the electromagnetic spectrum;*

22 (4) *integrate and synchronize, to the maximum*  
23 *extent practicable, existing training, experimentation,*  
24 *and simulation capabilities of the Department of De-*  
25 *fense;*

1           (5) *enable distributed training of joint and com-*  
2           *bined forces;*

3           (6) *support rehearsal of operational plans and*  
4           *crisis response;*

5           (7) *enable experimentation for emerging capa-*  
6           *bilities;*

7           (8) *be scalable to support additional combatant*  
8           *command requirements as directed by the Secretary of*  
9           *Defense; and*

10          (9) *be accessible to allies and partners of the*  
11          *United States, consistent with applicable law and se-*  
12          *curity requirements.*

13          (c) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Before establishing the*  
14          *training environment under subsection (a), but not later*  
15          *than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
16          *the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional*  
17          *defense committees a report that includes—*

18               (1) *an explanation of how the Secretary intends*  
19               *to implement the synthetic training environment re-*  
20               *quired under subsection (a);*

21               (2) *a cost estimate for the training environment;*

22               (3) *a plan for making the training environment*  
23               *accessible to allies and partners of the United States;*  
24               *and*

1           (4) *an assessment of the potential effects of the*  
 2           *training environment on readiness.*

3   **SEC. 221. REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH TEST AND TRAIN-**  
 4                   **ING CORRIDORS FOR SMALL UNMANNED AIR-**  
 5                   **CRAFT SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED CAPABILI-**  
 6                   **TIES.**

7           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall es-*  
 8           *tablish or designate, and operate, one or more test and*  
 9           *training corridors for small unmanned aircraft systems,*  
 10          *counter-unmanned aircraft system platforms, and associ-*  
 11          *ated capabilities within the national airspace system.*

12          (b) *FACILITIES.*—*The Secretary of Defense may con-*  
 13          *struct new facilities, or use existing facilities available to*  
 14          *the Department of Defense, to support one or more test and*  
 15          *training corridors established or designated under sub-*  
 16          *section (a) that collectively address each of the functions de-*  
 17          *scribed in subsection (c).*

18          (c) *FUNCTIONS.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall ensure*  
 19          *that any test and training corridor established or des-*  
 20          *ignated under subsection (a) enables the research, develop-*  
 21          *ment, testing, and evaluation of, and training for members*  
 22          *of the Armed Forces on—*

23               (1) *small unmanned aircraft systems and associ-*  
 24               *ated autonomy software, kinetic and nonkinetic pay-*

1        *loads, sensors, communications, and navigation tech-*  
2        *nology;*

3            (2) *kinetic and nonkinetic counter small-un-*  
4        *manned aircraft system capabilities, including high*  
5        *power microwave, high energy laser, and electronic*  
6        *warfare capabilities, and any requisite autonomy*  
7        *software, sensors, and command and control capabili-*  
8        *ties;*

9            (3) *small to medium caliber counter unmanned*  
10       *aircraft systems ammunition and weapon systems,*  
11       *low collateral damage weapons and munitions, and*  
12       *drone-versus-drone capabilities;*

13           (4) *the acceleration of the integration of modular*  
14       *payloads onto multiple unmanned aircraft systems*  
15       *and counter unmanned aircraft systems and plat-*  
16       *forms;*

17           (5) *the reduction in time-to-field for lethal and*  
18       *non-lethal drone-enabled munitions and munition*  
19       *payload capabilities; and*

20           (6) *standardization of payload-to-platform inter-*  
21       *faces.*

22        (d) *SITE SELECTION.*—*In establishing or designating*  
23       *one or more test and training corridors under subsection*  
24       *(a), the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Di-*

1    *rector of the Test Resource Management Center and the Sec-*  
2    *retaries of the military departments, shall—*

3            *(1) identify potential locations within the na-*  
4            *tional airspace system that would be conducive to*  
5            *conducting testing, evaluation, and training activities*  
6            *with respect to small unmanned aircraft systems and*  
7            *counter-small unmanned aircraft capabilities, with*  
8            *prioritization of sites that best support the test and*  
9            *training corridor functions described in subsection*  
10          *(c);*

11           *(2) assess whether existing test and evaluation*  
12           *facilities, including Government-owned and non-Gov-*  
13           *ernment owned facilities, could be used to meet cur-*  
14           *rent and future requirements with respect to such*  
15           *testing, evaluation and training;*

16           *(3) identify any additional resources required to*  
17           *establish or designate, and operate the corridor, in-*  
18           *cluding military construction costs and personnel and*  
19           *manning costs;*

20           *(4) identify any sensors and capabilities needed*  
21           *to adequately simulate operationally realistic envi-*  
22           *ronments in the corridor, including environments*  
23           *with denied or degraded—*

24                    *(A) communications;*

25                    *(B) electromagnetic spectrum; and*

1                   (C) *global positioning system;*

2                   (5) *identify any interagency, legal, regulatory,*  
3                   *or policy impediments to carrying out testing, evalua-*  
4                   *tion, and training activities with respect to small un-*  
5                   *manned aircraft systems and counter-small un-*  
6                   *manned aircraft capabilities within the national air-*  
7                   *space system, including any impediments to the use*  
8                   *of—*

9                   (A) *electronic warfare;*

10                  (B) *directed energy (such as high-powered*  
11                  *microwave and high energy lasers);*

12                  (C) *GPS jamming and spoofing;*

13                  (D) *spectrum enabled and cellular-network*  
14                  *enabled systems and capabilities; and*

15                  (E) *other relevant capabilities;*

16                  (6) *consult with interagency partners to develop*  
17                  *recommendations for—*

18                       (A) *addressing any impediments identified*  
19                       *under paragraph (4); and*

20                       (B) *ensuring the safety of testing and train-*  
21                       *ing activities conducted in the national airspace*  
22                       *system; and*

23                  (7) *consider diverse geographic regions across the*  
24                  *United States.*



1       (e) *NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than 90  
2   *days after establishing or designating a test and training*  
3   *corridor under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall*  
4   *submit to the congressional defense committees a written no-*  
5   *tification that describes—*

6               (1) *the location of the corridor;*

7               (2) *any funding, personnel, or other resources re-*  
8   *quired to support the corridor; and*

9               (3) *any agreements with other Federal agencies*  
10   *that may be required to safely operate the corridor in*  
11   *the national airspace system.*

12   **SEC. 222. OPERATIONAL AUTONOMY REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
13               **UNMANNED SURFACE VESSELS.**

14       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
15   *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy*  
16   *shall take such actions as may be necessary, including*  
17   *modification of research and development and acquisition*  
18   *procedures as appropriate, to ensure that unmanned surface*  
19   *vessels are capable of autonomous operation—*

20               (1) *during periods in which communications ca-*  
21   *pabilities are denied, degraded, intermittent, or lim-*  
22   *ited; and*

23               (2) *during periods in which positioning, naviga-*  
24   *tion, and timing capabilities are degraded or un-*  
25   *available.*

1       (b) *BRIEFING.*—*Following implementation of the ac-*  
2 *tions required under subsection (a), but not later than 270*  
3 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
4 *retary of the Navy shall provide to the congressional defense*  
5 *committees a briefing on such actions. The briefing shall*  
6 *include an explanation of each of the following:*

7           (1) *The ability of unmanned surface vessels to*  
8 *execute preauthorized mission tasks without contin-*  
9 *uous human control.*

10          (2) *The ability of such vessels to adhere to de-*  
11 *finied autonomy behaviors, decision logic, and safety*  
12 *constraints governing mission execution.*

13          (3) *The ability of such vessels to adapt, recover,*  
14 *retask, or terminate missions in accordance with*  
15 *preestablished operational parameters when commu-*  
16 *nications or positioning, navigation, and timing are*  
17 *degraded or unavailable.*

18       (c) *UNMANNED SURFACE VESSELS.*—*In this section,*  
19 *the term “unmanned surface vessels” includes—*

20           (1) *unmanned surface vessels in use by the Navy*  
21 *or Marine Corps; and*

22           (2) *unmanned surface vessels planned for devel-*  
23 *opment or procurement for the Navy or Marine*  
24 *Corps.*

1 **SEC. 223. REALIGNMENT OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC RE-**  
2 **SEARCH INSTITUTE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
3 **THE AIR FORCE.**

4 (a) *TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY.*—Not later than  
5 two years after the date of the enactment this Act, the Under  
6 Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering shall—

7 (1) *designate the Air Force as the primary spon-*  
8 *sor of the National Strategic Research Institute Uni-*  
9 *versity Affiliated Research Center (referred to in this*  
10 *section as the “Center”); and*

11 (2) *coordinate with the Secretary of the Air*  
12 *Force and the Commander of the United States Stra-*  
13 *tegic Command to ensure that the Center receives the*  
14 *funding and other resources necessary to meet the ap-*  
15 *plicable requirements of the UARC Management Plan*  
16 *following such designation.*

17 (b) *RESOURCING PLAN.*—Not later than 90 days after  
18 the date on which the designation under subsection (a)(1)  
19 occurs, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the  
20 congressional defense committees a plan for providing fund-  
21 ing and other resources to the Center in accordance with  
22 subsection (a)(2).

23 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

24 (1) *The term “prime sponsor” has the meaning*  
25 *given that term in the UARC Management Plan.*

1           (2) *The term “UARC Management Plan” means*  
 2           *the publication of the Department of Defense titled*  
 3           *“Department of Defense University Affiliated Re-*  
 4           *search Center (UARC) Management Plan”, dated*  
 5           *July 2010 (or any successor to such plan).*

6 **SEC. 224. REIMBURSEMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD FOR RE-**  
 7                           **SEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**  
 8                           **TION EXPENSES.**

9           (a) *AVAILABILITY.*—Amounts authorized to be appro-  
 10          *priated after the date of the enactment of this Act for the*  
 11          *Department of Defense for research, development, test, and*  
 12          *evaluation shall be available for reimbursement of pay, al-*  
 13          *lowances, and other expenses which would otherwise be in-*  
 14          *curred against appropriations for the reserve components*  
 15          *of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard, in cases*  
 16          *in which members of the such reserve components provide*  
 17          *support to research, development, test, and evaluation*  
 18          *projects in which their involvement furthers the project be-*  
 19          *cause of a member’s or unit’s availability, qualifications,*  
 20          *experience, or education.*

21          (b) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Nothing in this section  
 22          *shall be construed—*

23                 (1) *to authorize a deviation from established per-*  
 24          *sonnel and training procedures of the reserve compo-*

1        *nents of the Armed Forces, including the National*  
2        *Guard; or*

3                *(2) to authorize the direct engagement of mem-*  
4        *bers or units of such components to conduct inde-*  
5        *pendent research, development, test, and evaluation*  
6        *projects.*

7        **SEC. 225. USE OF INNOVATIVE AND EMERGING FOOD PRO-**  
8                        **DUCTION TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMPONENTS**  
9                        **OF MILITARY RATIONS.**

10        *(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*  
11        *that requirements for the future battlefield include dealing*  
12        *with contested logistics that—*

13                *(1) cannot be achieved with the size and weight*  
14        *of currently fielded rations; and*

15                *(2) could be mitigated by incorporating within*  
16        *rations, components produced with emerging and in-*  
17        *novative technologies developed in partnership with*  
18        *the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Research*  
19        *and Engineering Program.*

20        *(b) ACTIVITIES REQUIRED.—Subject to the avail-*  
21        *ability of appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary*  
22        *of Defense shall carry out the following activities with re-*  
23        *spect to military rations:*

24                *(1) The Secretary shall seek to enter into one or*  
25        *more contracts for the procurement of rations pro-*

1        *duced using emerging food technologies such as sonic*  
2        *agglomeration and vacuum microwave drying to re-*  
3        *duce size and weight.*

4            *(2) The Secretary shall maximize the use of the*  
5        *technologies described in paragraph (1) for individual*  
6        *combat ration components to ensure successful tech-*  
7        *nology transition from small business innovation re-*  
8        *search and research, development, test, and evalua-*  
9        *tion.*

10           *(3) As operational needs allow, the Secretary*  
11        *shall prioritize clean-label, nutrient-dense components*  
12        *that do not contain unhealthy fats or artificial pre-*  
13        *servatives.*

14           *(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120 days*  
15        *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
16        *of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
17        *tees a report that includes the following:*

18           *(1) A description of any emerging and innova-*  
19        *tive food processing technologies that have been devel-*  
20        *oped or are being developed using research, develop-*  
21        *ment, test, and evaluation investments of the Depart-*  
22        *ment of Defense.*

23           *(2) The total amount of Department of Defense*  
24        *investments in the development of sonic agglomeration*  
25        *and vacuum microwave drying technology for mili-*

1        *tary rations, disaggregated by research, development,*  
 2        *test, and evaluation budget activity, including small*  
 3        *business innovation research.*

4            *(3) The results of warfighter field testing of po-*  
 5        *tential ration components produced with the tech-*  
 6        *nologies described in paragraph (2).*

7            *(4) An explanation of quantitative and quali-*  
 8        *tative logistical and nutritional benefits of ration*  
 9        *components produced using such technologies.*

10          *(5) A description of any procurement processes*  
 11        *for military rations that may be barriers to the ac-*  
 12        *quisition of components produced with new and*  
 13        *emerging food processing technologies.*

14          *(6) A description of any activities carried out to*  
 15        *advance the transition and adoption of such tech-*  
 16        *nologies to better meet the challenges of military oper-*  
 17        *ations in a contested logistics environment.*

18    **SEC. 226. SUPPORT FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES THAT**  
 19                    **STRENGTHEN UNITED STATES AGRICUL-**  
 20                    **TURAL PRODUCTION, AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS,**  
 21                    **AND ASSOCIATED BIOINDUSTRIAL MANUFAC-**  
 22                    **TURING CAPACITY.**

23          *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of Defense for*  
 24        *Research and Engineering, in coordination with the Sec-*  
 25        *retary of Agriculture, may carry out activities to support*

1 *the development, testing, validation, demonstration, and*  
2 *transition of advanced technologies that strengthen the resil-*  
3 *ience, security, and operational continuity of United States*  
4 *agricultural production, agrifood systems, and associated*  
5 *bioindustrial manufacturing capacity against biological*  
6 *threats, supply chain disruptions, natural disasters, and*  
7 *other risks to national security, including technologies re-*  
8 *lating to—*

9           (1) *agricultural biosecurity, including detection,*  
10       *prevention, mitigation, and recovery relating to plant*  
11       *disease, livestock disease, invasive species, and other*  
12       *biological threats;*

13           (2) *advanced plant, animal, microbial, and bio-*  
14       *industrial technologies supporting defense readiness,*  
15       *domestic manufacturing capacity, and supply chain*  
16       *security;*

17           (3) *engineering, automation, artificial intel-*  
18       *ligence, autonomous systems, and data systems sup-*  
19       *porting agricultural production, logistics, and oper-*  
20       *ational resilience;*

21           (4) *natural resource management technologies re-*  
22       *lating to water, energy, soil, forests, and food systems*  
23       *that reduce scarcity risks and enhance civilian and*  
24       *military resilience; and*



1           (5) *wildfire prediction, prevention, mitigation,*  
2           *response, and recovery technologies relevant to agri-*  
3           *cultural productivity, infrastructure resilience, and*  
4           *military readiness.*

5           (b) *ACTIVITIES.—The activities carried out under sub-*  
6           *section (a) shall include—*

7           (1) *interagency collaboration to accelerate re-*  
8           *search, development, testing, evaluation, field valida-*  
9           *tion, demonstration, deployment, and transition of*  
10          *technologies described in subsection (a);*

11          (2) *collaboration with Federal agencies, federally*  
12          *funded research and development centers, national*  
13          *laboratories, institutions of higher education, non-*  
14          *profit organizations, and private sector entities; and*

15          (3) *prioritization, to the extent practicable, of*  
16          *projects demonstrating clear potential to enhance food*  
17          *security, operational readiness, domestic production*  
18          *resilience, or defense supply chain security.*

19          (c) *REPORTING.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
20          *date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of*  
21          *Defense for Research and Engineering, in coordination with*  
22          *the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to the congres-*  
23          *sional defense committees an implementation plan for ac-*  
24          *tivities to be carried out under this section.*

1       (d) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this section*  
 2 *shall be construed to limit authorities of the Department*  
 3 *of Defense or the Department of Agriculture that—*

4           (1) *were in effect on the day before the date of*  
 5 *the enactment of this Act; and*

6           (2) *authorize or require conduct or support of re-*  
 7 *search, development, testing, evaluation, or oper-*  
 8 *ational activities.*

9 **SEC. 227. PRIZE COMPETITIONS TO SUPPORT THE RE-**  
 10 **SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF BIO-**  
 11 **TECHNOLOGY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
 12 **FENSE.**

13       (a) *PROGRAM REQUIRED.*—

14           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Pursuant to the authority*  
 15 *provided under section 4025 of title 10, United States*  
 16 *Code, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pro-*  
 17 *gram (referred to in this section as the “Program”)*  
 18 *to award prizes to support the research, development,*  
 19 *and commercialization of biotechnology-based capa-*  
 20 *bilities that address priority areas identified by the*  
 21 *Secretary under subsection (b).*

22           (2) *ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.*—*The Secretary*  
 23 *shall—*

1           (A) before commencing prize competitions  
2           under the Program, establish requirements for  
3           the prize competition process, including—

4                   (i) eligibility criteria for participants  
5                   consistent with paragraph (3); and

6                   (ii) procedures for the testing, judging,  
7                   and verification of submissions to the com-  
8                   petitions; and

9           (B) ensure that information on the prize  
10          competitions is made available to eligible par-  
11          ticipants, including by conducting outreach and  
12          posting such information to a publicly accessible  
13          website of the Department of Defense.

14          (3) *ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.*—To be eligible for  
15          a prize award under the Program, an individual or  
16          entity shall meet the requirements described in section  
17          24(g)(3) of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innova-  
18          tion Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719(g)(3)).

19          (4) *JUDGES.*—In accordance with section 24(k)  
20          of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of  
21          1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719(k)), an individual from the  
22          private sector may be appointed as a judge for a  
23          prize competition under the Program.

24          (5) *COORDINATION.*—The Secretary of Defense  
25          shall carry out the Program acting through the head

1       *of the Biotechnology Management Office of the De-*  
2       *partment of Defense and in consultation with the Sec-*  
3       *retaries of the military departments and relevant offi-*  
4       *cials from laboratories of the Armed Forces and other*  
5       *appropriate elements of the Department of Defense.*

6               (6) *DEADLINE.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*  
7       *commence implementation of the Program not later*  
8       *than one year after the date of the enactment of this*  
9       *Act.*

10              (b) *SELECTION OF PRIORITY AREAS.*—

11               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Before commencing prize*  
12       *competitions under the Program, but not later than*  
13       *one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
14       *the Secretary of Defense shall identify and select spe-*  
15       *cific, well-defined, and measurable priority areas of*  
16       *biotechnology research and development to be ad-*  
17       *vanced through the award of prizes under the Pro-*  
18       *gram.*

19               (2) *BIOTECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS.*—*In car-*  
20       *rying out paragraph (1), the Secretary is encouraged*  
21       *to identify and select priority areas that support the*  
22       *following applications of biotechnology for defense*  
23       *purposes:*

24                       (A) *Bioenergetics.*

1           (B) *Biobased material, including for use in*  
2           *existing and planned systems where such mate-*  
3           *rials could provide improved performance over*  
4           *traditional material.*

5           (C) *Biomining, including for critical min-*  
6           *erals.*

7           (D) *Biomanufacturing platforms and proc-*  
8           *esses, including for modular or deployable sys-*  
9           *tems.*

10          (E) *Biotechnology convergence with other*  
11          *technologies and subject areas, including artifi-*  
12          *cial intelligence, advanced manufacturing, and*  
13          *advanced computing.*

14          (3) *PUBLIC INPUT AND OTHER CONSIDER-*  
15          *ATIONS.—In identifying and selecting priority areas*  
16          *under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—*

17               (A) *solicit and consider public input; and*

18               (B) *consider—*

19                   (i) *relevant existing and planned pro-*  
20                   *grams and activities of Department of De-*  
21                   *fense and other research and development*  
22                   *entities of the Federal Government;*

23                   (ii) *the likelihood of relevant research*  
24                   *or development being conducted by the pri-*

1            *vate sector without further support from the*  
 2            *Federal Government;*

3            *(iii) the likelihood that investment in*  
 4            *an area by the Department of Defense will*  
 5            *result in improved capabilities or readiness,*  
 6            *including by increasing supply chain resil-*  
 7            *ience; and*

8            *(iv) whether such an investment would*  
 9            *foster innovation beyond the primary goal*  
 10           *of the proposed priority area.*

11 **SEC. 228. PILOT PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING**  
 12 **ACHIEVEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY AND PRO-**  
 13 **TOTYPE DEVELOPMENT.**

14           *(a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Director of the Defense In-*  
 15 *novation Unit (referred to in this section as the Director)*  
 16 *shall carry out a pilot program under which the Director*  
 17 *awards prizes, on a competitive basis, to recognize out-*  
 18 *standing achievements in technology development and pro-*  
 19 *totype development that——*

20           *(1) have the potential to address operational*  
 21 *problems and capability gaps identified by the Sec-*  
 22 *retary of Defense, the Secretaries of the military de-*  
 23 *partments, and combatant commanders; or*

1           (2) *have potential for application to the perform-*  
2           *ance of the military missions of the Department of*  
3           *Defense.*

4           (b) *FORM OF PRIZES.—Prizes awarded under this sec-*  
5           *tion may include—*

6                 (1) *cash prizes; or*

7                 (2) *the award of contracts or other agreements.*

8           (c) *INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.—The Director shall*  
9           *carry out activities to publicize the prize competitions car-*  
10           *ried out under this section and to solicit participation in*  
11           *such competitions from eligible individuals and entities.*

12           (d) *PRIZE MAXIMUM AND COINVESTMENT REQUIRE-*  
13           *MENTS.—*

14                 (1) *MAXIMUM VALUE.—The value of a prize*  
15           *awarded under this section may not exceed*  
16           *\$15,000,000.*

17                 (2) *COINVESTMENT.—The Director may award a*  
18           *prize under this section without receiving approval*  
19           *from the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and*  
20           *Engineering if—*

21                         (A) *the value of the prize is not more than*  
22                         *\$2,000,000; or*

23                         (B) *in the case of a prize with a value ex-*  
24                         *ceeding \$2,000,000, at least half of the funds for*  
25                         *the portion of the prize in excess of \$2,000,000*

1           are provided by the portfolio acquisition execu-  
2           tive of an organization of the Department of De-  
3           fense outside the Defense Innovation Unit.

4           (e) *USE OF PRIZE AUTHORITY.*—Use of prize author-  
5   ity under this section shall be considered the use of competi-  
6   tive procedures for the purposes of chapter 221 of title 10,  
7   United States Code.

8           (f) *COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION.*—

9           (1) *DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT.*—The Di-  
10   rector shall commence implementation of the pilot  
11   program under subsection (a) not later than 90 days  
12   after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13          (2) *TERMINATION.*—The authority to carry out  
14   the pilot program under subsection (a) shall termi-  
15   nate on the date that is three years after the date of  
16   the enactment of this Act.

17          (g) *CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE.*—

18          (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 15 days after  
19   a contract or other agreement that exceeds a fair mar-  
20   ket value of \$2,000,000 is awarded under this section,  
21   the Director shall submit to the congressional defense  
22   committees written notice of such award.

23          (2) *CONTENTS.*—Each notice submitted under  
24   paragraph (1) shall include—



1           (A) the value of the relevant contract or  
2           other agreement, as applicable, including all op-  
3           tions;

4           (B) an identification of any portfolio acqui-  
5           sition executive responsible for implementation  
6           or oversight of technology development or proto-  
7           type development (as applicable) for which an  
8           award was made under this section, and a brief  
9           summary of lessons learned by such portfolio ac-  
10          quisition executive in carrying out such imple-  
11          mentation or oversight;

12          (C) a brief description of the technology de-  
13          velopment or prototype for which such contract  
14          or other agreement, as applicable, was awarded;  
15          and

16          (D) an explanation of the benefit to the per-  
17          formance of the military mission of the Depart-  
18          ment of Defense resulting from the award.

19          (h) *PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE DEFINED.*—

20          In this section, the term “portfolio acquisition executive”  
21          has the meaning given that term in section 1737 of title  
22          10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 229. PILOT PROGRAM ON FORWARD DEPLOYABLE BIO-**  
2 **MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES.**

3 (a) *AUTHORIZATION.*—*The Under Secretary of Defense*  
4 *for Research and Engineering, in coordination with the*  
5 *Secretary of the Army, may carry out a pilot program—*

6 (1) *to identify near-term and long-term use cases*  
7 *for forward deployable mobile biomanufacturing ca-*  
8 *pabilities; and*

9 (2) *to conduct demonstrations of such capabili-*  
10 *ties.*

11 (b) *ACTIVITIES.*—*In carrying out the pilot program*  
12 *under subsection (a), the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-*  
13 *search and Engineering may—*

14 (1) *consider the use of novel manufacturing proc-*  
15 *esses and equipment, including automation,*  
16 *modularity, and miniaturization of production capa-*  
17 *bilities;*

18 (2) *collaborate with industry to develop forward*  
19 *deployable mobile biomanufacturing capabilities; and*

20 (3) *consider the security measures required for*  
21 *such capabilities when forward deployed.*

22 (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after the date*  
23 *of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense*  
24 *for Research and Engineering shall submit to the congres-*  
25 *sional defense committees a report on the status of the pilot*  
26 *program under subsection (a). The report shall include—*

1           (1) *an assessment of existing Department of De-*  
2           *fense capabilities related to biomanufacturing and an*  
3           *explanation of whether and how those capabilities*  
4           *may be used as part of the pilot program;*

5           (2) *identification of near-term and long-term use*  
6           *cases for the deployment of mobile biomanufacturing;*

7           (3) *for each use case identified under paragraph*  
8           *(2), a comparison of the estimated cost of fulfilling*  
9           *such use case through domestic biomanufacturing at*  
10          *an industrial scale versus the cost of fulfilling such*  
11          *use case using mobile biomanufacturing at the minia-*  
12          *turized scale;*

13          (4) *an assessment of security measures required*  
14          *to deploy forward deployable mobile biomanufac-*  
15          *turing capabilities; and*

16          (5) *an assessment of the viability of*  
17          *transitioning technology developed under the pilot*  
18          *program into operational use within the Department,*  
19          *including the resources needed for further development*  
20          *and scaling of such technology and the potential bene-*  
21          *fits of such technology.*

1 **SEC. 230. PILOT PROGRAM ON THE USE OF AUTOMATED**  
2 **DATA SECURITY POSTURE MANAGEMENT**  
3 **TECHNOLOGIES FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**  
4 **LIGENCE SYSTEMS.**

5 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than 90 days after  
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
7 Army shall establish and commence implementation of a  
8 pilot program to evaluate the use of commercially available  
9 automated data security posture management technologies  
10 to enhance the cybersecurity, effectiveness, and reliability  
11 of artificial intelligence systems.

12 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—In carrying out pilot program under  
13 subsection (a) the Secretary of the Army shall—

14 (1) identify, select, and deploy at least one com-  
15 mercially available data security posture management  
16 technology platform that is capable of continuous,  
17 automated monitoring and assessment of artificial in-  
18 telligence systems for security threats specific to such  
19 systems;

20 (2) designate at least one artificial intelligence  
21 system currently deployed by the Army to dem-  
22 onstrate the data security posture managed technology  
23 platform selected under paragraph (1);

24 (3) complete the demonstration described in  
25 paragraph (2);

1           (4) *train relevant personnel on the deployment,*  
2           *maintenance, and data interpretation of the dem-*  
3           *onstrated data security posture management tech-*  
4           *nology platform;*

5           (5) *evaluate the demonstrated data security pos-*  
6           *ture management technologies—*

7                   (A) *across the different tasks involved in de-*  
8                   *velopment, deployment, storage, or hosting of*  
9                   *components of such artificial intelligence system;*

10                   (B) *to determine the ability of such tech-*  
11                   *nologies to identify, mitigate and restore any*  
12                   *corruption or malicious manipulation of the ap-*  
13                   *plications or data of such artificial intelligence*  
14                   *system; and*

15                   (C) *for compatibility and ease of adoption*  
16                   *into the value chains of existing artificial intel-*  
17                   *ligence systems of the Army;*

18           (6) *assess the feasibility of broader deployment of*  
19           *commercially available automated data security pos-*  
20           *ture management technologies to improve the trust-*  
21           *worthiness, resilience and integrity of artificial intel-*  
22           *ligence systems maintained by the Army.*

23           (c) *REPORTS.—*

24                   (1) *PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 120*  
25           *days after the date on which the Secretary of the*

1     *Army commences the pilot program under subsection*  
2     *(a), and annually thereafter until the termination*  
3     *date specified in subsection (d), the Secretary of the*  
4     *Army shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-*  
5     *ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a*  
6     *report on the status of implementation and prelimi-*  
7     *nary findings of the pilot program, including with re-*  
8     *spect to each element described in subsection (b).*

9             (2) *FINAL REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days*  
10     *after the termination date specified in subsection (d),*  
11     *the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Com-*  
12     *mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the*  
13     *House of Representatives a final report on the results*  
14     *of the pilot program. The report shall include—*

15             (A) *any recommendations of the Secretary*  
16             *with respect to the broader implementation com-*  
17             *mercially available automated data security pos-*  
18             *ture management technologies to support artifi-*  
19             *cial intelligence systems of the Army; and*

20             (B) *an assessment of the costs and benefits*  
21             *of such technologies.*

22     (d) *TERMINATION.*—*The pilot program under sub-*  
23     *section (a) shall terminate on the date that is three years*  
24     *after the date on which the Secretary of the Army com-*  
25     *mences the pilot program.*

1 **SEC. 231. PILOT PROGRAM ON TECHNOLOGIES TO**  
2 **STRENGTHEN AUTHENTICATION AND ATTRI-**  
3 **BUTION OF HUMAN AUTHORIZATION FOR**  
4 **CONSEQUENTIAL ACTIONS.**

5 (a) *PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.*—The Secretary of  
6 Defense may carry out a pilot program to evaluate commer-  
7 cially available technologies that strengthen authentication  
8 and attribution of human authorization for consequential  
9 actions in order to improve the cybersecurity and physical  
10 security posture of the Department of Defense.

11 (b) *OBJECTIVES.*—Under the pilot program, the Sec-  
12 retary of Defense shall evaluate technologies that—

13 (1) *strengthen access controls for systems and*  
14 *physical areas of the Department of Defense; and*

15 (2) *can be integrated across various environ-*  
16 *ments of the Department without requiring special-*  
17 *ized hardware.*

18 (c) *COMENCEMENT AND DURATION.*—If the Secretary  
19 of Defense exercises the authority to carry out the pilot pro-  
20 gram under subsection (a), the program shall—

21 (1) *commence not later than 180 days after the*  
22 *date of the enactment of this Act; and*

23 (2) *terminate not later than one year after the*  
24 *date on which the program is commenced.*

1       (d) *REPORT*.—Not later than March 1, 2028, the Sec-  
 2       retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
 3       committees a report that includes—

4               (1) a summary of the results of the pilot pro-  
 5       gram under subsection (a); and

6               (2) recommendations regarding adoption the  
 7       technologies evaluated under the program at a wider  
 8       scale across the Department of Defense.

9       **SEC. 232. CLOUD LABORATORY PILOT PROGRAM.**

10       (a) *CLOUD LABORATORY PILOT PROGRAM*.—

11               (1) *PROGRAM REQUIRED*.—

12                       (A) *IN GENERAL*.—The Secretary of Defense  
 13       shall carry out a pilot program to support the  
 14       establishment of cloud laboratories at the Depart-  
 15       ment of Defense.

16                       (B) *REQUIREMENTS*.—Each cloud labora-  
 17       tory supported under the pilot program shall  
 18       generate high-quality data that shall be collected  
 19       for use and analysis by authorized researchers.

20               (2) *IMPLEMENTATION*.—

21                       (A) *INITIAL LABORATORY*.—Not later than  
 22       one year after the date of the enactment of this  
 23       Act and subject to the availability of appropria-  
 24       tions, the Secretary shall establish at least one  
 25       fully operational cloud laboratory.



1           (B) *ADDITIONAL LABORATORIES.*—Not later  
 2           than three years after the date of the enactment  
 3           of this Act and subject to the availability of ap-  
 4           propriations, the Secretary shall, on a competi-  
 5           tive basis, establish not fewer than two addi-  
 6           tional fully operational cloud laboratories.

7           (C) *BIOTECHNOLOGY-FOCUSED LABORA-*  
 8           *TORY.*—At least one of the cloud laboratories es-  
 9           tablished under this paragraph shall be focused  
 10          on advancing research and development of bio-  
 11          technology.

12          (3) *IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.*—Not later than one  
 13          year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
 14          retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
 15          ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a  
 16          report that includes the following:

17               (A) *A plan to establish the cloud labora-*  
 18               *tories.*

19               (B) *A plan for building in considerations*  
 20               *related to cybersecurity, biosecurity, and research*  
 21               *security from the beginning of development for*  
 22               *each cloud laboratory.*

23          (b) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

24               (1) *The term “artificial intelligence” has the*  
 25               *meaning given such term in section 5002 of the Wil-*

1        *liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-*  
 2        *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–*  
 3        *283;15 U.S.C. 9401).*

4            *(2) The term “authorized researcher” refers to an*  
 5        *individual who has been appropriately authorized to*  
 6        *access data generated by the cloud laboratories sup-*  
 7        *ported under the pilot program, as determined by the*  
 8        *Secretary using an authorization process established*  
 9        *by the Secretary for such purpose.*

10          *(3) The term “cloud laboratory” means a phys-*  
 11        *ical laboratory that is equipped with automation and*  
 12        *data storage to conduct continuous experiments.*

13          *(4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of*  
 14        *Defense.*

15    **SEC. 233. PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST AND EVALUATE MUZ-**  
 16                    **ZLE BLAST OVERPRESSURE MITIGATION DE-**  
 17                    **VICES.**

18          *(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense,*  
 19        *in coordination with the Secretaries of the military depart-*  
 20        *ments, shall carry out a pilot program to evaluate, test,*  
 21        *and implement muzzle blast overpressure mitigation devices*  
 22        *for small and medium caliber weapons in relevant training*  
 23        *and operational environments.*

24          *(b) ACTIVITIES.—Under the pilot program, the Sec-*  
 25        *retary of Defense shall—*

1           (1) *assess the effectiveness of commercially avail-*  
 2           *able and emerging muzzle blast overpressure mitiga-*  
 3           *tion devices in reducing blast exposure to operators*  
 4           *and nearby personnel;*

5           (2) *evaluate the operational suitability, dura-*  
 6           *bility, and performance effects of such devices across*  
 7           *representative weapon systems and mission sets; and*

8           (3) *collect information to inform future Depart-*  
 9           *ment of Defense policies, requirements, procurement*  
 10          *decisions, and force-wide implementation strategies*  
 11          *relating to blast overpressure mitigation.*

12 **SEC. 234. SPACE TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION OF AD-**  
 13                           **VANCED NUCLEAR PROPULSION TECH-**  
 14                           **NOLOGIES.**

15          (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
 16          *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the*  
 17          *Air Force, acting through the Commander of the Air Force*  
 18          *Research Laboratory, may establish a pilot program to con-*  
 19          *duct in-space technology demonstrations, and related risk*  
 20          *reduction technology development activities, with respect to*  
 21          *both advanced nuclear fission propulsion systems and ad-*  
 22          *vanced nuclear fusion propulsion systems.*

23          (b) *PURPOSE.*—*If the Secretary carries out the pilot*  
 24          *program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall carry out*  
 25          *the pilot program in a manner that reduces technical risk*

1 *and informs future development requirements relating to*  
2 *nuclear propulsion for national security missions in space,*  
3 *including potential operations beyond geosynchronous orbit,*  
4 *including in cislunar orbit.*

5       (c) *SELECTION.—If the Secretary carries out the pilot*  
6 *program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall select en-*  
7 *tities to carry out activities under the pilot program. In*  
8 *determining the criteria for making such selection, the Sec-*  
9 *retary shall emphasize previous subcomponent and proto-*  
10 *type development and the ability to demonstrate within rea-*  
11 *sonable timeframes.*

12       (d) *DEMONSTRATION REQUIRED.—If the Secretary*  
13 *carries out the pilot program under subsection (a), not later*  
14 *than three years after the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
15 *the Secretary shall conduct in-space demonstrations de-*  
16 *scribed in subsection (a), with oversight by the Air Force*  
17 *Research Laboratory Rocket Propulsion Division at*  
18 *Edwards Air Force Base, California.*

19       (e) *ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pilot program*  
20 *under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, at a minimum—*

21               (1) *establish technical objectives and success cri-*  
22 *teria for the in-space demonstrations described in sub-*  
23 *section (a);*

24               (2) *develop a concept of operations and test and*  
25 *evaluation approach for the demonstrations;*

1           (3) *conduct ground test activities necessary to*  
2           *support the demonstrations;*

3           (4) *assist in the acquisition of launch services;*

4           (5) *plan for collection and analysis of on-orbit*  
5           *data sufficient to assess propulsion performance, oper-*  
6           *ability, and reliability; and*

7           (6) *assess potential use cases for applications in*  
8           *cislunar operations pending the conclusion of the*  
9           *demonstrations.*

10          (f) *PLAN.—Before commencing the pilot program*  
11          *under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the con-*  
12          *gressional defense committees a plan on the pilot program.*

13          (g) *REPORT.—If the Secretary carries out the pilot*  
14          *program under subsection (a), not later than one year after*  
15          *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall*  
16          *submit to the congressional defense committees a report on*  
17          *the pilot program. The report shall include—*

18               (1) *a description of the activities carried out*  
19               *under the pilot program, including the planned dem-*  
20               *onstration concept of operations and the associated*  
21               *timeline;*

22               (2) *the technical objectives and success criteria*  
23               *established under subsection (e)(1);*

24               (3) *an assessment of major technical risks and*  
25               *planned risk-mitigation activities; and*

1           (4) *an assessment of parallel efforts by the Peo-*  
 2           *ple’s Republic of China to develop and deploy ad-*  
 3           *vanced space propulsion technologies for strategic*  
 4           *purposes.*

5   **SEC. 235. PROHIBITION ON PILOT TRAINEES OPERATING T-**  
 6                           **7 AIRCRAFT PENDING TESTING AND CORREC-**  
 7                           **TIVE ACTIONS.**

8           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—A pilot trainee may not operate a  
 9   *T–7 aircraft of the Air Force until the Secretary of the Air*  
 10   *Force certifies to the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
 11   *Senate and the House of Representatives that each of the*  
 12   *following conditions have been met:*

13           (1) *All corrections to flight control laws and mis-*  
 14    *sion systems discovered in developmental testing of*  
 15    *such aircraft are fully implemented.*

16           (2) *The subsonic, transonic, and supersonic full*  
 17    *operational flight and performance envelopes of such*  
 18    *aircraft are fully tested and characterized.*

19           (3) *Qualification testing of the Ground Based*  
 20    *Training System for such aircraft is fully completed*  
 21    *and all deficiencies are resolved.*

22           (b) *PILOT TRAINEE DEFINED.*—In this section, the  
 23    *term “pilot trainee” means a non-rated officer of the Air*  
 24    *Force enrolled as a student participating in a formal un-*  
 25    *dergraduate pilot training course.*

1 **SEC. 236. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
2 **GAIN OF FUNCTION RESEARCH.**

3 (a) *PROHIBITION.*—None of the funds authorized to be  
4 appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for  
5 fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Defense may be obli-  
6 gated or expended—

7 (1) *to conduct gain-of-function research on any*  
8 *potential pandemic pathogen at any facility operated*  
9 *by or on behalf of the Department; or*

10 (2) *to award contracts, grants, cooperative agree-*  
11 *ments, or any other form of financial assistance to*  
12 *any institution of higher education, nonprofit organi-*  
13 *zation, private entity, or other research institute that*  
14 *is conducting gain-of-function research on potential*  
15 *pandemic pathogens.*

16 (b) *WAIVER.*—

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Defense may  
18 waive the prohibition under subsection (a) on a case-  
19 by-case basis, with respect to an individual research  
20 project, grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, if  
21 the Secretary determines that such a waiver is in the  
22 national interests of the United States.

23 (2) *CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE.*—Not later than 30  
24 days before the date on which an award is made, a  
25 project is initiated, or an agreement entered into,  
26 with respect to which a waiver is made under para-

1 *graph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the*  
2 *Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the*  
3 *House of Representatives notice of such waiver.*

4 *(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

5 *(1) The term “gain-of-function research” means*  
6 *any research that may be reasonably anticipated to*  
7 *confer an attribute to a pathogen such that the patho-*  
8 *gen would have enhanced pathogenicity or trans-*  
9 *missibility in mammals.*

10 *(2) The term “potential pandemic pathogen”*  
11 *means a pathogen that, as a result of any gain-of-*  
12 *function research—*

13 *(A) is likely more transmissible or likely ca-*  
14 *pable of wide and uncontrollable spread in*  
15 *human populations;*

16 *(B) is likely more virulent or likely to cause*  
17 *modest or greater morbidity or mortality in hu-*  
18 *mans; or*

19 *(C) is likely to pose a severe threat to public*  
20 *health, the capacity of the public health systems*  
21 *to function, or national security.*



1 **SEC. 237. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
2 **ANIMAL RESEARCH IN COLLABORATION WITH**  
3 **FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.**

4 (a) *PROHIBITION.*—None of the funds authorized to be  
5 appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for  
6 fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Defense may be obli-  
7 gated or expended—

8 (1) *to carry out research, development, test, eval-*  
9 *uation, or training activities involving animals—*

10 (A) *in collaboration with a foreign country*  
11 *of concern; or*

12 (B) *at any facility located in, or owned or*  
13 *controlled (directly or indirectly) by, a foreign*  
14 *country of concern; or*

15 (2) *to enter into a contract or other agreement,*  
16 *or make a grant, pursuant to which such activities*  
17 *would be carried out.*

18 (b) *FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN DEFINED.*—In  
19 this section, the term “foreign country of concern” has the  
20 meaning given that term in section 9901 of the William  
21 M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act  
22 for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 15 U.S.C.  
23 4651).

***Subtitle C—Plans, Reports, and  
Other Matters***

***SEC. 251. POLICY TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT AND AC-  
QUISITION OF QUANTUM COMPUTING SYS-  
TEMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.***

*(a) POLICY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall issue a policy to guide the development and acquisition of quantum computing systems for the Department of Defense. Under the policy, the Secretary shall—*

*(1) establish a definition of “quantum computing system” for purposes of the policy;*

*(2) establish a process for validating and verifying quantum computing systems before such systems are developed or acquired by the Department; and*

*(3) ensure that the development and acquisition of such systems is consistent with and informed by the findings and processes of the Quantum Benchmarking Initiative of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (or any successor initiative).*

*(b) LIMITATION AND WAIVER.—*

*(1) LIMITATION.—Following issuance of the policy under subsection (a), a quantum computing system may not be developed or acquired by an element*

1       of the Department of Defense unless the system has  
 2       been validated and verified in accordance with such  
 3       policy.

4           (2) *WAIVER.*—The Secretary of Defense may  
 5       waive the limitation under paragraph (1), on a case  
 6       by case basis, with respect to a specific quantum com-  
 7       puting system. In the event the Secretary issues such  
 8       a waiver, the Secretary shall provide to the congres-  
 9       sional defense committees, not later than 15 days  
 10      after date on which the waiver was issued—

11                   (A) written notice of such waiver; and

12                   (B) the Secretary's justification for the  
 13       waiver.

14   **SEC. 252. PLAN FOR COMPETITIVE EXPERIMENTATION RE-**  
 15                   **LATING TO AUTONOMOUS AND NONTRADI-**  
 16                   **TIONAL CAPABILITIES RELEVANT TO THE A-**  
 17                   **10 MISSION SET.**

18       (a) *PLAN REQUIRED.*—The Secretary of the Air Force  
 19       shall develop a plan to carry out competitive experimen-  
 20       tation, prototyping, and operational assessment of autono-  
 21       mous, semi-autonomous, artificial intelligence-enabled, and  
 22       adjunct aircraft capabilities relevant to the A–10 mission  
 23       set.

24       (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The plan under subsection (a) shall  
 25       include the following:

1           (1) *Appropriate opportunities for participation*  
2           *by nontraditional defense contractors, commercial*  
3           *technology firms, venture-backed defense firms, and*  
4           *other private-sector entities capable of rapidly devel-*  
5           *oping relevant hardware, software, autonomy, sens-*  
6           *ing, communications, or mission system capabilities.*

7           (2) *Measures to ensure operational experimen-*  
8           *tation is conducted in a manner consistent with*  
9           *meaningful human command and control, by a quali-*  
10          *fied military aviator, over mission-critical functions,*  
11          *including target engagement, weapons release, mis-*  
12          *sion abort, and such other functions as the Secretary*  
13          *of the Air Force determines appropriate.*

14          (3) *An estimated annual budget for imple-*  
15          *menting the plan.*

16          (4) *Consideration of how to make available to a*  
17          *qualified United States entity a limited number of A–*  
18          *10 aircraft, components, or associated support equip-*  
19          *ment for the sole purpose of research, development,*  
20          *test, and evaluation activities relevant to the A–10*  
21          *mission set, autonomous or semi-autonomous aircraft*  
22          *integration, mission systems development, digital bat-*  
23          *tlefield communications, or other related capabilities.*

24          (c) *REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
25          *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force*

1 *shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
 2 *Senate and the House of Representatives report on the plan*  
 3 *developed under subsection (a).*

4 (d) *QUALIFIED UNITED STATES ENTITY.*—*In this sec-*  
 5 *tion, the term “qualified United States entity” means—*

6 (1) *a nontraditional defense contractor;*

7 (2) *a traditional defense contractor;*

8 (3) *a federally funded research and development*  
 9 *center;*

10 (4) *a university-affiliated research center; or*

11 (5) *another domestic entity the Secretary deter-*  
 12 *mines is capable of carrying out the activities de-*  
 13 *scribed in subsection (a) in a manner consistent with*  
 14 *national security and public safety.*

15 **SEC. 253. PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND EVALUATION OF**  
 16 **EXPERIMENTAL, DRONE-CENTRIC RECON-**  
 17 **NAISSANCE AND SECURITY FORMATIONS.**

18 (a) *PLAN REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of the Army*  
 19 *shall develop a plan for establishing and evaluating one or*  
 20 *more experimental, battalion-sized formations that inte-*  
 21 *grate unmanned aircraft systems to carry out intelligence,*  
 22 *surveillance, and reconnaissance and precision strike oper-*  
 23 *ations at-scale.*

24 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The plan required under subsection*

25 (a) *shall—*

1           (1) *provide for the establishment of at least one*  
2           *experimental formation, as described in subsection*  
3           *(a), attached to a division;*

4           (2) *include mechanisms to enable the Secretary*  
5           *of the Army to evaluate the operational effectiveness,*  
6           *survivability, targeting capacity, and cost-efficiency*  
7           *of such a formation relative to legacy cavalry and*  
8           *scout formations, and to inform future force design*  
9           *decisions;*

10          (3) *identify any modifications to organizational*  
11          *design, personnel structure, and training pipelines*  
12          *that may be needed to facilitate the establishment of*  
13          *such a formation;*

14          (4) *as appropriate, provide for the use of rapid*  
15          *acquisition pathways to procure unmanned aircraft*  
16          *systems for such a formation; and*

17          (5) *coordinate with the Defense Autonomous*  
18          *Working Group to ensure that defense-wide research,*  
19          *development, testing, procurement, and fielding of*  
20          *mass-produced small unmanned aircraft systems will*  
21          *meet current and emerging Army requirements.*

22          (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
23          *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall*  
24          *submit to the congressional defense committees a report that*  
25          *includes—*

- 1           (1) *the plan developed under subsection (a); and*
- 2           (2) *an estimate of the funding required to estab-*
- 3           *lish and sustain the initial experimental formation*
- 4           *under the plan, disaggregated by individual appro-*
- 5           *priation.*

6 **SEC. 254. PLAN FOR USE OF CERTAIN AIRCRAFT FOR RE-**  
 7 **SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.**

8           (a) *PLAN REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of the Air Force*  
 9           *shall develop a plan to regenerate, restore, modify, and use*  
 10           *a limited number of covered aircraft for research, develop-*  
 11           *ment, test, and evaluation activities relevant to—*

- 12           (1) *autonomous and semi-autonomous aircraft*
- 13           *capabilities;*
- 14           (2) *human-machine teaming;*
- 15           (3) *mission autonomy software;*
- 16           (4) *mission systems integration;*
- 17           (5) *sensing, communications, and digital battle-*
- 18           *field networking;*
- 19           (6) *operational experimentation and tactics de-*
- 20           *velopment; and*
- 21           (7) *such other defense innovation purposes as the*
- 22           *Secretary determines appropriate.*

23           (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The plan under subsection (a) shall*  
 24           *include the following:*

- 25           (1) *Plans for the use of covered aircraft for—*

- 1                   (A) *developmental flight testing;*  
2                   (B) *operational evaluation;*  
3                   (C) *autonomy experimentation;*  
4                   (D) *software, sensor, communications, and*  
5                   *mission systems integration;*  
6                   (E) *optionally piloted, remotely assisted, or*  
7                   *other autonomy-related flight experimentation, to*  
8                   *the extent authorized by applicable law and reg-*  
9                   *ulation; and*  
10                  (F) *associated ground test, simulation, mis-*  
11                  *sion rehearsal, and related research activities.*

12               (2) *Consideration of how to make available to*  
13               *qualified United States entities a limited number of*  
14               *covered aircraft for the sole purpose of conducting the*  
15               *research, development, test, and evaluation activities*  
16               *described in this section, including any demilitariza-*  
17               *tion requirements, cost reimbursements, and access to*  
18               *approved testing and evaluation facilities that may be*  
19               *required to facilitate the participation of such enti-*  
20               *ties.*

21               (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
22               *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force*  
23               *shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
24               *Senate and the House of Representatives report on the plan*  
25               *developed under subsection (a).*



1       (d) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

2               (1) *The term “covered aircraft” means an air-*  
3 *craft preserved at, inducted into, or proposed for in-*  
4 *duction into the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and*  
5 *Regeneration Group, including an aircraft stored or*  
6 *preserved on behalf of another military department or*  
7 *Department of Defense component, that the Secretary*  
8 *of the Air Force, in coordination with the head of the*  
9 *relevant military department or component, as ap-*  
10 *propriate, determines—*

11                       (A) *is structurally viable for regeneration,*  
12 *modification, test, evaluation, or other author-*  
13 *ized use under this section;*

14                       (B) *is not required to meet current oper-*  
15 *ational, training, test, contingency reserve, herit-*  
16 *age, or security cooperation requirements; and*

17                       (C) *may be useful for research, development,*  
18 *test, and evaluation, autonomy experimentation,*  
19 *mission systems integration, uncrewed conver-*  
20 *sion, or related defense innovation purposes.*

21               (2) *The term “qualified United States entity”*  
22 *means a domestic entity that the Secretary deter-*  
23 *mines has the technical, security, financial, safety,*  
24 *and programmatic capability to support activities*  
25 *under this section, including—*

- 1                   (A) a nontraditional defense contractor;
- 2                   (B) a commercial technology company;
- 3                   (C) a small business concern;
- 4                   (D) a traditional defense contractor;
- 5                   (E) a federally funded research and develop-
- 6                   ment center;
- 7                   (F) a university-affiliated research center;
- 8                   or
- 9                   (G) a consortium, team, or other arrange-
- 10                  ment composed of entities described in subpara-
- 11                  graphs (A) through (F).

12 **SEC. 255. SONOBUOY MODERNIZATION, TESTING, AND IN-**  
 13 **VENTORY SUFFICIENCY FOR TWO SIMULTA-**  
 14 **NEOUS REGIONAL CONFLICTS.**

15           (a) *STRATEGY AND INVENTORY REQUIREMENT.*—

16                   (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 90 days after  
 17                   the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
 18                   the Navy shall develop and implement a comprehen-  
 19                   sive strategy for sonobuoy modernization, testing, pro-  
 20                   duction, and inventory sufficiency.

21                   (2) *ELEMENTS.*—The strategy required under  
 22                   paragraph (1) shall include the following:

23                           (A) An assessment of the minimum required  
 24                           inventory levels of—

25                                   (i) passive sonobuoys;

- 1                   (ii) active sonobuoys;
- 2                   (iii) multistatic sonobuoys;
- 3                   (iv) air-deployed anti-submarine war-
- 4                   fare sensor systems;
- 5                   (v) exercise, training, and telemetry
- 6                   sonobuoys;
- 7                   (vi) extended-duration and deep-water
- 8                   sonobuoys;
- 9                   (vii) Arctic-capable sonobuoys; and
- 10                  (viii) next-generation networked or au-
- 11                  tonomous sonobuoy systems.

12                   (B) An assessment of wartime sonobuoy ex-  
13                   penditure assumptions for combat operations  
14                   against peer and near-peer maritime adver-  
15                   saries, including assumptions associated with  
16                   high-tempo anti-submarine warfare operations  
17                   in the Indo-Pacific and North Atlantic theaters.

18                   (C) An evaluation of current sonobuoy pro-  
19                   duction capacity, including limitations associ-  
20                   ated with—

- 21                   (i) acoustic transducers;
- 22                   (ii) signal processing electronics;
- 23                   (iii) microelectronics and semiconduc-
- 24                   tors;
- 25                   (iv) batteries and power systems;

1                   (v) radio frequency transmitters and  
2 receivers;

3                   (vi) specialty materials and rare earth  
4 elements;

5                   (vii) air deployment integration sys-  
6 tems; and

7                   (viii) single-source supplies.

8                   (D) A plan to increase annual sonobuoy  
9 production capacity and reduce production lead  
10 times during contingencies.

11                  (E) An assessment of the adequacy of exist-  
12 ing sonobuoy testing infrastructure, including—

13                   (i) undersea warfare test ranges;

14                   (ii) acoustic measurement and calibra-  
15 tion facilities;

16                   (iii) contested electromagnetic spec-  
17 trum testing capabilities;

18                   (iv) Arctic and deep-water testing en-  
19 vironments;

20                   (v) shallow water and littoral testing  
21 capabilities;

22                   (vi) digital engineering, modeling, and  
23 synthetic testing environments;

24                   (vii) unmanned systems integration  
25 and testing capabilities; and

1                   (viii) opportunities for allied and  
2                   partner nation testing and interoperability.

3                   (F) A description of efforts to improve sono-  
4                   buoy survivability, persistence, networking capa-  
5                   bility, and effectiveness against advanced adver-  
6                   sary submarine quieting, decoys, electronic war-  
7                   fare systems, and acoustic countermeasures.

8                   (G) An assessment of storage, transpor-  
9                   tation, prepositioning, and expeditionary resup-  
10                  ply capacity for sonobuoys during wartime oper-  
11                  ations.

12                  (H) A description of efforts to integrate  
13                  sonobuoys with—

- 14                   (i) maritime patrol aircrafts;  
15                   (ii) carrier-based aircrafts;  
16                   (iii) rotary-wing anti-submarine war-  
17                  fare platforms;  
18                   (iv) tiltrotor aircrafts;  
19                   (v) unmanned aerial systems;  
20                   (vi) unmanned surface vessels;  
21                   (vii) unmanned undersea vehicles; and  
22                   (viii) joint and allied anti-submarine  
23                  warfare networks.

1           (I) *An assessment of any statutory or regu-*  
2           *latory barriers limiting expansion of sonobuoy*  
3           *production, testing, procurement, or fielding.*

4           (J) *Recommendations for legislative or ad-*  
5           *ministrative action necessary to improve sono-*  
6           *buoy readiness and wartime sufficiency.*

7       (b) *INDUSTRIAL BASE EXPANSION PLAN.*—*Not later*  
8       *than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
9       *of the Navy shall develop a plan to expand the sonobuoy*  
10       *industrial base to support sustained wartime production re-*  
11       *quirements. Such plan shall include—*

12           (1) *options for second-source suppliers;*

13           (2) *the potential for Government-owned, con-*  
14       *tractor-operated facilities;*

15           (3) *use of multiyear procurement authorities*  
16       *pursuant to section 3501 of title 10, United States*  
17       *Code;*

18           (4) *opportunities to expand public-private part-*  
19       *nerships for anti-submarine warfare sensor manufac-*  
20       *turing and sustainment;*

21           (5) *measures to improve supply chain resilience*  
22       *for critical components;*

23           (6) *options for surge production during national*  
24       *emergencies or armed conflict; and*

1           (7) opportunities for allied co-production and  
2       stockpile interoperability.

3       (c) *OPERATIONAL TEST EVENTS.*—Beginning not later  
4 than fiscal year 2028, the Secretary of the Navy shall con-  
5 duct recurring operationally realistic sonobuoy exercises  
6 that include—

7           (1) congested electromagnetic spectrum condi-  
8 tions;

9           (2) integrated fleet anti-submarine warfare oper-  
10 ations;

11          (3) multiple simultaneous submarine targets;

12          (4) degraded communications and positioning,  
13 navigation, and timing environments;

14          (5) unmanned systems integration;

15          (6) distributed maritime operations;

16          (7) Arctic and littoral anti-submarine warfare  
17 scenarios; and

18          (8) joint and allied participation, as appro-  
19 priate.

20       (d) *BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than 120  
21 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
22 Navy shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense  
23 committees on—

24           (1) the highest-risk shortfalls in sonobuoy inven-  
25 tory and testing capacity;

1           (2) *projected wartime inventory depletion*  
 2     *timelines;*

3           (3) *vulnerabilities associated with single-source*  
 4     *suppliers and critical materials dependencies; and*

5           (4) *investments required during the future-years*  
 6     *defense program to achieve sufficiency for two simul-*  
 7     *taneous regional conflicts.*

8     **SEC. 256. REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES**  
 9                     **TO ACCELERATE THE QUALIFICATION PROC-**  
 10                    **ESS FOR DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED AD-**  
 11                    **VANCED ENERGETIC MATERIALS.**

12     (a) *ACCELERATION OF FORMULATION-TO-SYSTEM*  
 13     *QUALIFICATION FOR ADVANCED ENERGETIC MATERIALS.—*

14           (1) *REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-*  
 15     *retary of Defense, acting through the head of the Joint*  
 16     *Energetics Transition Office shall—*

17                     (A) *conduct a review to identify opportuni-*  
 18     *ties to accelerate the qualification process for the*  
 19     *integration of novel advanced energetic materials*  
 20     *into military systems; and*

21                     (B) *based on the results of such review, im-*  
 22     *plement measures to accelerate such qualification*  
 23     *process.*



1           (2) *ELEMENTS*.—*In conducting the review re-*  
2           *quired under paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary of De-*  
3           *fense shall—*

4                   (A) *conduct a detailed analysis of the feasi-*  
5           *bility of—*

6                           (i) *expediting the qualification of new*  
7                           *formulations derived from advanced ener-*  
8                           *getic materials, including developmental*  
9                           *classification, insensitive munitions testing,*  
10                          *and hazard classification activities;*

11                          (ii) *streamlining nonstatutory admin-*  
12                          *istrative requirements for warhead-level and*  
13                          *system-level qualification of advanced ener-*  
14                          *getic materials in cases in which modeling,*  
15                          *simulation, and surrogate testing of such*  
16                          *materials provide sufficient evidence of*  
17                          *equivalent or superior performance and*  
18                          *safety compared to legacy energetic mate-*  
19                          *rials, without compromising statutorily pre-*  
20                          *scribed safety or environmental standards;*

21                          (iii) *implementing integrated test cam-*  
22                          *paigns that enable concurrent or overlap-*  
23                          *ping evaluations of the formulation, war-*  
24                          *head, and system performance of advanced*  
25                          *energetic materials to reduce total time to*

1 *fielding, aiming for full system qualifica-*  
2 *tion within 18 months to the extent feasible,*  
3 *while ensuring no compromise to safety or*  
4 *operational reliability; and*

5 *(iv) prioritizing advanced energetic*  
6 *materials for inclusion in mission-aligned*  
7 *prototyping, live-fire demonstrations, and*  
8 *portfolio-level experimentation under rapid*  
9 *acquisition authorities;*

10 *(B) identify any barriers to the integration*  
11 *of novel advanced energetic materials into mili-*  
12 *tary systems;*

13 *(C) develop a set of prioritized measures*  
14 *that may be implemented to address such bar-*  
15 *riers, including potential near-term measures*  
16 *achievable under existing authorities; and*

17 *(D) determine—*

18 *(i) estimated timelines for imple-*  
19 *menting such measures;*

20 *(ii) the organizations and elements of*  
21 *the Department of Defense that could carry*  
22 *out such measures; and*

23 *(iii) any statutory, regulatory, or ad-*  
24 *ministrative barriers inhibiting the imple-*  
25 *mentation of such measures.*

1       (b) *REPORT*.—Not later than one year after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall  
3 submit to the congressional defense committees a report on  
4 the findings of the review conducted under subsection  
5 (a)(1)(A) and the measures implemented under subsection  
6 (a)(1)(B). The report shall include—

7           (1) a list of advanced energetic materials for  
8 which the Secretary accelerated the formulation-to-  
9 system qualification process as a result of the review  
10 under subsection (a)(1)(A) and a list of advanced en-  
11 ergetic materials that were identified as candidates  
12 for acceleration;

13           (2) a comparison of the timelines to qualification  
14 milestones for materials identified under paragraph  
15 (1) compared to such timelines if the formulation-to-  
16 system qualification process had not been accelerated  
17 for such materials, including quantitative estimates of  
18 time savings and measurable milestones to the extent  
19 practicable;

20           (3) a description of any other actions taken to  
21 accelerate the qualification process for such materials,  
22 with justifications; and

23           (4) recommendations for further legislative or  
24 administrative actions to enhance domestic energetics  
25 production and qualification.

1       (c) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this section*  
 2 *shall be construed to authorize the waiver of any statutory*  
 3 *requirement, including any statutory requirement related*  
 4 *to safety, environmental protection, or national security.*

5       (d) *ADVANCED ENERGETIC MATERIAL DEFINED.*—*The*  
 6 *term “advanced energetic material” means a domestically*  
 7 *produced substance or mixture, such as explosives, propel-*  
 8 *lants, or pyrotechnics, that releases energy rapidly and*  
 9 *demonstrates performance improvements over legacy ener-*  
 10 *getic materials in areas such as energy density, as deter-*  
 11 *mined by the Secretary of Defense in accordance with estab-*  
 12 *lished Department of Defense standards.*

### 13       ***TITLE III—OPERATION AND*** 14       ***MAINTENANCE***

#### 15       ***Subtitle A—Authorization of*** 16       ***Appropriations***

##### 17       ***SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.***

18       *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-*  
 19 *cal year 2027 for the use of the Armed Forces and other*  
 20 *activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for ex-*  
 21 *penses, not otherwise provided for, for operation and main-*  
 22 *tenance, as specified in the funding table in section 4301.*

***Subtitle B—Energy and  
Environment***

***SEC. 311. INCLUSION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN ENERGY  
POLICY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND  
RELATED MATTERS.***

*(a) INCLUSION IN ENERGY POLICY.—Section 2911 of  
title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsections (b) and (e), by inserting “ or  
nuclear energy” after “renewable energy sources” each  
place it appears;*

*(2) in subsection (g)—*

*(A) in the heading, by inserting “ and nu-  
clear energy” after “renewable energy”;*

*(B) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by inserting  
“ or nuclear energy” after “renewable energy  
sources” each place it appears; and*

*(C) in paragraph (2), by inserting “ and  
nuclear energy” after “the use of renewable en-  
ergy”; and*

*(3) in subsection (h)(2)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “ or  
nuclear energy” after “renewable energy source,  
other than solar energy,”; and*

1                   (B) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “ or  
2                   nuclear energy” after “a renewable energy  
3                   source”.

4           (b) *INCLUSION IN MATTERS RELATING TO USE OF EN-*  
5 *ERGY FOR FACILITIES.*—Section 2915 of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7                   (1) in the section heading, by striking “renew-  
8                   able forms of energy” and inserting “nuclear energy,  
9                   renewable forms of energy,”;

10                  (2) by striking “solar energy or other renewable  
11                  forms of energy” each place it appears and inserting  
12                  “nuclear energy, or solar energy or other renewable  
13                  forms of energy,”; and

14                  (3) in subsection (b), by striking “a renewable  
15                  form of energy” and inserting “such a form of en-  
16                  ergy”.

17 **SEC. 312. MODIFICATION TO PILOT PROGRAM ON NAVY IN-**  
18 **STALLATION NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

19           Section 321(b)(2)(B) of the National Defense Author-  
20 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10  
21 U.S.C. note prec. 8751) is amended by striking “needed ca-  
22 pacity of the reactor is in the range of 20MW to 300MW”  
23 and inserting “needed capacity of the reactor is a minimum  
24 of 20MW”.

1 **SEC. 313. STANDARDIZED DOCUMENT ON SCOPE OF**  
2 **PROJECTS CARRIED OUT UNDER MILITARY**  
3 **MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than 270 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
6 fense shall establish a standardized document for the scope  
7 of munitions responses (in this section referred to as a  
8 “scope document”) for each project carried out under the  
9 Military Munitions Response Program at a covered site.

10 (b) *REQUIRED CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL.*—The  
11 Secretary of Defense shall require that, for each project spec-  
12 ified in subsection (a), the Secretary of the military depart-  
13 ment or head of the Defense Agency concerned certifies and  
14 approves the scope document for the project prior to the  
15 issuance of any task order for the project.

16 (c) *ELEMENTS.*—Each scope document shall include,  
17 with respect to the applicable project and at a minimum,  
18 the following:

19 (1) *A description of the scope of the project, in-*  
20 *cluding an identification of the applicable phase or*  
21 *phases of munitions responses under the project and*  
22 *the key assumptions, data gaps, and principal risk*  
23 *drivers, affecting such scope.*

24 (2) *A cost and schedule estimate for the comple-*  
25 *tion of such phase or phases, with contingencies suffi-*  
26 *cient to account for uncertainty in subsurface condi-*

1        *tions, anomaly or contaminant quantity, access limi-*  
2        *tations, and explosives safety constraints.*

3            (3) *A summary of explosives safety, human*  
4        *health, environmental, and mission risks, applicable*  
5        *statutory and regulatory requirements, and the con-*  
6        *sequences of delayed action with respect to the project,*  
7        *set forth in a format that supports the prioritization*  
8        *of projects across covered sites.*

9            (4) *Documented certification and approval of the*  
10       *scope document, consistent with the requirement*  
11       *under subsection (b).*

12        (d) *GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
13       *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
14       *issue guidance specifying the required form of, and addi-*  
15       *tional details on the matters required to be included in, each*  
16       *scope document based on the complexity of the covered site*  
17       *at which the applicable project is carried out and the phase*  
18       *of munitions response under such project.*

19        (e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

20            (1) *The terms “base closure law” and “Defense*  
21       *Agency” have the meanings given such terms in sec-*  
22       *tion 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.*

23            (2) *The term “covered site” means a military in-*  
24       *stallation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of*  
25       *Defense, a National Guard facility, a military instal-*



1        *lation closed or realigned under a base closure law, or*  
2        *a formerly used defense site.*

3        **SEC. 314. PILOT PROGRAM FOR SECURE RECYCLING OF DO-**  
4        **MESTIC ELECTRONIC WASTE.**

5        *(a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
6        *establish a pilot program to evaluate the use of domestic,*  
7        *integrated electronic waste recycling infrastructure to sup-*  
8        *port the secure destruction of data and the recovery of crit-*  
9        *ical materials from electronic equipment of the Department*  
10       *of Defense.*

11       *(b) SCOPE.—In carrying out the pilot program under*  
12       *subsection (a), the Secretary shall—*

13                *(1) use existing facilities capable of end-to-end*  
14                *processing of the electronic waste referred to in such*  
15                *subsection, including the secure dismantling and*  
16                *shredding of such waste and metallurgical recovery*  
17                *from such waste;*

18                *(2) assess the potential for reuse in the defense*  
19                *industrial base of critical minerals and other mate-*  
20                *rials so recovered;*

21                *(3) assess the environmental and supply chain*  
22                *benefits associated with the domestic recycling of such*  
23                *electronic waste; and*

1           (4) *ensure compliance with applicable standards*  
2           *of the Department of Defense and the National Secu-*  
3           *rity Agency, respectively, for the destruction of data.*

4           (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after the date*  
5           *of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-*  
6           *mit to the congressional defense committees a report on the*  
7           *results of the pilot program under subsection (a), including*  
8           *an assessment of—*

9                     (1) *the cost effectiveness of the pilot program;*

10                    (2) *security benefits realized through the pilot*  
11           *program, including with respect to data protection;*

12                    (3) *the effect of the pilot program on supply*  
13           *chain resilience; and*

14                    (4) *recommendations of the Secretary regarding*  
15           *the potential expansion of the pilot program across*  
16           *the Department of Defense.*

17   **SEC. 315. PROGRAM FOR DEPLOYMENT OF TRANSPORT-**  
18                     **ABLE NUCLEAR MICROREACTOR IN AREA OF**  
19                     **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES**  
20                     **INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND.**

21           (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*Not later than 90 days after*  
22           *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
23           *fense shall commence the conduct of a program for the de-*  
24           *ployment, operation, and evaluation of a transportable nu-*

1 *clear microreactor in the area of responsibility of the*  
2 *United States Indo-Pacific Command.*

3 (b) *DESIGNATION.*—*The program under subsection (a)*  
4 *shall be known as the “Operational Energy Deployable Nu-*  
5 *clear Power Program”.*

6 (c) *LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION.*—

7 (1) *EXECUTIVE AGENT.*—*The Secretary of De-*  
8 *fense shall designate the Assistant Secretary of the*  
9 *Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment as*  
10 *the Department of Defense executive agent for car-*  
11 *rying out the program under subsection (a) and en-*  
12 *suring budget accountability for such program.*

13 (2) *COORDINATION.*—*In carrying out the pro-*  
14 *gram under subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary*  
15 *designated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall coordi-*  
16 *nate with—*

17 (A) *the Commander of United States Indo-*  
18 *Pacific Command, who shall be responsible for*  
19 *validating operational requirements under the*  
20 *program, the demonstration of technologies to be*  
21 *deployed under the program, and the operational*  
22 *use of such technologies; and*

23 (B) *as appropriate, the Secretary of Energy*  
24 *and the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory*  
25 *Commission, for the purpose of ensuring the de-*

1        *ployment and operation of any nuclear micro-*  
2        *reactor under the program is carried out in a*  
3        *manner that is safe, secure, and in compliance*  
4        *with applicable requirements of the Department*  
5        *of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commis-*  
6        *sion, respectively.*

7        *(d) OBJECTIVES.—The objective of the program under*  
8        *subsection (a) shall be to deploy and operate, by not later*  
9        *than January 1, 2030, a transportable nuclear microreactor*  
10       *in support of distributed and expeditionary operations in*  
11       *contested logistics environments within the area of responsi-*  
12       *bility of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, with a*  
13       *priority for deployment in such an environment within the*  
14       *Western Pacific area.*

15       *(e) REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—The activities of the pro-*  
16       *gram under subsection (a) shall include the following:*

17            *(1) The validation of operational requirements of*  
18        *the United States Indo-Pacific Command with respect*  
19        *to the transportable nuclear microreactor to be de-*  
20        *ployed under the program, and the integration of*  
21        *such nuclear microreactor with expeditionary and*  
22        *dispersed power architectures in the area of responsi-*  
23        *bility of such Command.*

24            *(2) The development and implementation of a*  
25        *plan for the test and evaluation of such nuclear*

1        *microreactor, including with respect to sustainment,*  
2        *safety, cybersecurity, and physical security require-*  
3        *ments.*

4            (3) *The conduct of joint operational demonstra-*  
5        *tions with the United States Indo-Pacific Command*  
6        *in connection with not fewer than one major exercise*  
7        *within the area of responsibility of such Command, to*  
8        *evaluate the deployment, integration, sustainment,*  
9        *survivability, and operational use of such nuclear*  
10       *microreactor under realistic conditions.*

11        (f) *BUDGET MECHANISM.—Beginning with respect to*  
12       *fiscal year 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a*  
13       *dedicated program element, or equivalent budget mecha-*  
14       *nism, for the program under subsection (a), including to*  
15       *support the transition of technologies under such program*  
16       *from demonstration to operational capability.*

17        (g) *NUCLEAR MICROREACTOR DEFINED.—In this sec-*  
18       *tion, the term “nuclear microreactor” means a nuclear re-*  
19       *actor with a rated electric generating capacity of not great-*  
20       *er than 50 megawatts.*

1 **SEC. 316. PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OF CONNECTED VE-**  
2 **HICLES DESIGNED, DEVELOPED, MANUFAC-**  
3 **TURED, OR SUPPLIED BY PERSONS OWNED**  
4 **BY, CONTROLLED BY, OR SUBJECT TO THE**  
5 **JURISDICTION OF A FOREIGN ENTITY OF**  
6 **CONCERN ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
7 **PROPERTY.**

8 (a) *PROHIBITION OF OPERATION OF PROHIBITED*  
9 *CONNECTED VEHICLES.—*

10 (1) *PHASE 1.—After January 1, 2027, no cov-*  
11 *ered connected vehicle, as designated by the Depart-*  
12 *ment of Commerce under part 791 of title 15 of the*  
13 *Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regula-*  
14 *tion, may be operated on a military installation or*  
15 *on any other property of the Department of Defense.*

16 (2) *PHASE 2.—After January 1, 2029, no con-*  
17 *ected vehicle on the list required under subsection (b)*  
18 *may be operated on a military installation or on any*  
19 *other property of the Department of Defense.*

20 (3) *EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of Defense may*  
21 *waive the application of a prohibition under para-*  
22 *graph (1) or (2) to a connected vehicle if the Sec-*  
23 *retary determines the waiver is in the interest of na-*  
24 *tional security.*

25 (b) *LIST OF PROHIBITED CONNECTED VEHICLES.—*

1           (1) *IN GENERAL*.—Not later than January 1,  
2           2028, the Secretary of Defense shall establish and  
3           make publicly available on a website of the Depart-  
4           ment of Defense a list of prohibited connected vehicles  
5           that—

6                     (A) are designed, developed, manufactured,  
7                     or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by,  
8                     or subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign entity  
9                     of concern; and

10                    (B) the Secretary determines pose—

11                             (i) an undue risk of sabotage to or sub-  
12                             version of the design, integrity, manufac-  
13                             turing, production, distribution, installa-  
14                             tion, operation, or maintenance of informa-  
15                             tion and communications technology and  
16                             services in the United States;

17                             (ii) an undue risk of catastrophic ef-  
18                             fects on the security or resiliency of critical  
19                             infrastructure in the United States or the  
20                             digital economy of the United States; or

21                             (iii) an unacceptable risk to the na-  
22                             tional security of the United States or the  
23                             security and safety of United States per-  
24                             sons.

1           (2) *INCORPORATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL*  
2           *RULES.—In establishing the list required under para-*  
3           *graph (1), the Secretary shall incorporate Federal*  
4           *rules in effect as of the date of the enactment of this*  
5           *Act for identifying prohibited connected vehicles.*

6           (3) *ANNUAL REVIEW.—*

7           (A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall re-*  
8           *view the list required under paragraph (1) not*  
9           *less frequently than once each year and shall*  
10           *make such additions, subtractions, supplements,*  
11           *or amendments to the list as the Secretary deter-*  
12           *mines appropriate.*

13           (B) *EXPLANATION OF SUBTRACTIONS.—Any*  
14           *review under subparagraph (A) that makes sub-*  
15           *tractions from the list required under paragraph*  
16           *(1) shall include an explanation of why the sub-*  
17           *traction was made.*

18           (4) *NOTICE.—If the Secretary adds a vehicle to*  
19           *the list under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall pro-*  
20           *vide public notice of the addition.*

21           (5) *CONSULTATION.—*

22           (A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall con-*  
23           *sult with the head of any Federal department or*  
24           *agency that the Secretary determines is appro-*  
25           *priate in making the list required under para-*



1           *graph (1) and conducting any annual review*  
2           *under paragraph (3).*

3                   *(B) TRANSMITTAL OF LIST.—The Secretary*  
4           *shall transmit a copy of the list required under*  
5           *paragraph (1), and any modification to that list,*  
6           *to the heads of each Federal department or agen-*  
7           *cy determined appropriate under subparagraph*  
8           *(A).*

9           *(c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND BRIEFING.—*

10                   *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2027,*  
11           *the Secretary of Defense shall establish and provide to*  
12           *the congressional defense committees a briefing on an*  
13           *implementation plan for carrying out the prohibition*  
14           *under subsection (a).*

15                   *(2) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan re-*  
16           *quired under paragraph (1) shall include—*

17                           *(A) an identification of the lead organiza-*  
18           *tion within the Department of Defense respon-*  
19           *sible for implementing and overseeing the prohi-*  
20           *bition under subsection (a);*

21                           *(B) a description of the process by which*  
22           *the Department will identify and assess prohib-*  
23           *ited connected vehicles;*

1           (C) a description of the means by which the  
2           Department will conduct coordination with ap-  
3           propriate Federal departments and agencies;

4           (D) an identification of the metrics by  
5           which the Department will assess connected vehi-  
6           cles for threats to national security;

7           (E) a description of the means by which  
8           military installations will ensure compliance  
9           with such prohibition; and

10          (F) an assessment of resource requirements  
11          necessary to implement and maintain such pro-  
12          hibition.

13          (3) *APPLICABILITY OF PROHIBITIONS.*—A prohi-  
14          bition under subsection (a) shall not take effect before  
15          the date on which the Secretary submits to the con-  
16          gressional defense committees certification that the  
17          implementation of the prohibition is possible.

18          (d) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

19               (1) The term “connected vehicle” has the mean-  
20               ing given that term in section 791.301 of title 15,  
21               Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regulations.

22               (2) The term “foreign entity of concern” has the  
23               meaning given that term in section 9901 of the Wil-  
24               liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-  
25               ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651).

1           (3) The term “military installation” has the  
2           meaning given that term in section 2801(c) of title  
3           10, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 317. PILOT PROGRAM ON OFF-GRID TACTICAL POWER.**

5           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Defense may es-  
6           tablish a pilot program on employing expeditionary off-grid  
7           power generation capabilities across the Joint Force.

8           (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—If the Secretary carries out the  
9           pilot program authorized in subsection (a), the Secretary  
10          shall carry out the following activities under the pilot pro-  
11          gram:

12           (1) The exploration of the research, development,  
13           procurement, and operational integration of mobile  
14           expeditionary tactical microgrid systems to provide  
15           resilient power supply to forward-deployed formations  
16           and critical command, control, and communications  
17           elements at the tactical edge.

18           (2) The incorporation of novel power generation  
19           and advanced battery storage that can integrate with  
20           secure satellite communications or other mission-es-  
21           sential electronic systems.

22           (3) The conduct of operational assessments and  
23           testing of systems in conditions that simulate con-  
24           tested logistics and degraded infrastructure.

1       (c) *REPORT.*—If the Secretary carries out the pilot  
 2 program authorized in subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
 3 provide to the congressional defense committees, not later  
 4 than one year after the commencement of the pilot program,  
 5 a briefing on the status and results of the pilot program.  
 6 The briefing shall include—

7           (1) an assessment of the technologies used in the  
 8 program;

9           (2) an overview of the operational assessments  
 10 and testing of the systems, including system perform-  
 11 ance; and

12           (3) recommendations for fielding across the Joint  
 13 Force, as appropriate.

14 **SEC. 318. CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES INDE-**  
 15 **PENDENT FROM DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE**  
 16 **AGENT FOR INSTALLATION OR OPERATIONAL**  
 17 **NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

18       (a) *MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.*—Notwithstanding the  
 19 designation of the Secretary of the Army or any other offi-  
 20 cial as the Department of Defense Executive Agent for in-  
 21 stallation or operational nuclear energy, and except as ex-  
 22 pressly otherwise provided in another provision of law, the  
 23 sole authority to transfer, reprogram, obligate, expend, and  
 24 otherwise manage any funds authorized to be appropriated  
 25 for a military department for advanced nuclear energy for

1 *installation or operational energy capabilities shall be vest-*  
 2 *ed in the Secretary of such military department.*

3 (b) *NUCLEAR FUEL ALLOCATION.*—*The Secretary of*  
 4 *Defense shall make determinations regarding the allocation*  
 5 *of nuclear fuel among the military departments, including*  
 6 *determinations for the prioritization of such allocation be-*  
 7 *tween the military departments.*

8 (c) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this section*  
 9 *shall be construed as limiting any previously authorized*  
 10 *program of the Department of Defense.*

## 11 ***Subtitle C—Logistics and*** 12 ***Sustainment***

### 13 ***SEC. 321. REQUIREMENT FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS ON MU-*** 14 ***NITIONS INVENTORY NUMBERS.***

15 *Section 222c of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 16 *ed—*

17 (1) *in the section heading, by inserting “; cur-*  
 18 ***rent inventory numbers*” after “Out-Year in-**  
 19 ***ventory numbers*”;**

20 (2) *in subsection (a), by striking “subsection (c)”*  
 21 *and inserting “subsection (d)”;*

22 (3) *by redesignating subsections (b) through (h)*  
 23 *as subsections (c) through (i), respectively;*

24 (4) *by inserting after subsection (a) the following*  
 25 *new subsection:*

1       “(b) *QUARTERLY REPORTS.*—*At the same time each*  
 2 *year that the budget for the fiscal year beginning in such*  
 3 *year is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105(a)*  
 4 *of title 31, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, the Secretary*  
 5 *of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
 6 *tees a report setting forth munitions inventory numbers*  
 7 *current as of the date of the submission of such report, pre-*  
 8 *sented in the aggregate and disaggregated by armed force.”;*

9               (5) *in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by*  
 10 *striking “described in subsection (d)” and inserting*  
 11 *“described in subsection (e)”;*

12               (6) *in subsection (g), as so redesignated, by strik-*  
 13 *ing “subsection (e)(1)” and inserting “subsection*  
 14 *(f)(1)”;* *and*

15               (7) *in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by*  
 16 *striking “subsection (c)(10)” and inserting “sub-*  
 17 *section (d)(10)”.*

18 **SEC. 322. INCREASE OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

19 **THRESHOLD FOR WORKING-CAPITAL FUNDS.**

20       *Section 2208(k)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 21 *amended by striking “installation or a science and tech-*  
 22 *nology reinvention laboratory and not less than \$250,000*  
 23 *for procurements at all other facilities” and inserting “in-*  
 24 *stallation, science and technology reinvention laboratory, or*  
 25 *any other facility”.*

1 **SEC. 323. ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL RESERVE INDUSTRIAL**  
2 **BASE.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 131 of title 10, United  
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2224a  
5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 2224b. Civil Reserve Industrial Base**

7 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Defense, acting  
8 through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
9 Sustainment, shall establish the Civil Reserve Industrial  
10 Base program under which the Secretary shall enter into  
11 agreements under subsection (c) with covered commercial  
12 facilities—

13 “(1) to enhance the availability and responsive-  
14 ness of sustainment and repair capabilities in sup-  
15 port of military operations; and

16 “(2) to strengthen the collaboration during  
17 peacetime between the Department of Defense and the  
18 defense industrial base in theater by leveraging the  
19 capacity of covered commercial facilities and the co-  
20 sustainment capabilities of allies and partners of the  
21 United States, including through the assignment of  
22 recurring low-volume or mid-volume workloads, to en-  
23 sure the availability of logistics, sustainment, and re-  
24 pair surge capacity during contingency operations.

25 “(b) *PROGRAM ELEMENTS.*—In carrying out this sec-  
26 tion, the Secretary shall—

1           “(1) identify covered commercial facilities that  
2           are located within the area of operations of each of  
3           the geographic combatant commands, including facili-  
4           ties in allied and partner nations;

5           “(2) develop arrangements to store, maintain,  
6           and manage replenishment parts and related equip-  
7           ment at covered commercial facilities identified under  
8           paragraph (1) that enter into agreements with the  
9           Secretary under subsection (c);

10          “(3) enter into agreements under subsection (c)  
11          with such facilities under which such facilities agree  
12          to provide peacetime workload or sustainment activi-  
13          ties or receive other incentives to ensure such facilities  
14          and personnel employed by such facilities remain  
15          qualified, ready, and available to support contingency  
16          operations; and

17          “(4) integrate the participating facilities and the  
18          capabilities such facilities provide into the product  
19          support strategy developed in accordance with section  
20          4324 of this title, other relevant sustainment plan-  
21          ning, logistics posture efforts, and the operational  
22          plans of the geographic combatant commands.

23          “(c) AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out this section, the  
24          Secretary of Defense may enter into contracts, grants, coop-  
25          erative agreements, or other appropriate agreements with



1 covered commercial facilities under which such facilities  
 2 agree to provide for the storage, maintenance, repair, over-  
 3 haul, and distribution of replenishment parts and related  
 4 equipment. An agreement under this subsection may—

5 “(1) provide for the use of commercial facilities  
 6 and personnel during peacetime and contingency op-  
 7 erations;

8 “(2) include terms addressing force protection,  
 9 continuity of operations, and security requirements;

10 “(3) provide for the sustainment of capability  
 11 through recurring peacetime workload, as appro-  
 12 priate;

13 “(4) provide for support for commercial entities  
 14 headquartered in the United States in order to pro-  
 15 vide surge operational support when required by the  
 16 Secretary; and

17 “(5) support and encourage the negotiation of  
 18 voluntary license agreements directly between original  
 19 equipment manufacturers and third parties in ac-  
 20 cordance with section 3771(b)(9)(C) of this title.

21 “(d) CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR TECHNICAL  
 22 DATA.—Sections 3771 through 3775 of this title shall apply  
 23 to contractor and subcontractor technical data in contracts  
 24 or agreements entered into under this section.

25 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           “(1) The term ‘covered commercial facility’  
2           means a commercial facility owned by a United  
3           States entity that is capable of providing one or more  
4           of the following:

5                   “(A) Warehousing and secure storage.

6                   “(B) Supply chain management and dis-  
7                   tribution.

8                   “(C) Maintenance, repair, and overhaul.

9                   “(D) Repairable management, component  
10                  repair, and test capability.

11                  “(E) Other sustainment-related capabilities  
12                  identified by the Secretary.

13           “(2) The term ‘replenishment parts’ means re-  
14           pair parts, components, or other items to support the  
15           sustainment of Department of Defense systems and  
16           equipment through replacement, repair, or overhaul.”.

17           (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
18           of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall  
19           submit to the congressional defense committees a report on  
20           the implementation of section 2224b of title 10, United  
21           States Code, as added by subsection (a). Such report shall  
22           include each of the following:

23                   (1) A description of the structure and governance  
24                   of the Civil Reserve Industrial Base program, as es-  
25                   tablished by such section.

1           (2) *A description of the types of covered commer-*  
2           *cial facilities and capabilities identified under sub-*  
3           *section (b)(1) of such section, including the number of*  
4           *such facilities identified that are located in the area*  
5           *of operations of each of geographic combatant com-*  
6           *mands.*

7           (3) *An assessment of the sustainment, readiness,*  
8           *and resiliency benefits of leveraging commercial fa-*  
9           *cilities for in-theater replenishment parts storage and*  
10          *maintenance, including the expected effect on time-to-*  
11          *repair and time-to-resupply for key platforms.*

12          (4) *A description of the contracting mechanisms,*  
13          *incentives, or public-private partnership authorities*  
14          *required to enable recurring peacetime use by the De-*  
15          *partment of Defense of covered commercial facilities*  
16          *under the Civil Reserve Industrial Base program.*

17          (5) *A description of any force protection, oper-*  
18          *ational security, or continuity-of-operations require-*  
19          *ments applicable to covered commercial facilities par-*  
20          *ticipating in the Civil Reserve Industrial Base in the*  
21          *event of conflict.*

22          (6) *An identification of statutory, regulatory, or*  
23          *policy barriers that limit the ability of the Depart-*  
24          *ment to implement the Civil Reserve Industrial Base,*

1       *including barriers related to contracting, logistics pol-*  
 2       *icy, or cross-border sustainment.*

3               *(7) Any recommendations for additional authori-*  
 4       *ties needed to expand or sustain the Civil Reserve In-*  
 5       *dustrial Base.*

6   **SEC. 324. MODIFICATION OF MINIMUM CAPITAL INVEST-**  
 7               **MENT FOR CERTAIN DEPOTS OF DEPART-**  
 8               **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

9       *Section 2476(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 10   *amended by striking “the preceding three fiscal years” and*  
 11   *inserting “the preceding fiscal year, the current fiscal year,*  
 12   *and the estimated amount for the following fiscal year”.*

13   **SEC. 325. EXPANSION OF COVERED DEPOTS TO INCLUDE**  
 14               **CRANE ARMY AMMUNITION ACTIVITY, INDI-**  
 15               **ANA.**

16       *Section 2476(f)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 17   *amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-*  
 18   *graph:*

19               *“(J) Crane Army Ammunition Activity, In-*  
 20       *diana.”.*

1 **SEC. 326. EXPANSION OF SPACE-AVAILABLE TRAVEL PRO-**  
2 **GRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**  
3 **STATIONED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL STA-**  
4 **TION GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.**

5 *Section 2641b of title 10, United States Code, is*  
6 *amended—*

7 *(1) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection*  
8 *(h); and*

9 *(2) by inserting after subsection (f) the following*  
10 *new subsection (g):*

11 *“(g) PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM*  
12 *UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY,*  
13 *CUBA.—(1) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an individual*  
14 *eligible for the travel program under subsection (c)(1) and*  
15 *stationed at United States Naval Station Guantanamo*  
16 *Bay, Cuba, may purchase transportation on Department*  
17 *of Defense aircraft, at commercially-competitive rates as de-*  
18 *termined by the Secretary of Defense, for travel to and from*  
19 *Naval Station Guantanamo Bay on a space-available basis.*

20 *“(2) An individual who purchases transportation pur-*  
21 *suant to paragraph (1) shall receive a priority consistent*  
22 *with members of the armed forces traveling in a space-re-*  
23 *quired status, as determined by the Secretary.*

24 *“(3) Amounts collected pursuant to paragraph (1) for*  
25 *transportation shall be credited to the applicable appro-*  
26 *priation of the Armed Force providing such transportation,*

1 *shall be merged with funds in the appropriation to which*  
 2 *credited, and shall be available for the same purposes and*  
 3 *period as the appropriation with which merged.”.*

4 **SEC. 327. AUTHORIZATION OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION**  
 5 **FUEL PROCUREMENT.**

6 *Section 2911 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 7 *ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

8 *“(k) SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL PROCUREMENT.—*  
 9 *The Secretary of Defense may procure sustainable aviation*  
 10 *fuel for operational or training purposes at a cost that ex-*  
 11 *ceeds the cost of conventional petroleum based aviation*  
 12 *fuel.”.*

13 **SEC. 328. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF PILOT PRO-**  
 14 **GRAM ON OPTIMIZATION OF AERIAL REFUEL-**  
 15 **ING AND FUEL MANAGEMENT IN CONTESTED**  
 16 **LOGISTICS ENVIRONMENTS THROUGH USE**  
 17 **OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

18 *Section 346 of the National Defense Authorization Act*  
 19 *for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is amended—*

20 *(1) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the*  
 21 *following:*

22 *“(c) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Under*  
 23 *Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in*  
 24 *coordination with the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, shall*  
 25 *implement the pilot program under this section, by not*

1 *later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of the*  
2 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027.”;*

3 *(2) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection*  
4 *(g);*

5 *(3) in subsection (g) as so redesignated, by strik-*  
6 *ing “January 1, 2027” and inserting “January 1,*  
7 *2030”; and*

8 *(4) by inserting after subsection (d) the following*  
9 *new subsections (e) and (f):*

10 *“(e) RESPONSIBILITY.—Beginning on the date that is*  
11 *180 days after the date of the enactment of the National*  
12 *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027, the Under*  
13 *Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in*  
14 *coordination with the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, shall*  
15 *be responsible for carrying out the pilot program under this*  
16 *section.*

17 *“(f) BRIEFING.—Not later than January 1, 2028, the*  
18 *Under Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense*  
19 *committees a briefing on the status of the implementation*  
20 *of the pilot program under this section. Such briefing shall*  
21 *address—*

22 *“(1) outcomes and performance metrics of the*  
23 *pilot program;*

24 *“(2) any barriers identified for integration of the*  
25 *pilot program into operational planning; and*

1           “(3) recommendations regarding continuation,  
2           modification, or expansion of the pilot program.”.

3   **SEC. 329. ARMY EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION OF 155MM AR-**  
4           **TILLERY AMMUNITION.**

5           (a) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.*—*It is the sense of Congress*  
6   *that—*

7               (1) *the production of 155mm artillery ammuni-*  
8               *tion at a minimum rate to reach total munition re-*  
9               *quirements is a national priority; and*

10              (2) *the production rate of such ammunition*  
11              *should be sustained or increased over the next five*  
12              *years in order to—*

13                   (A) *fully meet all Army and Marine Corps*  
14                   *annual training requirements;*

15                   (B) *rebuild war reserve inventories for both*  
16                   *the Army and the Marine Corps to fully comply*  
17                   *with the planning guidance of the Secretary of*  
18                   *Defense and ensure that associated inventory*  
19                   *and war reserve levels are met;*

20                   (C) *modernize the stockpile with the best*  
21                   *performing weapons; and*

22                   (D) *continue foreign military sales of am-*  
23                   *munition manufactured in the United States to*  
24                   *generate the domestic workforce and assures war-*  
25                   *time interoperability with United States allies.*



1       (b) *PRODUCTION EXPANSION.*—*The Secretary of the*  
2 *Army shall—*

3           (1) *expand and upgrade facilities of the Army*  
4 *that are used to produce propellant, metal parts, ex-*  
5 *plosive fill, load assemble pack, and components of*  
6 *155mm artillery; and*

7           (2) *increase the production of propellant, metal*  
8 *parts, explosive fill, load assemble pack, and compo-*  
9 *nents of 155mm artillery to ensure that—*

10           (A) *the total production capacity of all such*  
11 *facilities reaches 100,000 rounds each month;*  
12 *and*

13           (B) *the Out-Year Unconstrained Total Mu-*  
14 *nitions Requirement for 155mm artillery ammu-*  
15 *nition in effect for the Army pursuant to section*  
16 *222c of title 10, United States Code, is met.*

17       (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
18 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall*  
19 *submit to the congressional defense committees a report on*  
20 *the steps taken by the Secretary to carry out the require-*  
21 *ments of this section. Such report shall include—*

22           (1) *an identification of the amount of funds re-*  
23 *quired to reach the production capacity under sub-*  
24 *section (b)(2)(A);*

25           (2) *a plan for—*

1           (A) expanding and upgrading facilities of  
 2           the Army used to produce 15mm artillery am-  
 3           munition; and

4           (B) increasing the rate of production of  
 5           such munitions;

6           (3) an estimated time frame for when the pro-  
 7           duction capacity under subsection (b)(2)(A) will be  
 8           reached;

9           (4) an estimated time frame for the production  
 10          of sufficient munitions to replenish stocks to reach  
 11          total munition requirements under the Out-Year Un-  
 12          constrained Total Munitions Requirement for 155mm  
 13          artillery in effect for the Army pursuant to section  
 14          222c of title 10, United States Code; and

15          (5) a long-term plan to sustain munitions pro-  
 16          duction facilities as demand for artillery ammunition  
 17          may increase or decrease.

18 **SEC. 330. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO AERIAL REFUEL-**  
 19 **ING CAPABILITY OF AIR FORCE TANKER**  
 20 **FLEET.**

21          (a) *REQUIREMENTS*.—Not later than 180 days after  
 22          the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
 23          Air Force shall—

1           (1) *adopt the use of metrics and standards for*  
2           *specifically assessing the aerial refueling capability of*  
3           *the tanker fleet of the Air Force;*

4           (2) *direct the Commander of the Air Mobility*  
5           *Command, in coordination with any program offices*  
6           *and entities of such command that the Commander*  
7           *determines relevant, to submit to the Committees on*  
8           *Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-*  
9           *resentatives periodic reports on the application of the*  
10          *metrics and standards required under paragraph (1)*  
11          *to assess the aerial refueling capability of the tanker*  
12          *fleet;*

13          (3) *conduct a comprehensive Air Force-wide as-*  
14          *essment of risks associated with the sustainment of*  
15          *the aerial refueling tanker fleet of the Air Force, in-*  
16          *cluding, for each such risk, an assessment of the likeli-*  
17          *hood of the risk occurring and the likely effects of the*  
18          *risk if it occurs; and*

19          (4) *develop a mitigation plan based on the re-*  
20          *sults of the risk assessment required under paragraph*  
21          (3).

22          (b) *REPORT.—*

23                 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,*  
24                 *2027, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to*  
25                 *the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and*

1     *the House of Representatives a report on the progress*  
 2     *of implementing the requirements under subsection*  
 3     *(a). Such report shall include a comprehensive readi-*  
 4     *ness improvement plan for addressing the*  
 5     *sustainment challenges of the aerial refueling capa-*  
 6     *bility of the tanker fleet.*

7             (2) *FORM OF REPORT.*—*The report required*  
 8     *under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassi-*  
 9     *fied form, but may include a classified annex.*

10 **SEC. 331. NAVY CONTAINERIZED EXPEDITIONARY AD-**  
 11 **VANCED MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES**  
 12 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

13     (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—

14             (1) *AUTHORITY.*—*Beginning not later than 180*  
 15     *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
 16     *Secretary of the Navy, acting through the Commander*  
 17     *of the Naval Sea Systems Command and in coordina-*  
 18     *tion with the Commander of the United States Indo-*  
 19     *Pacific Command and the heads of such other Navy*  
 20     *organizations as the Secretary considers appropriate,*  
 21     *shall carry out a pilot program to—*

22                     (A) *field, evaluate, and assess compact con-*  
 23     *tainerized expeditionary advanced manufac-*  
 24     *turing capabilities in support of naval and joint*

1       *forces operating in contested, remote, and expedi-*  
2       *tionary environments;*

3               *(B) expand the use of advanced and addi-*  
4       *tive manufacturing within the Department of*  
5       *Defense;*

6               *(C) support the objectives of the Department*  
7       *of the Navy Advanced Manufacturing Strategy,*  
8       *including warfighter self-sufficiency and distrib-*  
9       *uted sustainment; and*

10              *(D) evaluate and define validated Navy re-*  
11       *quirements for containerized expeditionary ad-*  
12       *vanced manufacturing capabilities rather than*  
13       *replace traditional industrial base production,*  
14       *depot-level repair, or established logistics sys-*  
15       *tems.*

16       (2) *EXECUTION.—*

17              *(A) LEAD AGENT.—The Naval Sea Systems*  
18       *Command Technology Office, in coordination*  
19       *with the Naval Surface Warfare Centers, shall*  
20       *serve as the lead technical and programmatic*  
21       *agent for the pilot program.*

22              *(B) SUPPORT.—The Secretary may use the*  
23       *Naval Postgraduate School, and seek to enter*  
24       *into agreements with other appropriate public or*  
25       *private entities, to support experimentation,*

1           *operational execution, data collection, digital in-*  
2           *tegration, sustainment planning, training devel-*  
3           *opment, and requirements capture activities con-*  
4           *ducted under the pilot program.*

5           ***(b) DESIGN OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall design***  
6           *the pilot program to—*

7                   *(1) evaluate the operational utility of compact,*  
8                   *containerized expeditionary advanced manufacturing*  
9                   *systems capable of producing metal and polymer com-*  
10                  *ponents in contested and austere environments;*

11                  *(2) assess how such capabilities may provide*  
12                  *commanders with additional options to restore readi-*  
13                  *ness in remote or denied conditions when traditional*  
14                  *resupply or depot support is unavailable or delayed;*

15                  *(3) evaluate the appropriate role of commander*  
16                  *discretion and commander risk in the production and*  
17                  *installation of expeditionary-manufactured parts;*

18                  *(4) identify categories of components suitable for*  
19                  *edge production and establish associated qualification,*  
20                  *documentation, and digital traceability requirements;*

21                  *(5) assess operator training, workforce develop-*  
22                  *ment, and certification requirements necessary to nor-*  
23                  *malize safe and effective use of compact, containerized*  
24                  *advanced manufacturing systems;*

1           (6) *evaluate sustainment requirements for expeditionary manufacturing systems, including maintenance, consumables, digital integration, configuration management, and supply chain implications;*

5           (7) *measure effects such systems on readiness, maintenance timelines, logistics demand, and operational availability; and*

8           (8) *inform future Navy requirements, acquisition pathways, standards, and resourcing decisions regarding expeditionary manufacturing as a complementary sustainment capability.*

12       (c) *SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that advanced manufacturing systems evaluated under the pilot program shall—*

16           (1) *consist of containerized platforms not exceeding a 10-foot by 10-foot footprint;*

18           (2) *provide multi-material additive manufacturing capabilities;*

20           (3) *integrate additive and subtractive manufacturing processes;*

22           (4) *support secure digital engineering workflows and configuration control;*

24           (5) *be compatible with naval and expeditionary power sources; and*

1           (6) be operable by trained military personnel in  
2       *deployed maritime and expeditionary environments.*

3       (d) *ELEMENTS.—The pilot program shall consist of the*  
4 *following two elements:*

5           (1) *A forward-oriented element carried out in*  
6 *support of exercises and deployed maritime oper-*  
7 *ations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command to*  
8 *evaluate—*

9                   (A) *operational employment;*

10                  (B) *test and evaluation under expeditionary*  
11 *conditions;*

12                  (C) *commander use authorities; and*

13                  (D) *training in distributed and contested*  
14 *environments.*

15           (2) *An element carried out at one or more naval*  
16 *installations designated by the Secretary that are lo-*  
17 *cated in the continental United States and that may*  
18 *support surface, subsurface, and aviation forces to*  
19 *conduct—*

20                   (A) *real-time fleet feedback;*

21                   (B) *operator training development;*

22                   (C) *sustainment refinement;*

23                   (D) *digital integration; and*

24                   (E) *iterative requirements development.*



1       (e) *PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY.*—To carry out the  
2 pilot program under this section, subject to the availability  
3 of appropriations, the Secretary of the Navy shall procure  
4 not fewer than two expeditionary advanced manufacturing  
5 systems using amounts authorized to be appropriated for  
6 the Navy for research, development, test and evaluation, op-  
7 erations, or sustainment, consistent with applicable law.

8       (f) *REPORTING REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than one  
9 year after the date of the establishment of the pilot program,  
10 and annually thereafter for the duration of the pilot pro-  
11 gram, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congres-  
12 sional defense committees a report that includes—

13           (1) *an identification of the units and locations*  
14 *selected for purposes of the pilot program;*

15           (2) *a description of the operational outcomes of*  
16 *the pilot program, including case studies;*

17           (3) *an assessment of the employment authorities*  
18 *of the Commander of United States Pacific Command*  
19 *and associated risk frameworks that are relevant to*  
20 *the pilot program;*

21           (4) *an identification of part categories appro-*  
22 *priate for expeditionary production;*

23           (5) *training, workforce, and certification require-*  
24 *ments for the pilot program;*

(7) the effects of the pilot program on readiness,  
logistics demand, and maintenance timelines; and

(8) the recommendations of the Secretary regarding formal requirement validation and transition of expeditionary point-of-need advanced manufacturing to an enduring complementary capability.

9 (g) DURATION.—The duration of the pilot program re-  
10 quired under subsection (a) shall be not fewer than three  
11 years and not more than five years.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of the Navy shall seek to enter into a contract with a public transportation services provider for the purpose of expanding transportation services available on Navy installations for members of the Armed Forces and their families. A contract under this section shall prioritize expanding transportation services between lodging facilities, dining facilities, fitness and recreation centers, administrative offices, air terminals, and other activity centers of a Naval installation to improve security and personnel safety at the Navy installation.

1       (b) *SELECTION OF INSTALLATIONS AND PROVIDERS.*—

2       *The Secretary shall—*

3               (1) *select one or more Navy installations at*  
4       *which to expand transportation services pursuant to*  
5       *a contract under subsection (a); and*

6               (2) *for each selected Navy installation, identify*  
7       *a public transportation services provider that—*

8                       (A) *provides public transportation services*  
9       *in the geographic area where the Navy installa-*  
10       *tion is located; and*

11                      (B) *the Secretary determines is capable of*  
12       *carrying out the contract in a manner that—*

13                               (i) *addresses the transportation needs*  
14       *of installation personnel, including junior*  
15       *enlisted personnel without access to personal*  
16       *vehicles;*

17                               (ii) *improves the quality of life and*  
18       *military readiness of installation personnel;*  
19       *and*

20                               (iii) *implements best practices for*  
21       *partnerships between the installation and*  
22       *the provider.*

23       (c) *TERMINATION.*—*The period of a contract author-*  
24       *ized under this section may not exceed three years.*

25       (d) *REPORT.*—

1           (1) *INITIAL REPORT.*—Not later than 90 days  
2     after the conclusion of the second year of a contract  
3     authorized under this section, the Secretary shall sub-  
4     mit to the congressional defense committees an initial  
5     report on the contract that includes—

6           (A) preliminary findings on the transpor-  
7     tation services provided under the contract, in-  
8     cluding ridership levels and service effectiveness;

9           (B) an initial evaluation of effects of the  
10    transportation services on the quality of life and  
11    military readiness of Navy installation per-  
12    sonnel;

13          (C) the cost to the Secretary of the contract  
14    for the first two years; and

15          (D) the recommendation of the Secretary as  
16    to whether to extend the contract or to enter into  
17    similar contracts for the provision of transpor-  
18    tation services at additional Navy installations.

19       (2) *FINAL REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days  
20    after the conclusion of the contract, the Secretary  
21    shall submit to the congressional defense committees a  
22    final report on the contract that includes—

23          (A) a comprehensive assessment of ridership  
24    levels and service effectiveness of the transpor-  
25    tation services provided under the contract;

1           (B) a complete evaluation of effects of the  
2           mass transit services on the quality of life and  
3           military readiness of Navy installation per-  
4           sonnel;

5           (C) the cost to the Secretary of the contract;

6           (D) the recommendation of the Secretary as  
7           to whether to extend the contract or to enter into  
8           similar contracts for the provision of transpor-  
9           tation services at additional Navy installations;  
10          and

11          (E) such other matters as the Secretary de-  
12          termines appropriate.

13       (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

14           (1) The term “congressional defense committees”  
15           has the meaning given that term in section  
16           101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

17           (2) The term “Navy installation” means a mili-  
18           tary installation (as such term is defined in section  
19           2801 of title 10, United States Code) under the juris-  
20           diction of the Chief of Naval Operations.

21           (3) The term “public transportation services”  
22           means—

23           (A) public transportation, as defined in sec-  
24           tion 5302 of title 49, United States Code;

1           (B) *over-the-road bus transportation, as de-*  
2           *finied in section 1501 of the Homeland Security*  
3           *Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 1151), and school bus*  
4           *transportation;*

5           (C) *intercity rail passenger transportation,*  
6           *as defined in section 24102 of title 49, United*  
7           *States Code;*

8           (D) *the transportation of passengers on-*  
9           *board a passenger vessel, as defined in section*  
10          *2101 of title 46, United States Code; and*

11          (E) *other regularly scheduled waterborne*  
12          *transportation service of passengers by vessel of*  
13          *at least 20 gross tons.*

14          (4) *The term “public transportation services pro-*  
15          *vider” means—*

16               (A) *a State, local, or Federal government*  
17               *entity that provides public transportation serv-*  
18               *ices; or*

19               (B) *or a non-government entity that—*

20                       (i) *receives financial assistance from a*  
21                       *State, local, or Federal government entity;*  
22                       *and*

23                       (ii) *provides public transportation*  
24                       *services.*

1 **SEC. 333. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SUSTAINMENT OF**  
2 **A-10 AIRCRAFT AND RELATED TRAINING.**

3 (a) *LIMITATION ON RELOCATION OF A-10 TRAINING*  
4 *UNIT.—The Secretary of the Air Force may not relocate*  
5 *the formal training unit of the Air Force for providing to*  
6 *pilots the qualifications necessary for the operation of A-*  
7 *10 aircraft, including by reassigning the primary training*  
8 *activities carried out by such unit to another military in-*  
9 *stallation, unless—*

10 (1) *the Secretary submits to the congressional de-*  
11 *fense committees an analysis comparing the costs and*  
12 *benefits of such relocation versus preserving the unit*  
13 *at its current location; and*

14 (2) *a period of 90 days has elapsed following the*  
15 *date of such submission.*

16 (b) *SUSTAINMENT REQUIREMENTS.—*

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air*  
18 *Force shall maintain, as necessary, sufficient training*  
19 *capacity, development, test, and evaluation capacity,*  
20 *depot-level maintenance and repair capacity, supply,*  
21 *logistics, and contractor capacity, and other*  
22 *sustainment-related capacity to ensure the A-10 fleet*  
23 *remains operationally viable through fiscal year 2030,*  
24 *including with respect to each mission and capability*  
25 *of such fleet as of the date of the enactment of this Act*  
26 *(including combat search and rescue missions).*

1           (2) *FORMAL TRAINING UNIT.*—*In carrying out*  
2           *this subsection, the Secretary shall, as necessary,*  
3           *maintain a formal training unit of the Air Force for*  
4           *providing to pilots the qualifications necessary for the*  
5           *operation of A–10 aircraft, and a process for the re-*  
6           *qualification of pilots formerly so qualified.*

7           (3) *BUDGET MATERIALS.*—*Concurrent with the*  
8           *submission to Congress of a budget pursuant to sec-*  
9           *tion 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for each of*  
10          *fiscal years 2028 through 2030, the Secretary of De-*  
11          *fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
12          *mittees a report on the amounts necessary to imple-*  
13          *ment this subsection.*

14          (c) *ANNUAL BRIEFING ON A–10 SUSTAINMENT.*—

15               (1) *ANNUAL BRIEFING.*—*Not later than March 1,*  
16               *2027, and annually thereafter until March 1, 2030,*  
17               *the Secretary of the Air Force shall provide to the*  
18               *congressional defense committees a briefing describing*  
19               *the extent to which the Department of the Air Force*  
20               *met the requirements under subsection (b) during the*  
21               *preceding fiscal year.*

22               (2) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each briefing required under*  
23               *paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, the fol-*  
24               *lowing:*



1           (A) *An identification of the number of pi-*  
2           *lots that received the qualifications necessary for*  
3           *the operation of A-10 aircraft during the pre-*  
4           *ceding fiscal year, disaggregated by whether such*  
5           *qualifications were an initial qualification or a*  
6           *requalification.*

7           (B) *An identification of the number of offi-*  
8           *cers that received advanced instructor qualifica-*  
9           *tions through the weapons instructor course for*  
10          *A-10 aircraft offered through the United States*  
11          *Air Force Weapons School, disaggregated by*  
12          *whether such qualifications were an initial qual-*  
13          *ification or a requalification.*

14          (C) *A description of the status of actions*  
15          *taken to meet the requirement under subsection*  
16          *(b)(2) during the preceding fiscal year, and any*  
17          *related instructor shortfalls.*

18          (D) *A description of the status of oper-*  
19          *ational test and evaluation capacity with respect*  
20          *to the A-10 fleet, including major limitations af-*  
21          *fecting airworthiness, weapons integration, tac-*  
22          *tics development, or mission effectiveness.*

23          (E) *The status of programmed depot-level*  
24          *maintenance and repair with respect to A-10*  
25          *aircraft or related infrastructure, and any re-*

1            *sulting effect on the ability of the Department to*  
2            *meet the requirements under subsection (b).*

3            *(F) The status of logistics, supply, con-*  
4            *tractor maintenance, and other sustainment*  
5            *functions for the A-10 fleet, and any resulting*  
6            *effect on the ability of the Department to meet*  
7            *the requirements under subsection (b).*

8            *(G) An assessment as to whether the De-*  
9            *partment met the requirements under subsection*  
10           *(b) during the preceding fiscal year.*

11           *(H) A description of any shortfall, delay, or*  
12           *other deviation resulting in a failure to meet any*  
13           *such requirement, including any corrective ac-*  
14           *tion planned or underway.*

15           *(d) ROADMAP FOR A-10 FLEET SUSTAINMENT.—*

16           *(1) ROADMAP REQUIRED.—Not later than 90*  
17           *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
18           *Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congres-*  
19           *sional defense committees a roadmap setting forth*  
20           *proposed actions to meet the requirements under sub-*  
21           *section (b).*

22           *(2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 15 days after the*  
23           *date of the submission of the roadmap under para-*  
24           *graph (1), the Secretary of the Air Force shall provide*  
25           *to the congressional defense committees a briefing on*

1        *such roadmap and any anticipated material shortfall*  
2        *in meeting a requirement under subsection (b).*

3            (3) *ANNUAL UPDATES.*—*Not later than one year*  
4        *after the date of the submission of the roadmap under*  
5        *paragraph (1), and annually thereafter until Sep-*  
6        *tember 30, 2030, the Secretary of the Air Force shall*  
7        *submit to the congressional defense committees a writ-*  
8        *ten update to such roadmap.*

9            (e) *PROGRAM TO PRESERVE KNOWLEDGE AND HIS-*  
10       *TORY RELATING TO A-10 AIRCRAFT.*—

11           (1) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary of the Air*  
12        *Force shall establish a program to preserve technical*  
13        *and historical knowledge relating to the operation*  
14        *and sustainment of the A-10 fleet.*

15           (2) *LEAD ENTITY.*—*The Director of the Air*  
16        *Force Historical Research Agency shall serve as the*  
17        *lead entity carrying out the program under para-*  
18        *graph (1), in coordination with the Commander of*  
19        *the Air Combat Command, the head of the National*  
20        *Museum of the United States Air Force, and such*  
21        *other organizations of the Department of the Air*  
22        *Force as the Secretary of the Air Force determines*  
23        *appropriate.*

1           (3) *REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.*—*The program estab-*  
2           *lished under paragraph (1) shall include, at a min-*  
3           *imum the following activities:*

4                   (A) *The collection of oral histories relating*  
5                   *to the A–10 fleet from pilots, advanced instruc-*  
6                   *tor-qualified aircrew, maintainers, joint ter-*  
7                   *minal attack controllers, and other personnel in-*  
8                   *volved in the operation (including operational*  
9                   *support for combat search and rescue missions)*  
10                  *or sustainment of aircraft within such fleet.*

11                  (B) *The collection and preservation of*  
12                  *records associated with the A–10 fleet, including*  
13                  *technical data, operational tactics, weapons inte-*  
14                  *gration records, upgrade and modification his-*  
15                  *tory, and records relating to the sustainment of*  
16                  *aircraft within such fleet.*

17                  (C) *The digital archiving of materials col-*  
18                  *lected under subparagraphs (A) and (B) in a*  
19                  *searchable repository accessible to appropriate*  
20                  *users within the Department of Defense.*

21                  (D) *The identification of lessons learned*  
22                  *pursuant to the materials so collected.*

23                  (E) *The development of recommendations*  
24                  *for collecting, preserving, and transferring*  
25                  *knowledge relating to the A–10 fleet with respect*

1           to design, doctrine, training, and sustainment  
2           activities relating to successor aircraft.

3           (4) *REPORT*.—Not later than one year after the  
4           date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
5           Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense  
6           committees a report containing a summary of—

7                   (A) the activities carried out under the pro-  
8                   gram established under paragraph (1);

9                   (B) the status of the archive established pur-  
10                  suant to paragraph (3)(C); and

11                  (C) the principal lessons learned identified  
12                  pursuant to paragraph (3)(D).

13           (f) *DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR DE-*  
14 *FINED*.—In this section, the term “depot-level maintenance  
15 and repair” has the meaning given such term in section  
16 2460 of title 10, United States Code.

17 **SEC. 334. REQUIREMENT FOR STANDARDIZED MUNITIONS**  
18 **WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN UNMANNED AIR-**  
19 **CRAFT.**

20           (a) *REQUIREMENT*.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-  
21 tablish standardized munitions for use in one-way attack  
22 operations by covered unmanned aircraft.

23           (b) *COVERED UNMANNED AIRCRAFT DEFINED*.—In  
24 this section, the term “covered unmanned aircraft” means  
25 an unmanned aircraft (as such term is defined in section

1 130i(j) of title 10, United States Code), that is categorized  
 2 as Group 1 or Group 2 pursuant to the Joint Publication  
 3 3–30 of the Department of Defense, titled “Joint Air Oper-  
 4 ations” and dated July 25, 2019, or such successor publica-  
 5 tion.

6 **SEC. 335. REQUIREMENT TO ENSURE SUFFICIENCY OF**  
 7 **NAVAL MINE INVENTORY.**

8 (a) *REQUIREMENT.*—To the maximum extent prac-  
 9 ticable, the Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that the in-  
 10 ventory of naval mines of the Department of the Navy is  
 11 sufficient to meet validated operational requirements for not  
 12 fewer than two simultaneous major regional contingencies.

13 (b) *ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.*—

14 (1) *SUBMISSION.*—Not later than March 1, 2027,  
 15 and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Navy  
 16 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a  
 17 certification that includes the following:

18 (A) A determination of whether the require-  
 19 ment under subsection (a) is met.

20 (B) If the requirement under subsection (a)  
 21 is not met—

22 (i) a description of the shortfall in the  
 23 inventory referred to in such subsection;  
 24 and

1                   (ii) a remediation plan, including  
2                   timelines and funding requirements, to  
3                   achieve compliance with such requirement.

4           (2) *FORM.*—Each certification required under  
5           paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
6           but may include a classified annex.

7                   ***Subtitle D—Reports***

8   ***SEC. 341. STRATEGY TO SUPPORT JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER***  
9                   ***SUSTAINMENT AND MAINTENANCE IN CON-***  
10                  ***TESTED OPERATING ENVIRONMENTS.***

11          (a) *STRATEGY REQUIRED.*—The Secretary of the De-  
12          fense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Air Force,  
13          the Secretary of the Navy, the Commander of the United  
14          States Transportation Command, and the Director of the  
15          Defense Logistics Agency, shall develop a strategy to sup-  
16          port the sustainment and maintenance of Joint Strike  
17          Fighter aircraft in contested operating environments. Such  
18          strategy shall address, at a minimum, the following:

19               (1) *The transportation of spares and repair*  
20               *parts for such aircraft into and across contested thea-*  
21               *ters of operation.*

22               (2) *Communications requirements necessary for*  
23               *the transportation of such parts in a denied, de-*  
24               *graded, intermittent, or limited environment.*

1           (3) *Requirements relating to relevant supply*  
2           *chain management software.*

3           (4) *Prepositioned stocks of spares and repair*  
4           *parts for Joint Strike Fighter aircraft, including*  
5           *measures to ensure the currency and serviceability of*  
6           *ready for issue parts and to require that the statuses*  
7           *of such prepositioned stocks include instructions for*  
8           *the disposition and replacement of any such parts*  
9           *that are not current or ready for issue.*

10          (5) *Spares and repair parts packages deployed*  
11          *on naval vessels in which Joint Strike Fighter air-*  
12          *craft are embarked, including measures relating to*  
13          *prepositioning, currency, and serviceability described*  
14          *in paragraph (4) with respect to spares and repair*  
15          *parts packages deployed on such vessels.*

16          (6) *The incorporation of sustainment efforts for*  
17          *deployed Joint Strike Fighter aircraft into the frame-*  
18          *work of the Air Force for agile combat employment*  
19          *and the framework of the Navy for distributed mari-*  
20          *time operations.*

21          (7) *The international system for managing spare*  
22          *parts for Joint Strike Fighter aircraft commonly re-*  
23          *ferred to as the “global spares pool”.*

24          (8) *Support from, and coordination with, allies*  
25          *and partners of the United States.*



1       (b) *REPORT*.—

2               (1) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS*.—Not later than  
3       one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
4       Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional  
5       defense committees a report on the strategy required  
6       under subsection (a).

7               (2) *FORM*.—The report required under para-  
8       graph (1) shall be submitted in an unclassified form  
9       but may include a classified annex.

## 10               ***Subtitle E—Other Matters***

### 11       ***SEC. 351. ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF*** 12               ***THE NATIONAL GUARD.***

13       (a) *ESTABLISHMENT*.—Chapter 1 of title 32, United  
14       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following  
15       new section:

#### 16       ***“§ 116. Center for the Study of the National Guard***

17               “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT*.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
18       coordination with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau,  
19       shall establish a center, to be known as the ‘Center for the  
20       Study of the National Guard’ at an appropriate academic  
21       institution that—

22               “(1) maintains an established relationship with  
23       the National Guard Bureau;

24               “(2) possesses a strong academic program in  
25       military history; and

1           “(3) is situated in proximity to a major Na-  
2           tional Guard installation.

3           “(b) *RESPONSIBILITIES.*—*The Center for the Study of*  
4           *the National Guard shall—*

5           “(1) serve as the principal repository for histor-  
6           ical documents, oral histories, and other records re-  
7           lated to the National Guard;

8           “(2) conduct research, analysis, and educational  
9           programs related to the history, evolution, and oper-  
10          ational contributions of the National Guard;

11          “(3) facilitate outreach efforts to increase public  
12          awareness of the role of the National Guard in na-  
13          tional defense and domestic response operations; and

14          “(4) support the Department of Defense in shap-  
15          ing policy decisions and strategic planning related to  
16          National Guard operations carried out under this  
17          title and title 10.

18          “(c) *COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT.*—*The Chief of the*  
19          *National Guard Bureau may—*

20          “(1) collaborate with the Center for the Study of  
21          the National Guard in the collection, preservation,  
22          and dissemination of National Guard history;

23          “(2) provide historical documents, records, and  
24          resources to support the research and archival efforts  
25          of the Center; and

1           “(3) *facilitate joint initiatives between the Na-*  
2           *tional Guard Bureau and the Center to enhance his-*  
3           *torical preservation, education, and public awareness.*

4           “(d) *PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.—The Secretary*  
5           *of Defense shall seek to establish and maintain the Center*  
6           *for the Study of the National Guard as a public-private*  
7           *partnership to minimize costs to the Federal Government.”.*

8           (b) *DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary*  
9           *of Defense shall establish the Center for the Study of the*  
10          *National Guard required under section 116 of title 32,*  
11          *United States Code, as added by subsection (a), by not later*  
12          *than the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-*  
13          *ment of this Act.*

14          (c) *CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one*  
15          *year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
16          *retary of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense*  
17          *committees a briefing that includes—*

18               (1) *a description of the selection of the academic*  
19               *institution where the Center for the Study of the Na-*  
20               *tional Guard required under section 116 of title 32,*  
21               *United States Code, as added by subsection (a), is lo-*  
22               *cated;*

23               (2) *an identification of the status of the estab-*  
24               *lishment and initial operations of the Center;*

1           (3) a description of any ongoing efforts between  
2           the National Guard Bureau and the Center; and

3           (4) the recommendations of the Secretary to en-  
4           hance the preservation and study of National Guard  
5           history.

6   **SEC. 352. DISPOSITION OF ACCOUNTABLE PROPERTY IN**  
7                           **DESIGNATED THEATERS OF OPERATION.**

8           (a) *OVERSIGHT OF DISPOSITION.*—Chapter 153 of title  
9   10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
10   tion 2581 the following new section:

11   **“§2582. Disposition of accountable property in des-**  
12                           **ignated theaters of operation**

13           “(a) *REPORTING REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than 60  
14   days after initiating any significant force reposturing or  
15   withdrawal within or from a covered theater of operations,  
16   the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional  
17   defense committees a report that includes, with respect to  
18   accountable property used in connection with the operations  
19   associated with such reposturing or withdrawal, the fol-  
20   lowing elements:

21           “(1) A comprehensive inventory of such property  
22           (including, to the extent practicable, the serial num-  
23           ber and end-item identity of any such property that  
24           is a controlled inventory item), including an identi-  
25           fication of—

1           “(A) whether such property remains under  
2           the custody and control of the United States;

3           “(B) to the extent known and consistent  
4           with available records, whether such property  
5           was previously sold or otherwise transferred to  
6           an ally or partner of the United States;

7           “(C) whether the Secretary has proposed a  
8           disposition for such property and if so, which  
9           disposition; and

10          “(D) to the extent known or assessed, the  
11          status of such property, including, if known, the  
12          disposition of such property and the end user of  
13          such property.

14          “(2) For each category of major defense equip-  
15          ment, an assessment of the feasibility, timeline, oper-  
16          ational effect, and security, accountability, and end-  
17          user monitoring considerations, associated with po-  
18          tential dispositions for accountable property within  
19          each such category.

20          “(3) For any covered disposition assessed under  
21          paragraph (2), a description of any operational or  
22          logistical constraint rendering other dispositions  
23          unfeasible or impracticable.

24          “(4) For each potential disposition for account-  
25          able property assessed as feasible pursuant to para-

1 *graph (2), an estimate of the incremental costs of such*  
2 *option relative to baseline costs of withdrawal and re-*  
3 *deployment activities, including an identification*  
4 *of—*

5 *“(A) costs associated with the shipping and*  
6 *handling of such property; and*

7 *“(B) costs associated with the sustainment*  
8 *and storage for such property.*

9 *“(5) A plan to mitigate the risk of diversion or*  
10 *misuse resulting from dispositions of accountable*  
11 *property that includes the following:*

12 *“(A) An identification of relevant end-use*  
13 *monitoring requirements of the Department of*  
14 *Defense, including the office of the Department*  
15 *responsible for implementing such requirements,*  
16 *the frequency of monitoring under such require-*  
17 *ments, and any procedures for addressing non-*  
18 *compliance with such requirements, including in*  
19 *the event of the loss of the property.*

20 *“(B) An identification of any feasible re-*  
21 *mote disablement capability that may be used*  
22 *with respect to such property, and, for any such*  
23 *capability the use of which is not feasible, an ex-*  
24 *planation of any technical, operational, or legal*  
25 *constraints to such use.*

1           “(C) *Procedures for the implementation of*  
2           *the plan with respect to accountable property*  
3           *that is sensitive technology (including commu-*  
4           *nications security items, cryptographic material,*  
5           *biometrics collection devices, and associated*  
6           *databases) prior to determining a disposition for*  
7           *such technology.*

8           “(D) *A plan to secure, retrieve, disable, or*  
9           *otherwise neutralize accountable property in the*  
10          *event of the ally or partner of the United States*  
11          *to which such property was sold or transferred*  
12          *experiencing a collapse or regime change.*

13          “(E) *A chain-of-custody plan for the trans-*  
14          *port, storage, and transfer of accountable prop-*  
15          *erty, including an identification of responsible*  
16          *units, storage site controls, and inspection check-*  
17          *points.*

18          “(6) *For any accountable property previously*  
19          *sold or otherwise transferred to an ally or partner of*  
20          *the United States, or proposed to be so sold or trans-*  
21          *ferred, an assessment of the following:*

22                 “(A) *The capacity of the end user, or pro-*  
23                 *spective end user, to sustain such property ab-*  
24                 *sent support by the United States Armed Forces*  
25                 *or contractors of the Department of Defense.*

1           “(B) *To the extent practicable, whether the*  
2           *end user, or prospective end user—*

3                   “(i) *has been subject to any security*  
4                   *vetting or monitoring by the Secretary, in-*  
5                   *cluding an identification of any period of*  
6                   *continuous monitoring;*

7                   “(ii) *maintains effective command-*  
8                   *and-control structures; or*

9                   “(iii) *is subject to infiltration, coer-*  
10                  *cion, or substantial influence by any foreign*  
11                  *terrorist organization or other hostile actor.*

12           “(C) *The effect, or anticipated effect, of the*  
13           *sale or transfer on morale and retention with re-*  
14           *spect to the United States Armed Forces.*

15           “(D) *Whether there is a history of account-*  
16           *able property previously sold or transferred to*  
17           *the ally or partner being diverted to an unau-*  
18           *thorized end user, including, as applicable, an*  
19           *identification of any such prior diversion, the*  
20           *assessed end user, and the quantity and type of*  
21           *any major defense equipment so diverted.*

22           “(E) *The risk of the ally or partner experi-*  
23           *encing rapid collapse.*

24           “(7) *An assessment of the significant force repos-*  
25           *turing or withdrawal with respect to applicable les-*



1        *sons learned from the operations of United States*  
2        *Armed Forces in Iraq in 2014, and the withdrawal*  
3        *of such forces from Afghanistan in 2021, including an*  
4        *assessment of—*

5                *“(A) specific decision points with respect to*  
6                *such operations in which diversion risk was un-*  
7                *derestimated; and*

8                *“(B) any mitigation measures that would*  
9                *have reduced such risk.*

10        *“(b) NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN SALES AND TRANS-*  
11        *FERS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of a sale or*  
12        *transfer of accountable property in connection with a sig-*  
13        *nificant force reposturing or withdrawal within or from a*  
14        *covered theater of operations, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
15        *submit to the congressional defense committees a notifica-*  
16        *tion the contains, to the extent known—*

17                *“(1) a description of the accountable property*  
18                *sold or otherwise transferred;*

19                *“(2) a description of the end user of such prop-*  
20                *erty; and*

21                *“(3) a certification of the conduct of the assess-*  
22                *ment required under paragraph (1)(A).*

23        *“(c) SENIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENT.—(1) The Sec-*  
24        *retary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense shall*  
25        *approve, in writing, any determination to proceed with a*

1 *disposition described in paragraph (2) for accountable*  
2 *property with an aggregate replacement value exceeding*  
3 *\$10,000,000.*

4       “(2) *A disposition described in this paragraph is, with*  
5 *respect to accountable property, the abandonment or loss*  
6 *of such property without continuous custody and control*  
7 *by the United States or a partner or ally of the United*  
8 *States, the destruction of such property, or the demilitariza-*  
9 *tion of such property.*

10       “(d) *ANNUAL REPORT AND NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-*  
11 *MENTS.—(1) Not later than one year after the date of the*  
12 *enactment of this section, and annually thereafter for five*  
13 *years, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congres-*  
14 *sional defense committees a report containing, with respect*  
15 *to the year preceding the date of submission of the report,*  
16 *the following:*

17               “(A) *A summary of the dispositions of account-*  
18 *able property in covered theaters of operation, includ-*  
19 *ing any covered dispositions.*

20               “(B) *A summary of any incidents in which*  
21 *major defense equipment was diverted, including an*  
22 *identification of the quantity and type of equipment*  
23 *so diverted and, to the extent practicable, the assessed*  
24 *end user.*

1           “(C) *A summary of risk mitigation measures*  
2           *implemented, consistent with the plan under sub-*  
3           *section (a)(5).*

4           “(D) *Any material changes in the resilience of*  
5           *allies or partners of the United States relevant to de-*  
6           *terminations regarding dispositions for accountable*  
7           *property, including with respect to the risk of infil-*  
8           *tration or diversion.*

9           “(2) *Not later than 30 days after any date on which*  
10          *the Secretary of Defense becomes aware of a collapse of an*  
11          *ally or partner force or other event that the Secretary deter-*  
12          *mines materially increases the risk of accountable property*  
13          *being diverted in a covered theater of operations, the Sec-*  
14          *retary shall submit to the congressional defense committees*  
15          *written notification that includes a description of the event,*  
16          *the categories of property at risk of diversion, and any miti-*  
17          *gation measure implemented.*

18          “(3)(A) *Not later than 30 days after any date on which*  
19          *the Secretary of Defense becomes aware that accountable*  
20          *property subject to a covered disposition in a covered the-*  
21          *ater of operations has been diverted and used in an attack*  
22          *conducted by a foreign terrorist organization or other hos-*  
23          *tile actor against the United States, allies or partners of*  
24          *the United States, or local populations, the Secretary shall*

1 *submit to the congressional defense committees a written no-*  
2 *tification.*

3 “(B) *Each notification under subparagraph (A) shall*  
4 *include, to the extent practicable—*

5 “(i) *an identification of the accountable property*  
6 *used in the attack;*

7 “(ii) *an identification of the date on which, and*  
8 *the location from which, the property left the custody*  
9 *and control of the United States or an ally or partner*  
10 *of the United States;*

11 “(iii) *an attribution as to the actor responsible*  
12 *for the attack; and*

13 “(iv) *the total number of casualties caused by the*  
14 *attack.*

15 “(e) *FORM OF REPORTS.—Each report required under*  
16 *this section shall be submitted in unclassified form but may*  
17 *include a classified annex.*

18 “(f) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

19 “(1) *The term ‘accountable property’ means any*  
20 *accountable property of the Department of Defense, as*  
21 *described in Department of Defense Instruction*  
22 *5000.64, titled ‘Accountability and Management of*  
23 *DoD Equipment and Other Accountable Property’*  
24 *and dated June 10, 2019 (or any such successor in-*  
25 *struction).*

1           “(2) The term ‘aggregate replacement value’,  
2           with respect to accountable property, means the total  
3           replacement value of such property as reflected in  
4           property accountability systems of the Department of  
5           Defense, or, if not recorded therein, the best available  
6           estimate for such value as determined by the Sec-  
7           retary.

8           “(3) The term ‘controlled inventory item’ means  
9           any item designated as such pursuant to Department  
10          of Defense Instruction 5000.64, titled ‘Accountability  
11          and Management of DoD Equipment and Other Ac-  
12          countable Property’ and dated June 10, 2019 (or any  
13          such successor instruction).

14          “(4) The term ‘covered disposition’, with respect  
15          to accountable property—

16               “(A) means disposition of such property  
17               other than a retrograde, destruction, demili-  
18               tarization, sale, or other transfer, carried out in  
19               accordance with applicable provisions of law;  
20               and

21               “(B) includes the abandonment of such  
22               property without continuous custody and control  
23               by the United States or a partner or ally of the  
24               United States.

1           “(5) The term ‘covered theater of operations’  
2       means any geographic area designated by the Sec-  
3       retary of Defense for purposes of this section in which  
4       the United States Armed Forces are conducting con-  
5       tingency operations, advising or assisting ally or  
6       partner forces engaged in hostilities, or conducting  
7       operations in an environment with respect to which  
8       the Secretary determines there is a material risk of  
9       the loss or abandonment of such property without  
10      continuous custody and control by the United States  
11      or a partner or ally of the United States as a result  
12      of armed conflict, terrorist activity, collapse of an  
13      ally or partner force, or seizure by a hostile actor,  
14      taking into account any history of diversion of such  
15      property to an unauthorized end user.

16           “(6) The term ‘disposition’, with respect to ac-  
17      countable property, includes the retrograde, destruc-  
18      tion, demilitarization, sale, transfer, loss, and aban-  
19      donment of such property.

20           “(7) The term ‘foreign terrorist organization’  
21      means an organization so designated by the Secretary  
22      of State under section 219 of the Immigration and  
23      Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

1           “(8) The term ‘major defense equipment’ has the  
2           meaning given such term in section 47 of the Arms  
3           Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794).

4           “(9) The term ‘significant force reposturing or  
5           withdrawal’ means a reduction, redeployment, or con-  
6           solidation of the United States Armed Forces that the  
7           Secretary of Defense determines is significant for pur-  
8           poses of this section, including any action that—

9                   “(A) closes, transfers, or materially reduces  
10                  the capacity of a facility of the Department of  
11                  Defense;

12                  “(B) results in the disposition of account-  
13                  able property with an aggregate value exceeding  
14                  \$10,000,000; or

15                  “(C) reduces United States Armed Forces  
16                  personnel levels by more than 20 percent in a  
17                  given covered theater of operations over a 90-day  
18                  period.”.

19           (b) INITIAL BASELINE REPORT.—

20                  (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180  
21                  days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
22                  Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense  
23                  committees a report that provides baseline informa-  
24                  tion regarding the disposition of accountable property  
25                  in covered theaters of operation during fiscal year

1       2026 and contains plans for the implementation of  
2       section 2582 of title 10, United States Code, as added  
3       by subsection (a).

4               (2) *ELEMENTS.*—The report under paragraph  
5       (1) shall include the following:

6                       (A) A description of the processes and sys-  
7       tems of the Department of Defense for the dis-  
8       position of accountable property in covered thea-  
9       ters of operations, including any such systems  
10      used to record inventories of, or dispositions for,  
11      such property.

12                      (B) A description of any policies or proce-  
13      dures of the Department of Defense governing  
14      dispositions for accountable property, including  
15      the approval procedures for covered dispositions,  
16      and any planned updates to such policies to con-  
17      form with the requirements of such section 2582.

18                      (C) An assessment of any gaps in data that  
19      would affect compliance with such requirements,  
20      and a plan and timeline to resolve any such  
21      gaps.

22               (3) *FORM.*—The report required under this sub-  
23      section shall be submitted in unclassified form but  
24      may include a classified annex.



1       (c) *REPORT ON SENIOR LEADER ACCOUNTABILITY FOR*  
2 *CERTAIN DISPOSITIONS.*—

3           (1) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*  
4 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
5 *fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
6 *mittees a report describing processes to determine ac-*  
7 *countability for covered dispositions of accountable*  
8 *property in connection with a significant force repos-*  
9 *turing or withdrawal.*

10          (2) *ELEMENTS.*—*The report under paragraph*  
11 *(1) shall include the following:*

12           (A) *A description of the policies and stand-*  
13 *ards applied to assess individual and command*  
14 *responsibility for the covered dispositions re-*  
15 *ferred to in paragraph (1), including distinc-*  
16 *tions, if any, by grade, position, or component.*

17           (B) *A description of any adverse personnel*  
18 *action available, and (as applicable) taken, with*  
19 *respect to members of the Armed Forces as a re-*  
20 *sult of such covered dispositions.*

21           (C) *An identification of the criteria used to*  
22 *determine whether such covered dispositions trig-*  
23 *ger a formal investigation or accountability re-*  
24 *view.*

1           (D) *Any recommendations for statutory,*  
2           *regulatory, or policy changes to ensure account-*  
3           *ability standards are applied consistently and*  
4           *proportionately across ranks and responsibilities.*

5           (3) *FORM.—The report required under this sub-*  
6           *section shall be submitted in unclassified form but*  
7           *may include a classified annex.*

8           (d) *GAO REVIEW.—*

9           (1) *REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the*  
10          *United States shall review the implementation of sec-*  
11          *tion 2582 of title 10, United States Code, as added*  
12          *by subsection (a), including with respect to—*

13               (A) *the completeness of any inventories sub-*  
14               *mitted under such section;*

15               (B) *the validity of cost comparisons used in*  
16               *implementing such section, including any as-*  
17               *sumptions used in such comparisons;*

18               (C) *the adequacy of any plan developed*  
19               *under subsection (a)(5) of such section; and*

20               (D) *the frequency of, justifications for, and*  
21               *execution of, sales or transfers of accountable*  
22               *property for which a waiver is issued under sub-*  
23               *section (b)(2)(A) of such section, including com-*  
24               *pliance with the notification and reporting re-*  
25               *quirements of such subsection.*

1           (2) *BRIEFING*.—Not later than one year after the  
 2       date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
 3       General shall provide to the congressional defense  
 4       committees a briefing on the results of the review  
 5       under paragraph (1).

6           (e) *DEFINITIONS*.—In this section, the terms “account-  
 7       able property”, “covered disposition”, “disposition”, and  
 8       “significant force reposturing or withdrawal” have the  
 9       meanings given such terms in section 2582(f) of title 10,  
 10      United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

11   **SEC. 353. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR MOTOR CAR-**  
 12                           **RIERS TRANSPORTING DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
 13                           **FENSE FREIGHT.**

14       Chapter 157 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
 15      ed by inserting after section 2631a the following new sec-  
 16      tion:

17   **“§2631b. Certification regarding affiliations with**  
 18                           **Chinese military companies for surface**  
 19                           **transportation contracts**

20       “(a) *CERTIFICATION REQUIRED*.—(1) No contract for  
 21      the transportation of cargo by motor carrier for the Depart-  
 22      ment of Defense (including contracts awarded by the United  
 23      States Transportation Command or the Military Surface  
 24      Deployment and Distribution Command) may be awarded

1 to, or performed by, any covered carrier unless such covered  
2 carrier submits a certification described in subsection (b).

3 “(2) The requirement under paragraph (1) shall apply  
4 to prime contractors, subcontractors, and owner-operators  
5 at all tiers.

6 “(b) CONTENTS OF CERTIFICATION.—A certification  
7 under this section shall state that, to the best of the covered  
8 carrier’s knowledge after reasonable inquiry—

9 “(1) the covered carrier is not owned or con-  
10 trolled by, and does not have significant business rela-  
11 tionships with, any entity identified on the most re-  
12 cent list of Chinese military companies required  
13 under section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-  
14 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
15 Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113  
16 note); and

17 “(2) the covered carrier will require the same  
18 certification from any subcontractor or owner-oper-  
19 ator it engages for performance of the contract.

20 “(c) FLOW-DOWN AND RECORDKEEPING.—Prime con-  
21 tractors shall include the substance of this certification re-  
22 quirement in all subcontracts and lease agreements for De-  
23 partment of Defense freight transportation. Covered carriers  
24 shall maintain records of certifications for not less than 5  
25 years.

1       “(d) *PENALTIES.*—Any covered carrier that knowingly  
2     provides a false certification under this section shall be sub-  
3     ject to suspension or debarment from Department of Defense  
4     contracting and civil penalties under section 1001 of title  
5     18.

6       “(e) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—The Secretary of Defense  
7     shall prescribe regulations to implement this section not  
8     later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this  
9     section, including integration into existing carrier approval  
10    processes of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribu-  
11    tion Command.

12       “(f) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

13           “(1) *COVERED CARRIER.*—The term ‘covered car-  
14     rier’ means any motor carrier, subcontractor, or  
15     owner-operator providing surface transportation serv-  
16     ices.

17           “(2) *SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS.*—  
18     The term ‘significant business relationships’ shall  
19     have the meaning given by the Secretary of Defense  
20     in regulations.”.

1 **SEC. 354. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY REG-**  
 2 **ISTRY FOR MOTOR CARRIERS HANDLING DE-**  
 3 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE FREIGHT.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subtitle IV of title 49, United  
 5 States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 139 the  
 6 following:

7 **“CHAPTER 140—SECURE DEFENSE**  
 8 **FREIGHT CARRIER REGISTRY**

*“14001. Definition of registry.*

*“14002. Establishment of registry.*

*“14003. Eligibility and approval.*

*“14004. Use of registry.*

9 **“§ 14001. Definition of registry**

10 *“In this chapter, the term ‘registry’ means the Secure*  
 11 *Defense Freight Carrier Registry established under section*  
 12 *14002.*

13 **“§ 14002. Establishment of registry**

14 *“Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment*  
 15 *of this chapter, the Secretary, acting through the Adminis-*  
 16 *trator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration*  
 17 *and in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall es-*  
 18 *tablish and maintain a registry, to be known as the ‘Secure*  
 19 *Defense Freight Carrier Registry’, of motor carriers ap-*  
 20 *proved to transport freight for the Department of Defense.*

21 **“§ 14003. Eligibility and approval**

22 *“(a) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—To be included in*  
 23 *the registry, a motor carrier shall—*

1           “(1) hold valid operating authority from the  
2       *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration;*

3           “(2) meet all applicable Department of Defense  
4       *carrier qualification standards;*

5           “(3) undergo enhanced national security vetting,  
6       *including—*

7           “(A) screening for ownership, control, or  
8       *significant business relationships with—*

9           “(i) an entity identified on the list  
10       *maintained by the Department of Defense*  
11       *under section 1260H of the William M.*  
12       *(Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-*  
13       *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C.*  
14       *113 note; Public Law 116–283); or*

15          “(ii) any other foreign adversary enti-  
16       *ty designated by the Secretary of Defense;*  
17       *and*

18          “(B) verification that drivers and personnel  
19       *with access to Department of Defense freight*  
20       *meet security standards comparable to those re-*  
21       *quired under Transportation Worker Identifica-*  
22       *tion Credential programs or other relevant Fed-*  
23       *eral security programs; and*

24          “(4) submit to periodic revetting not less fre-  
25       *quently than once every 2 years.*

1 “(b) *APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.*—

2 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall establish*  
 3 *a streamlined application process for inclusion on the*  
 4 *registry.*

5 “(2) *REQUIREMENT.*—*The process established*  
 6 *under paragraph (1) shall include coordination with*  
 7 *existing Department of Defense carrier approval sys-*  
 8 *tems.*

9 **“§ 14004. Use of registry**

10 “(a) *PROHIBITION.*—*Subject to subsection (b), begin-*  
 11 *ning 1 year after the date of the enactment of this chapter,*  
 12 *a motor carrier may not bid on or perform a Department*  
 13 *of Defense freight transportation contract unless the motor*  
 14 *carrier is included in the registry.*

15 “(b) *WAIVERS.*—*The Secretary of Defense may grant*  
 16 *waivers from the prohibition under subsection (a) for exi-*  
 17 *gent circumstances.”.*

18 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The analysis for subtitle*  
 19 *IV of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting*  
 20 *after the item relating to chapter 139 the following:*

**“140. SECURE DEFENSE FREIGHT CARRIER REG-  
 ISTRY .....14001”.**



1 **SEC. 355. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY OWNED, POSSESSED,**  
2 **OR SHIPPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
3 **FENSE FROM LIEN, ARREST, OR SEIZURE**  
4 **DURING SHIPMENT.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 157 of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following  
7 new section:

8 **“§ 2655. Property owned, possessed, or shipped by the**  
9 **Department of Defense: protection from**  
10 **lien, arrest, or seizure during shipment**

11 “(a) *PROHIBITION.*—No carrier, port agent, ware-  
12 houseman, freight forwarder, broker, or other person in-  
13 volved in the transportation of cargo owned, possessed, or  
14 shipped by the Department of Defense may have any lien  
15 on, or hold, impound, or otherwise interfere with the trans-  
16 portation of, such cargo.

17 “(b) *EXEMPTION FROM ARREST OR SEIZURE.*—The  
18 following are not subject to lien, arrest, or seizure by judi-  
19 cial process in the United States:

20 “(1) A vessel, aircraft, motor vehicle, rail car, or  
21 other conveyance owned by, possessed by, or operated  
22 by or for the Department of Defense.

23 “(2) Cargo owned, possessed, or shipped by the  
24 Department of Defense.

25 “(c) *AUTHORITY TO ACCOMPLISH DELIVERY.*—The  
26 Secretary of Defense may take such actions as may be nec-

1 *essary to recoup, recover, arrange for, or accomplish trans-*  
2 *portation and delivery of cargo owned, possessed, or shipped*  
3 *by the Department of Defense.*

4       “(d) *DELAY OF SHIPMENT FOR UNDECLARED,*  
5 *MISPACKAGED, OR MISLABELED HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.—*  
6 *Nothing in this section shall preclude a carrier from stop-*  
7 *ping the movement of undeclared, mispackaged, mislabeled,*  
8 *or otherwise noncompliant hazardous material shipments*  
9 *until the hazardous material is properly offered for trans-*  
10 *portation in accordance with section 5103 of title 49 and*  
11 *regulations prescribed under that section.*

12       “(e) *ARREST OR SEIZURE OF PROPERTY PURSUANT*  
13 *TO FEDERAL CRIMINAL OR FORFEITURE LAW.—Nothing in*  
14 *this section shall preclude the United States from arresting*  
15 *or seizing personal property of a member of the armed forces*  
16 *or employee of the Department of Defense pursuant to Fed-*  
17 *eral criminal or forfeiture law.*

18       “(f) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

19               “(1) *The term ‘broker’ means a person, other*  
20 *than a carrier or an employee or agent of a carrier,*  
21 *that as a principal or agent sells, offers for sale, nego-*  
22 *tiates for, or holds itself out by solicitation, advertise-*  
23 *ment, or otherwise as selling, providing, or arranging*  
24 *for, transportation by carrier for compensation.*

1           “(2) The term ‘carrier’ means a person, includ-  
 2           ing a freight forwarder, that transports passengers or  
 3           property in commerce by pipeline, rail, motor, air, or  
 4           water.

5           “(3) The term ‘freight forwarder’ means a person  
 6           holding such person out to the general public (other  
 7           than as a pipeline, rail, motor, air, or water carrier)  
 8           to provide transportation of property for compensa-  
 9           tion and in the ordinary course of the business of  
 10          such person—

11           “(A) assembles and consolidates, or provides  
 12           for assembling and consolidating, shipments and  
 13           performs or provides for break-bulk and distribu-  
 14           tion operations of the shipments; and

15           “(B) assumes responsibility for the trans-  
 16           portation from the place of receipt to the place  
 17           of destination.”.

18          (b) *EXPANSION OF COVERAGE.*—Section 453(c)(5) of  
 19          title 37, United States Code, is amended by striking “bag-  
 20          gage and household goods” and inserting “personal prop-  
 21          erty”.

22          **SEC. 356. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES MARINE**  
 23                                   **CORPS MUSEUM SYSTEM.**

24          Chapter 861 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
 25          ed by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 8617B. United States Marine Corps Museum System**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of the Navy shall  
3 support a system of official Marine Corps museums within  
4 the Department of the Navy. Such system shall include the  
5 National Museum of the United States Marine Corps and  
6 may contain other museums honoring individual installa-  
7 tions, units, and branches, as designated by the Secretary  
8 of the Navy, that meet criteria established under subsection  
9 (b).

10 “(b) *CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.*—The Secretary of  
11 the Navy shall establish criteria for designating museums  
12 of subsection (a) for inclusion in the Marine Corps museum  
13 system. Such criteria shall include—

14 “(1) *historical significance to Marine Corps op-*  
15 *erations, technology, or personnel;*

16 “(2) *public accessibility and educational out-*  
17 *reach programs; and*

18 “(3) *alignment with the mission of the Marine*  
19 *Corps to preserve the heritage of the Marine Corps.*

20 “(c) *CRITERIA FOR CLOSURE.*—The Secretary of the  
21 Navy shall establish criteria for the closure of museums  
22 within the Marine Corps museum system. No museum with-  
23 in such system may be closed until—

24 “(1) *the Secretary of the Navy submits to the*  
25 *Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-*  
26 *resentatives and the Senate notice that includes—*

1           “(A) a plan for the preservation, storage, or  
2           alternate display of historical collections con-  
3           tained in the museum;

4           “(B) how any issues relating to museum  
5           personnel will be resolved;

6           “(C) an identification of any efforts to  
7           maintain museum operations through public-pri-  
8           vate partnerships; and

9           “(D) an analysis of the cost to transport,  
10          consolidate, and preserve the historical collec-  
11          tions contained in the museum; and

12          “(2) period of 90 days has elapsed after the date  
13          on which such notice is received by such committees.

14          “(d) *FUNDING AND SUPPORT.*—Consistent with appli-  
15          cable law, the Secretary may enter into partnerships, in-  
16          cluding with nonprofit organizations, to enhance the finan-  
17          cial sustainability and public engagement of the museums  
18          in the Marine Corps museum system.”.

19   **SEC. 357. REQUIREMENT FOR FIREGUARD PROGRAM.**

20          Section 510(a) of title 32, United States Code, is  
21          amended by striking “may” and inserting “shall”.

1 **SEC. 358. PILOT PROGRAM FOR TESTING AND EVALUATION**  
2 **OF COUNTER-FIRE UNMANNED FIRE SUP-**  
3 **PRESSION AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS ON MILITARY**  
4 **INSTALLATIONS.**

5 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than one year after  
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
7 fense shall commence a three-year pilot program under  
8 which the Secretary shall conduct testing and evaluation  
9 of counter-fire unmanned fire suppression and remote sens-  
10 ing aircraft systems at military installations selected for  
11 participation in the program. In carrying out the pilot pro-  
12 gram, the Secretary shall—

13 (1) *evaluate the effectiveness of counter-fire un-*  
14 *manned aircraft systems with respect to suppressing*  
15 *wildfire, improving the safety of prescribed burns,*  
16 *monitoring wildfire, and responding to other fire*  
17 *emergencies on military installations;*

18 (2) *assess the integration of fire suppression*  
19 *drone capabilities with existing fire protection and*  
20 *emergency response systems on military installations;*

21 (3) *determine operational parameters, safety*  
22 *protocols, and certification requirements for counter-*  
23 *fire unmanned aircraft systems;*

24 (4) *for each counter-fire unmanned aircraft sys-*  
25 *tem, evaluate—*

26 (A) *suppression payload delivery accuracy;*

- 1                   (B) *refill and turnaround time;*
- 2                   (C) *night operations capabilities;*
- 3                   (D) *beyond visual line-of-sight flight oper-*
- 4                   *ations;*
- 5                   (E) *swarm capabilities; and*
- 6                   (F) *sustained sortie rates;*

7                   (5) *analyze the cost-effectiveness and scalability*  
8                   *of counter-fire drone capabilities; and*  
9                   (6) *develop training curricula and operational*  
10                   *procedures for personnel operating counter-fire un-*  
11                   *manned aircraft systems.*

12               (b) *SELECTION OF INSTALLATIONS.—The Secretary*  
13               *shall select at least one military installation to participate*  
14               *in the pilot program. In making such a selection, the Sec-*  
15               *retary shall consider—*

- 16                   (1) *geographic diversity, including climate zones*
- 17                   *and fire risk profiles;*
- 18                   (2) *existing fire suppression infrastructure and*
- 19                   *capabilities;*
- 20                   (3) *airspace availability and compatibility with*
- 21                   *unmanned aircraft operations;*
- 22                   (4) *proximity to civilian communities that could*
- 23                   *benefit from enhanced fire response capabilities; and*
- 24                   (5) *availability of qualified personnel and train-*
- 25                   *ing facilities.*

1       (c) *REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.*—

2               (1) *INTERIM REPORT.*—Not later than 18 months  
3       after the date of the commencement of the pilot pro-  
4       gram, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional  
5       defense committees an interim report on the pilot pro-  
6       gram.

7               (2) *FINAL REPORT.*—Not later than six months  
8       after the date of the completion of the pilot program,  
9       the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense  
10      committees a final report on the pilot program.

11              (3) *ELEMENTS OF REPORTS.*—Each report re-  
12      quired under this subsection shall include, for the pe-  
13      riod covered by the report—

14                      (A) a description of each counter-fire un-  
15                      manned aircraft system tested and the perform-  
16                      ance metrics for each such system;

17                      (B) an assessment of operational effective-  
18                      ness of each such system in fire detection and  
19                      suppression scenarios;

20                      (C) an analysis of the integration of each  
21                      such system with existing fire protection systems;

22                      (D) an identification of any supplementary  
23                      mission critical use cases for each such system at  
24                      military installations;



1           (E) a description of any safety incidents  
2           and lessons learned for each such system;

3           (F) a cost analysis and projection of return  
4           on investment for each such system;

5           (G) any recommendations for the potential  
6           broader implementation of each such system  
7           across the Department of Defense; and

8           (H) any recommendations for potential  
9           dual-use applications of each such system in  
10          support of civilian fire authorities.

11 **SEC. 359. PILOT PROGRAM ON DATA COLLECTION AND**  
12 **ANALYSIS IN CONNECTION WITH ARMY COM-**  
13 **BAT TRAINING CENTER ROTATIONS.**

14          (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than 180 days after  
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
16 Army shall establish a pilot program to collect, store, and  
17 analyze covered data generated during rotations of members  
18 of the Armed Forces at combat training centers.

19          (b) *PURPOSES.*—The purposes of the pilot program  
20 under subsection (a) shall be to improve the realism of  
21 training for members of the Armed Forces, enhance unit  
22 readiness, collect observational data for application to ef-  
23 forts of the Department relating to agentic artificial intel-  
24 ligence, and support the development of secure systems and  
25 analytic tools that enable the responsible deployment and

1 interoperability of the sensors specified in subsection  
2 (c)(2)(A).

3 (c) *ACTIVITIES.*—*In carrying out the pilot program*  
4 *under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army shall—*

5 (1) *designate not fewer than one rotation at a*  
6 *combat training center for the conduct of the pilot*  
7 *program;*

8 (2) *identify and evaluate technologies and proc-*  
9 *esses for the collection, storage, and analysis of cov-*  
10 *ered data from multiple sources during such rotation,*  
11 *including—*

12 (A) *soldier-borne artificial intelligence*  
13 *small arms weapon sensors and related*  
14 *networked systems; and*

15 (B) *unmanned systems;*

16 (3) *collect, store, and analyze covered data dur-*  
17 *ing such rotation using such technologies and proc-*  
18 *esses;*

19 (4) *analyze how data generated by the sensors*  
20 *specified in paragraph (2)(A) may contribute to im-*  
21 *proved lethality, survivability, and situational aware-*  
22 *ness in multi-domain operations; and*

23 (5) *evaluate the cost, feasibility, and operational*  
24 *benefits of permanently establishing a program for the*  
25 *collection, storage, and analysis of covered data gen-*

1       erated during rotations of members of the Armed  
2       Forces across combat training centers.

3       (d) *BRIEFING*.—Not later than 180 days after the com-  
4       pletion of the pilot program under subsection (a), the Sec-  
5       retary of the Army shall provide to the Committees on  
6       Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
7       tives a briefing on the activities, findings, and recommenda-  
8       tions resulting from such pilot program, including the fol-  
9       lowing:

10           (1) *An assessment of the effectiveness and secu-*  
11           *rity of incorporating data derived from sensors speci-*  
12           *fied in subsection (c)(2)(A) into training and readi-*  
13           *ness analyses.*

14           (2) *Recommendations regarding the potential ex-*  
15           *pansion or permanent establishment of a program for*  
16           *the collection, storage, and analysis of covered data*  
17           *generated during rotations of members of the Armed*  
18           *Forces across combat training centers and across the*  
19           *Armed Forces.*

20       (e) *TERMINATION*.—Not later than three years after the  
21       date of enactment of this Act, the pilot program under sub-  
22       section (a) shall terminate.

23       (f) *COVERED DATA DEFINED*.—In this section, the  
24       term “covered data” means data relating to the tactical per-  
25       formance and decision-making of, and training effectiveness

1 *for, members of the Armed Forces (at the individual, team,*  
2 *and unit levels).*

3 **SEC. 360. MINIMUM MARITIME FIREFIGHTING CAPABILITY**  
4 **STANDARDS FOR NAVAL INSTALLATIONS**  
5 **THAT BERTH LARGE NAVAL VESSELS.**

6 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy shall es-*  
7 *tablish minimum maritime firefighting capability stand-*  
8 *ards for naval installations that berth large naval vessels.*  
9 *Such standards shall include each of the following:*

10 *(1) The minimum pumping capacity required to*  
11 *support firefighting operations aboard naval vessels*  
12 *moored at piers or within harbor areas.*

13 *(2) Required response times for waterside fire-*  
14 *fighting assets.*

15 *(3) The availability of firefighting foam systems*  
16 *and hazardous material response capability suitable*  
17 *for aviation fuel and shipboard fires.*

18 *(4) The integration of waterside firefighting as-*  
19 *sets with shipboard damage control systems.*

20 *(5) The availability of redundant maritime fire-*  
21 *fighting capability in the event of simultaneous emer-*  
22 *gencies.*

23 *(b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than one year*  
24 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
25 *of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense com-*

1 *mittees a plan to implement the standards established*  
2 *under subsection (a) and to improve fire prevention at pri-*  
3 *vate sector repair yards. Such plan shall include each of*  
4 *the following:*

5           (1) *An identification of installations that do not*  
6           *meet the standards, as of the date of the submission*  
7           *of the plan.*

8           (2) *Options for addressing capability gaps, in-*  
9           *cluding procurement of fireboats, modernization of ex-*  
10          *isting vessels, or agreements with municipal or port*  
11          *authority fire departments.*

12          (3) *Estimated costs associated with imple-*  
13          *menting the plan.*

14          (4) *Mechanisms to maximize available resources*  
15          *across organizations responsible for fire safety over-*  
16          *sight to better ensure contractor fire safety oversight*  
17          *and alleviate the burden on members of the Navy.*

18          (5) *Options to reassess progress payment reten-*  
19          *tion rate for surface ship maintenance contracts based*  
20          *on an assessment of the risk to the Government.*

21          (6) *Options to reassess the ship repair limitation*  
22          *of liability clause.*

23          (7) *The incorporation of safety performance*  
24          *standards into the Quality Assurance Surveillance*  
25          *Plan of the Secretary.*

1 **SEC. 361. MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE**  
2 **APPARATUS AT CERTAIN SPACE FORCE IN-**  
3 **STALLATIONS.**

4 *The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that at any*  
5 *Space Force installation with launch and landing facili-*  
6 *ties—*

7 *(1) the minimum staffing requirements for fire-*  
8 *fighters and the requirements relating to structural*  
9 *and aircraft, rescue, and firefighting apparatus pur-*  
10 *suant to section 388 of the National Defense Author-*  
11 *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–*  
12 *263; 10 U.S.C. 2661 note) and section 1110 of the Na-*  
13 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025*  
14 *(Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 9771)*  
15 *apply on a permanent basis;*

16 *(2) all firefighting structural and aircraft, res-*  
17 *cue, and firefighting apparatus are maintained at op-*  
18 *timum staffing levels and optimum levels of service at*  
19 *all times; and*

20 *(3) the cross-manning of firefighter personnel is*  
21 *not permitted between a first due structural fire en-*  
22 *gine response apparatus and an aircraft, rescue, and*  
23 *firefighting apparatus.*

1 **SEC. 362. ACTIVITIES FOR EVALUATING INTEGRATION AND**  
2 **INTEROPERABILITY OF TECHNOLOGIES FOR**  
3 **SUBTERRANEAN OPERATIONS.**

4 (a) *REQUIREMENT.*—*The Secretary of Defense, in co-*  
5 *ordination with the Secretary of the Army and the Com-*  
6 *mander of the United States Special Operations Command,*  
7 *shall conduct recurring evaluation activities in subterra-*  
8 *nean environments for the purpose of assessing the integra-*  
9 *tion and interoperability of technologies supporting oper-*  
10 *ations in such environments, including in conditions in-*  
11 *volving the denial or degradation of the Global Positioning*  
12 *System (GPS) or other contested communications condi-*  
13 *tions.*

14 (b) *ACTIVITIES.*—*Activities conducted pursuant to*  
15 *subsection (a) shall include the evaluation of technologies*  
16 *supporting sensing, mapping, navigation, communications,*  
17 *command and control, and situational awareness across*  
18 *multiple operational systems and platforms in the denied,*  
19 *degraded, and contested conditions described in subsection*  
20 *(a).*

21 (c) *USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES.*—*In carrying out*  
22 *this section, the Secretary of Defense shall use existing fa-*  
23 *cilities, authorities, training activities, and amounts appro-*  
24 *priated or otherwise available for the Department of Defense*  
25 *for such purpose. Nothing in this section shall be construed*  
26 *to require the construction of a new facility or the establish-*

1 ment of a new program office or standalone training activ-  
2 ity.

3 (d) *BRIEFING*.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall  
5 provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing  
6 describing—

7 (1) the activities conducted pursuant to sub-  
8 section (a);

9 (2) any operational integration or interoper-  
10 ability challenge identified in the course of conducting  
11 such activities; and

12 (3) recommendations for improving the integra-  
13 tion and interoperability of technologies supporting  
14 subterranean operations in denied, degraded, and  
15 contested communications environments, including  
16 with respect to potential transition pathways for such  
17 technologies.

18 **SEC. 363. IMPROVEMENTS TO OSPREY AIRCRAFT SAFETY**  
19 **EFFORTS.**

20 (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Not later than one year after the  
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
22 shall ensure that the Secretary of the Navy and the Sec-  
23 retary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Chief of  
24 Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and  
25 the Commandant of the Marine Corps—



1           (1) refine the joint program's process for identi-  
2       fying, analyzing, and responding to all Osprey air-  
3       craft safety risks, including incorporating and  
4       prioritizing systems and nonsystem safety risks;

5           (2) refine existing oversight structures with  
6       clearly defined roles and responsibilities for resolving  
7       known system and nonsystem safety risks in a timely  
8       manner and conduct periodic reviews of efforts to re-  
9       solve those risks;

10          (3) assess safety-related information sharing  
11       agreements and update the agreements as needed to  
12       ensure that a process exists to proactively share rel-  
13       evant safety information from hazard and accident  
14       reporting with Osprey units and unit safety per-  
15       sonnel across the Armed Forces and ensure timely re-  
16       ceipt of such information;

17          (4) establish a routine method, such as a recur-  
18       ring multiservice conference, to share information on  
19       Osprey aircraft knowledge and emergency procedures  
20       across the joint force; and

21          (5) maintain a method to share information, im-  
22       mediately or near-immediately, on essential Osprey  
23       aircraft safety of flight information and changes to  
24       safety processes across the joint force.

1       (b) *CERTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than 60  
2   days after the requirements under subsection (a) have been  
3   implemented, the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary  
4   of the Air Force shall each provide to the Committees on  
5   Armed Services of the Senate and the House of representa-  
6   tives a certification—

7           (1) *verifying that the requirements have been im-*  
8       *plemented; and*

9           (2) *identifying any changes made to comply*  
10       *with such requirements by the Armed Forces under*  
11       *the jurisdiction of the certifying Secretary.*

12   **SEC. 364. ARMY PILOT PROGRAM ON ELECTRONIC AMMUNI-**  
13                       **TION SIMULATION FOR SMALL ARMS TRAIN-**  
14                       **ING.**

15       (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—The Secretary of the Army  
16   shall carry out a pilot program to evaluate the integration  
17   of electronic ammunition simulation systems into small  
18   arms training across the Army.

19       (b) *PURPOSES.*—The purposes of the pilot program are  
20   to—

21           (1) *improve individual and collective small arms*  
22       *proficiency through increased training repetitions*  
23       *and enhanced training realism;*

24           (2) *enable safe training with assigned weapon*  
25       *systems in a broad range of environments, including*

1        *non-range locations, as determined appropriate by the*  
2        *Secretary;*

3            *(3) reduce costs and logistics burdens associated*  
4        *with the procurement, storage, distribution, and dis-*  
5        *posal of blank ammunition;*

6            *(4) reduce safety risks associated with blank am-*  
7        *munition, including negligent discharges and live-*  
8        *blank ammunition mixing incidents; and*

9            *(5) assess the feasibility and scalability of inte-*  
10       *grating electronic ammunition simulation systems*  
11       *with training environments of the Armed Forces.*

12        *(c) ADMINISTRATION.—*

13            *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army*  
14        *shall designate the Capability Program Executive for*  
15        *Simulation, Training, Test, and Threat as the lead*  
16        *actor responsible for carrying out the pilot program.*

17            *(2) OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary of the Army*  
18        *shall designate a senior official within the Office of*  
19        *the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition,*  
20        *Logistics, and Technology as the lead actor respon-*  
21        *sible for providing oversight of the pilot program.*

22        *(d) SELECTION OF TRAINING ENVIRONMENTS.—The*  
23        *Secretary of the Army shall select not fewer than four train-*  
24        *ing environments with respect to which the Secretary shall*

1 *carry out the pilot program under subsection (a), which*  
2 *shall include, at a minimum—*

3 *(1) one Advanced Camp training event, regional*  
4 *training event, or other training event carried out at*  
5 *a Reserve Officers' Training Corps training site;*

6 *(2) one rotation at a combat training center;*

7 *(3) one basic combat training activity; and*

8 *(4) one brigade-level or battalion-level collective*  
9 *training event carried out at an operational military*  
10 *installation.*

11 *(e) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pilot program,*  
12 *the Secretary of the Army shall—*

13 *(1) integrate electronic ammunition simulation*  
14 *systems into training for legacy and next-generation*  
15 *small arms provided through the training environ-*  
16 *ments selected under subsection (d), including in con-*  
17 *nection with qualification ranges and force-on-force*  
18 *exercises;*

19 *(2) evaluate the interoperability of electronic am-*  
20 *munition simulation systems with legacy and suc-*  
21 *cessor systems for simulated engagement, including*  
22 *the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System*  
23 *and synthetic training environments;*

24 *(3) assess the integrated training carried out*  
25 *pursuant to paragraph (1) with respect to effective-*

1        *ness, cost savings, safety improvements, and*  
2        *scalability across training environments of the Armed*  
3        *Forces, including the Reserve Officers' Training Corps*  
4        *of the Armed Forces; and*

5            *(4) develop and validate associated training tac-*  
6        *tics, procedures, and sustainment requirements for*  
7        *potential expansion of such integrated training.*

8        *(f) COORDINATION OF EFFORTS.—The pilot program*  
9        *under subsection (a) shall supplement, and neither supplant*  
10       *nor duplicate, modernization efforts relating to synthetic*  
11       *training environments and other activities for the mod-*  
12       *ernization of force-on-force training.*

13       *(g) BRIEFINGS.—*

14            *(1) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than 180*  
15        *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
16        *Secretary of the Army shall provide to the congres-*  
17        *sional defense committees an interim briefing on the*  
18        *pilot program under subsection (a) that includes—*

19            *(A) evaluation metrics for the pilot pro-*  
20        *gram;*

21            *(B) an identification of the training envi-*  
22        *ronments selected under subsection (d); and*

23            *(C) the plan of the Secretary for the inte-*  
24        *gration of activities under the pilot program*

1           *with respect to such selected training environ-*  
2           *ments.*

3           (2) *FINAL BRIEFING.*—*Not later than March 1,*  
4           *2028, the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the*  
5           *congressional defense committees a final briefing on*  
6           *the pilot program under subsection (a) that in-*  
7           *cludes—*

8                   (A) *the results of the assessment required*  
9                   *under subsection (e)(3), including, with respect*  
10                  *to cost savings, a comparison between the cost of*  
11                  *the integrated training provided pursuant to the*  
12                  *pilot program with the cost of training using*  
13                  *blank ammunition; and*

14                  (B) *recommendations regarding—*

15                          (i) *the continuation, expansion, or ter-*  
16                          *mination of the pilot program; and*

17                          (ii) *with respect to such potential con-*  
18                          *tinuation or expansion, recommendations*  
19                          *for the transition to acquisition of electronic*  
20                          *ammunition simulation systems.*

21           (h) *TERMINATION.*—*The authority to carry out the*  
22           *pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on Sep-*  
23           *tember 30, 2031.*

1 **SEC. 365. PILOT PROGRAM ON HYDROPHOBIN-BASED BIO-**  
2 **MANUFACTURED TREATMENT AS FLAME-RE-**  
3 **SISTANT AND WATER-REPELLENT TREAT-**  
4 **MENTS FOR MILITARY UNIFORMS.**

5 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary of the Army*  
6 *shall establish a pilot program, to be carried out through*  
7 *the United States Army Combat Capabilities Development*  
8 *Command Soldier Center, to evaluate the feasibility, per-*  
9 *formance, and scalability of hydrophobin-based biomanu-*  
10 *factured treatments as flame-resistant and water-repellent*  
11 *treatments for military textile systems, including as poten-*  
12 *tial alternatives to conventional chemical treatments cur-*  
13 *rently used in Department of Defense uniforms.*

14 (b) *SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS.*—*In carrying out*  
15 *the pilot program, the Secretary shall prioritize partner-*  
16 *ships with entities that—*

17 (1) *demonstrate domestic biomanufacturing ca-*  
18 *pability within the United States;*

19 (2) *use advanced biotechnology to produce*  
20 *hydrophobin proteins or related bioderived compounds*  
21 *suitable for textile performance applications; and*

22 (3) *possess the capability to transition successful*  
23 *pilot outcomes into large-scale textile finishing or*  
24 *coating processes supporting Department of Defense*  
25 *procurement.*

1       (c) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than three years  
 2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
 3 of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
 4 mittees a report on the results of the pilot program, includ-  
 5 ing recommendations regarding potential integration of  
 6 hydrophobin-based biomanufactured treatments into De-  
 7 partment of Defense military textile systems.

8       (d) *DURATION.*—The authority to carry out a pilot  
 9 program under this section shall terminate four years after  
 10 the date of the enactment of this Act.

## 11   ***TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL*** 12                   ***AUTHORIZATIONS***

### 13                   ***Subtitle A—Active Forces***

#### 14   ***SEC. 401. END STRENGTHS FOR ACTIVE FORCES.***

15       *The Armed Forces are authorized strengths for active*  
 16 *duty personnel as of September 30, 2027, as follows:*

- 17                   (1) *The Army, 469,000.*
- 18                   (2) *The Navy, 356,600.*
- 19                   (3) *The Marine Corps, 173,700.*
- 20                   (4) *The Air Force, 330,400.*
- 21                   (5) *The Space Force, 13,200.*



1                   ***Subtitle B—Reserve Forces***

2   ***SEC. 411. END STRENGTHS FOR SELECTED RESERVE.***

3           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Armed Forces are authorized*  
4 *strengths for Selected Reserve personnel of the reserve com-*  
5 *ponents as of September 30, 2027, as follows:*

6                   (1) *The Army National Guard of the United*  
7 *States, 331,300.*

8                   (2) *The Army Reserve, 172,000.*

9                   (3) *The Navy Reserve, 56,500.*

10                  (4) *The Marine Corps Reserve, 34,700.*

11                  (5) *The Air National Guard of the United*  
12 *States, 107,400.*

13                  (6) *The Air Force Reserve, 67,400.*

14                  (7) *The Coast Guard Reserve, 8,500.*

15           (b) *END STRENGTH REDUCTIONS.*—*The end strengths*  
16 *prescribed by subsection (a) for the Selected Reserve of any*  
17 *reserve component shall be proportionately reduced by—*

18                   (1) *the total authorized strength of units orga-*  
19 *nized to serve as units of the Selected Reserve of such*  
20 *component which are on active duty (other than for*  
21 *training) at the end of the fiscal year; and*

22                   (2) *the total number of individual members not*  
23 *in units organized to serve as units of the Selected*  
24 *Reserve of such component who are on active duty*  
25 *(other than for training or for unsatisfactory partici-*

1        *pation in training) without their consent at the end*  
 2        *of the fiscal year.*

3        *(c) END STRENGTH INCREASES.—Whenever units or*  
 4        *individual members of the Selected Reserve of any reserve*  
 5        *component are released from active duty during any fiscal*  
 6        *year, the end strength prescribed for such fiscal year for*  
 7        *the Selected Reserve of such reserve component shall be in-*  
 8        *creased proportionately by the total authorized strengths of*  
 9        *such units and by the total number of such individual mem-*  
 10       *bers.*

11       **SEC. 412. END STRENGTHS FOR RESERVES ON ACTIVE**  
 12       **DUTY IN SUPPORT OF THE RESERVES.**

13       *Within the end strengths prescribed in section 411(a),*  
 14       *the reserve components of the Armed Forces are authorized,*  
 15       *as of September 30, 2027, the following number of Reserves*  
 16       *to be serving on full-time active duty or full-time duty, in*  
 17       *the case of members of the National Guard, for the purpose*  
 18       *of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or*  
 19       *training the reserve components:*

20                *(1) The Army National Guard of the United*  
 21        *States, 31,154.*

22                *(2) The Army Reserve, 16,511.*

23                *(3) The Navy Reserve, 10,409.*

24                *(4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 2,400.*

1           (5) *The Air National Guard of the United*  
2       *States, 25,533.*

3           (6) *The Air Force Reserve, 6,278.*

4   **SEC. 413. END STRENGTHS FOR MILITARY TECHNICIANS**  
5           **(DUAL STATUS).**

6       *The minimum number of military technicians (dual*  
7   *status) as of the last day of fiscal year 2027 for the reserve*  
8   *components of the Army and the Air Force (notwith-*  
9   *standing section 129 of title 10, United States Code) shall*  
10   *be the following:*

11           (1) *For the Army National Guard of the United*  
12       *States, 21,294.*

13           (2) *For the Army Reserve, 6,258.*

14           (3) *For the Air National Guard of the United*  
15       *States, 10,405.*

16           (4) *For the Air Force Reserve, 6,455.*

17   **SEC. 414. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESERVE PERSONNEL AU-**  
18           **THORIZED TO BE ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR**  
19           **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.**

20       *During fiscal year 2027, the maximum number of*  
21   *members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who*  
22   *may be serving at any time on full-time operational sup-*  
23   *port duty under section 115(b) of title 10, United States*  
24   *Code, is the following:*

1           (1) *The Army National Guard of the United*  
2       *States, 17,000.*

3           (2) *The Army Reserve, 13,000.*

4           (3) *The Navy Reserve, 6,200.*

5           (4) *The Marine Corps Reserve, 3,000.*

6           (5) *The Air National Guard of the United*  
7       *States, 16,000.*

8           (6) *The Air Force Reserve, 14,000.*

9   **SEC. 415. AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS: SENIOR ENLISTED**  
10                   **MEMBERS ON ACTIVE DUTY OR ON FULL-TIME**  
11                   **NATIONAL GUARD DUTY FOR ADMINISTRA-**  
12                   **TION OF THE MARINE CORPS RESERVE.**

13       *Section 12012(a) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
14   *amended by striking that part of the table pertaining to*  
15   *the Marine Corps Reserve and inserting the following:*

16       *“Marine Corps Reserve:*

1,100 .....	68	18
1,200 .....	75	20
1,300 .....	81	21
1,400 .....	87	23
1,500 .....	93	24
1,600 .....	99	26
1,700 .....	106	28
1,800 .....	112	29
1,900 .....	118	31
2,000 .....	124	33
2,100 .....	130	34
2,200 .....	137	36
2,300 .....	143	37
2,400 .....	149	39
2,500 .....	155	41
2,600 .....	161	42
2,700 .....	168	44
2,800 .....	174	46
2,900 .....	180	47
3,000 .....	186	49”.

**Subtitle C—Authorization of  
Appropriations**

**SEC. 421. MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

(a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the use of the Armed Forces and other activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for expenses, not otherwise provided for, for military personnel, as specified in the funding table in section 4401.*

(b) *CONSTRUCTION OF AUTHORIZATION.—The authorization of appropriations in the subsection (a) supersedes any other authorization of appropriations (definite or indefinite) for such purpose for fiscal year 2027.*

**TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL  
POLICY**

**Subtitle A—Officer Policy and  
Reserve Component Management**

**SEC. 501. FLEXIBILITY IN REQUIREMENTS OF SELECTION**

**BOARDS: COMPOSITION; CONVENING.**

(a) *CONSIDERATION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY DESIGNATED FOR LIMITED DUTY.—Section 612(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “and (C)” after “subparagraph (B)”;* and

1           (2) *by inserting a new subparagraph (C):*

2           “(C) *A selection board need not include an officer from*  
 3 *a competitive category to be considered by the board when*  
 4 *considering officers designated for limited duty under sec-*  
 5 *tion 8146 of this title.”.*

6           (b) *SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CONTINUATION ON*  
 7 *ACTIVE DUTY.—*

8           (1) *OFFICERS IN THE GRADE OF O-3 OR O-4.—*  
 9           *Section 637 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 10 *ed, in subsection (a)(1)—*

11           (A) *by striking “he is selected for continu-*  
 12 *ation on active duty by a selection board con-*  
 13 *vened under section 611(b) of this title.” and in-*  
 14 *serting an em dash; and*

15           (B) *by adding at the end the following new*  
 16 *subparagraphs:*

17           “(A) *the officer is selected for continuation on*  
 18 *active duty by a selection board convened under sec-*  
 19 *tion 611(b) of this title; or*

20           “(B) *the Secretary concerned recommends all of-*  
 21 *icers, whom the Secretary finds to be fully qualified,*  
 22 *for continuation on active duty.”*

23           (2) *REGULAR OFFICERS IN THE GRADE OF O-5*  
 24 *OR O-6.—Such section is further amended, in sub-*  
 25 *section (b)(1)—*

1           (A) by striking “he is selected for continu-  
 2           ation on active duty by a selection board con-  
 3           vened under section 611(b) of this title.” and in-  
 4           serting an em dash; and

5           (B) by adding at the end the following new  
 6           subparagraphs:

7           “(A) the officer is selected for continuation on  
 8           active duty by a selection board convened under sec-  
 9           tion 611(b) of this title; or

10          “(B) the Secretary concerned recommends all of-  
 11          ficers, whom the Secretary finds to be fully qualified,  
 12          for continuation on active duty.”.

13   **SEC. 502. REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN GEN-**  
 14           **ERAL AND FLAG OFFICERS.**

15          Chapter 49 of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
 16          by inserting after section 974 the following new section:

17   **“§975. Notice of removal of certain general and flag**  
 18           **officers**

19          “Not later than five days after the date on which an  
 20          officer in a grade above O-8 is removed from, transferred  
 21          from, or relieved of duty in, a position designated under  
 22          section 601(a) of this title or by law to carry such grade,  
 23          the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
 24          Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
 25          tives a report in writing that describes the performance con-

cerns, actions, or inactions of that officer that are cause for such removal, transfer, or relief of duty.”.

**SEC. 503. RANKS OF JUDGE ADVOCATES GENERAL.**

(a) *ARMY*.—Section 7037(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “The Judge Advocate General, while so serving, has the grade of lieutenant general. An officer appointed as Deputy Judge Advocate General who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of major general.”.

(b) *MARINE CORPS*.—Section 8046(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “If the officer to be appointed as the Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps holds a grade lower than the grade of lieutenant general immediately before the appointment, the officer shall be appointed in the grade of lieutenant general.”.

(d) *NAVY*.—

(1) *THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL*.—Section 8088(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “The Judge Advocate General, while so serving, has the grade of vice admiral or lieutenant general, as appropriate.”.

(2) *THE DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL*.—Section 8089(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “If an



officer appointed as the Deputy Judge Advocate General holds a lower regular grade, the officer shall be appointed in the regular grade of rear admiral or major general, as appropriate.”.

(f) *AIR FORCE*.—

(1) *THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL*.—Section 9037(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “The Judge Advocate General, while so serving, has the grade of lieutenant general.”.

(2) *THE DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL*.—Section 9037(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “An officer appointed as Deputy Judge Advocate General who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of major general.”.

**SEC. 504. GRADES OF CERTAIN CHIEFS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS.**

(a) *IN GENERAL*.—

(1) *CHIEF OF ARMY RESERVE*.—Section 7038(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following new paragraph:

“(4) The Chief of Army Reserve, while so serving, holds the grade of lieutenant general.”.

1           (2) *CHIEF OF NAVY RESERVE*.—Section 8083(b)  
 2       *of such title is amended by striking paragraph (4)*  
 3       *and inserting the following new paragraph:*

4       “(4) *The Chief of Navy Reserve, while so serving, holds*  
 5       *the grade of vice admiral. ”.*

6           (3) *COMMANDER, MARINE FORCES RESERVE*.—  
 7       *Section 8084(b) of such title is amended by striking*  
 8       *paragraph (4) and inserting the following new para-*  
 9       *graph:*

10       “(4) *The Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, while so*  
 11       *serving, holds the grade of lieutenant general. ”.*

12           (4) *CHIEF OF AIR FORCE RESERVE*.—Section  
 13       *9038(b) of such title is amended by striking para-*  
 14       *graph (4) and inserting the following new paragraph:*  
 15       “(4) *The Chief of Air Force Reserve, while so serving,*  
 16       *holds the grade of lieutenant general.”.*

17       (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE*.—*The amendments made by sub-*  
 18       *section (a) shall take effect on the day that is one year after*  
 19       *the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to*  
 20       *appointments made on or after such day.*

21       **SEC. 505. GRADE OF CHIEF OF THE VETERINARY CORPS OF**  
 22       **THE ARMY.**

23       *Section 7084 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 24       *ed—*

1           (1) by striking “The Chief” and inserting “(a)  
2       *APPOINTMENT.—The Chief*”; and

3           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4       *section:*

5       “(b) *GRADE.—The Chief of the Veterinary Corps of the*  
6       *Army, while so serving, holds the grade of brigadier gen-*  
7       *eral.*”.

8       **SEC. 506. LIMITATION ON THE TRANSFER TO THE SPACE**  
9                       **FORCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE AIR**  
10                      **NATIONAL GUARD.**

11       *Section 514 of the National Defense Authorization Act*  
12       *for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C.*  
13       *20001 note) is amended—*

14           (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as subsection  
15       (l); and

16           (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the following  
17       new subsection (k):

18       “(k) *RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-*  
19       *tion shall be construed to—*

20           “(1) authorize the transfer of a member of the  
21       Air National Guard of the United States more than  
22       once under subsection (c); or

23           “(2) establish a waiver of the applicability of  
24       any provision of section 104 of title 32, United States

1       *Code, or of section 18238 of title 10, United States*  
2       *Code.*”.

3   **SEC. 507. INCLUSION OF JUDGE ADVOCATES IN GLOBAL**  
4               **FORCE MANAGEMENT PROCESSES.**

5       *Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment*  
6   *of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that Global*  
7   *Force Management plans and processes—*

8               (1) *specifically address the assignment and allo-*  
9       *cation of active duty and reserve judge advocates; and*

10              (2) *convey information on the staffing avail-*  
11       *ability of judge advocates in a manner that enables*  
12       *combatant commanders to readily determine the num-*  
13       *ber of judge advocates who are available for perma-*  
14       *nent assignment to the combatant commands in the*  
15       *event of an armed conflict.*

16   **SEC. 508. ROLE OF MILITARY CHAPLAINS.**

17       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall en-*  
18   *sure—*

19              (1) *a covered military chaplain is able to pro-*  
20       *vide pastoral counseling, including emotional, moral,*  
21       *or behavioral assistance counseling;*

22              (2) *a covered military chaplain is able to pro-*  
23       *vide pastoral counseling with respect to matters not*  
24       *strictly related to spiritual counseling; and*

1           (3) *that privileged communications between cov-*  
 2           *ered military chaplains and members of the Army,*  
 3           *Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Space Force are*  
 4           *protected.*

5           (b) *COVERED MILITARY CHAPLAIN DEFINED.—In this*  
 6           *section, the term “covered military chaplain” means a*  
 7           *chaplain in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or*  
 8           *Space Force.*

9           ***Subtitle B—Recruitment, General***  
 10           ***Service Authorities and Prohibi-***  
 11           ***tions, and Military Records***

12           ***SEC. 511. RECRUITMENT: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO***  
 13           ***SECONDARY SCHOOLS.***

14           *Section 503(c)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code,*  
 15           *is amended—*

16                   (1) *in clause (ii), by striking “; and” and insert-*  
 17                   *ing a semicolon;*

18                   (2) *in clause (iii)—*

19                           (A) *by inserting “academic grades, sexes,”*  
 20                           *after “student names,”; and*

21                           (B) *by striking the period at the end and*  
 22                           *inserting “; and”; and*

23                   (3) *by adding at the end the following new*  
 24                   *clause:*

1           “(iv) in addition to the requirement under clause  
 2           (ii), shall, upon the request of a military recruiter for  
 3           the purpose described in clause (i), provide at least  
 4           four visits to each secondary school across each aca-  
 5           demic year, between classes, when students are phys-  
 6           ically present, and in a manner that does not inter-  
 7           fere with class attendance and, after reasonable no-  
 8           tice, in meeting spaces (including auditoriums), at  
 9           athletic functions, and at other group or social activi-  
 10          ties.”.

11 **SEC. 512. PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL AS-**  
 12 **SIGNED TO DUTY WITH A SERVICE REVIEW**  
 13 **AGENCY; REPORT ON REVIEWS OF CERTAIN**  
 14 **DISCHARGES RELATED TO PTSD.**

15           (a) *PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL AS-*  
 16 *SIGNED TO DUTY WITH A SERVICE REVIEW AGENCY.*—Sec-  
 17 *tion 1559(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
 18 *by striking “Before December 31, 2025” and inserting*  
 19 *“During the period beginning on the date of the enactment*  
 20 *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 21 *2027 and ending on December 31, 2030”.*

22           (b) *REPORT ON TIME REQUIRED FOR A BOARD TO*  
 23 *CONSIDER A REVIEW OF A DISCHARGE OR DISMISSAL*  
 24 *FROM THE ARMED FORCES BASED ON MATTERS RELATING*

1 *TO POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER OR TRAUMATIC*  
2 *BRAIN INJURY.—*

3 *(1) REPORT REQUIRED.—*

4 *(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days*  
5 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
6 *Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under*  
7 *Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness,*  
8 *in coordination with the Secretaries of the*  
9 *military departments, shall submit to the Com-*  
10 *mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and*  
11 *House of Representatives a report regarding the*  
12 *periods required for a board established under*  
13 *section 1552 or 1553 of title 10, United States*  
14 *Code, to make a determination in a case involv-*  
15 *ing liberal consideration.*

16 *(B) ELEMENTS.—The report shall include*  
17 *the following:*

18 *(i) An analysis of the time such peri-*  
19 *ods, disaggregated by military department.*

20 *(ii) An explanation of the differences*  
21 *between such periods, disaggregated by mili-*  
22 *tary department.*

23 *(iii) The number of personnel assigned*  
24 *to review, process, and consider such cases.*

1                   (iv) *Recommendations of the Secretary*  
 2                   *of Defense to expedite the consideration of*  
 3                   *such cases.*

4                   (C) *FORM.*—*The report shall be submitted*  
 5                   *in unclassified form.*

6                   (D) *PUBLICATION.*—*The executive summary*  
 7                   *of the report shall be published on a publicly ac-*  
 8                   *cessible website of the Department of Defense.*

9                   (2) *BRIEFING.*—*Not later than 30 days after*  
 10                  *submitting the report, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
 11                  *provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
 12                  *Senate and House of Representatives a briefing on the*  
 13                  *findings, conclusions, and recommendations of such*  
 14                  *report.*

15                  (3) *LIBERAL CONSIDERATION DEFINED.*—*In this*  
 16                  *section, the term “liberal consideration” is used as*  
 17                  *such term is used in section 1552(h) and 1553(d) of*  
 18                  *title 10, United States Code.*

19 **SEC. 513. SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM: OMISSION OF DE-**  
 20 **CEASED PERSONS FROM REGISTRATION.**

21                  (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 3 of the Military Selective*  
 22                  *Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3802), as amended by section 535*  
 23                  *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 24                  *2026 (Public Law 119–60), is further amended by adding*  
 25                  *at the end the following new subsection:*



1       “(c) *In carrying out subsection (a), the Director shall*  
2 *not register a person whose name appears in the Death*  
3 *Master File (as such term is defined in section 203 of the*  
4 *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–167; 42*  
5 *U.S.C. 1306c)).”.*

6       (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendment made by this*  
7 *section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of*  
8 *the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
9 *2026.*

10 ***SEC. 514. REQUIREMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, RACIAL***  
11 ***NEUTRALITY, AND EXCLUSIVE USE OF MERIT***  
12 ***IN MILITARY PERSONNEL ACTIONS.***

13       (a) *MERIT REQUIREMENT.*—*Any Department of De-*  
14 *fense military personnel action related to accessions, pro-*  
15 *motions, nominative assignments, command selection, and*  
16 *military and civil schooling selection and training shall be*  
17 *based exclusively on individual merit, fitness, capability,*  
18 *and performance.*

19       (b) *CONSIDERATION OF RACE PROHIBITED.*—*Consid-*  
20 *eration of an individual’s race, ethnicity, or national origin*  
21 *in any military personnel action is prohibited throughout*  
22 *the Department of Defense.*

23       (c) *LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR TASKING OF SPECIFIC*  
24 *MISSIONS.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*This section shall not be con-*  
2           *strued to prohibit tasking for specific, unconventional*  
3           *missions in foreign countries, where the anticipated*  
4           *ground operating environment of indigenous popu-*  
5           *lations may justify consideration of race, ethnicity, or*  
6           *national origin when tasking for the mission to opti-*  
7           *mize mission success.*

8           (2) *COMBATANT COMMANDER APPROVAL RE-*  
9           *QUIRED.*—*Any tasking pursuant to the exception de-*  
10          *scribed in paragraph (1) shall require the approval of*  
11          *the combatant commander concerned.*

12          (3) *REPORTING REQUIREMENT.*—*Not later than*  
13          *60 days after a tasking pursuant to the exception de-*  
14          *scribed in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense*  
15          *shall report the tasking to the Committees on Armed*  
16          *Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-*  
17          *tives. The report shall describe—*

18                 (A) *the mission, including location and du-*  
19                 *ration;*

20                 (B) *the staffing of the mission;*

21                 (C) *the demographic factors warranting the*  
22                 *tasking;*

23                 (D) *the number of personnel involved, in-*  
24                 *cluding their rank, position, and race, ethnicity,*  
25                 *and national origin; and*

1                   (E) the rationale for the tasking.

2   **SEC. 515. PROHIBITION OF HATE SYMBOLS: REGULATIONS;**  
3                   **GUIDANCE; TRAINING.**

4           (a) *PROHIBITION.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
5   date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
6   shall prescribe in regulations—

7                   (1) a policy of the Department of Defense that  
8           prohibits the display, possession for display, or use of  
9           a hate symbol in the workplace or in connection with  
10          official duties, including on the body, uniform, civil-  
11          ian work attire, personal equipment, government  
12          property, or digital work platforms, including  
13          through a tattoo, brand, insignia, patch, apparel, or  
14          electronic imagery;

15                  (2) standards for identifying and addressing  
16          prohibited hate symbols; and

17                  (3) procedures to review a determination under  
18          such policy, order the removal of a symbol determined  
19          to be a hate symbol, or other remediation consistent  
20          with applicable law.

21          (b) *EXCEPTION.*—The policy under subsection (a) shall  
22          not prohibit the good-faith display or use of a symbol for  
23          a legitimate religious, educational, intelligence, law enforce-  
24          ment, or investigative purpose. To determine whether such

1 *display or use is subject to an exception under this sub-*  
2 *section, the Secretary shall consider—*

3           (1) *the historical and cultural meaning of the*  
4 *symbol;*

5           (2) *the manner, context, and location in which*  
6 *the symbol is displayed;*

7           (3) *whether the symbol is associated with an ex-*  
8 *tremist organization or ideology;*

9           (4) *whether the display would reasonably be in-*  
10 *terpreted as communicating support for hatred, dis-*  
11 *crimination, or violent extremism;*

12           (5) *applicable constitutional and statutory law;*  
13 *and*

14           (6) *religious accommodations.*

15       (c) *GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
16 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—*

17           (1) *issue guidance and reference materials, devel-*  
18 *oped in consultation with subject matter experts, to*  
19 *assist commanding officers, supervisors, human re-*  
20 *sources personnel, and investigators, regarding the*  
21 *identification of hate symbols; and*

22           (2) *review, in consultation with civil rights ex-*  
23 *perts and organizations with recognized expertise in*  
24 *hate and extremist symbols, and update such guid-*

1        *ance not less than once every 36 months after such*  
2        *issuance.*

3        (d) *TRAINING.*—*The Secretary shall incorporate in-*  
4        *struction on the policy and guidance under this section into*  
5        *existing training programs for members of the covered*  
6        *Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of*  
7        *Defense.*

8        (e) *CERTIFICATION.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*  
9        *Secretary prescribes regulations under subsection (a), the*  
10       *Secretary of a military department or head of a Defense*  
11       *agency shall certify to the Secretary of Defense whether their*  
12       *subordinate members of the covered Armed Forces or civil-*  
13       *ian employees subordinate have implemented the regula-*  
14       *tions, guidance, and training under this section.*

15       (f) *BRIEFING.*—*Not later than one year after the date*  
16       *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
17       *submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate*  
18       *and House of Representatives a briefing detailing the im-*  
19       *plementation of this section.*

20       (g) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

21            (1) *The term “hate symbol” means any symbol,*  
22        *image, insignia, emblem, tattoo, sign, coded designa-*  
23        *tion, or other visual representation that, in context,*  
24        *would be reasonably understood to promote violence*

1       or unlawful discrimination against a person or group  
2       based on a protected identity characteristic.

3               (2) The term “covered Armed Force” means the  
4       Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space  
5       Force.

6   **SEC. 516. TIMELY RESOLUTION OF CAREER-IMPACTING AD-**  
7                               **MINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS.**

8       (a) *POLICY REQUIRED.*—Not later than 180 days after  
9       the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
10      fense shall prescribe a policy applicable to covered adminis-  
11      trative investigations. Such policy shall include—

12               (1) standard timelines for initiation, investiga-  
13      tion, legal review, command action, and final disposi-  
14      tion of covered administrative investigations;

15               (2) a requirement that an extension of a stand-  
16      ard timeline described in paragraph (1) be approved  
17      by an appropriate official in writing that includes an  
18      explanation of the reasons for the extension, an iden-  
19      tification of the investigative steps remaining, and an  
20      expected date of completion of those steps;

21               (3) a requirement that any covered administra-  
22      tive investigation of a member of the Armed Forces  
23      that includes the suspension of a favorable personnel  
24      action for such member during the period of inves-  
25      tigation—

1           (A) that is open for 90 days or more may  
2           only continue if the investigation is approved by  
3           the first general officer, flag officer, or member of  
4           the Senior Executive Service in the chain of  
5           command of the member of the Armed Forces  
6           that is the subject of such investigation; and

7           (B) is reviewed not less than once every 30  
8           days during the period of investigation to deter-  
9           mine whether such suspension is necessary and  
10          narrowly tailored to address the particular con-  
11          cern being investigated;

12          (4) a requirement that prior to initiation of a  
13          covered administrative investigation, or continuation  
14          of a closed covered administrative investigation, based  
15          substantially on allegations occurring outside of an  
16          applicable reporting period, the investigating author-  
17          ity make a determination in writing as to—

18               (A) the reason for the delay in reporting  
19               such allegations;

20               (B) the availability and reliability of wit-  
21               nesses;

22               (C) the availability of documentary or elec-  
23               tronic evidence;

24               (D) whether a complete and fair inquiry  
25               can be conducted; and

1                   (E) whether an alternative to an investiga-  
2                   tion is more appropriate;

3                   (5) a requirement that a member who is the sub-  
4                   ject of a covered administrative investigation be given  
5                   reasonable opportunity to provide evidence and iden-  
6                   tify witnesses;

7                   (6) a requirement that a member who is the sub-  
8                   ject of a covered administrative investigation be given  
9                   written notice of proposed actions, findings, rec-  
10                  ommendations, and supporting evidence prior to a  
11                  final adverse administrative action;

12                  (7) a requirement that investigators assigned to  
13                  a covered administrative investigation be screened for  
14                  potential conflicts of interest prior to being so as-  
15                  signed;

16                  (8) a requirement that a member who is the sub-  
17                  ject a covered administrative investigation be given  
18                  an opportunity to request relief from a suspension of  
19                  a favorable personnel action for purposes of a perma-  
20                  nent change of station, reassignment, military school-  
21                  ing, retirement, or other personnel action when no de-  
22                  rogatory finding has been made within the standard  
23                  timelines required by paragraph (1); and

24                  (9) a requirement that the Secretaries of the  
25                  military departments regularly review policy and



1        *practices with respect to covered administrative inves-*  
2        *tigations to ensure such investigations comply with*  
3        *the requirements of this section and other applicable*  
4        *laws and policies.*

5        *(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date*  
6        *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
7        *submit to the congressional defense committees a report on*  
8        *the implementation of the policy required by subsection (a),*  
9        *including—*

10            *(1) the number of covered administrative inves-*  
11            *tigations initiated during the preceding fiscal year;*

12            *(2) the number of such investigations exceeding*  
13            *30, 60, 90, and 180 days in length;*

14            *(3) the number of such investigations that in-*  
15            *cluded a suspension of favorable personnel action dur-*  
16            *ing the period of the investigation;*

17            *(4) the number of such investigations that re-*  
18            *sulted in a delay of a permanent change of station,*  
19            *reassignment, military schooling, retirement, or other*  
20            *personnel action;*

21            *(5) the number of such investigations resulting*  
22            *in substantiated, partially substantiated, unsubstan-*  
23            *tiated, or dismissed findings;*

1           (6) *the average and median duration of covered*  
2           *administrative investigations by military depart-*  
3           *ment;*

4           (7) *the number of such investigations based sub-*  
5           *stantially on allegations reported outside an applica-*  
6           *ble regulatory reporting period;*

7           (8) *the number of covered administrative inves-*  
8           *tigations reviewed for consistency with this section*  
9           *and other applicable laws and policies; and*

10          (9) *recommendations for legislative or adminis-*  
11          *trative action.*

12          (c) *COVERED ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION DE-*  
13          *FINED.—In this section, the term “covered administrative*  
14          *investigation” means any non-criminal inquiry or inves-*  
15          *tigation that results in or is reasonably like to result in—*

16                (1) *suspension of a favorable personnel action*  
17                *during the period of investigation or as a result of the*  
18                *investigation;*

19                (2) *delay or denial of permanent change of sta-*  
20                *tion, reassignment, military schooling, retirement, or*  
21                *other personnel action;*

22                (3) *adverse administrative action;*

23                (4) *filing of adverse information in the personnel*  
24                *file of the member; or*

1           (5) *other material career impact, as determined*  
2       *by the Secretary concerned.*

3   **SEC. 517. PROHIBITION ON USE OF PREDICTION MARKETS**  
4                   **BY PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
5                   **FENSE.**

6       (a) *REGULATIONS REQUIRED.*—*Not later than 180*  
7 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
8 *retary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of*  
9 *the military departments, shall issue regulations prohib-*  
10 *iting members of the covered Armed Forces and civilian em-*  
11 *ployees of the Department of Defense from entering into*  
12 *transactions on prediction markets in cases in which the*  
13 *member or employee—*

14           (1) *at the time of the transaction, possesses mate-*  
15 *rial nonpublic information relevant to such trans-*  
16 *action; or*

17           (2) *may reasonably obtain such material non-*  
18 *public information in the course of performing official*  
19 *duties, including when such information would not*  
20 *otherwise be available to a member of the public exer-*  
21 *cising reasonable diligence.*

22       (b) *ENFORCEMENT.*—*The regulations under subsection*  
23 *(a) shall specify a range of punishments for the use of pre-*  
24 *diction markets in violation of the regulations.*

25       (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

1           (1) *The term “covered Armed Forces” means the*  
2       *Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space*  
3       *Force.*

4           (2) *Term “material nonpublic information”*  
5       *means information—*

6                 *(A) that a reasonable investor would con-*  
7       *sider important in making an investment deci-*  
8       *sion; and*

9                 *(B) that is not publicly available.*

10 **SEC. 518. PILOT PROGRAM ON MODERNIZATION OF DRUG**  
11                   **TESTING USING VOICE-BASED RISK ASSESS-**  
12                   **MENT.**

13       (a) *PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense may*  
14       *carry out a pilot program to evaluate the use of automated,*  
15       *voice-based risk assessment technology to support targeted*  
16       *drug testing of members of the Armed Forces to determine*  
17       *if such technology can improve the efficiency, cost-effective-*  
18       *ness, and operational readiness of the drug testing programs*  
19       *of the Department of Defense by enabling risk-informed test-*  
20       *ing in place of universal urinalysis.*

21       (b) *ELEMENTS.—If the Secretary of Defense carries out*  
22       *the pilot program under subsection (a), such pilot program*  
23       *shall—*

24                 (1) *make use of automated, voice-based risk as-*  
25       *essment technology;*

1           (2) *be executed as part of the Drug Demand Re-*  
2           *duction Program of the Department of Defense;*

3           (3) *be conducted consistent with the goals of the*  
4           *drug testing program, including deterrence and to as-*  
5           *sess the security, military fitness, readiness, good*  
6           *order, and discipline of commands;*

7           (4) *be conducted in a manner that allows the re-*  
8           *sults to be used for punitive or other appropriate ac-*  
9           *tions; and*

10          (5) *be conducted in a manner that protects indi-*  
11          *vidual privacy and complies with applicable law and*  
12          *Department policy.*

13          (c) *REPORT.—If the Secretary of Defense carries out*  
14          *the pilot program under subsection (a), not later than one*  
15          *year after the date on which the Secretary of Defense estab-*  
16          *lishes such pilot, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-*  
17          *sional defense committees an assessment of such pilot pro-*  
18          *gram, including the impact of the use of automated, voice-*  
19          *based risk assessment technology as described in subsection*  
20          *(a) on testing volume, cost savings, personnel time, and*  
21          *operational readiness.*

22          (d) *TERMINATION.—If the Secretary of Defense carries*  
23          *out the pilot program under subsection (a), such pilot pro-*  
24          *gram shall terminate on the date that is three years after*  
25          *the date on which such pilot program is established.*

1 **SEC. 519. SOLDIER DIGITAL LIFECYCLE MODERNIZATION**  
2 **INITIATIVE.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of the Army shall  
4 carry out a pilot program to design, develop, and imple-  
5 ment an initiative to be known as the “Soldier Digital  
6 Lifecycle Modernization Initiative” to provide members of  
7 the Army, prospective recruits to the Army, and veterans  
8 of the Army with a secure, digital experience through the  
9 lifecycle of a member of the Army, including during recruit-  
10 ment and after separation.

11 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The pilot program under subsection  
12 (a) shall—

13 (1) be carried out consistent with Executive  
14 Order 14338 (90 Fed. Reg. 163, relating to Improving  
15 Our Nation Through Better Design) and Office of  
16 Management and Budget Memorandum M-23-22 re-  
17 lating to Delivering a Digital-First Public Experience  
18 or any successor Executive order or Office of Manage-  
19 ment and Budget memorandum;

20 (2) make use of existing digital infrastructure  
21 and systems of the Army;

22 (3) include establishment a secure digital iden-  
23 tity record enabling continuity of data from recruit-  
24 ment into the Army through separation and transi-  
25 tion to being a veteran;

1           (4) *include development of a unified experience*  
2           *platform for members of the Army that provides inte-*  
3           *grated, role-based, and personalized digital services;*

4           (5) *include modernization of routine administra-*  
5           *tive workflows to reduce manual processing and data*  
6           *reentry;*

7           (6) *include deployment of analytics and deci-*  
8           *sion-support tools to inform readiness and retention*  
9           *decisions; and*

10          (7) *include enhancement of digital transition*  
11          *pathways to support separation from the Armed*  
12          *Forces and continued engagement with veterans.*

13          (c) *COMMERCIAL BEST PRACTICES.—In carrying out*  
14          *the pilot program required by subsection (a), the Secretary*  
15          *shall, to the maximum extent practicable and cost-effective,*  
16          *make use of commercially available technologies, modular*  
17          *architectures, and open standards to accelerate delivery and*  
18          *improve user experience.*

19          (d) *REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
20          *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall*  
21          *submit to the congressional defense committees a report de-*  
22          *scribing—*

23                 (1) *the implementation plan for the initiative;*

24                 (2) *key design and integration milestones;*

25                 (3) *estimated costs by fiscal year;*

1           (4) *performance metrics to measure improve-*  
 2           *ments in user experience, administrative burden re-*  
 3           *duction, retention indicators, and transition out-*  
 4           *comes; and*

5           (5) *any additional authorities the Secretary de-*  
 6           *termines are required.*

7           (e) *TERMINATION.—The pilot program required by*  
 8           *subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is three years*  
 9           *after the date of the establishment of such pilot program.*

10 **SEC. 519A. AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE PROPENSITY OF**  
 11 **CERTAIN STUDENTS TO SERVE IN THE**  
 12 **ARMED FORCES.**

13           (a) *STUDY.—*

14           (1) *AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
 15           *seek to enter into an agreement—*

16                   (A) *with an entity described in paragraph*  
 17                   (2) *pursuant to which such entity shall conduct*  
 18                   *a comprehensive study on the propensity to serve*  
 19                   *of military-connected students; and*

20                   (B) *not later than year after the date of the*  
 21                   *enactment of this Act.*

22           (2) *ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—An entity described in*  
 23           *this paragraph is a national nonprofit organization*  
 24           *that—*



1           (A) focuses on the educational environment  
2 of military-connected youth;

3           (B) is a partner to an institution of higher  
4 education; and

5           (C) has demonstrated expertise in research,  
6 mixed-methods methodology, or adolescent devel-  
7 opment.

8       (3) *SCOPE*.—Such study shall—

9           (A) examine the relationship between family  
10 military tradition and legacy, including  
11 generational service, parental attitudes toward  
12 service in the Armed Forces, and household mili-  
13 tary culture, and a student's propensity to serve  
14 in the Armed Forces;

15          (B) assess the relationship between aca-  
16 demic environmental factors (including partici-  
17 pation in JROTC, access to military-affiliated  
18 mentors and counselors, and type of school) and  
19 the propensity to serve;

20          (C) evaluate the role of peer support pro-  
21 gramming in shaping plans after secondary  
22 school among military-connected students;

23          (D) catalog factors that enhance or detract  
24 from the propensity to serve identified by mili-

1        *tary-connected students, their parents or guard-*  
2        *ians, and school personnel; and*

3                *(E) aggregate findings by subgroup, includ-*  
4        *ing by grade level, gender, race, ethnicity, geo-*  
5        *graphic region, and school type.*

6        *(4) METHODOLOGY.—Study shall be conducted—*

7                *(A) using mixed methods, including—*

8                        *(i) a quantitative survey administered*  
9        *to a nationally representative sample of not*  
10       *fewer than 1,500 military-connected stu-*  
11       *dents, using a purpose-built and validated*  
12       *instrument measuring the propensity to*  
13       *serve, family military legacy, JROTC par-*  
14       *ticipation, and school environment; and*

15                       *(ii) semi-structured qualitative inter-*  
16       *views with not fewer than 60 participants,*  
17       *including military-connected students, their*  
18       *parents or guardians, JROTC instructors,*  
19       *school counselors, school liaison officers, and*  
20       *program coordinators; and*

21                *(B) in accordance with—*

22                       *(i) the Federal Policy for the Protec-*  
23       *tion of Human Subjects (part 46 of title 45,*  
24       *Code of Federal Regulations including pro-*

visions applicable to research involving minors;

(ii) the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Public Law 93–380; 20 U.S.C. 1232g); and

(iii) applicable guidance of the Department of Defense governing the conduct of research on human subjects.

(5) *OPTIONAL PARTICIPATION.*—Participation in the study shall be voluntary. A military-connected student who is under 18 years of age may not participate without the informed written consent of a parent or legal guardian.

(b) *REPORTS.*—

(1) *INTERIM REPORT.*—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an interim report on such a study, including—

(A) whether the Secretary has entered into an agreement under subsection (a);

(B) whether such study has begun; and

(C) any preliminary findings available at the time of the report.

1           (2) *FINAL REPORT*.—Not later than two years  
2     after the Secretary enters into an agreement under  
3     subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Com-  
4     mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
5     House of Representatives a final report on the results  
6     of the study. Such a final report shall include—

7           (A) a detailed description of the study  
8     methodology, sample characteristics, and data  
9     collection procedures;

10          (B) the quantitative findings, including sta-  
11     tistical analyses of the relationship between fam-  
12     ily military legacy, school environment, JROTC  
13     participation, peer-to-peer program participa-  
14     tion, and the propensity to serve;

15          (C) the qualitative findings, including key  
16     themes derived from interviews with military-  
17     connected students, their parents or guardians,  
18     and school personnel;

19          (D) an integrated analysis of quantitative  
20     and qualitative findings;

21          (E) findings disaggregated by grade level,  
22     gender, race, ethnicity, geographic region, and  
23     school type;

24          (F) recommendations for the Secretary re-  
25     garding military recruitment strategy, develop-

1           *ment of JROTC programs, and support services*  
2           *for military-connected students; and*

3           *(G) recommendations to Congress regarding*  
4           *legislative action based on such findings.*

5           *(3) FORM.—The reports required under this sub-*  
6           *section shall be submitted in unclassified form, but*  
7           *may include a classified annex if the Secretary deter-*  
8           *mines such annex is necessary.*

9           *(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

10           *(1) The term “military-connected student”*  
11           *means a secondary school student—*

12                   *(A) enrolled in grade 11 or 12; and*

13                   *(B) who has at least one parent or guard-*  
14                   *ian who is currently serving, or who previously*  
15                   *served, in the Armed Forces.*

16           *(2) The term “propensity to serve” means a stu-*  
17           *dent’s self-reported likelihood of joining the Armed*  
18           *Forces after graduation from secondary school.*

19           *(3) The term “JROTC” means the Junior Re-*  
20           *serve Officers Training Corps program authorized*  
21           *under chapter 102 of title 10, United States Code.*

1        ***Subtitle C—Member Training***

2    ***SEC. 521. INELIGIBILITY OF A NATIONAL OF A NON-ALLIED***  
 3                    ***FOREIGN NATION TO ATTEND A SERVICE***  
 4                    ***ACADEMY.***

5        *Section 347 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 6    *ed—*

7                    *(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection*  
 8                    *(e); and*

9                    *(2) by inserting, after subsection (c), the fol-*  
 10                   *lowing new subsection (d):*

11            *“(d) INELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM*  
 12            *CERTAIN COUNTRIES.—(1) A person who is a foreign na-*  
 13            *tional of a covered nation may not receive instruction at*  
 14            *or otherwise attend a Service Academy pursuant to this sec-*  
 15            *tion.*

16            *“(2) In this subsection, the term ‘covered nation’ has*  
 17            *the meaning given such term in section 4872 of this title.”.*

18    ***SEC. 522. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND***  
 19                    ***MATHEMATICS PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR RE-***  
 20                    ***SERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS.***

21            *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 102 of title 10, United*  
 22            *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*  
 23            *new section:*

1   **“§ 2037. Science, technology, engineering, and mathe-**  
2                   **tics program**

3           “(a) *PROGRAM.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall de-*  
4   *velop and implement a program to assist units of the Jun-*  
5   *ior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps in providing partici-*  
6   *pants opportunities in STEM fields.*

7           “(b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The program required by subsection*  
8   *(a) shall include—*

9                   “(1) *the provision of guidance and best practices*  
10   *for identifying, evaluating, formalizing, and man-*  
11   *aging partnerships with local educational agencies,*  
12   *community colleges and trade schools, institutions of*  
13   *higher education, private-sector entities (including*  
14   *non-profit organizations) with expertise in STEM*  
15   *field programming and career and technical edu-*  
16   *cation, the defense industrial base, and any other en-*  
17   *tities with capacity and capability to support learn-*  
18   *ing and development in STEM fields;*

19                   “(2) *the provision of templates for agreements to*  
20   *facilitate the establishment of such partnerships;*

21                   “(3) *the establishment of a national directory of*  
22   *prospective partners for opportunities in STEM*  
23   *fields; and*

24                   “(4) *the establishment of a directory of opportu-*  
25   *nities in STEM fields for participants in the Junior*  
26   *Reserve Officers’ Training Corps.*

1       “(c) *CONTINUATION OF EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS.*—In  
 2       *carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall con-*  
 3       *tinue and maintain any Junior Reserve Officers’ Training*  
 4       *Corps STEM field program that existed before the enact-*  
 5       *ment of this section if such program demonstrates satisfac-*  
 6       *tory participation and learning outcomes.*

7       “(d) *STEM FIELD DEFINED.*—In this section, the  
 8       term ‘STEM field’ means the fields of science, technology,  
 9       engineering, or mathematics.”.

10       (b) *BRIEFING.*—Not later than one year after the date  
 11       of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall  
 12       provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the House  
 13       of Representatives and the Senate a briefing on the develop-  
 14       ment, implementation, and initial outcomes of the program  
 15       required by section 2037 of title 10, United States Code,  
 16       as added by subsection (a).

17       **SEC. 523. ADDITIONAL NOMINEES TO THE SERVICE ACADE-**  
 18                               **EMIES FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE**  
 19                               **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.**

20       (a) *UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.*—Section  
 21       7442 of title 10 is amended, in subsection (a)(10), by strik-  
 22       ing “Three” and inserting “Four”.

23       (b) *UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.*—Section 8454  
 24       of title 10, United States Code is amended, in subsection  
 25       (a)(10), by striking “Three” and inserting “Four”.



1       (c) *UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.*—Section  
 2   9442 of title 10, United States Code is amended, in sub-  
 3   section (a)(10), by striking “Three” and inserting “Four”.

4   **SEC. 524. ELIMINATION OF CAP ON THE NUMBER OF CA-**  
 5                   **DETS OR MIDSHIPMEN WHO MAY RECEIVE AL-**  
 6                   **TERNATIVE SERVICE OBLIGATIONS TO BE-**  
 7                   **COME PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES.**

8       (a) *UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.*—Section  
 9   7448(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
 10 striking “not more than five cadets, who obtain” and insert-  
 11 ing “a cadet who obtains”.

12      (b) *UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.*—Section  
 13 8459(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
 14 striking “not more than five midshipmen, who obtain” and  
 15 inserting “a midshipman who obtains”.

16      (c) *UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.*—Section  
 17 9448(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
 18 striking “not more than five cadets, who obtain” and insert-  
 19 ing “a cadet who obtains”.

20   **SEC. 525. ELIMINATION OF THE RIGHT OF CADETS TO**  
 21                   **AUTOMATIC REEXAMINATION.**

22      (a) *UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.*—Section  
 23 7451 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

24                   (1) in the heading, by inserting “**failure of**  
 25                   **an examination;**” before “**effect**”;

1           (2) *in subsection (a), by striking “studies and*  
 2           *recommended” and inserting “studies, or who fails to*  
 3           *pass a required examination, and is recommended”;*  
 4           (3) *by striking subsection (b); and*  
 5           (4) *by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection*  
 6           *(b).*

7           (b) *UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section*  
 8           *9451 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

9           (1) *in the heading, by inserting “**failure of***  
 10           ***an examination;**” before “**effect**”;*

11           (2) *in subsection (a), by striking “studies and*  
 12           *recommended” and inserting “studies, or who fails to*  
 13           *pass a required examination, and is recommended”;*

14           (3) *by striking subsection (b); and*

15           (4) *by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection*  
 16           *(b).*

17           (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this*  
 18           *section shall apply to the first academic year beginning*  
 19           *after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

20           **SEC. 526. CONGRESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS**  
 21           **OF THE SERVICE ACADEMIES.**

22           (a) *UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Chapter*  
 23           *753 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting*  
 24           *after section 7455 the following new section:*

1 **“§ 7455a. Congressional communications official**

2       “(a) *APPOINTMENT.*—*The Secretary of Defense, in co-*  
3 *ordination with the Secretary of the Army, shall appoint*  
4 *a civilian employee of the Department of the Army to serve*  
5 *as the congressional communications official of the Board*  
6 *of Visitors under section 7455 of this title.*

7       “(b) *DUTIES.*—(1) *The congressional communications*  
8 *official shall communicate directly with a Member of Con-*  
9 *gress, congressional defense committee, or covered congres-*  
10 *sional employee regarding the activities of such Board of*  
11 *Visitors.*

12       “(2) *The Secretary of Defense may not require the con-*  
13 *gressional communications official to obtain approval,*  
14 *clearance, or review of a communication under paragraph*  
15 *(1) before submitting such communication to a Member of*  
16 *Congress, congressional defense committee, or covered con-*  
17 *gressional employee.*

18       “(c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

19               “(1) *The term ‘covered congressional employee’*  
20 *means an employee of a Member of Congress, or of a*  
21 *congressional defense committee, without regard to—*

22                       “(A) *whether such employee serves on a full-*  
23 *time or part-time basis; or*

24                       “(B) *where such employee so serves.*

1           “(2) The term ‘Member of Congress’ has the  
2           meaning given such term in section 1563 of this  
3           title.”.

4           (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Chapter 853  
5 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
6 after section 8468 the following new section:

7           **“§ 8468a. Congressional communications official**

8           “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-  
9 ordination with the Secretary of the Navy, shall appoint  
10 a civilian employee of the Department of the Navy to serve  
11 as the congressional communications official of the Board  
12 of Visitors under section 7455 of this title.

13          “(b) DUTIES.—(1) The congressional communications  
14 official shall communicate directly with a Member of Con-  
15 gress, congressional defense committee, or covered congres-  
16 sional employee regarding the activities of such Board of  
17 Visitors.

18          “(2) The Secretary of Defense may not require the con-  
19 gressional communications official to obtain approval,  
20 clearance, or review of a communication under paragraph  
21 (1) before submitting such communication to a Member of  
22 Congress, congressional defense committee, or covered con-  
23 gressional employee.

24          “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           “(1) *The term ‘covered congressional employee’*  
 2           *means an employee of a Member of Congress, or of a*  
 3           *congressional defense committee, without regard to—*

4                     “(A) *whether such employee serves on a full-*  
 5                     *time or part-time basis; or*

6                     “(B) *where such employee so serves.*

7           “(2) *The term ‘Member of Congress’ has the*  
 8           *meaning given such term in section 1563 of this*  
 9           *title.”.*

10          *(c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Chapter*  
 11          *953 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting*  
 12          *after section 9455 the following new section:*

13          **“§9455a. Congressional communications official**

14                 “(a) *APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-*  
 15                 *ordination with the Secretary of the Air Force, shall ap-*  
 16                 *point a civilian employee of the Department of the Air*  
 17                 *Force to serve as the congressional communications official*  
 18                 *of the Board of Visitors under section 9455 of this title.*

19                 “(b) *DUTIES.—(1) The congressional communications*  
 20                 *official shall communicate directly with a Member of Con-*  
 21                 *gress, congressional defense committee, or covered congres-*  
 22                 *sional employee regarding the activities of such Board of*  
 23                 *Visitors.*

24                 “(2) *The Secretary of Defense may not require the con-*  
 25                 *gressional communications official to obtain approval,*

1 *clearance, or review of a communication under paragraph*  
 2 *(1) before submitting such communication to a Member of*  
 3 *Congress, congressional defense committee, or covered con-*  
 4 *gressional employee.*

5 “(c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

6 “(1) *The term ‘covered congressional employee’*  
 7 *means an employee of a Member of Congress, or of a*  
 8 *congressional defense committee, without regard to—*

9 “(A) *whether such employee serves on a full-*  
 10 *time or part-time basis; or*

11 “(B) *where such employee so serves.*

12 “(2) *The term ‘Member of Congress’ has the*  
 13 *meaning given such term in section 1563 of this*  
 14 *title.”.*

15 **SEC. 527. REVISION TO DECISION TIMEFRAME FOR EXPE-**  
 16 **DITED TRANSFERS AT THE MILITARY SERV-**  
 17 **ICE ACADEMIES.**

18 (a) *UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section*  
 19 *7461(e) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by strik-*  
 20 *ing “72 hours” each place it appears and inserting “five*  
 21 *days”.*

22 (b) *UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section*  
 23 *8480(e) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by strik-*  
 24 *ing “72 hours” each place it appears and inserting “five*  
 25 *days”.*

1       (c) *UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.*—Section  
 2   9461(e) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
 3   ing “72 hours” each place it appears and inserting “five  
 4   days”.

5   **SEC. 528. JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS IN-**  
 6                   **STRUCTOR PAY.**

7       (a) *NON-FOREIGN AREA COLA.*—Not later than July  
 8   1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall revise the Junior  
 9   Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Standardized Instructor  
 10   Pay Scale to increase the otherwise applicable minimum  
 11   instructor pay for instructors located outside of the conti-  
 12   nental United States or in Alaska by the amount of the  
 13   non-foreign area cost-of-living allowance rate pursuant to  
 14   section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, or the post al-  
 15   lowance rate pursuant to section 5924 of title 5, United  
 16   States Code, as appropriate for the area in which the in-  
 17   structor is located and as would be applicable if the instruc-  
 18   tor were an employee eligible for such allowance.

19       (b) *REPORT.*—Not later than April 1, 2027, the Sec-  
 20   retary of Defense shall complete an analysis of the impact  
 21   of the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Standard-  
 22   ized Instructor Pay Scale on recruitment and retention of  
 23   Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps instructors and  
 24   submit to the congressional defense committees a report con-  
 25   taining such analysis. Such report shall include—

(1) *the total number of authorized Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor positions, disaggregated by Armed Force, as of—*

*(A) January 31, 2027;*

*(B) January 31, 2026; and*

*(C) January 31, 2025;*

(2) *the total number of such instructor positions, disaggregated by Armed Force, that were vacant as of each of the dates specified in paragraph (1);*

(3) *a description of the efforts of the Department of Defense to fill such instructor positions; and*

(4) *any recommendations of the Secretary to address issues identified in such analysis.*

**SEC. 529. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.**

*(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—*

(1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a program using the authority provided under section 2103(b) of title 10, United States Code, to promote the participation of foreign students in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (in this section referred to as the “Program”).*



1           (2) *ORGANIZATION.*—*The Secretary of Defense,*  
2           *in consultation with the Director of the Defense Secu-*  
3           *rity Cooperation Agency, the Secretaries of the mili-*  
4           *tary departments, the commanders of the combatant*  
5           *commands, the participant institutions in the Senior*  
6           *Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, and any*  
7           *other individual the Secretary of Defense considers*  
8           *appropriate, shall be responsible for, and shall over-*  
9           *see, the Program.*

10          (b) *OBJECTIVE.*—*The objective of the Program is to*  
11          *promote the readiness and interoperability of the United*  
12          *States Armed Forces and the military forces of partner*  
13          *countries by providing a high-quality, cost effective mili-*  
14          *tary-based educational experience for foreign students in*  
15          *furtherance of the military-to-military program objectives*  
16          *of the Department of Defense and to enhance the edu-*  
17          *cational experience and preparation of future United States*  
18          *military leaders through increased, extended interaction*  
19          *with highly qualified potential foreign military leaders.*

20          (c) *ACTIVITIES.*—

21               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Under the Program, the Sec-*  
22               *retary of Defense shall—*

23                       (A) *identify to the military services' Senior*  
24                       *Reserve Officers' Training Corps program the*  
25                       *foreign students who, based on criteria estab-*

1            *lished by the Secretary, the Secretary rec-*  
2            *ommends be considered for admission under the*  
3            *Program;*

4            *(B) coordinate with partner countries to*  
5            *evaluate interest in and promote awareness of*  
6            *the Program;*

7            *(C) establish a mechanism for tracking an*  
8            *alumni network of foreign students who partici-*  
9            *pate in the Program; and*

10           *(D) to the extent practicable, work with the*  
11           *participant institutions in the Senior Reserve*  
12           *Officers' Training Corps program and partner*  
13           *countries to identify academic institutions and*  
14           *programs that—*

15           *(i) have specialized academic programs*  
16           *in areas of study of interest to participating*  
17           *countries; or*

18           *(ii) have high participation from or*  
19           *significant diaspora populations from par-*  
20           *ticipating countries.*

21           *(d) STRATEGY.—*

22           *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,*  
23           *2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the*  
24           *Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the*  
25           *Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-*

1        *representatives a strategy for the implementation of the*  
2        *Program.*

3                (2) *ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by para-*  
4        *graph (1) shall include the following elements:*

5                (A) *A governance structure for the Program,*  
6        *including—*

7                        (i) *the officials tasked to oversee the*  
8                        *Program;*

9                        (ii) *the format of the governing body of*  
10                       *the Program;*

11                       (iii) *the functions and duties of such*  
12                       *governing body with respect to establishing*  
13                       *and maintaining the Program; and*

14                       (iv) *mechanisms for coordinating with*  
15                       *partner countries whose students are se-*  
16                       *lected to participate in the Program.*

17                (B) *A list of additional authorities, appro-*  
18        *priations, or other congressional support nec-*  
19        *essary to ensure the success of the Program.*

20                (C) *A description of targeted partner coun-*  
21        *tries and participant institutions in the Senior*  
22        *Reserve Officers' Training Corps for the first*  
23        *three fiscal years of the Program, including a ra-*  
24        *tionale for selecting such initial partners.*

1           (D) *A description of opportunities and po-*  
2           *tential timelines for future Program expansion,*  
3           *as appropriate.*

4           (E) *A description of the mechanism for*  
5           *tracking the alumni network of participants of*  
6           *the Program.*

7           (F) *Any other information the Secretary of*  
8           *Defense considers appropriate.*

9       (e) *REPORT.—*

10           (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 20,*  
11           *2028, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of De-*  
12           *fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
13           *mittees (as that term is defined in section 101 of title*  
14           *10, United States Code) a report on the Program.*

15           (2) *ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-*  
16           *graph (1) shall include the following elements:*

17               (A) *A narrative summary of activities con-*  
18               *ducted as part of the Program during the pre-*  
19               *ceding fiscal year.*

20               (B) *An overview of participant Senior Re-*  
21               *serve Officers' Training Corps programs, indi-*  
22               *viduals, and countries, to include a description*  
23               *of the areas of study entered into by the students*  
24               *participating in the Program.*

1                   (C) A description of opportunities and po-  
 2                   tential timelines for future Program expansion,  
 3                   as appropriate.

4                   (D) Any other information the Secretary of  
 5                   Defense considers appropriate.

6           (f) *LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.*—The Secretary of De-  
 7           fense may not use the authority provided under this section  
 8           to pay for tuition or room and board for foreign students  
 9           who participate in the Program.

10          (g) *TERMINATION.*—The Program shall terminate on  
 11          December 31, 2032.

12   **SEC. 529A. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MILITARY SERVICE**  
 13                   **ACADEMY PANEL ON ATHLETICS.**

14          (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—The Secretary of Defense shall  
 15          establish within the Department of Defense a panel to be  
 16          known as the “Military Service Academy Panel on Ath-  
 17          letics” (referred to in this section as the “Panel”).

18          (b) *REVIEW.*—The Panel shall conduct a comprehen-  
 19          sive review and analysis of the effects of the following on  
 20          athletics at the Service Academies:

21                  (1) Rules of the NCAA regarding the compensa-  
 22                  tion of a collegiate athlete for use of the name, image,  
 23                  and likeness of such athlete.

24                  (2) The transfer portal of the NCAA.

25          (c) *REPORT.*—

1           (1) *REPORT REQUIRED.*—Not later than Decem-  
2       ber 31, 2027, the Panel shall submit to the congres-  
3       sional defense committees a written report regarding  
4       the review under subsection (b).

5           (2) *ELEMENTS.*—The report shall include the fol-  
6       lowing elements:

7           (A) *The evaluation of the Panel of the effects*  
8       *described in subsection (b) on the recruitment,*  
9       *retention, and military readiness of cadets and*  
10      *midshipmen at the Service Academies who are*  
11      *collegiate athletes.*

12          (B) *The legal and ethical implications iden-*  
13      *tified by the Panel, including with regards to the*  
14      *Uniform Code of Military Justice and regula-*  
15      *tions of the Department, of receipt of compensa-*  
16      *tion described in subsection (b) by a member of*  
17      *a covered Armed Force on active duty or a cadet*  
18      *or midshipman subject to a commissioned service*  
19      *obligation.*

20          (C) *The effect of the transfer portal on the*  
21      *rosters and cohesion of athletic teams at the*  
22      *Service Academies, given the unique attrition*  
23      *challenges faced by the Service Academies.*

1           (3) *PUBLICATION.*—*The Secretary shall publish*  
2           *the report on a publicly accessible website of the De-*  
3           *partment. The report—*

4                     *(A) shall be in unclassified form; and*

5                     *(B) may not contain any personally identi-*  
6           *fiable information of a cadet, midshipman, or*  
7           *member of a covered Armed Force.*

8           (d) *TERMINATION.*—*The Panel shall terminate upon*  
9           *submission of the report under subsection (c).*

10          (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

11                   (1) *The term “commissioned service obligation”*  
12           *has the meaning given such term in section 7448,*  
13           *8459, or 9448 of title 10, United States Code, as ap-*  
14           *plicable.*

15                   (2) *The term “covered Armed Force” means the*  
16           *Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space*  
17           *Force.*

18                   (3) *The term “NCAA” means the National Colle-*  
19           *giate Athletic Association.*

20                   (4) *The term “Service Academy” has the mean-*  
21           *ing given such term in section 347 of title 10, United*  
22           *States Code.*

1 **SEC. 529B. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO ELIMINATE THE**  
2 **70TH FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON OF THE**  
3 **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.**

4 (a) *LIMITATION.*—*The Secretary of the Air Force may*  
5 *not perform a covered action regarding the 70th Flying*  
6 *Training Squadron of the USAFA until the earlier of the*  
7 *following:*

8 (1) *October 1, 2031.*

9 (2) *The day that is 90 days after the day that*  
10 *the Secretary submits, to the congressional defense*  
11 *committees and the Board of Visitors to USAFA, a*  
12 *report described in subsection (b).*

13 (b) *REPORT.*—*A report described in this subsection is*  
14 *a report on covered action regarding the 70th Flying Train-*  
15 *ing Squadron of USAFA. Such a report includes the fol-*  
16 *lowing elements:*

17 (1) *An assessment of the effect of such covered ac-*  
18 *tion on the capacity to train cadets at USAFA, in-*  
19 *cluding the number of cadets so affected annually.*

20 (2) *A plan to maintain capacity described in*  
21 *paragraph (1) provided by the 70th Flying Training*  
22 *Squadron, including the retention of advanced mis-*  
23 *sion sets, simulator training, and evaluator pilot*  
24 *functions.*



1           (3) *An analysis of alternatives to such covered*  
2           *action, including the reallocation of chronically va-*  
3           *cant billets within Air Force Reserve Command.*

4           (4) *An assessment of the cost differential between*  
5           *continued operation of the 70th Flying Training*  
6           *Squadron and replacement of its functions by active-*  
7           *duty personnel.*

8           (5) *A plan to preserve the institutional knowl-*  
9           *edge and instructional capacity currently provided by*  
10          *aviators assigned to the 70th Flying Training Squad-*  
11          *ron.*

12          (c) *PLAN REQUIRED.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
13          *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall*  
14          *submit to the congressional defense committees a plan to*  
15          *sustain the 70th Flying Training Squadron until the ear-*  
16          *lier day under subsection (a).*

17          (d) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

18               (1) *The term “covered action” includes elimi-*  
19               *nating, deactivating, defunding, reducing the number*  
20               *of personnel, and reducing the number of aircraft.*

21               (2) *The term “USAFA” means the United States*  
22               *Air Force Academy.*

1       ***Subtitle D—Member Education***

2       ***SEC. 531. ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY***  
3                       ***PROGRAM AND A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK***  
4                       ***PROGRAM AT THE UNIFORMED SERVICES***  
5                       ***UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES.***

6       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 2113 of title 10, United  
7       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following  
8       new subsection:

9               “(h) *ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY*  
10       *PROGRAM AND A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM.*—  
11       (1) *The Secretary shall establish at the University a doctor*  
12       *of psychology program and a master of social work pro-*  
13       *gram.*

14              “(2) *A doctor of philosophy in clinical psychology shall*  
15       *not be considered to satisfy the requirement of paragraph*  
16       *(1).”.*

17       (b) *ESTABLISHMENT DATE.*—*The Secretary shall es-*  
18       *tablish the programs required by subsection (h) of section*  
19       *2113 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection*  
20       *(a), not later than five years after the date of the enactment*  
21       *of this Act.*

22       (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after the date*  
23       *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to*  
24       *Congress a report on the programs required by subsection*

1 *(h) of section 2113 of title 10, United States Code, as added*  
2 *by subsection (a), including—*

3 *(1) the estimated date of matriculation for the*  
4 *first class of students for each such program;*

5 *(2) the estimated graduation date for the first*  
6 *class from each such program;*

7 *(3) the expected class size of each such program*  
8 *during the 10-year period following the submission of*  
9 *the report;*

10 *(4) the estimated number of faculty needed to op-*  
11 *erate each such program during the 10-year period*  
12 *following the submission of the report;*

13 *(5) an estimate of facilities needs for each such*  
14 *program; and*

15 *(6) the estimated cost to establish and operate*  
16 *each such program during the 10-year period fol-*  
17 *lowing the submission of the report, categorized by—*

18 *(A) personnel;*

19 *(B) facilities; and*

20 *(C) other costs, as determined by the Sec-*  
21 *retary.*

1 **SEC. 532. ARMED FORCES HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLAR-**  
 2 **SHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**  
 3 **ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS; CONTINUITY OF**  
 4 **PAYMENTS.**

5 *Section 2127 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 6 *ed by adding at the end the following new subsections:*

7 *“(f) The Secretary of Defense shall consider an accred-*  
 8 *ited civilian educational institution eligible for a payment,*  
 9 *contract, or determination under this section unless the Sec-*  
 10 *retary determines that the accreditation of such institution*  
 11 *is under review for potential adverse action.*

12 *“(g)(1) The Secretary of Defense may cease payments*  
 13 *described in paragraph (2) only if—*

14 *“(A) the Secretary makes a determination de-*  
 15 *scribed in subsection (f); or*

16 *“(B) the member of the program is dropped from*  
 17 *the program as described in subsection (c) of section*  
 18 *2123 of this title.*

19 *“(2) Payments described in this paragraph are pay-*  
 20 *ments—*

21 *“(A) under this section;*

22 *“(B) to an accredited civilian educational insti-*  
 23 *tution;*

24 *“(C) for educational expenses of a member of the*  
 25 *program; and*

1           “(D) incurred in the course of study of such  
2           member of the program.”.

3 **SEC. 533. INCLUSION OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COL-**  
4 **LEGE AS PART OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE**  
5 **UNIVERSITY.**

6           Section 2165(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8           (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-  
9           graph (8); and

10           (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
11           lowing new paragraph:

12           “(7) The National Intelligence College.”.

13 **SEC. 534. DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL: AUTHORITY TO**  
14 **GRANT ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE IN COMMUNICA-**  
15 **TIONS.**

16           (a) *AUTHORITY.*—Chapter 108 of title 10, United  
17 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following  
18 new section:

19 **“§2169a Defense Information School: degree of asso-**  
20 **ciate of arts**

21           “(a) *DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY.*—Pursuant to  
22 regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Com-  
23 mandant of the Defense Information School may confer  
24 upon a student of the Defense Information School an asso-  
25 ciate of arts degree in communications.

1       “(b) *LIMITATION.*—A degree may be conferred upon a  
 2   student under this section only after the Provost of the De-  
 3   fense Information School certifies to the Commandant that  
 4   the student has satisfied all the requirements prescribed for  
 5   the degree.”.

6       (b) *REPORTING.*—

7           (1) *REPORT REQUIRED.*—Not later than one  
 8   year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
 9   annually thereafter, subject to termination under  
 10   paragraph (3), the Secretary of Defense shall submit  
 11   to the congressional defense committees a report re-  
 12   garding the implementation of section 2169a of such  
 13   title, as added by subsection (a).

14          (2) *ELEMENTS.*—A report under this subsection  
 15   shall include the plan and timeline of the Secretary  
 16   to carry out such implementation.

17          (3) *TERMINATION.*—The report under this sub-  
 18   section shall terminate on the day that the Com-  
 19   mandant of the Defense Information School first con-  
 20   fers a degree under such section.

21   **SEC. 535. ELIGIBILITY OF AN ENLISTED MEMBER TO RE-**  
 22                           **CEIVE A DEGREE FROM THE NAVAL POST-**  
 23                           **GRADUATE SCHOOL.**

24       Section 8545 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
 25   ed by striking subsection (d).

1           ***Subtitle E—Military Justice***

2   ***SEC. 541. CLARIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDGE***  
 3           ***ADVOCATES.***

4           *Section 806(a)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code*  
 5   *(article 6(a)(1)(B) of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-*  
 6   *tice), is amended by striking “license status that provides*  
 7   *current eligibility to actively practice law before such*  
 8   *court” and inserting “license status, in good standing, that*  
 9   *provides eligibility to practice law”.*

10   ***SEC. 542. AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL TRIAL COUNSEL TO***  
 11           ***ENTER INTO PRETRIAL AGREEMENTS WITH***  
 12           ***RESPECT TO CERTAIN OFFENSES.***

13           *Section 824a(c) of title 10, United States Code (article*  
 14   *24a(c) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amend-*  
 15   *ed—*

16           *(1) in paragraph (3)—*

17                   *(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph*  
 18           *(A), by striking “paragraph (5)” and inserting*  
 19           *“paragraphs (4) and (6)”;* and

20                   *(B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or*  
 21           *pretrial agreement” after “plea agreement”;*

22           *(2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as*  
 23   *paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and*

24           *(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-*  
 25   *lowing new paragraph:*

1           “(4) *PRETRIAL AGREEMENTS*.—If a special trial  
 2       *counsel exercises authority pursuant to subsection (d)*  
 3       *over an offense that occurred before January 1, 2019,*  
 4       *the special trial counsel may enter into a pretrial*  
 5       *agreement with the accused in accordance with regu-*  
 6       *lations prescribed by the President. Upon acceptance*  
 7       *of such an agreement by the military judge of a gen-*  
 8       *eral or special court-martial, the agreement shall bind*  
 9       *the parties and the convening authority.”.*

10 **SEC. 543. CLARIFYING AMENDMENT TO COMPLETION OF AP-**  
 11 **PELLATE REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 57 OF THE**  
 12 **UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

13       *Section 857(c) of title 10, United States Code (article*  
 14 *57(c) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amend-*  
 15 *ed—*

16           (1) *by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-*  
 17 *graph (3);*

18           (2) *in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “Appeals*  
 19 *and—” and all that follows and inserting “Appeals*  
 20 *and the review and time requirements described in*  
 21 *paragraph (2) are satisfied.”; and*

22           (3) *by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-*  
 23 *lowing new paragraph:*

24           “(2) *REVIEW AND TIME REQUIREMENTS*.—*The*  
 25 *review and time requirements referred to in para-*



1        *graph (1)(B) are satisfied if any of the following ap-*  
2        *plies:*

3                *“(A) The time for the accused to file a peti-*  
4                *tion for review by the Court of Appeals for the*  
5                *Armed Forces has expired and the accused has*  
6                *not filed a petition for such review in a timely*  
7                *manner and the case is not otherwise under re-*  
8                *view by that Court.*

9                *“(B) A petition for review by the Court of*  
10               *Appeals for the Armed Forces is withdrawn by*  
11               *the accused.*

12               *“(C) In the case of a petition for review by*  
13               *the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces that*  
14               *has been timely filed and not withdrawn, the pe-*  
15               *tition—*

16               *“(i)(I) is denied or otherwise rejected*  
17               *by the Court of Appeals for the Armed*  
18               *Forces; or*

19               *“(II) the review requested by the peti-*  
20               *tion is completed in accordance with the*  
21               *judgment of the Court of Appeals for the*  
22               *Armed Forces; and*

23               *“(ii) with respect to subsequent review*  
24               *by the Supreme Court—*

1                   “(I) a petition for a writ of cer-  
 2                   tiorari as provided in section 1259 of  
 3                   title 28 is not filed within the time  
 4                   limits prescribed by the Supreme  
 5                   Court;

6                   “(II) such a petition for a writ of  
 7                   certiorari is rejected by the Supreme  
 8                   Court;

9                   “(III) such a petition for a writ  
 10                  of certiorari is withdrawn by the peti-  
 11                  tioner; or

12                  “(IV) review is otherwise com-  
 13                  pleted in accordance with the judgment  
 14                  of the Supreme Court.”.

15 **SEC. 544. REVIEW OF COURTS-MARTIAL RECORDS.**

16           (a) *REVIEW WHEN DIRECT APPEAL IS WAIVED,*  
 17 *WITHDRAWN, OR NOT FILED.*—Section 865(d) of title 10,  
 18 *United States Code (article 65(d) of the Uniform Code of*  
 19 *Military Justice), is amended—*

20                   (1) *by striking paragraph (2);*

21                   (2) *by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-*  
 22 *graph (2); and*

23                   (3) *in paragraph (2), as so redesignated—*

1           (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking  
 2           “subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)” and inserting  
 3           “subparagraph (A) or (B)”; and

4           (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “con-  
 5           clusions” and all that follows and inserting “a  
 6           conclusion on each of the following matters:

7                   “(i) Whether the court had jurisdiction  
 8                   over the accused and the offense.

9                   “(ii) Whether the charge and specifica-  
 10                  tion stated an offense.

11                  “(iii) Whether the sentence was within  
 12                  the limits prescribed as a matter of law.”.

13       (b) *TECHNICAL CORRECTION.*—Section 869(c)(2) of  
 14       title 10, United States Code (article 69(c)(2) of the Uniform  
 15       Code of Military Justice), is amended by striking “section  
 16       865(b) of this title (article 65(b))” and inserting “section  
 17       865(d) of this title (article 65(d))”.

18       **SEC. 545. UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE: PROHIBI-**  
 19                   **TION OF REVIEW OF FACTUAL SUFFICIENCY**  
 20                   **IN CERTAIN APPEALS BEFORE A COURT OF**  
 21                   **CRIMINAL APPEALS.**

22       Section 866 of title 10, United States Code (article 66  
 23       of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amended in  
 24       subsection (d)(1)(B)—

25               (1) in clause (i)—

1 (A) by striking “(i)”;

2 (B) by striking “may consider” and insert-  
3 ing “may not consider”; and

4 (C) by striking “upon request of the accused  
5 if the accused makes a specific showing of a defi-  
6 ciency in proof”; and

7 (2) by striking clauses (ii) and (iii).

8 **SEC. 546. CLARIFICATION OF COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**  
9 **REVIEW OF SENTENCING.**

10 Section 866(e)(1) of title 10, United States Code (arti-  
11 cle 66(e)(1) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is  
12 amended—

13 (1) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as  
14 follows:

15 “(B) whether the portion of the sentence ex-  
16 tending to confinement is inappropriately severe,  
17 except that in the case of an offense for which the  
18 President has established a sentencing parameter  
19 for such portion pursuant to section 539E(e) of  
20 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
21 cal Year 2022, the Court may not consider such  
22 portion inappropriately severe if such portion is  
23 at or below the upper range of such sentencing  
24 parameter;” and

1           (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “the sen-  
 2           tence” and inserting “the portion of the sentence ex-  
 3           tending to confinement”.

4 **SEC. 547. EXPANSION OF VICTIM ACCESS TO COURT OF AP-**  
 5 **PEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES.**

6           (a) *REVIEW BY COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED*  
 7 *FORCES.*—Section 867 of title 10, United States Code (arti-  
 8 cle 67 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amend-  
 9 ed—

10           (1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e)  
 11 as subsections (d) through (f), respectively; and

12           (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following  
 13 new subsection:

14           “(c)(1) *The Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces*  
 15 *may review all decisions taken by a Court of Criminal Ap-*  
 16 *peals pursuant to a petition filed by a victim of an offense*  
 17 *under this chapter under section 806b(e) of this title (article*  
 18 *6b(e)) and on good cause shown.*

19           “(3) *The victim of an offense under this chapter may*  
 20 *petition the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for re-*  
 21 *view pursuant to paragraph (1) not later than 60 days*  
 22 *after the earlier of—*

23           “(A) *the date on which the victim is notified of*  
 24 *the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals on a*

1       petition pursuant to section 806b(e) of this title (arti-  
2       cle 6b(e)); or

3               “(B) the date on which a copy of the decision of  
4       the Court of Criminal Appeals, after being served on  
5       counsel for the victim (if the victim has counsel), is  
6       deposited into the United States mails for delivery by  
7       first-class certified mail to the victim at an address  
8       provided by the victim or at the latest address listed  
9       for the victim in the record of any proceedings held  
10      pursuant to section 830a or 832 of this title (article  
11      30a or 32) or during trial.

12      “(4) Review of any decision of a Court of Criminal  
13      Appeals on a petition for writ of mandamus described in  
14      section 806b(e) of this title (article 6b(e)) shall have priority  
15      in the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, as determined  
16      under the rules of the Court of Appeals for the Armed  
17      Forces.”.

18      (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 806b(e)(3) of  
19      title 10, United States Code (article 6b(e)(3) of the Uniform  
20      Code of Military Justice), is amended by striking subpara-  
21      graph (C).

1 **SEC. 548. MODIFICATIONS TO OFFENSE OF WRONGFUL**  
2 **BROADCAST OR DISTRIBUTION OF INTIMATE**  
3 **VISUAL IMAGES UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE**  
4 **OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

5 *Section 917a of title 10, United States Code (article*  
6 *117a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) is amended*  
7 *to read as follows:*

8 **“§917a. Art. 117a. Wrongful broadcast, distribution,**  
9 **or publication of intimate visual images**

10 *“(a) PROHIBITION.—Any person subject to this chap-*  
11 *ter who—*

12 *“(1) knowingly and wrongfully broadcasts, dis-*  
13 *tributes, or publishes a covered image involving a per-*  
14 *son who—*

15 *“(A) is at least 18 years of age at the time*  
16 *the image was created;*

17 *“(B) is identifiable from the image, or from*  
18 *information displayed or provided in connection*  
19 *with the image;*

20 *“(C) did not consent to the broadcast, dis-*  
21 *tribution, or publication of the image; and*

22 *“(D) did not, in a public or commercial set-*  
23 *ting, voluntarily—*

24 *“(i) display the private area depicted*  
25 *in the image; or*

1                   “(ii) engage in the sexually explicit  
2                   conduct depicted in the image;

3                   “(2) knowingly and wrongfully broadcasts, dis-  
4                   tributes, or publishes an authentic covered image and  
5                   knows or reasonably should have known that the  
6                   image was made under circumstances in which the  
7                   identifiable individual in the image retained a rea-  
8                   sonable expectation of privacy regarding any broad-  
9                   cast, distribution, or publication of the image; or

10                  “(3) knowingly and wrongfully broadcasts, dis-  
11                  tributes, or publishes a covered image and knows or  
12                  reasonably should have known that the broadcast, dis-  
13                  tribution, or publication of the covered image is like-  
14                  ly—

15                  “(A) to cause harm, harassment, intimidat-  
16                  ion, emotional distress, or financial loss for the  
17                  identifiable individual in the image; or

18                  “(B) to harm substantially the identifiable  
19                  individual with respect to that person’s health,  
20                  safety, business, calling, career, financial conduc-  
21                  tion, reputation, or personal relationships,  
22                  is guilty of an offense under this section (article) and shall  
23                  be punished as a court-martial may direct.

24                  “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section (article):



1           “(1) *AUTHENTIC*.—The term ‘authentic’, when  
2           used with respect to an image, means a visual image  
3           of an identifiable individual that accurately rep-  
4           resents the individual, and has not been created, al-  
5           tered, manipulated, or generated through the use of  
6           machine learning or artificial intelligence in a man-  
7           ner that would cause a reasonable person to perceive  
8           the authentic visual image as anything other than a  
9           genuine, unmodified, or not digitally forged visual  
10          image.

11          “(2) *BROADCAST*.—The term ‘broadcast’ means  
12          to electronically transmit a visual image with the in-  
13          tent that it be viewed by a person.

14          “(3) *COVERED IMAGE*.—The term ‘covered image’  
15          means an authentic or digitally forged visual image  
16          of—

17                 “(A) the private area of a person; or

18                 “(B) sexually explicit conduct involving a  
19          person.

20          “(4) *DIGITALLY FORGED*.—The term ‘digitally  
21          forged’, when used with respect to an image, means  
22          any visual image of an identifiable individual created  
23          through the use of software, machine learning, artifi-  
24          cial intelligence, or any other computer-generated or  
25          technological means, including by adapting, modi-

1 *fying, manipulating, or altering an authentic visual*  
2 *image, that, when viewed as a whole by a reasonable*  
3 *person, is indistinguishable from an authentic visual*  
4 *image of the individual and does not accurately re-*  
5 *fect the original source or reality.*

6 “(5) *DISTRIBUTE*.—The term ‘*distribute*’ means  
7 *to deliver to the actual or constructive possession of*  
8 *another person, including transmission by mail or*  
9 *electronic means.*

10 “(6) *IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL*.—The term  
11 ‘*identifiable individual*’ means an individual whose  
12 *face, likeness, other distinguishing characteristic (in-*  
13 *cluding a unique birthmark or other recognizable fea-*  
14 *ture), or other personally identifiable information is*  
15 *displayed in connection with a covered image.*

16 “(7) *PRIVATE AREA*.—The term ‘*private area*’  
17 *means the naked or underwear-clad genitalia, anus,*  
18 *buttocks, or female areola or nipple.*

19 “(8) *PUBLISH*.—The term ‘*publish*’ means to dis-  
20 *play, exhibit, present, or otherwise make a covered*  
21 *image available for viewing by another person in any*  
22 *medium without regard to whether such image is—*

23 “(A) *directly shown to another person; or*

24 “(B) *broadcast or distributed.*

1           “(9) *REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY.*—  
2       *The term ‘reasonable expectation of privacy’ means*  
3       *circumstances in which a reasonable person would be-*  
4       *lieve that a private area of the person, or sexually ex-*  
5       *PLICIT conduct involving the person, would not be visi-*  
6       *ble to the public.*

7           “(10) *SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT.*—*The term*  
8       *‘sexually explicit conduct’ means actual or simu-*  
9       *lated—*

10           “(A) *genital-genital contact, oral-genital*  
11       *contact, anal-genital contact, oral-anal contact,*  
12       *or the transfer of bodily sexual fluids on to any*  
13       *part of the body of an identifiable individual,*  
14       *whether between persons of the same or opposite*  
15       *sex;*

16           “(B) *bestiality;*

17           “(C) *masturbation; or*

18           “(D) *sadistic or masochistic abuse.*

19           “(11) *VISUAL IMAGE.*—*The term ‘visual image’*  
20       *means—*

21           “(A) *any developed or undeveloped photo-*  
22       *graph, picture, film, or video;*

23           “(B) *any digital or computer image, pic-*  
24       *ture, film, or video made by any means, includ-*

1            *ing those transmitted by any means, even if not*  
 2            *stored in a permanent format;*

3            *“(C) any digital or electronic data capable*  
 4            *of conversion into a visual image; or*

5            *“(D) any visual image that is digitally*  
 6            *forged.”.*

7    **SEC. 549. AUTHORIZATION OF DEATH PENALTY FOR OF-**  
 8            **FENSE OF RAPE OF A CHILD UNDER THE UNI-**  
 9            **FORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

10        *Section 920b(a) of title 10, United States Code (article*  
 11        *120b(a) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amend-*  
 12        *ed by inserting “by death, or such other punishment” after*  
 13        *“shall be punished”.*

14    **SEC. 549A. PUNITIVE ARTICLE ON RETALIATION FOR RE-**  
 15            **PORTING OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER**  
 16            **THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

17        *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter X of chapter 47 of title*  
 18        *10, United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Jus-*  
 19        *tice), is amended by inserting after section 932 (article 132)*  
 20        *the following new section (article):*

21    **“§ 932a. Art. 132a. Retaliation for reporting of sexual**  
 22            **harassment**

23        *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person subject to this chapter*  
 24        *who, with the intent to retaliate against any person for re-*  
 25        *porting or planning to report sexual harassment or with*

1 *the intent to discourage any person from reporting sexual*  
 2 *harassment—*

3           “(1) *wrongfully takes or threatens to take an ad-*  
 4           *verse personnel action against any person; or*

5           “(2) *wrongfully withholds or threatens to with-*  
 6           *hold a favorable personnel action with respect to any*  
 7           *person;*

8 *shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.*

9           “(b) *SEXUAL HARASSMENT DEFINED.—In this sec-*  
 10 *tion, the term ‘sexual harassment’ has the meaning given*  
 11 *that term in section 1561 of this title.”.*

12           (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading of sec-*  
 13 *tion 932 of title 10, United States Code (article 132 of the*  
 14 *Uniform Code of Military Justice) is amended by striking*  
 15 **“Retaliation”** *and inserting “***Retaliation gen-**  
 16 **erally***”.*

17 **SEC. 549B. REVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN-**  
 18 **STRUCTION REGARDING EARLY RELEASE ELI-**  
 19 **GIBILITY FOR OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF**  
 20 **CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENSES UNDER THE UNI-**  
 21 **FORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

22           (a) *REVISION REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days*  
 23 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
 24 *of Defense shall revise Department of Defense Instruction*  
 25 *1325.07, or any successor instruction, to provide that an*

1 *individual serving a sentence of confinement imposed pur-*  
2 *suant to a conviction by a general or special court-martial*  
3 *for an offense described in subsection (b) is ineligible for*  
4 *any reduction in the term of confinement based on good-*  
5 *conduct time.*

6 (b) *COVERED OFFENSES.—An individual is ineligible*  
7 *for any reduction in the term of confinement based on good-*  
8 *conduct time as described in subsection (a) if the individual*  
9 *is serving a sentence for a conviction under—*

10 (1) *section 920 of title 10, United States Code*  
11 *(article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),*  
12 *relating to rape and sexual assault;*

13 (2) *section 920b of title 10, United States Code*  
14 *(article 120b of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-*  
15 *tice), relating to rape and sexual assault of a child;*

16 (3) *section 920c of title 10, United States Code*  
17 *(article 120c of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-*  
18 *tice), relating to abusive sexual contact;*

19 (4) *section 918 of title 10, United States Code*  
20 *(article 118 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),*  
21 *relating to murder, if the offense was committed in*  
22 *the course of conduct involving a sexual act or sexual*  
23 *contact as defined in section 920 of that title (article*  
24 *120);*

1           (5) *section 919 of title 10, United States Code*  
2           *(article 119 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),*  
3           *relating to manslaughter, if the offense was committed*  
4           *in the course of conduct involving a sexual act or sex-*  
5           *ual contact as defined in section 920 of that title (ar-*  
6           *ticle 120);*

7           (6) *section 925 of title 10, United States Code*  
8           *(article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),*  
9           *relating to kidnapping, if the victim was a minor;*

10          (7) *section 928 of title 10, United States Code*  
11          *(article 128 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),*  
12          *relating to assault, if the offense involved a sexual act*  
13          *or sexual contact as defined in section 920 of that*  
14          *title (article 120);*

15          (8) *section 930 of title 10, United States Code*  
16          *(article 130 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),*  
17          *relating to stalking, if the offense involved a sexual*  
18          *motive or the victim was a minor;*

19          (9) *section 934 of title 10, United States Code*  
20          *(article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),*  
21          *relating to indecent conduct or indecent acts with an-*  
22          *other person;*

23          (10) *section 934 of title 10, United States Code*  
24          *(article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),*

1       relating to the possession, distribution, or production  
2       of child pornography;

3           (11) section 880 of title 10, United States Code  
4       (article 80 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),  
5       relating to attempts, if the offense attempted is an of-  
6       fense described in paragraphs (1) through (10) of this  
7       subsection; or

8           (12) section 881 of title 10, United States Code  
9       (article 81 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),  
10      relating to conspiracy, if the offense that is the object  
11      of the conspiracy is an offense described in para-  
12      graphs (1) through (10) of this subsection.

13      (c) *APPLICABILITY.*—The revision required by sub-  
14      section (a) shall apply to sentences imposed after the date  
15      on which the revision takes effect. Nothing in this section  
16      shall be construed to affect a sentence imposed before the  
17      effective date of such revision.

18      (d) *PRESERVATION OF VICTIM RIGHTS.*—Nothing in  
19      this section shall be construed to limit the rights of a victim  
20      under section 806b of title 10, United States Code (article  
21      6b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice). The Secretary  
22      of the military department concerned shall ensure that a  
23      victim retains the right to be reasonably heard at any clem-  
24      ency proceeding conducted outside the standard annual re-



1 *view cycle with respect to an individual described in sub-*  
2 *section (a).*

3 *(e) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after*  
4 *completing the revision required by subsection (a), the Sec-*  
5 *retary of Defense shall certify to the Committees on Armed*  
6 *Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives that*  
7 *Department of Defense Instruction 1325.07 has been revised*  
8 *in accordance with this section.*

9 **SEC. 549C. NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT**  
10 **CHANGES TO MILITARY LEGAL SYSTEM REC-**  
11 **OMMENDED BY SPECIAL REVIEW PANEL AC-**  
12 **TIVITIES.**

13 *(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may not*  
14 *implement a recommendation of the Special Review Panel*  
15 *until a period of 180 days has elapsed following the date*  
16 *on which the Secretary submits to the congressional defense*  
17 *committees all documentation required under subsection*  
18 *(b).*

19 *(b) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.—*

20 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
21 *submit to the congressional defense committees all rec-*  
22 *ommendations and analysis delivered by the Special*  
23 *Review Panel to the Secretary of Defense.*

24 *(2) TIMING OF SUBMISSIONS.—*

1           (A) *Any documentation described in para-*  
 2           *graph (1) that was delivered to the Secretary of*  
 3           *Defense before the date of the enactment of this*  
 4           *Act, shall be submitted to the congressional de-*  
 5           *fense committees not later than 30 days after*  
 6           *such date of enactment.*

7           (B) *Any documentation described in para-*  
 8           *graph (1) that is delivered to the Secretary of*  
 9           *Defense on or after the date of the enactment of*  
 10          *this Act, shall be submitted to the congressional*  
 11          *defense committees not later than five days after*  
 12          *the date of delivery to the Secretary.*

13          (c) *SPECIAL REVIEW PANEL DEFINED.—In this sec-*  
 14          *tion, the term “Special Review Panel” means the Special*  
 15          *Review Panel established pursuant to the memorandum of*  
 16          *the Secretary of Defense dated May 8, 2026, titled “Depart-*  
 17          *mental Review of the Military Legal System and Its Impact*  
 18          *on Service Members”.*

19          **SEC. 549D. ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
 20                               **SEPARATE PUNITIVE ARTICLE ON HAZING**  
 21                               **UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY**  
 22                               **JUSTICE.**

23          (a) *ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense,*  
 24          *in coordination with the Joint Service Committee on Mili-*  
 25          *tary Justice, shall analyze the feasibility and advisability*

1 of, and develop recommendations with respect to, modifying  
 2 chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the Uniform  
 3 Code of Military Justice), to establish a separate punitive  
 4 article on hazing. As part of such analysis, the Secretary  
 5 shall develop a proposed definition of the term “hazing” for  
 6 purposes of such article.

7 (b) *REPORT*.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
 8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall  
 9 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate  
 10 and the House of Representatives a report on the results  
 11 of the analysis under subsection (a).

12 ***Subtitle F—Investigations and***  
 13 ***Other Legal Matters***

14 ***SEC. 551. EXTENSION OF SPECIAL VICTIMS’ COUNSEL SERV-***  
 15 ***ICES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS.***

16 (a) *AMENDMENTS*.—Section 1044e of title 10, United  
 17 States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**do-**  
 19 **mestic violence and**” before “**sex-related of-**  
 20 **fenses**”;

21 (2) by inserting “domestic violence or” before  
 22 “sex-related offense” each place it appears;

23 (3) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “domestic  
 24 abuse advocate” and inserting “domestic abuse victim  
 25 advocate”;

1           (4) in subsection (f)(1), by inserting “domestic  
2       abuse victim advocate,” after “healthcare provider,”;  
3       and

4           (5) in subsection (h)—

5                (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
6       “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR” before “SEX-RE-  
7       LATED OFFENSE”; and

8                (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “or 930  
9       of this title (article 120, 120b, 120c,” and insert-  
10      ing “928b, or 930 of this title (article 120, 120b,  
11      120c, 128b,”.

12       (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made by sub-  
13      section (a) shall take effect two years after the date of the  
14      enactment of this Act.

15       (c) *BRIEFING.*—Not later than one year after the date  
16      of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall  
17      provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate  
18      and the House of Representatives a briefing on the imple-  
19      mentation of policies and procedures to carry out the  
20      changes required pursuant to subsection (a).

21      **SEC. 552. POLICIES REGARDING THE REPORTING OF MISS-**  
22                                   **ING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

23       (a) *POLICIES REQUIRED.*—Chapter 80 of title 10,  
24      United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
25      following new section.

1 **“§ 1568. Policies regarding the reporting of missing**  
2 **members of the Armed Forces**

3 *“The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe policies for*  
4 *the Department of Defense that establish minimum stand-*  
5 *ards with respect to reporting the discovery that a member*  
6 *of the armed forces is missing. Such policies shall include—*

7 *“(1) standards for the categorization of absences*  
8 *of members of the armed forces;*

9 *“(2) a requirement that the appropriate military*  
10 *criminal investigative organization be notified not*  
11 *later than three hours after a member of the armed*  
12 *forces is discovered to be missing; and*

13 *“(3) a requirement that the primary next of kin*  
14 *of the member (as defined in section 1513 of this title)*  
15 *be notified not later than eight hours after a member*  
16 *of the armed forces is discovered to be missing.”.*

17 *(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
18 *prescribe policies required by section 1568 of title 10,*  
19 *United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this sec-*  
20 *tion, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment*  
21 *of this Act.*

22 **SEC. 553. AUTHORITY OF NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE**  
23 **SERVICE TO INVESTIGATE SEXUAL HARASS-**  
24 **MENT.**

25 *Chapter 871 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
26 *ed by adding at the end the following new section:*

1 **“§ 8750a. Naval Criminal Investigative Service: au-**  
2 **thority to investigate sexual harassment.**

3 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Naval Criminal Investigative*  
4 *Service shall be the entity within the Department of the*  
5 *Navy with the sole and exclusive authority to conduct inves-*  
6 *tigations of alleged sexual harassment by members of the*  
7 *Navy or Marine Corps.*

8 “(b) *SEXUAL HARASSMENT DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*  
9 *tion, the term ‘sexual harassment’ means conduct that con-*  
10 *stitutes the offense of sexual harassment as punishable*  
11 *under section 934 of this title (article 134 of the Uniform*  
12 *Code of Military Justice) pursuant to the regulations pre-*  
13 *scribed by the Secretary of Defense for purposes of such sec-*  
14 *tion (article).’.*”

15 **SEC. 554. CROSS-SERVICE DATA SHARING REGARDING SUB-**  
16 **STANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MIS-**  
17 **CONDUCT.**

18 *The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Sec-*  
19 *retaries of the military departments, shall establish a data*  
20 *sharing arrangement pursuant to which each Armed Force*  
21 *shall be required to collect and make available to the other*  
22 *Armed Forces data concerning substantiated allegations of*  
23 *sexual misconduct by members of that Armed Force.*

1 **SEC. 555. INCLUSION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN CATCH A**  
2 **SERIAL OFFENDER PROGRAM.**

3 (a) *PARTICIPATION AND NOTICE.*—Not later than 60  
4 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5 retary of Defense shall—

6 (1) *modify the policies, procedures, and forms*  
7 *necessary to permit individuals who are members of*  
8 *the Armed Forces, adult dependents of such members,*  
9 *or employees of the Department of Defense to partici-*  
10 *pate in the Catch a Serial Offender Program of the*  
11 *Department of Defense if the individual submits a*  
12 *confidential complaint or report of sexual harassment*  
13 *or an unrestricted report or informal complaint of*  
14 *sexual harassment without disclosing the name of the*  
15 *subject to a military criminal investigative organiza-*  
16 *tion; and*

17 (2) *such individuals are notified of whether such*  
18 *individuals may participate in the Catch A Serial*  
19 *Offender Program when submitting a confidential*  
20 *complaint or report of sexual harassment or an unre-*  
21 *stricted report or informal complaint of sexual har-*  
22 *assment.*

23 (b) *APPLICABILITY TO EXISTING REPORTS.*—The Sec-  
24 retary of Defense shall ensure that individuals who sub-  
25 mitted a confidential complaint or report of sexual harass-  
26 ment or an unrestricted report or informal complaint of

1 *sexual harassment before the effective date of the modifica-*  
 2 *tions to policies, procedures, and forms in accordance with*  
 3 *subsection (a)(1)—*

4 *(1) are eligibility to participate in the Catch a*  
 5 *Serial Offender Program in the same manner and*  
 6 *under the same conditions as an individual who sub-*  
 7 *mits such a complaint or report after such effective*  
 8 *date; and*

9 *(2) are notified of such eligibility.*

10 **SEC. 556. MILITARY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENT**  
 11 **HOUSING POLICY.**

12 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-*  
 13 *tablish and implement a policy under which unit level com-*  
 14 *manders in the covered Armed Forces, in response to domes-*  
 15 *tic violence reports or complaints, shall be required to—*

16 *(1) move alleged offenders into military housing*  
 17 *separate from the victim; and*

18 *(2) maintain emergent housing entitlements to*  
 19 *basic allowance for housing or military housing units*  
 20 *in support of domestic violence victims for up to one*  
 21 *year.*

22 *(b) AMENDMENT OF DD FORM 2873.—Not later than*  
 23 *90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
 24 *retary of Defense shall amend the Military Protective Order*



1 *form, DD Form 2873, to incorporate the changes imple-*  
2 *mented pursuant to this section.*

3 (c) *COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*  
4 *tion, the term “covered Armed Forces” means the Army,*  
5 *Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.*

6 **SEC. 557. REQUIREMENT FOR STANDARDIZED POLICIES**  
7 **AND PROCESSES TO ENSURE THE TIMELY RE-**  
8 **VIEW, DOCUMENTATION, AND RESOLUTION**  
9 **OF REQUESTS FOR MILITARY PROTECTIVE**  
10 **ORDERS.**

11 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than one year after the*  
12 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,*  
13 *in coordination with the Secretary of the department in*  
14 *which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as*  
15 *a service in the Navy with respect the Coast Guard, shall*  
16 *establish standardized policies and processes to ensure the*  
17 *timely review, documentation, and resolution of requests for*  
18 *military protective orders submitted to commanding officers*  
19 *of the Armed Forces.*

20 (b) *PURPOSES.*—*The purposes of this section are—*

21 (1) *to ensure prompt, consistent, and trans-*  
22 *parent decision making regarding requests for mili-*  
23 *tary protective orders;*

24 (2) *to enhance the safety of individuals affected*  
25 *by such orders; and*

1           (3) *to improve accountability in command ac-*  
2           *tions related to such orders.*

3           (c) *REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing the policies and*  
4           *processes under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense*  
5           *shall—*

6           (1) *require that any commanding officer of the*  
7           *Armed Forces who receives a request for a military*  
8           *protective order from an individual who is eligible to*  
9           *request such order—*

10           (A) *make a determination as to whether to*  
11           *issue such order not later than three calendar*  
12           *days after receipt of the request, unless the officer*  
13           *certifies to the Secretary that extraordinary cir-*  
14           *cumstances prevent the officer from meeting that*  
15           *deadline;*

16           (B) *before making such determination, seek*  
17           *counsel and legal review from a Staff Judge Ad-*  
18           *vocate or other qualified judge advocate to in-*  
19           *form the decision-making process; and*

20           (C) *in the event the commander denies the*  
21           *request for a military protective order, provide*  
22           *written notification of such denial to the indi-*  
23           *vidual who requested the order not later than*  
24           *two calendar days after making the denial deci-*  
25           *sion;*

1           (2) *update Department of Defense Form 2873 (or*  
2           *any successor form) to reflect enhanced documentation*  
3           *requirements for approved and denied military pro-*  
4           *tection order requests; and*

5           (3) *require that such form be completed, main-*  
6           *tained, and retained in accordance with applicable*  
7           *records management and privacy policies of the De-*  
8           *partment of Defense.*

9           (d) *IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 180 days*  
10          *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
11          *of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
12          *tees, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-*  
13          *ture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on*  
14          *Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate with*  
15          *respect to the Coast Guard, a report that includes—*

16               (1) *a summary of the standardized policies and*  
17               *processes established under subsection (a);*

18               (2) *a plan for the implementation of such poli-*  
19               *cies and processes; and*

20               (3) *a description of—*

21                       (A) *any revisions to Department of Defense*  
22                       *Form 2873 and other changes to documentation*  
23                       *procedures made as result of such policies and*  
24                       *process; and*

1                   (B) measures that will be implemented to  
2                   ensure compliance with decision-making  
3                   timelines and legal guidance requirements speci-  
4                   fied in subsection (c).

5           (e) *OVERSIGHT AND REPORTING.*—Not later than two  
6 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-  
7 ally thereafter for seven years, the Secretary of Defense shall  
8 submit to the congressional defense committees, and the  
9 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
10 House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
11 Science, and Transportation of the Senate with respect to  
12 the Coast Guard, a report that includes, with respect to the  
13 year preceding the date of the report—

14                   (1) the number of military protective order re-  
15                   quests received by commanding officers of the Armed  
16                   Forces;

17                   (2) the number of military protective order re-  
18                   quests that were approved and denied;

19                   (3) the average processing times for such approv-  
20                   als and denials; and

21                   (4) a description of any barriers to the timely  
22                   review, documentation, and resolution of requests for  
23                   military protective orders.

1 **SEC. 558. REESTABLISHMENT OF DEFENSE ADVISORY COM-**  
2 **MITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL**  
3 **MISCONDUCT.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.*—

5 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*  
6 *establish and maintain within the Department of De-*  
7 *fense an advisory committee to be known as the “De-*  
8 *fense Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Sex-*  
9 *ual Misconduct” (in this section referred to as the*  
10 *“Advisory Committee”).*

11 (2) *DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Sec-*  
12 *retary of Defense shall establish the Advisory Com-*  
13 *mittee not later than 90 days after the date of the en-*  
14 *actment of this Act.*

15 (b) *MEMBERSHIP.*—

16 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Advisory Committee shall*  
17 *consist of not more than 20 members, appointed by*  
18 *the Secretary of Defense from among individuals who*  
19 *have an expertise appropriate for the work of the Ad-*  
20 *visory Committee, including at least one individual*  
21 *with each expertise as follows:*

22 (A) *Expertise in the prevention of sexual*  
23 *assault and behaviors on the sexual assault con-*  
24 *tinuum of harm.*

1                   (B) *Expertise in adverse behaviors, includ-*  
2                   *ing the prevention of suicide and the prevention*  
3                   *of substance abuse.*

4                   (C) *Expertise in the change of culture of*  
5                   *large organizations.*

6                   (D) *Expertise in implementation science.*

7                   (2) *BACKGROUND OF INDIVIDUALS.—Individuals*  
8                   *appointed to the Advisory Committee may include in-*  
9                   *dividuals with expertise in sexual assault prevention*  
10                  *efforts of institutions of higher education, public*  
11                  *health officials, and such other individuals as the Sec-*  
12                  *retary of Defense considers appropriate.*

13                  (3) *PROHIBITION ON MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBERS*  
14                  *OF ARMED FORCES ON ACTIVE DUTY.—A member of*  
15                  *the Armed Forces serving on active duty may not*  
16                  *serve as a member of the Advisory Committee.*

17                  (c) *DUTIES.—*

18                  (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Committee shall*  
19                  *advise the Secretary of Defense on the following:*

20                         (A) *The prevention of sexual assault (in-*  
21                         *cluding rape, forcible sodomy, other sexual as-*  
22                         *sault, and other sexual misconduct (including be-*  
23                         *haviors on the sexual assault continuum of*  
24                         *harm)) involving members of the Armed Forces.*

1           *(B) The policies, programs, and practices of*  
2           *each military department, each Armed Force,*  
3           *and each military service academy for the pre-*  
4           *vention of sexual assault as described in sub-*  
5           *paragraph (A).*

6           *(2) BASIS FOR PROVISION OF ADVICE.—For pur-*  
7           *poses of providing advice to the Secretary of Defense*  
8           *pursuant to this subsection, the Advisory Committee*  
9           *shall review, on an ongoing basis, the following:*

10           *(A) Closed cases involving allegations of sex-*  
11           *ual assault described in paragraph (1).*

12           *(B) Efforts of institutions of higher edu-*  
13           *cation to prevent sexual assault among students.*

14           *(C) Any other information or matters that*  
15           *the Advisory Committee or the Secretary con-*  
16           *siders appropriate.*

17           *(3) COORDINATION OF EFFORTS.—In addition to*  
18           *the reviews required by paragraph (2), for purposes*  
19           *of providing advice to the Secretary of Defense the*  
20           *Advisory Committee shall also consult and coordinate*  
21           *with the Defense Advisory Committee on Investiga-*  
22           *tion, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in*  
23           *the Armed Forces on matters of joint interest to the*  
24           *two Advisory Committees.*

1       (d) *ANNUAL REPORT*.—Not later than March 30 each  
2 year, the Advisory Committee shall submit to the Secretary  
3 of Defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the  
4 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the  
5 activities of the Advisory Committee pursuant to this sec-  
6 tion during the preceding year.

7       (e) *SEXUAL ASSAULT CONTINUUM OF HARM DE-*  
8 *FINED*.—In this section, the term “sexual assault con-  
9 tinuum of harm” includes—

10           (1) *inappropriate actions (such as sexist jokes),*  
11 *sexual harassment, gender discrimination, hazing,*  
12 *cyber bullying, or other behavior that contributes to*  
13 *a culture that is tolerant of, or increases risk for, sex-*  
14 *ual assault; and*

15           (2) *maltreatment or ostracism of a victim for a*  
16 *report of sexual misconduct.*

17       (f) *TERMINATION*.—

18           (1) *IN GENERAL*.—Except as provided in para-  
19 graph (2), the Advisory Committee shall terminate on  
20 the date that is five years after the date of the estab-  
21 lishment of the Advisory Committee pursuant to sub-  
22 section (a).

23           (2) *CONTINUATION*.—The Secretary of Defense  
24 may continue the Advisory Committee after the termi-  
25 nation date applicable under paragraph (1) if the



1        *Secretary determines that continuation of the Advi-*  
2        *sory Committee after that date is advisable and ap-*  
3        *propriate. If the Secretary determines to continue the*  
4        *Advisory Committee after that date, the Secretary*  
5        *shall notify the Committees on the Armed Services of*  
6        *the Senate and House of Representatives.*

7        *(g) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 550B of the Na-*  
8        *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Pub-*  
9        *lic Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 1561 note) is repealed.*

10    **SEC. 559. PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF ADVANCED MONI-**  
11                    **TORING    AND    REHABILITATIVE    TECH-**  
12                    **NOLOGIES IN ARMY CORRECTIONAL FACILI-**  
13                    **TIES.**

14        *(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than one year*  
15        *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
16        *of the Army, acting through the Commanding General of*  
17        *the Army Corrections Command, shall carry out a pilot*  
18        *program (referred to in this section as the “Pilot Program”)*  
19        *to evaluate the use of advanced monitoring and rehabilita-*  
20        *tive technologies in Army correctional facilities to improve*  
21        *safety, accountability, rehabilitation outcomes, and oper-*  
22        *ational efficiency.*

23        *(b) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary of the Army shall se-*  
24        *lect one or more correctional facilities of the Army in which*  
25        *to implement the Pilot Program.*

1       (c) *ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.*—*In carrying out the*  
2 *Pilot Program, the Secretary of the Army shall—*

3           (1) *ensure that personnel participating in the*  
4 *Program receive appropriate training;*

5           (2) *establish safeguards to protect privacy and*  
6 *civil liberties; and*

7           (3) *develop performance metrics to measure the*  
8 *effectiveness of the technologies evaluated under the*  
9 *Program in reducing misconduct, improving compli-*  
10 *ance, enhancing rehabilitation outcomes, and sup-*  
11 *porting reintegration efforts.*

12       (d) *REPORTS.*—

13           (1) *INITIAL REPORT.*—*Not later than one year*  
14 *after the date on which of the Pilot Program com-*  
15 *mences, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the*  
16 *congressional defense committees a initial report on*  
17 *the progress of the Program.*

18           (2) *FINAL REPORT.*—*Not later than 30 days*  
19 *after the date on which the Pilot Program terminates*  
20 *under subsection (e), the Secretary of the Army shall*  
21 *submit to the congressional defense committees a final*  
22 *report on the Program.*

23           (3) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each of the reports under*  
24 *paragraphs (1) and (2) shall include—*

1           (A) an evaluation of the costs of the Pro-  
 2           gram as of the date of the report, including the  
 3           costs of the technologies evaluated under the Pro-  
 4           gram;

5           (B) any measurable outcomes achieved by  
 6           the program as of such date;

7           (C) recommendations as to whether any  
 8           technologies evaluated under the Program are  
 9           suitable for implementation across the Army  
 10          Corrections Command; and

11          (D) such other information as the Secretary  
 12          of the Army determines appropriate.

13          (e) *TERMINATION.*—The authority to carry out the  
 14          Pilot Program shall terminate five years after the date of  
 15          the enactment of this Act.

16          (f) *DEFINITION.*—In this section, the term “advanced  
 17          monitoring and rehabilitative technologies” means emerg-  
 18          ing technologies appropriate for correctional environments  
 19          such as secure digital platforms, biometric identification  
 20          systems, data analytics, or other such technologies.

## 21           ***Subtitle G—Career Transition***

### 22   ***SEC. 561. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATION OATH FOR*** 23           ***MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.***

24          (a) *FINDINGS.*—Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) *The United States Armed Forces is the larg-*  
2           *est, all-volunteer military force in the world, yet less*  
3           *than one percent of the American population serves in*  
4           *the Armed Forces.*

5           (2) *Each branch of the Armed Forces (Army,*  
6           *Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and*  
7           *Coast Guard) instills in its members a sense of duty*  
8           *and obligation to the United States, their branch of*  
9           *service, and their comrades-in-arms.*

10          (3) *The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates*  
11          *that approximately 20 veterans of the Armed Forces*  
12          *commit suicide each day, and a veteran's risk of sui-*  
13          *cide is 21 percent higher than an adult who has not*  
14          *served in the Armed Forces.*

15          (4) *The Department of Veterans Affairs is ag-*  
16          *gressively undertaking measures to prevent these trag-*  
17          *ic outcomes, yet suicide rates among veterans remain*  
18          *unacceptably high.*

19          (5) *Upon enlistment or appointment in the*  
20          *Armed Forces, a new member is obligated to take an*  
21          *oath of office or oath of enlistment.*

22          (6) *Most members of the Armed Forces view this*  
23          *oath not as an imposition, but as a promise that they*  
24          *are bound to fulfill.*

1       (b) *ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATION OATH.*—Section  
 2   502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

3           (1) in subsection (b), by striking “The oath” and  
 4       inserting “An oath established by this section”;

5           (2) by redesignating subsection (b), as amended,  
 6       as subsection (c); and

7           (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following  
 8       new subsection (b):

9       “(b) *SEPARATION OATH.*—Prior to retirement or other  
 10   separation from the armed forces, other than separation  
 11   pursuant to the sentence of a court-martial, a member of  
 12   an armed force may take the following oath:

13           “I, \_\_\_\_\_, recognizing that  
 14       my oath to support and defend the Constitution of the  
 15       United States against all enemies, foreign and domes-  
 16       tic, has involved me and my fellow members in expe-  
 17       riences that few persons, other than our peers, can  
 18       understand, do solemnly swear (or affirm) to continue  
 19       to be the keeper of my brothers- and sisters-in-arms  
 20       and protector of the United States and the Constitu-  
 21       tion; to preserve the values I have learned; to main-  
 22       tain my body and my mind; to give help to, and seek  
 23       help from, my fellow veterans; and to not bring harm  
 24       to myself or others. I take this oath freely and without  
 25       purpose of evasion, so help me God.’”.

1       (c) *CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.*—

2               (1) *SECTION HEADING.*—*The heading of section*  
 3       *502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to*  
 4       *read as follows:*

5       **“§ 502. Enlistment oath and separation oath: who may**  
 6               **administer”.**

7               (2) *TABLE OF SECTIONS.*—*The table of sections*  
 8       *at the beginning of chapter 31 of title 10, United*  
 9       *States Code, is amended by striking the item relating*  
 10       *to section 502 and inserting the following new item:*

“502. Enlistment oath and separation oath: who may administer.”.

11       **SEC. 562. DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL FOR MILI-**  
 12               **TARY-TO-CIVILIAN TRANSITION.**

13       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Chapter 58 of title 10, United*  
 14       *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*  
 15       *new section:*

16       **“§ 1156. Senior official for military-to-civilian transi-**  
 17               **tion**

18       “(a) *DESIGNATION.*—*The Under Secretary of Defense*  
 19       *for Personnel and Readiness shall designate a senior official*  
 20       *of the Department of Defense to oversee policy and pro-*  
 21       *grams related to the transition of members of the armed*  
 22       *forces from active duty to civilian life or reserve compo-*  
 23       *nents.*

24       “(b) *QUALIFICATIONS.*—*The official designated under*  
 25       *paragraph (1) shall be designated from among individuals*

1 *with extensive experience with veterans services and knowl-*  
2 *edge of the transition from active duty to civilian life and*  
3 *reserve components..*

4       “(c) *ROLE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND AUTHORITY.—(1)*  
5 *Subject to paragraph (2), the Under Secretary of Defense*  
6 *for Personnel and Readiness shall prescribe the roles, re-*  
7 *sponsibilities, and authorities of the official designated*  
8 *under subsection (a).*

9       “(2) *The roles, responsibilities, and authorities pre-*  
10 *scribed under paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to*  
11 *the transition of members of the armed forces from active*  
12 *duty to civilian life and reserve components and the fami-*  
13 *lies of such members experiencing such transition—*

14               “(A) *serving as the principal advisor to the Sec-*  
15 *retary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense,*  
16 *and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and*  
17 *Readiness on policies, operations, and programs and*  
18 *activities relating to the transition of members;*

19               “(B) *assisting the Secretary of Defense, the Dep-*  
20 *uty Secretary of Defense, and the Under Secretary of*  
21 *Defense for Personnel and Readiness with policies,*  
22 *operations, and programs and activities relating to*  
23 *the transition of members;*

24               “(C) *working, in consultation with the Secretary*  
25 *of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Labor, and the*

1     *Secretary of Education, to improve the efficiency and*  
2     *effectiveness of all activities relating to the transition*  
3     *of members;*

4             *“(D) serving as the chief transition officer of the*  
5     *Department of Defense, with the mission of coordi-*  
6     *nating and overseeing the effectiveness of transition*  
7     *programs of the Department of Defense and ensuring*  
8     *all members of the armed forces are well equipped for*  
9     *civilian life or the reserve components, as the case*  
10    *may be;*

11            *“(E) overseeing the implementation of transition*  
12    *programs in the Department of Defense;*

13            *“(F) conducting a review and assessment of all*  
14    *transition programs and services offered by the De-*  
15    *partment of Defense, including the programs under*  
16    *this chapter, and proposing legislative or administra-*  
17    *tive action—*

18                    *“(i) to improve the efficacy and efficiency of*  
19    *the programs; and*

20                    *“(ii) to ensure compliance with all legal re-*  
21    *quirements related to transition assistance; and*

22            *“(G) working with Federal agencies, State and*  
23    *local governments, and nongovernmental organiza-*  
24    *tions to improve the delivery of transition support*  
25    *services to members and families of members.”.*



1       (b) *IMPLEMENTATION AND BRIEFING.*—

2               (1) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—*The Under Secretary of*  
3       *Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall designate a*  
4       *senior official under section 1156(a) of title 10,*  
5       *United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this*  
6       *section, not later than 90 days after the date of the*  
7       *enactment of this Act.*

8               (2) *BRIEFING.*—*Not later than 90 days after the*  
9       *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
10      *fense shall provide a briefing to the congressional de-*  
11      *fense committees on—*

12                       (A) *the status of the designation of the offi-*  
13                      *cial under subsection (a); and*

14                       (B) *the implementation of the roles, respon-*  
15                      *sibilities, and authorities of the official under*  
16                      *subsection (b).*

17   **SEC. 563. AUTHORIZATION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO HELP**  
18                      **MEMBERS SEPARATING FROM CERTAIN**  
19                      **ARMED FORCES OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT AS**  
20                      **TEACHERS.**

21       (a) *AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary of Defense may carry*  
22      *out a pilot program to refer covered members for employ-*  
23      *ment as teachers in elementary and secondary schools that*  
24      *elect to participate in the pilot program.*

1       (b) *PRIORITY.*—Under such a pilot program, the Sec-  
2       retary shall give priority to participating schools that need  
3       teachers of subjects in greater demand, including special  
4       education and STEM.

5       (c) *REPORT.*—Under such a pilot program, the Sec-  
6       retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
7       mittees an annual report regarding such a pilot program.  
8       Elements of such a report include the following:

9               (1) *The number of covered members who apply*  
10       *for the pilot program, disaggregated by covered*  
11       *Armed Force and rank.*

12              (2) *The number of covered members who obtain*  
13       *such employment under the pilot program,*  
14       *disaggregated by covered Armed Force and rank.*

15              (3) *The locations of participating schools.*

16              (4) *The percentages of participating covered*  
17       *members who teach in subjects described in subsection*  
18       *(b).*

19              (5) *The number and percentages of participating*  
20       *covered members who—*

21                   (A) *obtain required teaching credentials by*  
22       *expedited means; or*

23                   (B) *receive exemptions from such require-*  
24       *ments.*

1           (6) *The results of a satisfaction survey of par-*  
2           *ticipating schools.*

3           (7) *A summary of interviews with participating*  
4           *covered members who obtain such employment, in-*  
5           *cluding such covered members who do not complete an*  
6           *academic year of such employment.*

7           (d) *TERMINATION.—This section shall cease to have*  
8           *any effect on the day that is five years after the date of*  
9           *the enactment of this Act.*

10          (e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

11           (1) *The term “covered member” means a mem-*  
12           *ber—*

13                   (A) *separating from a covered Armed Force;*  
14                   *and*

15                   (B) *who wishes to obtain employment as a*  
16                   *teacher in an elementary or secondary school.*

17           (2) *The term “appropriate congressional com-*  
18           *mittee” means—*

19                   (A) *the Committee on Armed Services of the*  
20                   *House of Representatives;*

21                   (B) *the Committee on Armed Services of the*  
22                   *Senate;*

23                   (C) *the Committee on Education and Work-*  
24                   *force of the House of Representatives; or*

1                   (D) *the Committee on Health, Education,*  
 2                   *Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.*

3                   (3) *The term “covered Armed Force” means the*  
 4                   *Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space*  
 5                   *Force.*

6                   (4) *The term “STEM” means science, technology,*  
 7                   *engineering, and mathematics.*

8   **SEC. 564. STUDY ON SEPARATION OF MEMBERS OF THE**  
 9                   **ARMED FORCES DUE TO THE MANDATE TO**  
 10                  **RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE AND THE**  
 11                  **TRANSFER OF EDUCATION BENEFITS BY**  
 12                  **SUCH MEMBERS.**

13           (a) *STUDY.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a*  
 14           *study on covered individuals and the transfer of education*  
 15           *benefits by covered individuals to covered dependents.*

16           (b) *REPORT.*—

17                   (1) *REQUIREMENT.*—*Not later than 180 days*  
 18                   *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
 19                   *retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on*  
 20                   *Armed Services of the House of Representatives and*  
 21                   *the Senate a report containing the results of the study*  
 22                   *required by subsection (a). Such report shall in-*  
 23                   *clude—*

24                           (A) *the number of covered individuals;*

1           (B) the number of covered individuals who  
2           initiated a transfer of education benefits to a de-  
3           pendent in accordance with section 3319 of title  
4           38, United States Code, before separation;

5           (C) the number of covered individuals who  
6           initiated such a transfer and did not complete  
7           the years of service in the Armed Forces nec-  
8           essary for such dependent to commence use of  
9           such education benefits in accordance with such  
10          section before separation;

11          (D) the number of members of the Armed  
12          Forces who were denied a religious exemption  
13          from the mandate to receive the COVID-19 vac-  
14          cine during the period beginning on August 24,  
15          2021, and ending on January 10, 2023;

16          (E) the number of covered individuals who  
17          were denied such a religious exemption;

18          (F) the number of covered individuals who  
19          returned to service in accordance with the terms  
20          of Executive Order 14184 (relating to reinstating  
21          service members discharged under the military's  
22          COVID-19 vaccination mandate);

23          (G) the number of covered individuals who  
24          returned to service in accordance with the terms  
25          of Executive Order 14184 (relating to reinstating

1        *service members discharged under the military's*  
2        *COVID–19 vaccination mandate) who initiated*  
3        *a transfer of education benefits to a dependent in*  
4        *accordance with section 3319 of title 38, United*  
5        *States Code, before separation and return to*  
6        *service;*

7                *(H) the number of covered individuals who*  
8        *returned to service in accordance with the terms*  
9        *of Executive Order 14184 (relating to reinstating*  
10        *service members discharged under the military's*  
11        *COVID–19 vaccination mandate) who initiated*  
12        *a transfer of education benefits to a dependent in*  
13        *accordance with section 3319 of title 38, United*  
14        *States Code, before separation and return to*  
15        *service and completed the years of service in the*  
16        *Armed Forces necessary for such dependent to*  
17        *commence use of such education benefits;*

18                *(I) the number of covered dependents;*

19                *(J) an analysis of the budgetary impact of*  
20        *allowing each covered dependent to commence*  
21        *use of education benefits that were transferred to*  
22        *such covered dependent in accordance with sec-*  
23        *tion 3319 of title 38, United States Code, with-*  
24        *out regard to whether the covered individual who*  
25        *transferred such education benefits to such cov-*

1        *ered dependent completed the years of service in*  
2        *the Armed Forces necessary for such covered de-*  
3        *pendent to commence such use; and*

4                *(K) any recommendations of the Secretary*  
5        *to address the separation of covered individuals*  
6        *and to ensure covered individuals receive appro-*  
7        *priate benefits as veterans of the Armed Forces.*

8        *(2) DISAGGREGATION.—The Secretary of Defense*  
9        *shall disaggregate the elements of the report required*  
10       *by paragraph (1) that are described in subparagraphs*  
11       *(A) through (J) of such paragraph by—*

12                *(A) Armed Force in which the covered indi-*  
13        *vidual served;*

14                *(B) whether the covered individual served in*  
15        *an active component or a reserve component;*

16                *(C) the grade of the covered individual;*

17                *(D) the years of service in the Armed Forces*  
18        *of the covered individual at the time of separa-*  
19        *tion; and*

20                *(E) the characterization of the discharge of*  
21        *the covered individual.*

22        *(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 60 days*  
23        *after the Secretary of Defense submits the report required*  
24        *by subsection (b), the Secretary shall make such report pub-*  
25        *licly available on the website of the Department of Defense.*

1       (d) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

2               (1) *The term “covered dependent” means a de-*  
3 *pendent of an individual who—*

4                       (A) *is a covered individual;*

5                       (B) *initiated a transfer of education bene-*  
6 *fits to such dependent in accordance with section*  
7 *3319 of title 38, United States Code; and*

8                       (C) *did not complete the years of service in*  
9 *the Armed Forces necessary for such dependent*  
10 *to commence use of such benefits in accordance*  
11 *with such section.*

12               (2) *The term “covered individual” means an in-*  
13 *dividual who, during the period beginning on August*  
14 *24, 2021, and ending on January 10, 2023, was in-*  
15 *voluntarily or voluntarily separated from an Armed*  
16 *Force solely on the basis of the refusal of such indi-*  
17 *vidual to receive a vaccination against COVID–19.*

18 ***Subtitle       H—Family       Programs,***  
19 ***Child Care, and Dependent Edu-***  
20 ***cation***

21 ***SEC. 571. EXTENSION OF NON-MEDICAL COUNSELING SERV-***  
22 ***ICES PROGRAM FOR MILITARY FAMILIES.***

23       *Section 1781(d)(4) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
24 *amended by striking “three years after the date of the enact-*



1 *ment of this subsection” and inserting “December 22,*  
 2 *2029”.*

3 ***SEC. 572. PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE PAYMENTS FOR***  
 4 ***CHILD CARE SERVICES IN HIGH-COST AREAS.***

5 *Section 1798 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 6 *ed—*

7 *(1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as*  
 8 *subsection (d) and (e), respectively; and*

9 *(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following*  
 10 *new subsection:*

11 *“(c) PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRANTS TO INCREASE IN-*  
 12 *FANT AND TODDLER CAPACITY IN HIGH-COST AREAS.—(1)*  
 13 *The Secretary of Defense may establish a pilot program to*  
 14 *provide grants to eligible providers seeking to expand the*  
 15 *capacity of such providers to provide care for infants and*  
 16 *toddlers.*

17 *“(2) A grant awarded under the pilot program estab-*  
 18 *lished under paragraph (1) shall—*

19 *“(A) be in an amount determined by the Sec-*  
 20 *retary, but in no case more than 75 percent of the es-*  
 21 *timated cost of the expansion for which the grant is*  
 22 *provided; and*

23 *“(B) require the recipient of a grant to—*

24 *“(i) make available not less than half of*  
 25 *any additional capacity for infants and toddlers*

1           to children of members of the armed forces that  
2           results from the expansion for which a grant is  
3           awarded for the 10-year period that begins on  
4           the date on which such expansion is completed;  
5           and

6                   “(ii) certify that the recipient will not dis-  
7           place children enrolled on the date described in  
8           clause (i) who are not children of members of the  
9           armed forces to meet the requirement of clause  
10          (i).

11          “(3) *The Secretary—*

12                   “(A) shall award grants under the pilot program  
13          established under paragraph (1) to not less than 10  
14          eligible providers located in areas with high child care  
15          services costs or a significant lack of accessible child  
16          care services, as determined by the Secretary; and

17                   “(B) may award grants under the pilot program  
18          established under paragraph (1) to eligible providers  
19          located in other areas as the Secretary considers ap-  
20          propriate.

21          “(4) Not later than one year after the establishment  
22          of the pilot program under this subsection, and semiannu-  
23          ally thereafter until the date of the termination of the pilot  
24          program, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate con-

1 *gressional committees a report on the pilot program that*  
2 *includes—*

3           “(A) *the number of eligible providers partici-*  
4 *parting in the pilot program, disaggregated by loca-*  
5 *tion;*

6           “(B) *the number of additional infant and tod-*  
7 *dlers enrollments at eligible providers made available*  
8 *under the pilot program, disaggregated by location;*

9           “(C) *the determination of the Secretary as to*  
10 *whether grants provided under the pilot program—*

11               “(i) *helped reduce child care costs for appli-*  
12 *cable military families;*

13               “(ii) *increased child care provider partici-*  
14 *pation in the financial assistance available*  
15 *under this section; and*

16               “(iii) *increased access to infant and toddler*  
17 *care for military families;*

18           “(D) *the determination of the Secretary with re-*  
19 *spect to the feasibility of expanding the pilot program*  
20 *to all communities;*

21           “(E) *any challenges identified by the Secretary*  
22 *in carrying out the pilot program;*

23           “(F) *legislation or administrative action that the*  
24 *Secretary determines necessary to make the pilot pro-*  
25 *gram permanent; and*

1           “(G) any other information the Secretary deter-  
2           mines appropriate.

3           “(5) Not later than 90 days after the date of the termi-  
4           nation of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to  
5           the appropriate congressional committees a report that in-  
6           cludes—

7           “(A) the elements specified in subparagraphs (A)  
8           through (G) of paragraph (4); and

9           “(B) the recommendation of the Secretary as to  
10          whether to make the pilot program permanent.

11          “(6) The pilot program established under this sub-  
12          section shall terminate on the date that is five years after  
13          the date on which such program is established.

14          “(7) In this subsection, the term ‘appropriate congres-  
15          sional committees’ means—

16                 “(A) the congressional defense committees;

17                 “(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
18                 Transportation of the Senate; and

19                 “(C) the Committee on Transportation and In-  
20                 frastructure of the House of Representatives.”.

1 **SEC. 573. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSIST-**  
 2 **ANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**  
 3 **FOR IN-HOME CHILD CARE: INCLUSION OF AU**  
 4 **PAIRS.**

5 *Section 589 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-*  
 6 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10*  
 7 *U.S.C. 1791 note) is amended—*

8 *(1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “subsection*  
 9 *(b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;*

10 *(2) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e)*  
 11 *as subsections (c) through (f), respectively; and*

12 *(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following*  
 13 *new subsection (b):*

14 *“(b) AU PAIRS.—(1) The Secretary shall treat an au*  
 15 *pair who is participating in the Au Pair program of the*  
 16 *Department of State as an in-home child care provider who*  
 17 *meets qualifications determined under subsection (a)(3)(B).*

18 *“(2) No State or local government may enact or en-*  
 19 *force a law, regulation, rule, or requirement related to such*  
 20 *Au Pair program that would impose an additional or dif-*  
 21 *ferent term or condition on a military family that is the*  
 22 *host family for an au pair.”.*

1 **SEC. 574. MODIFICATIONS TO PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE**  
2 **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE**  
3 **ARMED FORCES FOR IN-HOME CHILD CARE.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 589 of the William M.  
5 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for  
6 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283; 10 U.S.C. 1791  
7 note) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and (e)  
9 as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following  
11 new subsection:

12 “(c) *DIRECT PAYMENTS.*—

13 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Except as provided in para-  
14 graph (2), the Secretary of Defense shall provide fi-  
15 nancial assistance under the pilot program required  
16 by subsection (a) to members of the Armed Forces  
17 through monthly pay, direct deposit, or other form of  
18 direct payment to such members.

19 “(2) *PAYMENT TO ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS.*—The  
20 Secretary of Defense may provide financial assistance  
21 under the pilot program required by subsection (a)  
22 directly to an in-home child care provider with the  
23 written consent of the member of the Armed Forces re-  
24 ceiving such financial assistance.”.

25 (b) *IMPLEMENTATION DATE.*—The requirements of  
26 subsection (c) of section 589 of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-

1 *berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 2 *2021, as added by subsection (a) of this section—*

3 *(1) except as provided in paragraph (2), shall*  
 4 *apply to financial assistance under the pilot program*  
 5 *established pursuant to such section provided on or*  
 6 *after the date that is 180 days after the date of the*  
 7 *enactment of this Act; and*

8 *(2) shall not apply to financial assistance under*  
 9 *such pilot program provided to an in-home child care*  
 10 *provider pursuant to an agreement between the Sec-*  
 11 *retary of Defense until the end of the term of such*  
 12 *agreement if—*

13 *(A) the agreement is in effect on the date of*  
 14 *the enactment of this Act; and*

15 *(B) the agreement provides that the Sec-*  
 16 *retary will make direct payments to such pro-*  
 17 *vider.*

18 **SEC. 575. CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL**  
 19 **AGENCIES THAT BENEFIT DEPENDENTS OF**  
 20 **MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.**

21 *(a) CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY TO ASSIST LOCAL*  
 22 *EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES THAT BENEFIT DEPENDENTS OF*  
 23 *MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPARTMENT OF*  
 24 *DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.—*

1           (1) *ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS WITH SIGNIFICANT*  
2           *NUMBERS OF MILITARY DEPENDENT STUDENTS.*—Of  
3           *the amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal*  
4           *year 2027 by section 301 and available for operation*  
5           *and maintenance for Defense-wide activities as speci-*  
6           *fied in the funding table in section 4301, \$50,000,000*  
7           *shall be available only for the purpose of providing*  
8           *assistance to local educational agencies under sub-*  
9           *section (a) of section 572 of the National Defense Au-*  
10          *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law*  
11          *109–163; 20 U.S.C. 7703b).*

12          (2) *LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY DEFINED.*—In  
13          *this subsection, the term “local educational agency”*  
14          *has the meaning given that term in section 7013(9)*  
15          *of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of*  
16          *1965 (20 U.S.C. 7713(9)).*

17          (b) *IMPACT AID FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DIS-*  
18          *ABILITIES.*—

19               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Of the amount authorized to  
20               *be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 pursuant to sec-*  
21               *tion 301 and available for operation and mainte-*  
22               *nance for Defense-wide activities as specified in the*  
23               *funding table in section 4301, \$10,000,000 shall be*  
24               *available for payments under section 363 of the Floyd*  
25               *D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for*



1 *Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by Public Law*  
2 *106–398; 114 Stat. 1654A–77; 20 U.S.C. 7703a).*

3 (2) *ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.*—*Of the amount au-*  
4 *thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 pur-*  
5 *suant to section 301 and available for operation and*  
6 *maintenance for Defense-wide activities as specified*  
7 *in the funding table in section 4301, \$10,000,000*  
8 *shall be available for use by the Secretary of Defense*  
9 *to make payments to local educational agencies deter-*  
10 *mined by the Secretary to have higher concentrations*  
11 *of military children with severe disabilities.*

12 (3) *BRIEFING.*—*Not later than March 31, 2027,*  
13 *the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Commit-*  
14 *tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House*  
15 *of Representatives a briefing on the Department of*  
16 *Defense’s evaluation of each local educational agency*  
17 *with higher concentrations of military children with*  
18 *severe disabilities and subsequent determination of the*  
19 *amounts of impact aid each such agency shall receive.*

20 **SEC. 576. POLICIES TO SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES SUB-**  
21 **JECT TO COURT-ORDERED CHILD CUSTODY**  
22 **ARRANGEMENTS.**

23 (a) *POLICIES REQUIRED.*—*Beginning not later than*  
24 *one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, each*  
25 *Secretary concerned shall maintain a policy pursuant to*

1 *which a member of an Armed Force under the jurisdiction*  
2 *of the Secretary who is a party to a court-ordered child*  
3 *custody arrangement may, at the discretion of the Sec-*  
4 *retary, receive—*

5 *(1) an exemption from orders for a permanent*  
6 *change of station or similar orders for a period of up*  
7 *to 24 months to enable that member to remain in geo-*  
8 *graphic proximity to their child; and*

9 *(2) such other accommodations as the Secretary*  
10 *determines appropriate to promote family stability.*

11 *(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year*  
12 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary*  
13 *concerned shall submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
14 *tees a report on the policy required under subsection (a).*  
15 *The report shall include—*

16 *(1) a summary of the policy;*

17 *(2) the Secretary’s plan for implementation of*  
18 *the policy; and*

19 *(3) an explanation of how policy meets the re-*  
20 *quirements of subsection (a) and otherwise promotes*  
21 *family stability among members of the Armed Forces.*

22 *(c) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-*  
23 *tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given*  
24 *that term in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.*

1 **SEC. 577. AUTHORITY FOR PILOT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN**  
2 **MILITARY SPOUSES TO BECOME SPECIAL**  
3 **EDUCATION TEACHERS IN DODEA SCHOOLS.**

4 (a) *AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary of Defense may carry*  
5 *out a pilot program under which certain military spouses*  
6 *may become special education teachers in schools operated*  
7 *by the Department of Defense Education Activity.*

8 (b) *ELIGIBILITY.*—*A military spouse eligible to par-*  
9 *ticipate in such a pilot program is a military spouse who—*  
10 (1) *is eligible for assistance under section 1784a*  
11 *of title 10, United States Code; and*

12 (2) *has a bachelor's or graduate degree from an*  
13 *institution of higher education.*

14 (c) *ASSISTANCE.*—*Under such a pilot program, the*  
15 *Secretary shall provide assistance under section 1784a of*  
16 *title 10, United States Code, to a participating military*  
17 *spouse to seek a certification or other credential as a special*  
18 *education teacher in the State in which the military spouse*  
19 *resides.*

20 (d) *SERVICE OBLIGATION.*—*As a condition of receiv-*  
21 *ing assistance under subsection (c), a military spouse who*  
22 *participates in such a pilot program shall agree to serve*  
23 *as a special education teacher in a school operated by the*  
24 *Department of Defense Education Activity for a period of*  
25 *three years.*

1       (e) *STATE AGREEMENTS.*—*The Secretary may seek to*  
2 *enter into an agreement with a State government (or licens-*  
3 *ing body sanctioned by a State government) to expedite cer-*  
4 *tification described in subsection (c).*

5       (f) *REPORT.*—*Not later than one year before the termi-*  
6 *nation under subsection (g) of the authority to carry out*  
7 *a pilot program under this section, the Secretary shall sub-*  
8 *mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report*  
9 *regarding such pilot program. Such report shall include the*  
10 *recommendation of the Secretary whether such authority*  
11 *should be extended or made permanent.*

12       (g) *TERMINATION.*—*The authority under this section*  
13 *shall terminate five years after the date of the enactment*  
14 *of this Act.*

15       (h) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

16               (1) *The term “appropriate congressional com-*  
17 *mittee” means the following:*

18                       (A) *The Committee on Armed Services of*  
19 *the House of Representatives.*

20                       (B) *The Committee on Armed Services of*  
21 *the Senate.*

22                       (C) *The Committee on Education and*  
23 *Workforce of the House of Representatives.*

1           (2) *The term “institution of higher education”*  
 2           *has the meaning given such term in section 102 of the*  
 3           *Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).*

4           (3) *The term “special education teacher” has the*  
 5           *meaning given such term in section 103 of the Higher*  
 6           *Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003).*

7   **SEC. 578. PILOT PROGRAM FOR PUSH-TEXT NOTIFICATIONS**  
 8           **TO MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS.**

9           (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*Not later than one year after*  
 10          *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
 11          *fense shall establish a pilot program to be known as the*  
 12          *“Push-Text Initiative” (in this section referred to as the*  
 13          *“pilot program”) to provide members of the Armed Forces,*  
 14          *assigned to one or more military installations located out-*  
 15          *side of the United States, and the adult dependents of such*  
 16          *members, with timely and relevant information via text*  
 17          *message.*

18          (b) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—*Under the pilot program—*  
 19                  (1) *a member of the Armed Forces assigned to a*  
 20                  *location participating in the pilot program, or the de-*  
 21                  *pendent of such a member, may elect to receive such*  
 22                  *information using all available text messaging con-*  
 23                  *tact information provided by such a member or de-*  
 24                  *pendent; and*

1           (2) *a member or dependent who elects to receive*  
2           *information under paragraph (1) may opt out of re-*  
3           *ceiving text messages under the pilot program at any*  
4           *time.*

5           (c) *COVERED INFORMATION.—Text messages trans-*  
6           *mitted under the pilot program shall include—*

7                 (1) *information on employment opportunities for*  
8                 *military spouses, career counseling, and related sup-*  
9                 *port programs;*

10                (2) *updates with respect to child care services*  
11                *available both on and off the installation, availability*  
12                *of child care, and child care fee assistance programs;*

13                (3) *information regarding general TRICARE*  
14                *program benefits, enrollment deadlines, and other*  
15                *health-related resources;*

16                (4) *notifications of changes in Department of*  
17                *Defense policies, regulations, or Federal laws that af-*  
18                *fect members or dependents of members; and*

19                (5) *any other information or resources that the*  
20                *Secretary considers relevant to the well-being of mem-*  
21                *bers and dependents of members.*

22           (d) *REPORT.—Not later than October 1, 2027, the Sec-*  
23           *retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense*  
24           *committees a report on the pilot program. Such report shall*  
25           *include—*

1           (1) a description of how the pilot program was  
2           implemented, including the timeline, execution plan,  
3           and the official managing the pilot program;

4           (2) data on participation and usage, including  
5           the number of individuals who elected to participate,  
6           the rates of enrollment and disenrollment, and the fre-  
7           quency and types of messages transmitted;

8           (3) any observed benefits or outcomes of the pilot  
9           program, including feedback from participants;

10          (4) an analysis of the costs of operating the pilot  
11          program and any cost savings or efficiencies achieved  
12          by consolidating or scaling back other outreach efforts  
13          with respect to issues addressed by the pilot program;  
14          and

15          (5) the recommendations of the Secretary with  
16          respect to the feasibility and advisability of con-  
17          tinuing or expanding the pilot program to the entire  
18          Department of Defense, including any proposed modi-  
19          fications to the program and an assessment of the an-  
20          ticipated costs, resource requirements, and potential  
21          benefits of Department-wide implementation.

22          (e) *TERMINATION.*—The pilot program shall terminate  
23          on the day that is three years after the date on which the  
24          pilot program is established.

1 ***Subtitle I—Decorations and Awards***

2 ***SEC. 581. GOLD STAR SURVIVOR: DEFINITION PRESCRIBED***

3 ***BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.***

4 (a) *DEFINITION PRESCRIBED BY SECRETARY OF DE-*  
 5 *FENSE.*—Section 1126 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 6 amended, in subsection (d)(1), by striking “as the Secre-  
 7 taries concerned shall jointly specify in regulations for pur-  
 8 poses of this section” and inserting “as the Secretary of De-  
 9 fense prescribes in regulations”.

10 (b) *REFERENCE.*—Subsection (b) of such section is  
 11 amended—

12 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Under regula-  
 13 tions”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new para-  
 15 graph:

16 “(2)(A) An individual eligible for a gold star lapel but-  
 17 ton under paragraph (1) may be referred to as a ‘gold star  
 18 survivor’, ‘member of a gold star family’, or ‘gold star fam-  
 19 ily member’.

20 “(B) All of the individuals eligible for a gold star lapel  
 21 button under paragraph (1) because of the loss of the life  
 22 of one member under any circumstances prescribed in sub-  
 23 section (a) may be referred to as a ‘gold star family’.”.

24 (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 626 of the  
 25 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022*



1 *(Public Law 117-81; 10 U.S.C. 101 note) is amended by*  
 2 *striking subsection (c).*

3 **SEC. 582. MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS: ACCESS TO ANY**  
 4 **MILITARY INSTALLATION; LIAISON.**

5 *(a) ACCESS.—Section 1134a of title 10, United States*  
 6 *Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new*  
 7 *subsection:*

8 *“(e) ACCESS.—A person whose name is entered on the*  
 9 *Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor*  
 10 *Roll shall be issued a common access card (or successor*  
 11 *identification) that grants such person unaccompanied ac-*  
 12 *cess to any military installation and the Pentagon.”.*

13 *(b) LIAISON.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States*  
 14 *Code, is amended by inserting after section 1134a the fol-*  
 15 *lowing new section:*

16 **“§ 1134b. Medal of honor liaison**

17 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department of*  
 18 *Defense a Medal of Honor Liaison, appointed by the Sec-*  
 19 *retary of Defense, who shall serve as liaison to MOH recipi-*  
 20 *ents.*

21 *“(b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Medal of Honor Liai-*  
 22 *son include the following:*

23 *“(1) To serve as a primary point of contact in*  
 24 *the Department for MOH recipients and their fami-*  
 25 *lies.*

1           “(2) To coordinate efforts within the Depart-  
 2           ment, across the armed forces, and with the Secretary  
 3           of Veterans Affairs and other Federal entities regard-  
 4           ing MOH recipients.

5           “(3) To coordinate replacement of military deco-  
 6           rations under section 1135 of this title for MOH re-  
 7           cipients.

8           “(4) To standardize protocol regarding MOH re-  
 9           cipients across the armed forces.

10          “(5) To perform public affairs outreach regard-  
 11          ing MOH recipients.

12          “(6) To make recommendations to the Secretary  
 13          of Defense regarding service on active duty by MOH  
 14          recipients, including in combat.

15          “(c) MOH RECIPIENT DEFINED.—In this section, the  
 16          term ‘MOH recipient’ means a person whose name is en-  
 17          tered on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard  
 18          Medal of Honor Roll under section 1134a of this title.”.

19          **SEC. 583. TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO AUTHORIZATION TO**  
 20                               **AWARD THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS**  
 21                               **TO ISAAC “IKE” CAMACHO.**

22          Section 592 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
 23          for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is amended, in  
 24          the section heading, by striking the third word.

1 **SEC. 584. AUTHORIZATION OF SERVICE RIBBON FOR A MEM-**  
2 **BER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD WHO PER-**  
3 **FORMS HOMELAND DEFENSE DUTY.**

4 (a) *RIBBON AUTHORIZED.*—*The Secretary of the mili-*  
5 *tary department concerned may award a service ribbon to*  
6 *a member of the National Guard who performs duty in sup-*  
7 *port of a homeland defense activity, as such term is defined*  
8 *in section 901 of title 32, United States Code.*

9 (b) *DESIGN.*—*The ribbon shall be of an appropriate*  
10 *design approved by the Secretary of Defense.*

11 (c) *ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.*—*If the member is de-*  
12 *ceased, the Secretary of the military department concerned*  
13 *may issue such a ribbon to the next-of-kin of the member.*

14 (d) *REGULATIONS.*—*The award of a ribbon under this*  
15 *section shall be subject to such regulations as the Secretaries*  
16 *of the military departments concerned shall prescribe for*  
17 *purposes of this section. The Secretary of Defense shall en-*  
18 *sure that any regulations prescribed under this subsection*  
19 *are uniform to the extent practicable.*

20 **SEC. 585. AUTHORIZATION FOR POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF**  
21 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO RAFAEL PERALTA FOR**  
22 **ACTS OF VALOR.**

23 (a) *AUTHORIZATION.*—*Notwithstanding the time limi-*  
24 *tations specified in sections 8298(a) and 8300 of title 10,*  
25 *United States Code, or any other time limitation with re-*  
26 *spect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who*

1 *served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized to*  
 2 *award the Medal of Honor, under section 8291 of such title,*  
 3 *to Rafael Peralta for the acts of valor described in sub-*  
 4 *section (b).*

5 (b) *ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor*  
 6 *described in this subsection are the actions of Rafael Peralta*  
 7 *as a member of the Marine Corps on November 15, 2004,*  
 8 *for which he was previously awarded the Navy Cross.*

9 **SEC. 586. AUTHORIZATION FOR POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF**  
 10 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO ROBERT A. LODGE FOR**  
 11 **ACTS OF VALOR.**

12 (a) *AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time limi-*  
 13 *tations specified in section 9274 of title 10, United States*  
 14 *Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the*  
 15 *awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the*  
 16 *Armed Forces, the President may award the Medal of*  
 17 *Honor under section 9271 of such title to Robert A. Lodge*  
 18 *for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).*

19 (b) *ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor*  
 20 *described in this subsection are the actions of Robert A.*  
 21 *Lodge as a Major in the Air Force on May 10, 1972.*

1 **SEC. 587. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE DISTIN-**  
2 **GUISHED-SERVICE CROSS FOR JAMES O.**  
3 **RATLIFF FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING THE**  
4 **VIETNAM WAR.**

5 (a) *WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.*—Notwithstanding  
6 the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10,  
7 United States Code, or any other time limitation with re-  
8 spect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who  
9 served in the Armed Forces, the President may award a  
10 Distinguished-Service Cross under section 7272 of such title  
11 to James O. Ratliff for the acts of valor described in sub-  
12 section (b).

13 (b) *ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.*—The acts of valor  
14 described in this subsection are the actions of James O.  
15 Ratliff on June 18, 1968, as a member of the Army during  
16 a combat mission near the village of Ap Go Cong during  
17 the Vietnam War.

18 **SEC. 588. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE DISTINGUISHED-**  
19 **SERVICE CROSS TO JOSEPH P. LYNCH FOR**  
20 **ACTS OF VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY**  
21 **DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

22 (a) *WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.*—Notwithstanding  
23 the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10,  
24 United States Code, or any other time limitation with re-  
25 spect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who  
26 served in the Armed Forces, the Secretary of the Army may

1 *award the Distinguished-Service Cross under section 7272*  
 2 *of such title to Joseph P. Lynch for the acts of valor in*  
 3 *described in subsection (b).*

4 *(b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor*  
 5 *described in this subsection are the actions of Joseph P.*  
 6 *Lynch on April 17, 1968, as a member of the Army, during*  
 7 *a combat mission near Khe Sanh, Republic of Vietnam, for*  
 8 *which he was previously awarded the Silver Star.*

9 **SEC. 589. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING AWARD OF**  
 10 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO THOMAS J. GRASSO**  
 11 **FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING OPERATION**  
 12 **FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.**

13 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

14 *(1) the Secretary of Defense should review the*  
 15 *acts of valor of Thomas J. Grasso as a Sergeant First*  
 16 *Class in the Army during Operation Freedom's Sen-*  
 17 *tinel to determine whether to recommend to the Presi-*  
 18 *dent to award Thomas J. Grasso the Medal of Honor*  
 19 *for such acts of valor; and*

20 *(2) subject to the enactment of legislation to*  
 21 *waive the time limitations in section 7274 of title 10,*  
 22 *United States Code, the President should award the*  
 23 *Medal of Honor to Thomas J. Grasso for such acts of*  
 24 *valor if the Secretary so recommends.*

1 **SEC. 589A. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING AWARD OF**  
 2 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO RETIRED COLONEL**  
 3 **PHILIP J. CONRAN FOR ACTS OF VALOR IN**  
 4 **LAOS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

5 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

6 *(1) the Secretary of Defense should review the*  
 7 *acts of valor of Philip J. Conran on October 6, 1969,*  
 8 *as a member of the Air Force, during a combat mis-*  
 9 *sion in the Savannakhet Province of Laos to deter-*  
 10 *mine whether to recommend to the President to award*  
 11 *Philip J. Conran the Medal of Honor for such acts*  
 12 *of valor; and*

13 *(2) subject to the enactment of legislation to*  
 14 *waive the time limitations specified in section 9274*  
 15 *of title 10, United States Code, the President should*  
 16 *award the Medal of Honor to Philip J. Conran for*  
 17 *such acts of valor if the Secretary so recommends.*

18 ***Subtitle J—Other Matters and***  
 19 ***Miscellaneous Reports***

20 **SEC. 591. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS FOR**  
 21 **CERTAIN MILITARY ADAPTIVE SPORTS PRO-**  
 22 **GRAM.**

23 *Section 2564a of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 24 *amended, in subsection (a)(1)(B), in the matter preceding*  
 25 *clause (i), by striking “, during the one-year period fol-*  
 26 *lowing the veteran’s date of separation,”.*

1 **SEC. 592. EXPANDED GOALS OF AUTHORIZED PROGRAM RE-**  
2 **GARDING THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 ME-**  
3 **MORIAL AND MUSEUM.**

4 *The Secretary of Defense shall seek to amend any*  
5 *agreement entered into by the Secretary pursuant to section*  
6 *539 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and*  
7 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025*  
8 *(Public Law 118–159) to include promoting security at the*  
9 *National September 11 Memorial and Museum.*

10 **SEC. 593. LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PROCUREMENT IN GUAM**  
11 **COMMISSARIES.**

12 *(a) DESIGNATION OF LIAISON.—The Director of the*  
13 *Defense Commissary Agency shall designate an official*  
14 *within the Defense Commissary Agency responsible for*  
15 *liaising with farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and food pro-*  
16 *ducers in Guam for the purpose of assisting those persons*  
17 *in doing business with the Defense Commissary Agency and*  
18 *increasing the availability of locally produced food products*  
19 *in commissaries located in Guam.*

20 *(b) PLAN TO INCREASE LOCAL PROCUREMENT.—*

21 *(1) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days*  
22 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Direc-*  
23 *tor of the Defense Commissary Agency shall submit to*  
24 *the congressional defense committees a plan to in-*  
25 *crease the volume of locally grown produce sold in*  
26 *commissaries located in Guam.*



1           (2) *ELEMENTS.*—*The plan required under para-*  
2       *graph (1) shall—*

3                   (A) *identify barriers to procuring locally*  
4       *grown produce from producers in Guam;*

5                   (B) *describe steps the Defense Commissary*  
6       *Agency will take to improve outreach, con-*  
7       *tracting, distribution, and procurement opportu-*  
8       *nities for producers in Guam;*

9                   (C) *establish measurable benchmarks and*  
10      *timelines for increasing the amount of locally*  
11      *grown produce sold in commissaries located in*  
12      *Guam; and*

13                  (D) *include a goal that not less than 15*  
14      *percent of all produce sold in commissaries lo-*  
15      *cated in Guam be locally sourced from Guam*  
16      *producers.*

17      (c) *REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.*—*Not later than two*  
18      *years after the date of the submission of the plan required*  
19      *under subsection (b), the Director of the Defense Com-*  
20      *missary Agency shall submit to the congressional defense*  
21      *committees a report on the implementation of the plan, in-*  
22      *cluding—*

23                  (1) *the percentage of produce sold in com-*  
24      *missaries located in Guam that is locally sourced;*

- 1           (2) a description of progress made toward  
2           achieving the goal described in subsection (b)(2)(D);  
3           (3) any challenges encountered in implementing  
4           the plan; and  
5           (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-  
6           trative action to further increase procurement from  
7           producers in Guam.

8   **SEC. 594. SUBMISSION OF REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL EFFEC-**  
9                           **TIVENESS OF ARMY AND MARINE CORPS**  
10                          **GROUND COMBAT UNITS.**

11           (a) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than seven  
12   days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
13   retary of Defense shall submit to Congress the complete,  
14   unredacted review of operational effectiveness of Army and  
15   Marine Corps ground combat units that is the subject of  
16   the memorandum issued by the Under Secretary of Defense  
17   for Personnel and Readiness on December 18, 2025, relating  
18   to “Review of the Operational Effectiveness of Army and  
19   Marine Corps Ground Combat Units”.

20           (b) *COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.*—Not later than  
21   180 days after the date of the date of the enactment of this  
22   Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall sub-  
23   mit to the congressional defense committees a report review-  
24   ing—

1           (1) *the review submitted to Congress under sub-*  
 2           *section (a); and*

3           (2) *any actions taken by the Secretary of Defense*  
 4           *in response to the review.*

5   ***TITLE VI—MILITARY COMPENSA-***  
 6       ***TION AND OTHER BENEFITS***  
 7       ***Subtitle A—Bonus and Incentive***  
 8           ***Pays***

9   ***SEC. 601. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING***  
 10       ***BONUS AND SPECIAL PAY AUTHORITIES.***

11       (a) *AUTHORITIES RELATING TO RESERVE FORCES.—*  
 12       *Section 910(g) of title 37, United States Code, relating to*  
 13       *income replacement payments for reserve component mem-*  
 14       *bers experiencing extended and frequent mobilization for ac-*  
 15       *tive duty service, is amended by striking “December 31,*  
 16       *2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.*

17       (b) *TITLE 10 AUTHORITIES RELATING TO HEALTH*  
 18       *CARE PROFESSIONALS.—The following sections of title 10,*  
 19       *United States Code, are amended by striking “December 31,*  
 20       *2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”:*

21           (1) *Section 2130a(a)(1), relating to nurse officer*  
 22           *candidate accession program.*

23           (2) *Section 16302(d), relating to repayment of*  
 24           *education loans for certain health professionals who*  
 25           *serve in the Selected Reserve.*

1       (c) *AUTHORITIES RELATING TO NUCLEAR OFFI-*  
2 *CERS.—Section 333(i) of title 37, United States Code, is*  
3 *amended by striking “December 31, 2026” and inserting*  
4 *“December 31, 2027”.*

5       (d) *AUTHORITIES RELATING TO TITLE 37 CONSOLI-*  
6 *DATED SPECIAL PAY, INCENTIVE PAY, AND BONUS AU-*  
7 *THORITIES.—The following sections of title 37, United*  
8 *States Code, are amended by striking “December 31, 2026”*  
9 *and inserting “December 31, 2027”:*

10           (1) *Section 331(h), relating to general bonus au-*  
11 *thority for enlisted members.*

12           (2) *Section 332(g), relating to general bonus au-*  
13 *thority for officers.*

14           (3) *Section 334(i), relating to special aviation*  
15 *incentive pay and bonus authorities for officers.*

16           (4) *Section 335(k), relating to special bonus and*  
17 *incentive pay authorities for officers in health profes-*  
18 *sions.*

19           (5) *Section 336(g), relating to contracting bonus*  
20 *for cadets and midshipmen enrolled in the Senior Re-*  
21 *serve Officers’ Training Corps.*

22           (6) *Section 351(h), relating to hazardous duty*  
23 *pay.*

24           (7) *Section 352(g), relating to assignment pay or*  
25 *special duty pay.*

1           (8) *Section 353(i), relating to skill incentive pay*  
 2           *or proficiency bonus.*

3           (9) *Section 355(h), relating to retention incen-*  
 4           *tives for members qualified in critical military skills*  
 5           *or assigned to high priority units.*

6           (e) *AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY INCREASE IN*  
 7           *RATES OF BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING.—Section*  
 8           *403(b) of title 37, United States Code, is amended—*

9           (1) *in paragraph (7)(E), relating to an area cov-*  
 10          *ered by a major disaster declaration or containing an*  
 11          *installation experiencing an influx of military per-*  
 12          *sonnel, by striking “December 31, 2026” and insert-*  
 13          *ing “December 31, 2027”; and*

14          (2) *in paragraph (8)(C), relating to an area*  
 15          *where actual housing costs differ from current rates*  
 16          *by more than 20 percent, by striking “December 31,*  
 17          *2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.*

18   **SEC. 602. AUTHORIZING BOARD CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE**  
 19                   **PAY FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS WITH DOC-**  
 20                   **TORAL DEGREES.**

21          *Section 335(c)(2) of title 37, United States Code, is*  
 22          *amended by inserting “, or holds a doctoral degree that the*  
 23          *Secretary concerned determines appropriate,” after “is*  
 24          *board certified”.*

1 **SEC. 603. ONE-TIME CORRECTIVE INCREASE AND ANNUAL**  
 2 **ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL AND**  
 3 **INCENTIVE PAYS FOR MEMBERS OF THE**  
 4 **ARMED FORCES; CLARIFICATION OF SPECIAL**  
 5 **AND INCENTIVE PAY AUTHORITIES FOR MEM-**  
 6 **BERS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS.**

7 (a) *ADJUSTMENTS.*—

8 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 19 of title 37, United  
 9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 10 lowing new section:

11 **“§ 1017. Adjustments to amounts of special and incen-**  
 12 **tive pays**

13 “(a) *INITIAL INCREASE.*—Effective on January 1 of  
 14 the first year that begins after the date of the enactment  
 15 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 16 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall increase the amount  
 17 of each covered special and incentive pay (rounded to the  
 18 nearest dollar) for members of the armed forces by the great-  
 19 er of—

20 “(1) the percentage by which the CPI for the base  
 21 quarter of the preceding year exceeds the CPI for the  
 22 base quarter preceding the last statutory or adminis-  
 23 trative increase date for such covered special and in-  
 24 centive pay; and

25 “(2) the percentage by which the average rate of  
 26 basic pay for members of the armed forces under sec-

1        *tion 203(a) of this title in effect on such January 1*  
2        *exceeds the average rate of basic pay for members of*  
3        *the armed forces under such section 203(a) that was*  
4        *in effect on the last statutory or administrative in-*  
5        *crease date for such covered special and incentive pay.*

6        *“(b) RECURRING INCREASE.—Effective on January 1*  
7        *of the second year that begins after the date of the enactment*  
8        *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
9        *2027, and each January 1 thereafter, the Secretary of De-*  
10       *fense shall increase the amount of each covered special and*  
11       *incentive pay (rounded to the nearest dollar) for members*  
12       *of the armed forces by the greater of—*

13                *“(1) the percentage by which the CPI for the base*  
14                *quarter of the preceding year exceeds the CPI for the*  
15                *base quarter of the year before the preceding year; and*

16                *“(2) the percentage by which the rate of basic*  
17                *pay for members of the armed forces under section*  
18                *203(a) of this title is increased on such January 1*  
19                *from the rate of basic pay for such members in effect*  
20                *the preceding year.*

21        *“(c) RELATIONSHIP TO LIMITS OF AMOUNTS IN*  
22        *LAW.—The Secretary shall increase the amount of each cov-*  
23        *ered special and incentive pay in accordance with sub-*  
24        *section (a) or (b) notwithstanding any limitation on the*

1 *maximum amount of such pay specified in any other provi-*  
 2 *sion of law.*

3 “(d) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

4 “(1) *The term ‘base quarter’ for any year is the*  
 5 *three-month period ending on September 30 of such*  
 6 *year.*

7 “(2) *The term ‘covered special and incentive*  
 8 *pay’ means—*

9 “(A) *a bonus, incentive, or special pay pay-*  
 10 *able under chapter 5 of this title; and*

11 “(B) *the allowance payable under section*  
 12 *427 of this title.*

13 “(3) *The term ‘CPI’ means the Consumer Price*  
 14 *Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bu-*  
 15 *reau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.*

16 “(4) *The term ‘last statutory or administrative*  
 17 *increase date’ means the date of the most recent ad-*  
 18 *justment to an amount of pay that—*

19 “(A) *reflects a revision based on objective*  
 20 *economic indicators or an increase to basic pay*  
 21 *for members of the armed forces; or*

22 “(B) *was made by Act of Congress.”.*

23 (2) *PUBLICATION OF ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENTS.—*  
 24 *Not later than December 31 of the year of the enact-*



1        *ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall pub-*  
2        *lish in the Federal Register a table that identifies—*

3                *(A) each covered special and incentive pay*  
4                *(as defined in section 1017 of title 37, United*  
5                *States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this*  
6                *section);*

7                *(B) the last statutory or administration in-*  
8                *crease date (as defined in such section 1017) of*  
9                *each such pay;*

10               *(C) the amount of increase of such pay after*  
11               *the application of subsection (a) of such section*  
12               *1017; and*

13               *(D) the total amount of such pay after the*  
14               *application of such subsection (a).*

15        *(b) CLARIFICATION OF SPECIAL AND INCENTIVE PAY*  
16        *AUTHORITIES FOR MEMBERS OF RESERVE COMPO-*  
17        *NENTS.—Section 357 of title 37, United States Code, is*  
18        *amended—*

19               *(1) by striking “special or incentive pay” and*  
20               *inserting “bonus, incentive, or special pay”; and*

21               *(2) by striking “if the Secretary concerned” and*  
22               *all that follows and inserting a period.*

1 **SEC. 604. PAYMENT OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AVIATION IN-**  
 2 **CENTIVE PAY TO AVIATION OFFICERS WITH**  
 3 **MORE THAN 8 YEARS OF AVIATION SERVICE;**  
 4 **ENHANCEMENT OF RETENTION INCENTIVES**  
 5 **AVAILABLE TO AVIATION OFFICERS.**

6 *(a) PAYMENT OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AVIATION IN-*  
 7 *CENTIVE PAY TO OFFICERS WITH MORE THAN 8 YEARS*  
 8 *OF AVIATION SERVICE.—Section 334(c) of title 37, United*  
 9 *States Code, is amended—*

10 *(1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “subject to*  
 11 *paragraph (5),” before “aviation incentive”; and*

12 *(2) by adding at the end the following new para-*  
 13 *graph:*

14 *“(5) MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR OFFICERS WITH*  
 15 *MORE THAN 8 YEARS OF AVIATION SERVICE.—An offi-*  
 16 *cer of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or*  
 17 *Space Force who is entitled to aviation incentive pay*  
 18 *under subsection (a) and has completed more than 8*  
 19 *years of aviation service shall receive the maximum*  
 20 *monthly amount of such pay under paragraph*  
 21 *(1)(A).”.*

22 *(b) ENHANCEMENT OF AIR FORCE RATED OFFICER*  
 23 *RETENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—*

24 *(1) ELIGIBLE OFFICERS.—Subsection (b)(2) of*  
 25 *section 604 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense*

1 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law*  
2 *117–263; 37 U.S.C. 301b note) is amended—*

3 *(A) by striking “and not less than one*  
4 *year”; and*

5 *(B) by striking “under section 653 of title*  
6 *10, United States Code”.*

7 *(2) WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.—Subsection (c)(1)*  
8 *of such section is amended—*

9 *(A) by striking “four years” and inserting*  
10 *“one year”; and*

11 *(B) by striking “under section 653 of title*  
12 *10, United States Code”.*

13 *(3) RETENTION INCENTIVES.—Subsection (d) of*  
14 *such section is amended—*

15 *(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting*  
16 *the following new paragraph (1):*

17 *“(1) FLEXIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT AND DUTY LO-*  
18 *CATIONS.—Under the demonstration program re-*  
19 *quired under subsection (a), the Secretary shall offer*  
20 *to a rated officer described in subsection (b), to the*  
21 *maximum extent practicable (as determined by the*  
22 *Secretary)—*

23 *“(A) assignment to the duty location of the*  
24 *rated officer’s preference, including consecutive*  
25 *assignments to the same duty location;*

1           “(B) the opportunity to perform a staff as-  
2           signment that does not require flying remotely,  
3           such that the officer may avoid relocation or re-  
4           main in active flying status; and

5           “(C) the opportunity to transition indefi-  
6           nitely to a non-combat aviation service posi-  
7           tion.”;

8           (B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting  
9           the following new paragraph (2):

10          “(2) AVIATION BONUS.—

11           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Under the demonstra-  
12           tion program required under subsection (a), not-  
13           withstanding section 334(c) of title 37, United  
14           States Code, the Secretary may pay to a rated  
15           officer described in subsection (b) an aviation  
16           bonus not to exceed an average annual amount  
17           of \$100,000.

18           “(B) PAYMENT OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The  
19           Secretary—

20           “(i) shall ensure the maximum amount  
21           payable under subparagraph (A) is offered  
22           to any rated officer described in subsection  
23           (b) who executes a written agreement under  
24           subsection (c) to remain on active duty for  
25           one or more years after the completion of

1           *the active duty service obligation of the offi-*  
2           *cer; and*

3           “(ii) *may not vary the amount of an*  
4           *aviation bonus offered to an officer based on*  
5           *the active duty service commitment the offi-*  
6           *cer has remaining at the time of offer.”; and*  
7           *(C) by adding at the end the following new*  
8           *paragraph:*

9           “(4) *ALIGNING TOTAL FORCE INCENTIVES.—The*  
10          *Secretary shall ensure that an offer under this sub-*  
11          *section to a rated officer described in subsection (b)*  
12          *includes—*

13               “(A) *contract length options equal to or*  
14               *shorter than contract length options offered by*  
15               *the Air National Guard and the Air Force Re-*  
16               *serve; and*

17               “(B) *an aviation bonus under paragraph*  
18               *(2) in an amount that is equal to or exceeds the*  
19               *amounts offered by the Air National Guard and*  
20               *the Air Force Reserve.”.*

21          (4) *EXTENSION OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—*  
22          *Subsection (g) of such section is amended by striking*  
23          *“2028” and inserting “2031”.*

1 **SEC. 605. EXPANSIONS OF AUTHORITIES TO CONTRACT**  
 2 **WITH MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR RESERVE OF-**  
 3 **FICERS' TRAINING CORPS.**

4 (a) *EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT WITH*  
 5 *MEMBERS INELIGIBLE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING.*—Section  
 6 2103a(a) of title 10, United States Code is amended in the  
 7 matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “who has com-  
 8 pleted successfully the first year of a four-year Senior Re-  
 9 serve Officers’ Training Corps course and”.

10 (b) *CONTRACTING BONUS: INCREASED MAXIMUM*  
 11 *BONUS; EXPANSION OF TRAINING COVERED BY CON-*  
 12 *TRACT.*—Section 336 of title 37, United States Code, is  
 13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “\$5,000” and  
 15 inserting “\$15,000”; and

16 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “field train-  
 17 ing or a practice cruise under section  
 18 2104(b)(6)(A)(ii) of title 10” and inserting “training  
 19 requirements prescribed by the Secretary concerned”.

20 **SEC. 606. RETROACTIVE GRANTING OF WAIVERS FOR AVIA-**  
 21 **TION INCENTIVE PAY.**

22 (a) *MANDATORY WAIVER.*—Subject to subsection (c),  
 23 the Secretary of the Navy shall—

24 (1) *waive the requirements relating to months of*  
 25 *operational flight for the receipt of aviation incentive*

1        *pay under section 334 or 357 of title 37, United*  
2        *States Code, for any officer who—*

3                *(A) was assigned to a tactical air control*  
4                *squadron during the period beginning on Sep-*  
5                *tember 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2025;*

6                *(B)(i) submitted a request to waive such re-*  
7                *quirements during such period that was denied;*  
8                *or*

9                *(ii) did not submit a request for a waiver*  
10               *of such requirements during such period; and*

11               *(C) who the Secretary of the Navy deter-*  
12               *mines would have qualified for a waiver of such*  
13               *requirements under the criteria applicable to re-*  
14               *quests for such a waiver at that time, provided*  
15               *that the Secretary shall consider as qualified for*  
16               *a waiver an officer who accumulated not less*  
17               *than 72 months of creditable operational or pro-*  
18               *ficiency flying duty as of—*

19               *(i) in the case of an officer described in*  
20               *paragraph (1)(B)(i), the date of the submis-*  
21               *sion of a request for such a waiver; and*

22               *(ii) in the case of an officer described*  
23               *in paragraph (1)(B)(ii), the date on which*  
24               *such officer was determined ineligible for*  
25               *aviation incentive pay under section 334 or*

1                   357 of title 37, United States Code, due to  
2                   the failure to meet the requirements relating  
3                   to months of operational flight;

4                   (2) apply the waiver required by paragraph (1)  
5                   for each officer as of—

6                   (A) in the case of an officer described in  
7                   paragraph (1)(B)(i), the date of such request;  
8                   and

9                   (B) in the case of an officer described in  
10                  paragraph (1)(B)(ii), the date on which such of-  
11                  ficer was determined ineligible for aviation in-  
12                  centive pay under section 334 or 357 of title 37,  
13                  United States Code, due to the failure to meet the  
14                  requirements relating to months of operational  
15                  flight; and

16                  (3) provide each such officer aviation incentive  
17                  pay under those sections in the amounts such officer  
18                  would have received had the waiver been granted and  
19                  applied on such date.

20                  (b) *REVIEW OF FLYING DUTY POLICIES.*—

21                  (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to subsection (c), if  
22                  the Secretary of the Navy has reason to believe that  
23                  the process for certifying operational or proficiency  
24                  flying duty for members of the Navy or Marine Corps  
25                  is not being carried out correctly, the Secretary shall



1        *conduct a review of such process, including all flying*  
2        *duty policies, procedures, and determinations, and*  
3        *take such corrective actions as the Secretary considers*  
4        *appropriate.*

5            (2) *STATUS OF AVIATION INCENTIVE PAY.—If the*  
6        *Secretary conducts a review under paragraph (1), the*  
7        *Secretary may not make a determination that an offi-*  
8        *cer is ineligible for aviation incentive pay under sec-*  
9        *tion 334 or 357 of title 37, United States Code, due*  
10       *to failure to meet the requirements relating to months*  
11       *of operational flight until the completion of such re-*  
12       *view.*

13           (3) *SUBMISSION.—If the Secretary conducts a re-*  
14       *view under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit*  
15       *to the congressional defense committees the results of*  
16       *the review.*

17       (c) *LIMITATIONS.—*

18           (1) *APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED.—Payments*  
19       *under subsection (a) and corrective action under sub-*  
20       *section (b) in a fiscal year may only be made using*  
21       *amounts appropriated in advance specifically for*  
22       *such payments or such corrective action under such*  
23       *subsection in such fiscal year.*

24           (2) *MATTER OF PAYMENTS.—Payments under*  
25       *subsection (a) and corrective action under subsection*

(b) shall be made on a pro rata basis if the amounts appropriated for such payments or such corrective action are less than the total amount that would be paid for such payments or such corrective action.

(3) AMOUNTS OF PAYMENTS.—The total amount of funding obligated for payments under subsection (a) and corrective action under subsection (b) may not exceed the amount specifically appropriated for providing payments or taking such corrective action during the period of availability of such amount.

## ***Subtitle B—Allowances***

### **SEC. 611. BASIC NEEDS ALLOWANCE: EXCLUSION OF BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FROM THE CALCULATION OF GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF AN ELIGIBLE MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

Section 402b(k)(1)(B) of title 37, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “in” and all that follows through “portion of”; and

(2) by striking “that the Secretary concerned elects to exclude” and inserting “paid to such member”.

1 **SEC. 612. BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING: PERMANENT**  
 2 **AUTHORITY TO MAKE CERTAIN TEMPORARY**  
 3 **INCREASES.**

4 (a) *AREA COVERED BY A MAJOR DISASTER DECLARA-*  
 5 *TION OR CONTAINING AN INSTALLATION EXPERIENCING AN*  
 6 *INFLUX OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.*—Subsection (b) of sec-  
 7 *tion 403 of title 37, United States Code, is amended, in*  
 8 *paragraph (7)—*

9 (1) *in subparagraph (D), by striking “Subject to*  
 10 *subparagraph (E), an” and inserting “An”; and*

11 (2) *by striking subparagraph (E).*

12 (b) *AREA WHERE ACTUAL HOUSING COSTS DIFFER*  
 13 *FROM CURRENT RATES BY MORE THAN 20 PERCENT.*—  
 14 *Such subsection is further amended, in paragraph (8), by*  
 15 *striking subparagraph (C).*

16 **SEC. 613. TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENT TO A RATE OF THE**  
 17 **BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FOR MEM-**  
 18 **BERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES: LOWER**  
 19 **THRESHOLD; PERMANENT AUTHORITY.**

20 *Section 403(b)(8) of title 37, United States Code, is*  
 21 *amended—*

22 (1) *in subparagraph (A), by striking “20 per-*  
 23 *cent” and inserting “15 percent”; and*

24 (2) *by striking subparagraph (C).*

1 **SEC. 614. MODIFICATIONS TO COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE**  
2 **IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES FOR**  
3 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE,**  
4 **MARINE CORPS, AND SPACE FORCE.**

5 *Section 403b of title 37, United States Code, is amend-*  
6 *ed—*

7 *(1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection*  
8 *(j); and*

9 *(2) by inserting after subsection (h) the following*  
10 *new subsection:*

11 *“(i) SPECIAL RULE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMY,*  
12 *NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, AND SPACE FORCE.—*  
13 *This section shall be applied for members of the Army,*  
14 *Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force as follows:*

15 *“(1) Subsection (a) shall be applied by sub-*  
16 *stituting ‘shall pay’ for ‘may pay’.*

17 *“(2) Subsection (c) shall be applied by sub-*  
18 *stituting for the second and third sentences the fol-*  
19 *lowing: ‘The threshold percentage shall be three per-*  
20 *cent, except that the administering Secretaries may*  
21 *prescribe a higher threshold percentage to be applied*  
22 *for a fiscal year when it is necessary to do so in order*  
23 *to ensure that the total amount of the payments of the*  
24 *cost-of-living allowance made to members of the uni-*  
25 *formed services under this section for such fiscal year*  
26 *does not exceed the total amount available to all uni-*

1       *formed services for that fiscal year for paying such al-*  
 2       *lowance.’*

3               *“(3) The Secretary concerned may exclude gen-*  
 4       *eral officers (as defined in section 101(b) of title 10)*  
 5       *and flag officers (as defined in such section) from*  
 6       *members who are eligible to receive a cost-of-living al-*  
 7       *lowance under this section.”.*

8       **SEC. 615. PAYMENT OF COSTS TO SHIP BREAST MILK OF A**  
 9               **MEMBER PERFORMING CERTAIN DUTY.**

10       *(a) AUTHORITY.—Section 453 of title 37, United*  
 11       *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*  
 12       *new subsection:*

13               *“(j) COSTS TO SHIP BREAST MILK.—(1) The Sec-*  
 14       *retary concerned shall pay directly, or reimburse a covered*  
 15       *member for, the costs for shipping expressed breast milk of*  
 16       *the covered member to be used by the infant child of such*  
 17       *member because the infant is separated from the member*  
 18       *by reason of a qualifying circumstance.*

19               *“(2) The costs paid or reimbursed by the Secretary*  
 20       *concerned with respect to a covered member for a single*  
 21       *qualifying event may not exceed \$1,000.*

22               *“(3) A covered member shall be eligible for a payment*  
 23       *or reimbursement under paragraph (1) during the period*  
 24       *in which the member is eligible for breastfeeding support*  
 25       *pursuant to chapter 55 of title 10.*

1 “(4) *In this subsection:*

2 “(A) *The term ‘covered member’ means a mem-*  
3 *ber of the armed forces serving on active duty or inac-*  
4 *tive duty training.*

5 “(B) *The term ‘qualifying circumstance’ means,*  
6 *with respect to a covered member, any of the fol-*  
7 *lowing:*

8 “(i) *The covered member is performing tem-*  
9 *porary duty pursuant to orders.*

10 “(ii) *The covered member is undergoing a*  
11 *permanent change of station, regardless of wheth-*  
12 *er the tour of duty is an accompanied or unac-*  
13 *companied tour of duty.*

14 “(iii) *The covered member is performing*  
15 *annual training duty.*

16 “(iv) *The covered member is performing in-*  
17 *active-duty training.”.*

18 (b) *REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall—*

19 (1) *prescribe regulations to carry out subsection*  
20 *(j) of section 453 of title 37, United States Code, as*  
21 *added by subsection (a) of this section, in a manner*  
22 *that ensures parity with relevant existing programs of*  
23 *the Department of Defense; and*

1           (2) *issue implementing guidance by not later*  
 2           *than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this*  
 3           *Act.*

## 4                           ***Subtitle C—Leave***

### 5   ***SEC. 621. ACCRUAL OF LEAVE FOR MEMBERS OF THE*** 6                           ***ARMED FORCES.***

7           *Section 701(a) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 8           *amended by striking “2½ calendar days” and inserting*  
 9           *“3½ calendar days”.*

### 10   ***SEC. 622. ACCUMULATION OF LEAVE FOR MEMBERS OF THE*** 11                           ***ARMED FORCES.***

12           *(a) ACCUMULATION OF LEAVE FOR MEMBERS OF THE*  
 13   ***ARMED FORCES.—Section 701 of title 10, United States***  
 14   ***Code, is amended—***

15                   (1) *by striking subsections (b), (e), and (g);*

16                   (2) *by redesignating subsections (c), (d), (f), (h),*  
 17                   *(i), (j), (k), (l), and (m) as subsections (b) through (j),*  
 18                   *respectively;*

19                   (3) *in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-*  
 20                   *graph (2), by striking “without regard to the limita-*  
 21                   *tions in subsections (b) and (e)”;* and

22                   (4) *in subsection (f) (as so redesignated), by*  
 23                   *striking “, subject to the accumulation limits in sub-*  
 24                   *sections (b) and (e),”.*

25           ***(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—***

1           (1) *CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN*.—Section 702(c)  
2       of title 10, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
3       ing “section 701(m)” and inserting “section 701(j)”.

4           (2) *EMERGENCY LEAVE RETENTION AUTHOR-*  
5       *ITY*.—

6           (A) *IN GENERAL*.—Section 2508 of title 14,  
7       United States Code, is repealed.

8           (B) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT*.—The table of  
9       sections at the beginning of chapter 25 of title  
10      14, United States Code, is amended by striking  
11      the item relating to section 2508.

12          (3) *PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED ACCRUED LEAVE*.—  
13      Section 501 of title 37, United States Code, is amend-  
14      ed—

15           (A) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph  
16      (6); and

17           (B) in subsection (h), by striking “section  
18      701(f)” and inserting “section 701(d)”.

19          (4) *ABSENCES DUE TO SICKNESS, WOUNDS, AND*  
20      *CERTAIN OTHER CAUSES*.—Section 502(b) of title 37,  
21      United States Code, is amended by striking “and sec-  
22      tion 701(g) of title 10”.



1 **SEC. 623. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR A MEMBER OF THE**  
 2 **ARMED FORCES IN THE CASE OF A LOSS OF**  
 3 **PREGNANCY OR STILLBIRTH.**

4 *Subsection (l)(1)(A) of section 701 of title 10, United*  
 5 *States Code, is amended—*

6 *(1) by striking “the death of an immediate fam-*  
 7 *ily member.” and inserting an em dash; and*

8 *(2) by adding at the end the following new*  
 9 *clauses:*

10 *“(i) the death of an immediate family member;*  
 11 *or*

12 *“(ii) the loss of a pregnancy or a stillbirth by*  
 13 *such member or the spouse of such member.”.*

14 ***Subtitle D—Family and Survivor***  
 15 ***Benefits***

16 **SEC. 631. PAYMENT TO PARTICIPANT IN SURVIVOR BEN-**  
 17 **EFIT PLAN WHOSE SPOUSE DIES BEFORE THE**  
 18 **PARTICIPANT.**

19 *(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subchapter II of chapter 73 of*  
 20 *title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting, after*  
 21 *section 1448a, the following new section:*

22 ***“§ 1448b. Payment to participant whose spouse dies***  
 23 ***before the participant***

24 *“(a) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary concerned*  
 25 *shall make a one-time payment of \$1,000 to a participant*  
 26 *described in subsection (b).*

1       “(b) *ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.*—A participant de-  
 2       scribed in this subsection is a person—

3               “(1) *who becomes a participant in the Plan on*  
 4       *or after July 1, 2027;*

5               “(2) *whose beneficiary under the Plan is the*  
 6       *spouse of such person; and*

7               “(3) *whose spouse dies before such person.*”.

8       (b) *CONFORMING REDUCTION IN RETIRED PAY.*—Sec-  
 9       tion 1452(a)(1) of such title is amended by adding at the  
 10      end the following new subparagraph:

11               “(C) *ADDITIONAL REDUCTION FOR PAYMENT*  
 12               *TO PARTICIPANT WHOSE SPOUSE DIES BEFORE*  
 13               *THE PARTICIPANT.*—The reduction under sub-  
 14               paragraph (A) or (B) for a participant in the  
 15               Plan who elects to provide spouse coverage on or  
 16               after July 1, 2027, shall be increased by an  
 17               amount prescribed in regulations by the Sec-  
 18               retary of Defense as a premium for coverage  
 19               under section 1448b of this title.”.

20      **SEC. 632. INCREASE IN AND COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT**  
 21               **OF DEATH GRATUITY.**

22       (a) *INCREASE IN DEATH GRATUITY.*—

23               (1) *INCREASE.*—Section 1478(a) of title 10,  
 24       United States Code, is amended by striking  
 25       “\$100,000” and inserting “\$165,000”.

1           (2) *APPLICABILITY.*—*The amendment made by*  
 2           *paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to deaths oc-*  
 3           *curring on or after the date of the enactment of this*  
 4           *Act.*

5           (b) *COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT OF DEATH GRA-*  
 6           *TUITY.*—

7           (1) *ADJUSTMENT.*—*Section 1478 of title 10,*  
 8           *United States Code, as amended by subsection (a) of*  
 9           *this section, is further amended by inserting after*  
 10          *subsection (b) the following new subsection:*

11          “(c) *ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO DEATH GRATUITY.*—(1)  
 12          *On January 1 of each year, the amount of the death gra-*  
 13          *tuity payable under subsection (a) shall be increased by the*  
 14          *percentage (if any) by which the Consumer Price Index for*  
 15          *All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor*  
 16          *Statistics, during the preceding calendar year exceeds such*  
 17          *Consumer Price Index for the calendar year before such pre-*  
 18          *ceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest \$100.*

19          “(2) *The Secretary of Defense shall annually*  
 20          *publish the amount of the death gratuity payable*  
 21          *under subsection (a), as adjusted by paragraph (1),*  
 22          *in the Federal Register.”.*

23          (2) *APPLICABILITY.*—*The amendment made by*  
 24          *paragraph (1) shall apply beginning on January 1,*  
 25          *2027.*

1    ***Subtitle E—Defense Resale Matters***

2    ***SEC. 641. USE OF COMMISSARY STORES BY EMPLOYEES OF***  
 3                   ***THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION***  
 4                   ***ACTIVITY AND MILITARY CHILD DEVELOP-***  
 5                   ***MENT CENTERS.***

6       *Section 1066(a) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 7    *amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

8       “(3) *An employee of the Department of Defense Edu-*  
 9    *cation Activity or a military child development center may*  
 10   *be permitted to use commissary stores and MWR retail fa-*  
 11   *cilities on the same basis as members of the armed forces*  
 12   *on active duty.”.*

13   ***SEC. 642. SINGLE-USE SHOPPING BAGS IN COMMISSARY***  
 14                   ***STORES.***

15       *Section 2485 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 16    *ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

17       “(j) *SINGLE-USE SHOPPING BAGS.—The Defense Com-*  
 18    *missary Agency may not prohibit the use of, or charge a*  
 19    *fee for, single-use shopping bags in a commissary store.”.*

20   ***SEC. 643. LIMITATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPPLY***  
 21                   ***CHAIN TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE OF THE***  
 22                   ***DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY.***

23       *No funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise*  
 24    *made available to the Department of Defense for fiscal year*  
 25    *2027 may be obligated or expended to implement, award*

1 *contracts in furtherance of, or change commissary supply*  
 2 *chain operations pursuant to the two-wholesaler national*  
 3 *supply model of the Supply Chain Transformation Initia-*  
 4 *tive of the Defense Commissary Agency until 180 days after*  
 5 *the day when the Secretary of Defense submits to the con-*  
 6 *gressional defense committees the report regarding the De-*  
 7 *fense Commissary Agency required by the conference report*  
 8 *accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for*  
 9 *Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60).*

10 ***Subtitle F—Other Benefits, Reports,***  
 11 ***and Briefings***

12 ***SEC. 651. CAREER FLEXIBILITY PROGRAMS: ELIGIBILITY OF***  
 13 ***A MEMBER ALREADY SUBJECT TO A PERIOD***  
 14 ***OF OBLIGATED SERVICE; MINIMUM LENGTH***  
 15 ***OF PROGRAM.***

16 *(a) ELIGIBILITY OF A MEMBER ALREADY SUBJECT TO*  
 17 *A PERIOD OF OBLIGATED SERVICE.—Section 710 of title*  
 18 *10, United States Code, is amended, in subsection (a), by*  
 19 *adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

20 *“(3) The Secretary of a military department*  
 21 *may not prohibit a member from inactivation under*  
 22 *this section solely on the basis that such member is*  
 23 *subject to a period of obligated service on active duty*  
 24 *other than a period of service under subsection*  
 25 *(c)(3).”.*

1       (b) *MINIMUM LENGTH OF PROGRAM.*—Such section is  
 2 further amended, in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “and the  
 3 minimum period shall be one month” after “may not exceed  
 4 three years”.

5 **SEC. 652. PROVISION OF INFORMATION REGARDING FOOD**  
 6 **ACCESS AND CHILD CARE FOR MEMBERS RE-**  
 7 **CEIVING ORDERS FOR A CHANGE OF PERMA-**  
 8 **NENT STATION.**

9       Section 1056(b)(2)(F) of title 10, United States Code,  
 10 is amended—

11           (1) in clause (v), by striking “; and” and insert-  
 12 ing a semicolon;

13           (2) by redesignating clause (vi) as clause (viii);  
 14 and

15           (3) by inserting after clause (v) the following  
 16 new clauses:

17           “(vi) resources regarding food access and  
 18 assistance, including the supplemental nutrition  
 19 assistance program (as such term is defined in  
 20 section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008  
 21 (Public Law 88–525; 7 U.S.C. 2012)), State re-  
 22 quirements for eligibility for the special supple-  
 23 mental nutrition program for women, infants,  
 24 and children established by section 17 of the

1           *Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),*  
 2           *and local support services;*

3           “(vii) available child care services, includ-  
 4           ing child care furnished under subchapter II of  
 5           chapter 88 of this title, other assistance furnished  
 6           by the Secretary of Defense, community-based  
 7           partner programs, and other resources; and”.

8   **SEC. 653. RESERVES AND RETIRED MEMBERS: ACCEPTANCE**  
 9           **OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYMENTS, AND AWARDS**  
 10           **FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THROUGH**  
 11           **PRIVATE ENTITIES.**

12       Section 908(a) of title 37, United States Code, is  
 13   amended—

14           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)  
 15       as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively, and  
 16       adjusting the margins accordingly;

17           (2) by inserting “(1)” before “Subject to”; and

18           (3) by adding at the end the following new para-  
 19       graph:

20       “(2)(A) The Secretary of the military department con-  
 21       cerned shall apply the provisions of this section to the ac-  
 22       ceptance, by a person described in subparagraph (B) who  
 23       is under the jurisdiction of such Secretary, of employment  
 24       (and compensation related to that employment) or pay-  
 25       ments or awards indirectly from a foreign government

1 *through a private entity to the same extent and in the same*  
 2 *manner as such provisions apply to employment (and com-*  
 3 *pensation related to that employment) and payments and*  
 4 *awards described in paragraph (1).*

5 “(B) *A person described in this subparagraph is—*

6 “(i) *a retired member of the Army, Navy, Ma-*  
 7 *rine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force; or*

8 “(ii) *a member—*

9 “(I) *of a reserve component of an armed*  
 10 *force specified in subclause (i); and*

11 “(II) *who is not serving on active duty*  
 12 *under a call or order to active duty for a period*  
 13 *in excess of 30 days.”.*

14 **SEC. 654. PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TO CERTAIN PATRONS A**  
 15 **DISCOUNT ON MOTOR FUEL SOLD AT EX-**  
 16 **CHANGE STORES.**

17 (a) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may, if*  
 18 *there is a tax described in subsection (b) applicable to motor*  
 19 *fuel, carry out a program to provide to eligible patrons a*  
 20 *discount on such motor fuel—*

21 (1) *sold at an exchange store; and*

22 (2) *dispensed directly into a vehicle owned by an*  
 23 *eligible patron.*

24 (b) *AMOUNT OF DISCOUNT.—*



1           (1) *BASE DISCOUNT.*—A discount provided  
2           under subsection (a) shall be an amount not less  
3           than—

4                   (A) the rate of tax applicable to gasoline  
5                   under section 4081 of the Internal Revenue Code  
6                   of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 4081), except that such dis-  
7                   count may not be less than 18.4 cents per gallon;  
8                   and

9                   (B) the rate of tax applicable to diesel fuel  
10                  under such section 4081, except that such dis-  
11                  count may not be less than 24.4 cents per gallon.

12           (2) *AUTHORIZATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL DIS-*  
13           *COUNT.*—The Secretary of Defense may, if there is a  
14           State or local tax applicable to such motor fuel, pro-  
15           vide an additional discount to an eligible patron,  
16           with respect to each gallon of motor fuel sold at an  
17           exchange store, of such amount as the Secretary of  
18           Defense determines appropriate.

19           (c) *AUTOMATIC APPLICATION.*—The Secretary of De-  
20           fense shall, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that  
21           a discount provided under this section is applied upon the  
22           sale of motor fuel at an exchange store to an eligible patron.

23           (d) *REGULATIONS.*—The Secretary of Defense shall up-  
24           date any appropriate regulations to prevent—

1           (1) *fraud or abuse of a program carried out*  
2           *under this section; and*

3           (2) *the resale or commercial use of motor fuel*  
4           *purchased at a discount under this section.*

5           (e) *TERMINATION.*—*The authority of the Secretary of*  
6           *Defense to provide a discount under this section shall termi-*  
7           *nate on September 30, 2029.*

8           (f) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
9           *on which the Secretary of Defense carries out a program*  
10          *under this section, and annually thereafter until the termi-*  
11          *nation under subsection (e), the Secretary of Defense shall*  
12          *submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House*  
13          *of Representatives and the Senate a report on such a pro-*  
14          *gram, including—*

15               (1) *the number of exchange stores, disaggregated*  
16               *by exchange system, that sold motor fuel subject to a*  
17               *discount under subsection (b)(1);*

18               (2) *the total gallons of such motor fuel sold an-*  
19               *nually by—*

20                       (A) *each exchange store;*

21                       (B) *all exchange stores; and*

22                       (C) *all exchange stores, disaggregated by ex-*  
23                       *change system;*

24               (3) *the total annual cost of the discount under*  
25               *subsection (b)(1)(A);*

1           (4) *the total annual cost of any additional dis-*  
2           *count under subsection (b)(1)(B);*

3           (5) *the average amount of motor fuel sold annu-*  
4           *ally by each exchange store before the date of the en-*  
5           *actment of this Act;*

6           (6) *any identified fraud, abuse, or issues with*  
7           *implementation with respect to such program; and*

8           (7) *any recommendations with respect to con-*  
9           *tinuing or modifying such program.*

10          (g) *COORDINATION.—Nothing in this section shall be*  
11          *construed to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from coordi-*  
12          *nating with the heads of other Federal departments or agen-*  
13          *cies to encourage the adoption of similar policies with re-*  
14          *spect to discounts on motor fuel—*

15                 (1) *for members of the uniformed services; or*

16                 (2) *other persons served by exchange systems out-*  
17                 *side the Department of Defense.*

18          (h) *ELIGIBLE PATRON DEFINED.—The term “eligible*  
19          *patron” means a person who is authorized under Federal*  
20          *law and applicable regulations to purchase motor fuel from*  
21          *a fuel station operated by an exchange store.*

1           ***TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE***  
 2                   ***PROVISIONS***  
 3           ***Subtitle A—TRICARE and Other***  
 4                   ***Health Benefits***

5   ***SEC. 701. DENTAL READINESS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF***  
 6                   ***SELECTED RESERVE.***

7           *Section 1076a of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 8   *amended—*

9                   *(1) in subsection (a)—*

10                           *(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “A dental*  
 11                           *insurance plan” and inserting “Except as pro-*  
 12                           *vided by paragraph (5), a dental insurance*  
 13                           *plan”;*

14                           *(B) in paragraph (2), in the header, by in-*  
 15                           *serting “INDIVIDUAL READY” after “OTHER”; and*

16                           *(C) by adding at the end the following new*  
 17                           *paragraph:*

18                           *“(5) PLAN FOR CERTAIN SELECTED RESERVE.—*  
 19                           *A dental benefits plan for members of the Selected Re-*  
 20                           *serve of the Ready Reserve in pay grade E-1, E-2,*  
 21                           *E-3, or E-4.”;*

22                   *(2) in subsection (d)—*

23                           *(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as*  
 24                           *paragraph (4); and*

1                   (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
 2                   lowing new paragraph:

3                   “(3) NO PREMIUM PLANS.—(A) The dental in-  
 4                   surance plan established under subsection (a)(5) is a  
 5                   no premium plan.

6                   “(B) Members enrolled in a no premium plan  
 7                   may not be charged a premium for benefits provided  
 8                   under the plan.”;

9                   (3) by redesignating subsections (f) through (l)  
 10                  as subsections (g) through (m), respectively;

11                  (4) by inserting after subsection (e) the following  
 12                  new subsection (f):

13                  “(f) COPAYMENTS UNDER NO PREMIUM PLANS.—A  
 14                  member who receives dental care under a no premium plan  
 15                  referred to in subsection (d)(3) shall pay no charge for any  
 16                  care described in subsection (c).”; and

17                  (5) in subsection (i), as redesignated by para-  
 18                  graph (4), by striking “subsection (k)(2)” and insert-  
 19                  ing “subsection (l)(2)”.

20   **SEC. 702. EXPANDED ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR CER-**  
 21                   **TAIN DEPENDENTS.**

22                  Paragraph (2) of section 1077(c) of title 10, United  
 23                  States Code, is amended to read as follows:

24                  “(2) Dependents who are covered by a dental plan es-  
 25                  tablished under section 1076a of this title may be treated

1 *on a space available basis by postgraduate dental residents*  
 2 *in a dental treatment facility of the uniformed services*  
 3 *under a graduate dental education program accredited by*  
 4 *the American Dental Association if the Secretary of Defense*  
 5 *determines that adequate resources exist to provide such*  
 6 *treatment.”.*

7 **SEC. 703. FERTILITY TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS**  
 8 **OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPENDENTS.**

9 (a) *FERTILITY TREATMENT.*—Chapter 55 of title 10,  
 10 *United States Code, is amended by inserting after section*  
 11 *1074o the following new section:*

12 **“§ 1074p. Fertility treatment for certain active duty**  
 13 **members of the armed forces and depend-**  
 14 **ents**

15 “(a) *COVERAGE.*—The Secretary shall ensure that fer-  
 16 *tility-related care for a covered member (or a dependent of*  
 17 *such a member) shall be covered under TRICARE Prime*  
 18 *and TRICARE Select.*

19 “(b) *IN VITRO FERTILIZATION.*—In the case of *in vitro*  
 20 *fertilization treatment furnished to an individual pursuant*  
 21 *to subsection (a)—*

22 “(1) *three completed oocyte retrievals may be*  
 23 *furnished per calendar year; and*

24 “(2) *single embryo transfers shall be provided*  
 25 *unless otherwise medically indicated in accordance*

1       *with the guidelines of the American Society for Re-*  
 2       *productive Medicine.*

3       “(c) *COST SHARING AND OTHER LIMITATIONS.—The*  
 4       *Secretary shall ensure that cost-sharing amounts for an in-*  
 5       *dividual who receives fertility-related care under this sec-*  
 6       *tion are determined under section 1075, 1075a, or other ap-*  
 7       *plicable provision of this chapter in accordance with the*  
 8       *kind of care provided (such as an in-network inpatient*  
 9       *visit) and without regard to whether the care is fertility-*  
 10       *related care. The Secretary may not impose any waiting*  
 11       *periods or other limitations once the individual has received*  
 12       *a medical diagnosis of infertility.*

13       “(d) *PROHIBITIONS.—Funds available to the Depart-*  
 14       *ment of Defense may not be used for preimplantation ge-*  
 15       *netic screening, human cloning, international surrogacy, or*  
 16       *artificial womb technology.*

17       “(e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

18               “(1) *The term ‘covered member’ means—*

19                       “(A) *a member of the Army, Navy, Marine*  
 20                       *Corps, Air Force, or Space Force, serving on ac-*  
 21                       *tive duty; and*

22                       “(B) *does not include a former member of*  
 23                       *the armed forces.*

24               “(2) *The term ‘infertility’ means a disease, con-*  
 25       *dition, or status characterized by—*

1           “(A) the failure to establish a pregnancy or  
2           to carry a pregnancy to live birth after regular,  
3           unprotected sexual intercourse in accordance  
4           with the guidelines of the American Society for  
5           Reproductive Medicine;

6           “(B) the inability of an individual to repro-  
7           duce without medical intervention either as a  
8           single individual or with the partner of the indi-  
9           vidual; or

10          “(C) the findings of a licensed physician  
11          based on the medical, sexual, and reproductive  
12          history, age, physical findings, or diagnostic test-  
13          ing, of the individual.

14          “(3) The term ‘fertility-related care’ means—

15               “(A) the diagnosis of infertility; and

16               “(B) fertility treatment.

17          “(4) The term ‘fertility treatment’ includes the  
18          following:

19               “(A) In vitro fertilization or other treat-  
20               ments or procedures in which human oocytes,  
21               embryos, or sperm are handled when clinically  
22               appropriate.

23               “(B) Sperm retrieval.

24               “(C) Egg retrieval.



1                   “(D) *Preservation of human oocytes, em-*  
2                   *bryos, or sperm.*

3                   “(E) *Artificial insemination, including*  
4                   *intravaginal insemination, intracervical insemi-*  
5                   *nation, and intrauterine insemination.*

6                   “(F) *Transfer of reproductive genetic mate-*  
7                   *rial.*

8                   “(G) *Medications as prescribed or necessary*  
9                   *for fertility.*

10                  “(H) *Fertility treatment coordination.*

11                  “(I) *Such other information, referrals,*  
12                  *treatments, procedures, testing, medications, lab-*  
13                  *oratory services, technologies, and services facili-*  
14                  *tating reproduction as determined appropriate*  
15                  *by the Secretary of Defense.”.*

16                  **(b) PROGRAM ON FERTILITY TREATMENT COORDINA-**  
17                  **TION.—***Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is*  
18                  *amended by adding at the end the following new section:*

19                  **“§1110c. Program on fertility-related care coordina-**  
20                  **tion**

21                  **“(a) IN GENERAL.—***The Secretary of Defense shall es-*  
22                  *tablish a program on the coordination of fertility-related*  
23                  *care by the Secretary for purposes of ensuring patients re-*  
24                  *ceive timely fertility-related care.*

1       “(b) *TRAINING AND SUPPORT.*—*In carrying out the*  
 2 *program established under subsection (a), the Secretary*  
 3 *shall provide to community health care providers training*  
 4 *and support with respect to the unique needs of members*  
 5 *of the armed forces and the dependents of such members.”.*

6       (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—*Section 1079(a) of*  
 7 *title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the*  
 8 *end the following new paragraph:*

9               “(21) *Fertility-related care shall be provided in*  
 10 *accordance with section 1074p of this title.”.*

11       (d) *EXCLUSION FROM CONTRACTS FOR FORMER MEM-*  
 12 *BERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.*—*Section 1086(a) of such*  
 13 *title is amended by striking “eye examinations and” and*  
 14 *inserting “eye examinations, fertility-related care pursuant*  
 15 *to paragraph (21) of such section, and”.*

16       (e) *APPLICATION.*—*The amendments made by this sec-*  
 17 *tion shall apply with respect to services provided on or after*  
 18 *October 1, 2028.*

19 **SEC. 704. LIMITATION ON ABILITY OF SECRETARY OF DE-**  
 20 **FENSE TO MODIFY SCOPE OF MEDICAL SERV-**  
 21 **ICES.**

22       (a) *LIMITATION.*—*Section 1073d(f) of title 10, United*  
 23 *States Code, is amended—*

24               (1) *in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “a notifica-*  
 25 *tion of” and inserting “a notification under para-*

1       *graph (2) and a report under paragraph (3) regard-*  
2       *ing”; and*

3               *(2) by adding at the end the following new para-*  
4       *graph:*

5       “(3) *Each report under paragraph (1) shall contain*  
6       *the following:*

7               “(A) *A budget that is consistent with the require-*  
8       *ments under this chapter regarding access to medical*  
9       *care and the quality of such care.*

10              “(B) *A description of how the Secretary uses en-*  
11       *hanced appointment and compensation authorities,*  
12       *including under section 1599c of this title, to recruit*  
13       *and retain civilian employees.*

14              “(C) *An analysis of the effects to services at a*  
15       *military medical treatment facility when any medical*  
16       *provider who is a member of the armed forces perma-*  
17       *nently changes station and the position of such mem-*  
18       *ber is not filled (whether by a member, a civilian, or*  
19       *a contractor).*

20              “(D) *The number of positions required to fully*  
21       *staff the current military health system, as of the date*  
22       *of the report, and the number of such unfilled posi-*  
23       *tions, including with respect to whether such positions*  
24       *would be filled by a member, a civilian, or a con-*  
25       *tractor.*

1           “(E) *An analysis of the ability of the managed*  
2           *care network to absorb a member or covered bene-*  
3           *ficiary that cannot be provided care at a military*  
4           *medical treatment facility, including an explanation*  
5           *of the exact elements used in developing a cost anal-*  
6           *ysis between such providing care through such net-*  
7           *work and such facilities.*

8           “(F) *An analysis of the ability of the Defense*  
9           *Health Agency to encourage members and covered*  
10           *beneficiaries to use military medical treatment facili-*  
11           *ties over the managed care network.*

12           “(G) *The status of efforts to close all rec-*  
13           *ommendations by the Comptroller General of the*  
14           *United States contained in the July 2025 report ti-*  
15           *tled ‘Defense Health Care: Information Needed to Im-*  
16           *prove Monitoring of Military Personnel Staffing at*  
17           *Medical Facilities’ and numbered GAO-25-106988.*

18           “(H) *The status of efforts to close all rec-*  
19           *ommendations by the Comptroller General contained*  
20           *in the April 2025 report titled ‘Defense Healthcare*  
21           *Actions Needed to Address Long-Standing Manage-*  
22           *ment Challenges with Medical Facilities’ and num-*  
23           *bered GAO-25-107432.*

24           “(I) *The status of efforts to close all rec-*  
25           *ommendations by the Inspector General of the De-*

1        *partment of Defense contained in the December 2025*  
 2        *report titled ‘Audit of the Defense Health Agency’s*  
 3        *Management of Military Medical Treatment Facilities*  
 4        *Outside the Continental United States in Meeting Ac-*  
 5        *cess to Primary Care Standards’ and numbered*  
 6        *DODIG-2026-025.”.*

7        *(b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by sub-*  
 8        *section (a) shall apply with respect to any modification of*  
 9        *the scope of medical care proposed by the Secretary of De-*  
 10       *fense on or after January 1, 2026, including such proposals*  
 11       *submitted by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel*  
 12       *and Readiness to the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
 13       *House of Representatives and the Senate on March 4, 2026.*

14       **SEC. 705. PROHIBITION ON AND REVERSAL OF ACTIONS TO**  
 15                                **MODIFY SCOPE OF MEDICAL SERVICES PRO-**  
 16                                **VIDED AT CERTAIN MILITARY MEDICAL**  
 17                                **TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

18        *(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may not*  
 19        *take any action to carry out a service change described in*  
 20        *subsection (c).*

21        *(b) REVERSAL AND RESTORATION.—Not later than 30*  
 22        *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
 23        *retary of Defense shall carry out the following actions:*

24                *(1) Reverse any steps taken to carry out a serv-*  
 25        *ice change described in subsection (c).*

1           (2) *Restore personnel and clinical services af-*  
2           *ected by any such service change to the level existing*  
3           *as of March 3, 2026 (unless such level is otherwise*  
4           *modified by a provision of law enacted on or after*  
5           *such date).*

6           (c) *SERVICE CHANGE DESCRIBED.*—*A service change*  
7           *described in this subsection is a service change specified in*  
8           *the notification of service changes submitted by the Under*  
9           *Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to the*  
10           *Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representa-*  
11           *tives and the Senate on March 4, 2026, pursuant to section*  
12           *1073d(f) of title 10, United States Code, including the fol-*  
13           *lowing:*

14           (1) *EISENHOWER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, FORT*  
15           *GORDON, GEORGIA.*—*With respect to the Eisenhower*  
16           *Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia—*

17                   (A) *converting the military medical treat-*  
18                   *ment facility from an inpatient hospital to an*  
19                   *outpatient ambulatory care center;*

20                   (B) *discontinuing inpatient, operating, and*  
21                   *emergency room services; and*

22                   (C) *realigning medical manpower to other*  
23                   *military medical treatment facilities.*

24           (2) *88TH MEDICAL GROUP, WRIGHT-PATTERSON*  
25           *AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO.*—*With respect to the 88th*

1       *Medical Group, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,*  
2       *Ohio—*

3               *(A) converting the military medical treat-*  
4               *ment facility from an inpatient hospital to an*  
5               *outpatient ambulatory care center with surgical*  
6               *capabilities;*

7               *(B) discontinuing inpatient, operating, and*  
8               *emergency room services;*

9               *(C) realigning medical manpower to other*  
10              *military medical treatment facilities;*

11              *(D) closing pediatric cardiology services;*  
12              *and*

13              *(E) discontinuing contracts for chiropractic*  
14              *services.*

15              *(3) NAVAL HOSPITAL BEAUFORT, SOUTH CARO-*  
16              *LINA.—With respect to the Naval Hospital Beaufort,*  
17              *South Carolina—*

18              *(A) converting the military medical treat-*  
19              *ment facility from an inpatient hospital to an*  
20              *outpatient ambulatory care center;*

21              *(B) discontinuing inpatient, operating, and*  
22              *emergency room services;*

23              *(C) realigning medical manpower to other*  
24              *military medical treatment facilities; and*

1                   (D) discontinuing contracts for chiropractic  
2                   services.

3                   (4) 22D MEDICAL GROUP, MCCONNELL AIR FORCE  
4                   BASE, KANSAS.—With respect to the 22d Medical  
5                   Group, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, limiting  
6                   access to the military medical treatment facility only  
7                   to members of the Armed Forces serving on active  
8                   duty and the dependents of such members.

9                   (5) 19TH MEDICAL GROUP, LITTLE ROCK AIR  
10                  FORCE BASE, ARKANSAS.—With respect to the 19th  
11                  Medical Group, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkan-  
12                  sas—

13                   (A) limiting access to the military medical  
14                   treatment facility only to members of the Armed  
15                   Forces serving on active duty and the dependents  
16                   of such members; and

17                   (B) discontinuing contracts for nutrition  
18                   services.

19                   (6) 341ST MEDICAL GROUP, MALMSTROM AIR  
20                   FORCE BASE, MONTANA.—With respect to the 341st  
21                   Medical Group, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana,  
22                   limiting access to the military medical treatment fa-  
23                   cility only to members of the Armed Forces serving on  
24                   active duty and the dependents of such members.



1           (7) 28TH MEDICAL GROUP, ELLSWORTH AIR  
2       FORCE BASE, SOUTH DAKOTA.—*With respect to the*  
3       28th Medical Group, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South  
4       Dakota, limiting access to the military medical treat-  
5       ment facility only to members of the Armed Forces  
6       serving on active duty and the dependents of such  
7       members.

8           (8) 92D MEDICAL GROUP, FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE  
9       BASE, WASHINGTON.—*With respect to the 92d Medical*  
10      Group, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, lim-  
11      iting access to the military medical treatment facility  
12      only to members of the Armed Forces serving on ac-  
13      tive duty and the dependents of such members.

14          (9) 90TH MEDICAL GROUP, FRANCIS E. WARREN  
15      AIR FORCE BASE, WYOMING.—*With respect to the 90th*  
16      Medical Group, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base,  
17      Wyoming, limiting access to the military medical  
18      treatment facility only to members of the Armed  
19      Forces serving on active duty and the dependents of  
20      such members.

21          (10) 355TH MEDICAL GROUP, DAVIS-MONTHAN  
22      AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA.—*With respect to the*  
23      355th Medical Group, Davis-Monthan Air Force  
24      Base, Arizona, limiting access to the military medical  
25      treatment facility only to members of the Armed

1       *Forces serving on active duty and the dependents of*  
2       *such members.*

3               (11) 9TH MEDICAL GROUP, BEALE AIR FORCE  
4       BASE, CALIFORNIA.—*With respect to the 9th Medical*  
5       *Group, Beale Air Force Base, California, limiting ac-*  
6       *cess to the military medical treatment facility only to*  
7       *members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty*  
8       *and the dependents of such members.*

9               (12) 45TH MEDICAL GROUP, PATRICK SPACE  
10      FORCE BASE, FLORIDA.—*With respect to the 45th*  
11      *Medical Group, Patrick Space Force Base, Florida,*  
12      *limiting access to the military medical treatment fa-*  
13      *cility only to members of the Armed Forces serving on*  
14      *active duty and the dependents of such members.*

15              (13) 4TH MEDICAL GROUP, SEYMOUR JOHNSON  
16      AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH CAROLINA.—*With respect to*  
17      *the 4th Medical Group, Seymour Johnson Air Force*  
18      *Base, North Carolina, limiting access to the military*  
19      *medical treatment facility only to members of the*  
20      *Armed Forces serving on active duty and the depend-*  
21      *ents of such members.*

22              (14) 20TH MEDICAL GROUP, SHAW AIR FORCE  
23      BASE, SOUTH CAROLINA.—*With respect to the 20th*  
24      *Medical Group, Shaw Air Force Base, South Caro-*  
25      *lina—*

1           (A) *limiting access to the military medical*  
2           *treatment facility only to members of the Armed*  
3           *Forces serving on active duty and the dependents*  
4           *of such members; and*

5           (B) *discontinuing contracts for nutrition*  
6           *services.*

7           (15) *460TH MEDICAL GROUP, BUCKLEY SPACE*  
8           *FORCE BASE, COLORADO.—With respect to the 460th*  
9           *Medical Group, Buckley Space Force Base, Colorado,*  
10           *limiting access to the military medical treatment fa-*  
11           *cility only to members of the Armed Forces serving on*  
12           *active duty and the dependents of such members.*

13           (16) *27TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEDICAL*  
14           *GROUP, CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO.—*  
15           *With respect to the 27th Special Operations Medical*  
16           *Group, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, limiting*  
17           *access to the military medical treatment facility only*  
18           *to members of the Armed Forces serving on active*  
19           *duty and the dependents of such members.*

20           (17) *412TH MEDICAL GROUP, EDWARDS AIR*  
21           *FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA.—With respect to the 412th*  
22           *Medical Group, Edwards Air Force Base, California,*  
23           *limiting access to the military medical treatment fa-*  
24           *cility only to members of the Armed Forces serving on*  
25           *active duty and the dependents of such members.*

1           (18) 30TH MEDICAL GROUP, VANDENBERG SPACE  
2       FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA.—*With respect to the 30th*  
3       *Medical Group, Vandenberg Space Force Base, Cali-*  
4       *fornia, limiting access to the military medical treat-*  
5       *ment facility only to members of the Armed Forces*  
6       *serving on active duty and the dependents of such*  
7       *members.*

8           (19) NAVAL HEALTH CLINIC CORPUS CHRISTI,  
9       TEXAS.—*With respect to Naval Health Clinic Corpus*  
10      *Christi, Texas, limiting access to the military medical*  
11      *treatment facility only to members of the Armed*  
12      *Forces serving on active duty and the dependents of*  
13      *such members.*

14          (20) 23D MEDICAL GROUP, MOODY AIR FORCE  
15      BASE, GEORGIA.—*With respect to the 23d Medical*  
16      *Group, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, limiting ac-*  
17      *cess to the military medical treatment facility only to*  
18      *members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty*  
19      *and the dependents of such members living on base.*

20          (21) 366TH MEDICAL GROUP, MOUNTAIN HOME  
21      AIR FORCE BASE, IDAHO.—*With respect to the 366th*  
22      *Medical Group, Mountain Home Air Force Base,*  
23      *Idaho, limiting access to the military medical treat-*  
24      *ment facility only to members of the Armed Forces*

1       *serving on active duty and the dependents of such*  
2       *members living on base.*

3               (22) *319TH MEDICAL GROUP, GRAND FORKS AIR*  
4       *FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA.—With respect to the*  
5       *319th Medical Group, Grand Forks Air Force Base,*  
6       *North Dakota, limiting access to the military medical*  
7       *treatment facility only to members of the Armed*  
8       *Forces serving on active duty and the dependents of*  
9       *such members living on base.*

10              (23) *61ST MEDICAL SQUADRON, LOS ANGELES*  
11       *SPACE FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA.—With respect to the*  
12       *61st Medical Squadron, Los Angeles Space Force*  
13       *Base, California, limiting access to the military med-*  
14       *ical treatment facility only to members of the Armed*  
15       *Forces serving on active duty and the dependents of*  
16       *such members living on base.*

17              (24) *78TH MEDICAL GROUP, ROBINS AIR FORCE*  
18       *BASE, GEORGIA.—With respect to the 78th Medical*  
19       *Group, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, limiting ac-*  
20       *cess to the military medical treatment facility only to*  
21       *members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty.*

22              (25) *72D MEDICAL GROUP, TINKER AIR FORCE*  
23       *BASE, OKLAHOMA.—With respect to the 72d Medical*  
24       *Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, limiting*  
25       *access to the military medical treatment facility only*

1       to members of the Armed Forces serving on active  
2       duty.

3               (26) 75TH MEDICAL GROUP, HILL AIR FORCE  
4       BASE, UTAH.—With respect to the 75th Medical  
5       Group, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, limiting access to  
6       the military medical treatment facility only to mem-  
7       bers of the Armed Forces serving on active duty.

8               (27) 66TH MEDICAL SQUADRON, HANSCOM AIR  
9       FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS.—With respect to the  
10      66th Medical Squadron, Hanscom Air Force Base,  
11      Massachusetts, limiting access to the military medical  
12      treatment facility only to members of the Armed  
13      Forces serving on active duty.

14              (28) DAVID GRANT MEDICAL CENTER, TRAVIS AIR  
15      FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA.—With respect to the David  
16      Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base, Cali-  
17      fornia, closing the labor and delivery services.

18              (29) 42D MEDICAL GROUP, MAXWELL AIR FORCE  
19      BASE, ALABAMA.—With respect to the 42d Medical  
20      Group, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, dis-  
21      continuing educational and developmental interven-  
22      tion services.

23              (30) VILSECK ARMY HEALTH CLINIC, GER-  
24      MANY.—With respect to the Vilseck Army Health

1       *Clinic, Germany, discontinuing physical medicine*  
2       *and rehabilitation services.*

3               (31) *DESERT SAGE COMMUNITY BASED MEDICAL*  
4       *HOME, WILLIAM BEAUMONT ARMY MEDICAL CENTER,*  
5       *FORT BLISS, TEXAS.—With respect to the Desert Sage*  
6       *Community Based Medical Home, William Beaumont*  
7       *Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, closing such*  
8       *home.*

9               (32) *NAVAL HEALTH CLINIC PATUXENT RIVER,*  
10       *BRANCH HEALTH CLINIC DAHLGREN, VIRGINIA.—With*  
11       *respect to Naval Health Clinic Patuxent River,*  
12       *Branch Health Clinic Dahlgren, Virginia, dis-*  
13       *continuing radiology services.*

14              (33) *ARMY HEALTH CLINIC MUNSON, FORT LEAV-*  
15       *ENWORTH, KANSAS.—With respect to Army Health*  
16       *Clinic Munson, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, dis-*  
17       *continuing mammography services.*

18              (34) *NAVAL HEALTH CLINIC LEMOORE, CALI-*  
19       *FORNIA.—With respect to Naval Health Clinic*  
20       *Lemoore, California, discontinuing operating room*  
21       *services.*

22              (35) *55TH MEDICAL GROUP, OFFUTT AIR FORCE*  
23       *BASE, NEBRASKA.—With respect to the 55th Medical*  
24       *Group, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska—*

1                   (A) *discontinuing contracts for nutrition*  
2                   *services; and*

3                   (B) *discontinuing contracts for chiropractic*  
4                   *services.*

5                   (36) *7TH MEDICAL GROUP, DYESS AIR FORCE*  
6                   *BASE, TEXAS.—With respect to the 7th Medical*  
7                   *Group, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, discontinuing*  
8                   *contracts for nutrition services.*

9                   (37) *2D MEDICAL GROUP, BARKSDALE AIR FORCE*  
10                  *BASE, LOUISIANA.—With respect to the 2d Medical*  
11                  *Group, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana—*

12                   (A) *discontinuing contracts for nutrition*  
13                   *services; and*

14                   (B) *discontinuing contracts for chiropractic*  
15                   *services.*

16                   (38) *87TH MEDICAL GROUP, JOINT BASE*  
17                   *MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY.—With re-*  
18                   *spect to the 87th Medical Group, Joint Base McGuire-*  
19                   *Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey—*

20                   (A) *discontinuing contracts for nutrition*  
21                   *services; and*

22                   (B) *discontinuing contracts for chiropractic*  
23                   *services.*

24                   (39) *1ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEDICAL GROUP,*  
25                   *HURLBURT FIELD, FLORIDA.—With respect to 1st*



1       *Special Operations Medical Group, Hurlburt Field,*  
2       *Florida, discontinuing contracts for chiropractic serv-*  
3       *ices.*

4               *(40) 10TH MEDICAL GROUP, UNITED STATES AIR*  
5       *FORCE ACADEMY, COLORADO.—With respect to 10th*  
6       *Medical Group, United States Air Force Academy,*  
7       *Colorado, discontinuing contracts for chiropractic*  
8       *services.*

9               *(41) 96TH MEDICAL GROUP, EGLIN AIR FORCE*  
10       *BASE, FLORIDA.—With respect to 96th Medical*  
11       *Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, discontinuing*  
12       *contracts for chiropractic services.*

13       *(d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date*  
14       *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to*  
15       *the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-*  
16       *resentatives and the Senate a report on each action taken*  
17       *under subsection (b).*

18       *(e) SERVICE CHANGE DEFINED.—The term “service*  
19       *change” means, with respect to a military medical treat-*  
20       *ment facility, an action by the Secretary of Defense to mod-*  
21       *ify the scope of medical care provided at the facility, or*  
22       *the beneficiary population served at the facility, as de-*  
23       *scribed in section 1073d(f) of title 10, United States Code,*  
24       *including with respect to reducing or transferring per-*  
25       *sonnel, converting an inpatient hospital to an outpatient*

1 ambulatory care center, and restricting the type of bene-  
2 ficiary that can access the facility.

3 **SEC. 706. TRICARE COVERAGE FOR INCREASED SUPPLY**  
4 **FOR CONTRACEPTION.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Beginning not less than 180 days  
6 after the date of the enactment of the Act, contraceptive sup-  
7 plies of up to 365 days shall be covered for any eligible  
8 covered beneficiary to obtain, including in a single fill or  
9 refill, at the option of such beneficiary, the total days of  
10 supply (not to exceed a 365-day supply) for a contraceptive  
11 on the uniform formulary provided through a military  
12 treatment facility pharmacy, retail pharmacy described in  
13 section 1074g(a)(2)(E)(vi) of title 10, United States Code,  
14 or through the national mail-order pharmacy program of  
15 the TRICARE Program.

16 (b) *OUTREACH.*—Beginning not later than 90 days  
17 after the implementation of coverage under subsection (a),  
18 the Secretary shall conduct such outreach activities as are  
19 necessary to inform health care providers and individuals  
20 who are enrolled in the TRICARE Program of such cov-  
21 erage and the requirements to receive such coverage.

22 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

23 (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means the  
24 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space  
25 Force.

1           (2) *The term “eligible covered beneficiary”*  
 2           *means an eligible covered beneficiary as such term is*  
 3           *used in section 1074g of title 10, United States Code,*  
 4           *who is—*

5                     (A) *a member of a covered Armed Force*  
 6                     *serving on active duty; or*

7                     (B) *a dependent of a member described in*  
 8                     *subparagraph (A).*

9           (3) *The term “TRICARE Program” has the*  
 10           *meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,*  
 11           *United States Code.*

12   **SEC. 707. PILOT PROGRAM TO HELP CERTAIN MEMBERS OF**  
 13           **THE ARMED FORCES STOP SMOKING.**

14           (a) *AUTHORITY.—Beginning not later than 180 days*  
 15           *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
 16           *of Defense may carry out a one-year pilot program to fur-*  
 17           *nish to covered members the alternatives to smoking speci-*  
 18           *fied in subsection (b)—*

19                     (1) *to help such covered members stop smoking;*  
 20                     *and*

21                     (2) *to improve the health of such covered mem-*  
 22                     *bers.*

23           (b) *ALTERNATIVES TO SMOKING.—The alternatives to*  
 24           *smoking specified in this subsection are—*

25                     (1) *counseling;*

- 1           (2) *nicotine gum;*
- 2           (3) *nicotine patches;*
- 3           (4) *electric nicotine delivery systems;*
- 4           (5) *nicotine pouches; and*
- 5           (6) *heat-not-burn products.*

6           (c) *PARTICIPATION.—If the Secretary carries out the*  
7 *pilot program under subsection (a), the pilot program shall*  
8 *operate—*

9           (1) *in not less than one covered Armed Force;*  
10          *and*

11          (2) *at not less than one military installation at*  
12 *which covered members serve in numbers that exceed*  
13 *the national average for—*

14               (A) *smoking cigarettes or other combustible*  
15 *tobacco products;*

16               (B) *the population of Black Americans;*

17               (C) *the population of Asian and Pacific Is-*  
18 *lander Americans;*

19               (D) *the population of Hispanic Americans;*

20          *and*

21               (E) *the population of Appalachian Ameri-*  
22 *cans.*

23          (d) *REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date*  
24 *on which the pilot program under subsection (a) is com-*  
25 *pleted, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on*

1 *Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *a report regarding the results of the pilot program, includ-*  
3 *ing the determination of the Secretary regarding—*

4           (1) *whether the pilot program helped covered*  
5 *members stop smoking;*

6           (2) *the alternatives specified in subsection (b)*  
7 *that are most effective in helping covered members to*  
8 *stop smoking;*

9           (3) *gaps in health care services available to cov-*  
10 *ered members who belong to the populations described*  
11 *in subsection (c)(2); and*

12           (4) *the recommendation of the Secretary whether*  
13 *to expand, extend, or make permanent the pilot pro-*  
14 *gram.*

15 (e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

16           (1) *The term “covered Armed Force” means the*  
17 *Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space*  
18 *Force.*

19           (2) *The term “covered member” means a member*  
20 *of a covered Armed Force—*

21                   (A) *serving on active duty; and*

22                   (B) *who smokes at least one cigarette (or*  
23 *other combustible tobacco product) per week.*

***Subtitle B—Health Care  
Administration***

***SEC. 721. IMPROVEMENTS TO DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY.***

*(a) ADMINISTRATION OF MILITARY MEDICAL TREAT-  
MENT FACILITIES.—Subsection (b) of section 1073c of title  
10, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (H), by striking “;  
and” and inserting a semicolon;*

*(B) by redesignating subparagraph (I) as  
subparagraph (J); and*

*(C) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the  
following new subparagraph (I):*

*“(I) civilian personnel; and”; and*

*(2) in paragraph (2)—*

*(A) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-  
serting the following new subparagraph:*

*“(C) to determine, in coordination with the sen-  
ior military operational commander of each military  
installation with a military medical treatment facil-  
ity, the scope of medical care provided at each such  
facility to meet—*

*“(i) the military personnel readiness re-  
quirements of such commander; and*

1           “(ii) the health care requirements of mem-  
 2           bers of the armed forces and covered bene-  
 3           ficiaries, as determined by such commander;”;

4           (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or  
 5           the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Af-  
 6           fairs”;

7           (C) in subparagraph (F), by striking “joint  
 8           manning” and inserting “ uniformed, joint, ci-  
 9           vilian, and contractor manning”;

10          (D) by striking subparagraph (G);

11          (E) by redesignating subparagraphs (H)  
 12          and (I) as subparagraphs (G) and (H), respec-  
 13          tively; and

14          (F) in subparagraph (G), as so redesign-  
 15          ated, by inserting “civilian and contractor”  
 16          after “address”.

17          (b) *ASSISTANT DIRECTOR*.—Subsection (c)(1)(A) of  
 18          such section is amended by inserting “or an officer of the  
 19          armed forces” before the semicolon.

20          (c) *DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR FINANCIAL OP-*  
 21          *ERATIONS*.—Subparagraph (B) of subsection (d)(2) of such  
 22          section is amended to read as follows:

23               “(B) The Deputy Assistant Director for Financial Op-  
 24          erations shall be responsible for the policy, procedures, and

1 *direction of budgeting matters and financial management*  
 2 *with respect to the following:*

3           “(i) *The provision of direct care at military*  
 4           *medical treatment facilities.*

5           “(ii) *The TRICARE program.*

6           “(iii) *Certain medical readiness activities and*  
 7           *expeditionary medical capabilities (as determined by*  
 8           *the commanders of the combatant commands, in con-*  
 9           *sultation with the Surgeons General of the armed*  
 10           *forces and the Joint Staff Surgeon).*

11           “(iv) *Education and training programs.*

12           “(v) *Research, development, test, and evaluation.*

13           “(vi) *Management and headquarters activities.*

14           “(vii) *Facilities sustainment.*

15           “(viii) *Procurement.*

16           “(ix) *Civilian and contractor personnel.”.*

17           (d) *CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTOR.*—Sub-  
 18 *section (e)(2) of such section is amended—*

19           (1) *in subparagraph (A)—*

20                   (A) *by striking “Ensuring that” and insert-*  
 21                   *ing “Coordinating with the commanders of the*  
 22                   *combatant commands to ensure”; and*

23                   (B) *by striking “the commanders of the*  
 24                   *combatant commands.” and inserting “such*  
 25                   *commanders.”; and*



1           (2) in subparagraph (C)—

2                   (A) by striking “Ensuring that” and insert-  
3                   ing “Coordinating with the senior military oper-  
4                   ational commander of each military installation  
5                   with a military medical treatment facility to en-  
6                   sure”; and

7                   (B) by striking “the senior military oper-  
8                   ational commanders of the military installa-  
9                   tions.” and inserting “such commanders.”.

10          (e) CONSULTATIONS ON THE MILITARY HEALTH SYS-  
11          TEM BUDGET.—Subsection (h) of such section is amended—

12                   (1) in the heading, by striking “MEDICAL RE-  
13                   SEARCH OF MILITARY DEPARTMENTS” and inserting  
14                   “CERTAIN MATTERS”;

15                   (2) by striking “In establishing” and inserting  
16                   “(1) In establishing”; and

17                   (3) by adding at the end the following new para-  
18                   graph:

19                   “(2) On a basis that is not less frequent than semi-  
20                   annually, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the  
21                   Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness,  
22                   shall carry out recurring consultations with each military  
23                   department and the Surgeons General of each armed force  
24                   regarding the budgetary requirements for each military de-

1 *partment, including with respect to each matter specified*  
2 *in subsection (d)(2)(B).”.*

3 *(f) DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION.—*  
4 *Subsection (k) of such section is amended by adding at the*  
5 *end the following:*

6 *“(4) The term ‘health care administration’*  
7 *means the administration and management of the fol-*  
8 *lowing:*

9 *“(A) Health information technology.*

10 *“(B) Pharmacy operations.*

11 *“(C) Medical logistics.*

12 *“(D) Facility planning.*

13 *“(E) The health plan options of the*  
14 *TRICARE program.”.*

15 *(g) SUBMISSION OF ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.—Not*  
16 *later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this*  
17 *Act, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs*  
18 *shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
19 *House of Representatives and the Senate an organizational*  
20 *chart of the Defense Health Agency, including an analysis*  
21 *of how the organization of the Defense Health Agency meets*  
22 *the requirements of section 1073c of title 10, United States*  
23 *Code.*

1 **SEC. 722. IMPROVEMENTS TO ADMINISTRATION OF MILI-**  
2 **TARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

3 (a) *SUPPORT PROVIDED BY MTFs.*—Subsection (a) of  
4 section 1073d of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
5 by striking “and the readiness of medical personnel,” and  
6 inserting “, the readiness of medical personnel, and the  
7 health care services available for covered beneficiaries,”.

8 (b) *MEDICAL CENTERS.*—Subsection (b) of such sec-  
9 tion is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “that support  
11 medical readiness”;

12 (2) in paragraph (4)(C)(ii), by striking “im-  
13 proving” and inserting “ensuring”; and

14 (3) in paragraph (5)(C)(ii)—

15 (A) by striking “may” and inserting  
16 “shall”; and

17 (B) by inserting “or contractors” after “ci-  
18 vilian employees”.

19 (c) *HOSPITALS.*—Subsection (c) of such section is  
20 amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (2)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;  
23 and” and inserting a semicolon;

24 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as  
25 subparagraph (C); and

1                   (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the  
2                   following new subparagraph:

3                   “(B) inpatient and outpatient health services  
4                   with limited speciality care to provide medical care  
5                   to all eligible beneficiaries; and”; and

6                   (2) in paragraph (3)—

7                   (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)  
8                   and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-  
9                   tively; and

10                  (B) by inserting before subparagraph (B),  
11                  as so redesignated, the following new subpara-  
12                  graph:

13                  “(A) is necessary for medical readiness;”.

14                  (d) *AMBULATORY CARE CENTERS*.—Subsection (d)(3)  
15                  of such section is amended—

16                  (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
17                  as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively; and

18                  (2) by inserting before subparagraph (B), as so  
19                  redesignated, the following new subparagraph:

20                  “(A) is necessary for medical readiness;”.

21                  (e) *MAINTENANCE OF INPATIENT CAPABILITIES AT*  
22                  *MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES LOCATED*  
23                  *OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES*.—Subsection (e)(2) of such  
24                  section is amended—

1           (1) *in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),*  
 2           *by striking “180 days” and inserting “one year”; and*

3           (2) *by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-*  
 4           *paragraph (D);*

5           (3) *by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-*  
 6           *lowing new subparagraph:*

7           “(C) *The Secretary has consulted with the rel-*  
 8           *evant operational commander or installation com-*  
 9           *mander, as appropriate, to ensure that the proposed*  
 10           *elimination would have no impact on access by eligi-*  
 11           *ble beneficiaries to health care.”; and*

12           (4) *in subparagraph (D), as so redesignated, by*  
 13           *striking “Before” and inserting “At least one year be-*  
 14           *fore”.*

15           (f) *NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO MODIFY SCOPE OF*  
 16           *SERVICES PROVIDED AT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT*  
 17           *FACILITIES.—Subsection (f) of such section is amended—*

18           (1) *in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “180 days”*  
 19           *and inserting “one year”; and*

20           (2) *in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the*  
 21           *following new subparagraph:*

22           “(D) *An analysis of the capability of the local*  
 23           *community to absorb patients and the anticipated*  
 24           *cost to the managed care support contract.”.*

1 **SEC. 723. DESIGNATION OF DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY AS**  
2 **COMBAT SUPPORT AGENCY.**

3 *Section 193(f) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
4 *amended—*

5 *(1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-*  
6 *graph (6); and*

7 *(2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-*  
8 *lowing new paragraph:*

9 *“(5) The Defense Health Agency.”.*

10 **SEC. 724. ACCOUNTS FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE**  
11 **PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
12 **FENSE.**

13 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1100 of title 10, United*  
14 *States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

15 **“§1100. Accounts for medical and health care pro-**  
16 **grams of the Department of Defense**

17 *“(a) COMBAT AND OPERATIONAL MEDICINE PROGRAM*  
18 *ACCOUNT.—(1) There is hereby established in the Treasury*  
19 *of the United States an account to be known as the ‘Combat*  
20 *and Operational Medicine Program Account’. All sums ap-*  
21 *propriated to carry out the functions of the Secretary of*  
22 *Defense with respect to the military medical and health care*  
23 *programs of the Department of Defense shall be appro-*  
24 *priated to this account.*

25 *“(2) Of the total amount appropriated for a fiscal year*  
26 *for the military medical and health care programs of the*

1 *Department of Defense, the amount equal to three percent*  
2 *of such total amount shall remain available for obligation*  
3 *until the end of the following fiscal year.*

4 “(b) *PRIVATE SECTOR CARE PROGRAM ACCOUNT.—(1)*  
5 *There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United*  
6 *States an account to be known as the ‘Private Sector Care*  
7 *Program Account’. All sums appropriated to carry out the*  
8 *functions of the Secretary of Defense with respect to private*  
9 *sector medical and health care programs of the Department*  
10 *of Defense shall be appropriated to this account.*

11 “(2) *Of the total amount appropriated for a fiscal year*  
12 *for the private sector health care programs of the Depart-*  
13 *ment of Defense, the amount equal to three percent of such*  
14 *total amount shall remain available for obligation until the*  
15 *end of the following fiscal year.*

16 “(c) *OBLIGATION OF AMOUNTS FROM ACCOUNTS BY*  
17 *SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The Secretary of Defense may*  
18 *obligate or expend funds from the accounts under subsection*  
19 *(a) and (b) for purposes of the military medical and health*  
20 *care programs of the Department of Defense and the private*  
21 *sector health care programs of the Department of Defense,*  
22 *respectively, to the extent amounts are available in the ac-*  
23 *counts.*

24 “(d) *REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
25 *prescribe regulations to carry out this section.*

1 “(e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

2 “(1) *The term ‘military medical and health care*  
3 *programs of the Department of Defense’ means the*  
4 *medical and health care programs of the Department*  
5 *of Defense that are not private sector health care pro-*  
6 *grams of the Department of Defense.*

7 “(2) *The term ‘private sector health care pro-*  
8 *grams of the Department of Defense’ means the pro-*  
9 *grams and activities carried out by the Secretary of*  
10 *Defense under this chapter and any other provision of*  
11 *law providing for the furnishing of medical and den-*  
12 *tal care and health benefits by the private sector, in-*  
13 *cluding pursuant to contracts entered into under sec-*  
14 *tion 1079, 1086, 1092, or 1097 of this title.”.*

15 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

16 (1) *TITLE 10.—Title 10, United States Code, is*  
17 *amended as follows:*

18 (A) *Section 1076d(d)(5) is amended by*  
19 *striking “the Defense Health Program Account”*  
20 *and inserting “the Private Sector Care Program*  
21 *Account”.*

22 (B) *Section 1076e(d)(5) is amended by*  
23 *striking “the Defense Health Program Account”*  
24 *and inserting “the Private Sector Care Program*  
25 *Account”.*



1           (C) Section 1076f(b)(2) is amended by  
 2           striking “the Defense Health Program Account”  
 3           and inserting “the Private Sector Care Program  
 4           Account”.

5           (D) Section 1110b(c)(4) is amended by  
 6           striking “the Defense Health Program Account”  
 7           and inserting “the Private Sector Care Program  
 8           Account”.

9           (2) NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT  
 10          FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.—Section 1004(b)(2) of the  
 11          National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 12          2024 (Public Law 118–81; 10 U.S.C. 240d note) is  
 13          amended by striking “Defense Health Program ac-  
 14          count” and inserting “Combat and Operational Medi-  
 15          cine Program and Private Sector Care Program Ac-  
 16          counts”.

17          (3) NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT  
 18          FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997.—Section 742(c)(3) of the Na-  
 19          tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997  
 20          (Public Law 104–201; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note) is  
 21          amended by striking “the Defense Health Program ac-  
 22          count” and inserting “the Combat and Operational  
 23          Medicine Program account”.

24          (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in law, regulation,  
 25          document, paper, or other record of the United States to

1 the “Defense Health Program” shall be deemed to be a ref-  
 2 erence to the “Combat and Operational Medicine Program”  
 3 or the “Private Sector Care Program”, as the case may be  
 4 based on the nature of the obligation.

5 (d) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made by this  
 6 section shall take effect on October 1, 2026, and shall apply  
 7 with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after that date.

8 **SEC. 725. AVAILABILITY OF COMBAT AND OPERATIONAL**  
 9 **MEDICINE PROGRAM ACCOUNT AND OTHER**  
 10 **FUNDS FOR CERTAIN MEDICAL COUNTER-**  
 11 **MEASURES.**

12 (a) *AVAILABILITY.*—Chapter 55 of title 10, United  
 13 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1100 the  
 14 following new section:

15 **“§ 1100a. Availability of Combat and Operational**  
 16 **Medicine Program Account and other**  
 17 **funds for certain medical counter-**  
 18 **measures**

19 “(a) *AUTHORITY.*—Subject to the availability of ap-  
 20 propriations for such purpose, amounts available under the  
 21 Combat and Operational Medicine Program Account estab-  
 22 lished under section 1100 of this title, and amounts avail-  
 23 able under the Operation and Maintenance, Army, account  
 24 for medical readiness, may be obligated or expended by the  
 25 Director of the Defense Health Agency to conduct the activi-

1 *ties described in subsection (b) for the protection and*  
2 *sustainment of deployed forces across the roles of medical*  
3 *care.*

4 “(b) *ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.*—*The activities described*  
5 *in this subsection are the following:*

6 “(1) *The procurement or pre-positioning of a*  
7 *medical countermeasure for forward deployment.*

8 “(2) *The forward deployment of a medical coun-*  
9 *termeasure.*

10 “(3) *Any associated logistics, storage, or*  
11 *sustainment activity necessary to ensure the avail-*  
12 *ability or readiness of a forward-deployed medical*  
13 *countermeasure.*

14 “(c) *COORDINATION.*—*The Director of the Defense*  
15 *Health Agency shall coordinate with the Secretaries of the*  
16 *military departments and the commanders of the combatant*  
17 *commands with respect to any obligation or expenditure of*  
18 *funds under subsection (a).*

19 “(d) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

20 “(1) *The term ‘medical countermeasure’ in-*  
21 *cludes—*

22 “(A) *a vaccine, therapeutic, prophylactic, or*  
23 *diagnostic; and*

1           “(B) an advanced wound care product, in-  
2           cluding antimicrobial and barrier-protective  
3           dressings, such as silver-plated bandages.

4           “(2) The term ‘roles of medical care’ has the  
5           meaning given such term in the publication of the  
6           Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff titled ‘Joint  
7           Publication 4-02: Joint Health Service’, dated Decem-  
8           ber 11, 2017, or such successor publication.”.

9           (b) *REPORTS*.—Not later than 120 days after the date  
10          of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for  
11          three years, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
12          Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representa-  
13          tives and the Senate a report describing—

14               (1) the categories of medical countermeasures  
15               procured and forward-deployed using funds author-  
16               ized to be obligated or expended under section 1100a  
17               of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection  
18               (a);

19               (2) the locations supported by any such use of  
20               funds; and

21               (3) any gaps or shortfalls identified in connec-  
22               tion with the provision of such medical counter-  
23               measures to deployed forces.

1 **SEC. 726. INCLUSION OF DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY IN RE-**  
2 **PORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO UN-**  
3 **FUNDED PRIORITIES.**

4 *Section 222a of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
5 *ed—*

6 *(1) in subsection (a), by striking “the armed*  
7 *force or forces or combatant command” and inserting*  
8 *“the armed force or forces, combatant command, or*  
9 *combat support agency”; and*

10 *(2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the*  
11 *following new paragraph:*

12 *“(8) The Director of the Defense Health Agen-*  
13 *cy.”.*

14 **SEC. 727. JOINT TRAUMA SYSTEM.**

15 *Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
16 *by inserting after section 1073f the following new section:*

17 **“§ 1073g. Joint trauma system**

18 *“(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
19 *maintain the Joint Trauma System established pursuant*  
20 *to section 707 of the National Defense Authorization Act*  
21 *for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) as a permanent*  
22 *operational element of the Defense Health Agency to sup-*  
23 *port the readiness of the armed forces with respect to pro-*  
24 *viding combat casualty care in support of military oper-*  
25 *ations.*

1       “(b) *ELEMENTS.*—*In addition to the requirements of*  
2 *section 707(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act*  
3 *for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328), in carrying*  
4 *out the Joint Trauma System, the Secretary shall—*

5               “(1) *develop and maintain evidence-based clin-*  
6 *ical practice guidelines for combat casualty care*  
7 *across the continuum of care, from point of injury*  
8 *through definitive treatment;*

9               “(2) *establish standards for, and support the cer-*  
10 *tification of, predeployment medical readiness for*  
11 *military surgeons;*

12              “(3) *maintain and integrate trauma registries*  
13 *and data systems of the Department of Defense to*  
14 *support performance improvement, research, and*  
15 *operational planning;*

16              “(4) *conduct system-wide performance improve-*  
17 *ment and lessons-learned analysis for combat casualty*  
18 *care, including dissemination of best practices across*  
19 *the armed forces; and*

20              “(5) *support the integration of military and ci-*  
21 *vilian trauma systems to enhance readiness and im-*  
22 *prove trauma care outcomes during military oper-*  
23 *ations.*

24       “(c) *COMBATANT COMMAND TRAUMA SYSTEMS.*—(1)  
25 *Each commander of a combatant command shall establish*

1 *and maintain a Combatant Command Trauma System to*  
2 *support operational planning, exercises, and military oper-*  
3 *ations across the continuum of combat casualty care, from*  
4 *point of injury through definitive care and rehabilitation.*

5       “(2) *The Secretaries of the military departments shall*  
6 *assign clinically active and operationally experienced trau-*  
7 *ma personnel, as required, to support the establishment,*  
8 *sustainment, and operation of each Combatant Command*  
9 *Trauma System in accordance with the requirements out-*  
10 *lined in Department policy and implementation guidance*  
11 *with the developmental guidance, operational support, and*  
12 *clinical oversight of the Joint Trauma System.*

13       “(3) *Each Combatant Command Trauma System*  
14 *shall—*

15               “(A) *integrate trauma care data into the De-*  
16 *partment of Defense Trauma Registry;*

17               “(B) *implement clinical practice guidelines and*  
18 *performance improvement processes of the Joint*  
19 *Trauma System;*

20               “(C) *support theater-specific trauma training*  
21 *and readiness requirements; and*

22               “(D) *enable operational performance assessment*  
23 *and lessons learned across the continuum of combat*  
24 *casualty care.*

1       “(d) *COORDINATION.*—*In carrying out this section, the*  
2       *Secretary of Defense shall ensure coordination between the*  
3       *Director of the Defense Health Agency and the Surgeons*  
4       *General of the armed forces, the commanders of the combat-*  
5       *ant commands, and other elements of the military health*  
6       *system as required.*

7       “(e) *ANNUAL BRIEFING.*—*Not later than March 1 of*  
8       *each year, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing*  
9       *to the congressional defense committees on the activities,*  
10       *readiness posture, and performance of the Joint Trauma*  
11       *System and the Combatant Command Trauma System, in-*  
12       *cluding—*

13               “(1) *a summary of Department-wide combat cas-*  
14       *ualty care readiness across the Defense Trauma En-*  
15       *terprise, including findings derived from the perform-*  
16       *ance improvement activities, clinical practice guide-*  
17       *line implementation, trauma registry data, and other*  
18       *trauma system analyses of the Joint Trauma System*  
19       *supporting readiness oversight;*

20               “(2) *the status of establishment, staffing, and*  
21       *operational capability of each Combatant Command*  
22       *Trauma System, including personnel assigned by the*  
23       *Secretaries of the military departments to support*  
24       *such systems;*



1           “(3) *identified gaps in combat casualty care*  
 2           *readiness affecting the Combatant Command Trauma*  
 3           *System;*

4           “(4) *actions taken, planned, or resourced to ad-*  
 5           *dress such gaps; and*

6           “(5) *such additional matters relating to the*  
 7           *Joint Trauma System or Combatant Command Trau-*  
 8           *ma System as the Secretary of Defense determines ap-*  
 9           *propriate.*

10          “(f) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

11               “(1) *The term ‘combat casualty care’ means the*  
 12               *provision of medical care to wounded members of the*  
 13               *armed forces in operational environments, including*  
 14               *prehospital care, damage-control resuscitation, and*  
 15               *surgical intervention.*

16               “(2) *The term ‘Joint Trauma System’ means the*  
 17               *Department of Defense’s system for improving trauma*  
 18               *care through data collection, analysis, performance*  
 19               *improvement, and dissemination of best practices.”.*

20          **SEC. 728. CLARIFICATION OF CONSISTENT EVALUATIONS**  
 21                       **OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS.**

22               (a) *UNIFORM EVALUATIONS.—Section 2733a(h)(2)(B)*  
 23               *of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

1           (1) *in the matter preceding clause (i), by insert-*  
 2           *ing “applicable to each uniformed service” before*  
 3           *“consistent with generally”; and*

4           (2) *in clause (iv), by inserting “consistent cri-*  
 5           *teria used in the” before “calculation”.*

6           (b) *APPLICATION.—The amendments made by sub-*  
 7           *section (a) shall apply with respect to claims filed under*  
 8           *section 2733a of title 10, United States Code, on or after*  
 9           *the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment*  
 10          *of this Act.*

11   **SEC. 729. CHAPERONES FOR CERTAIN SENSITIVE EXAMINA-**  
 12                           **TIONS AT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT**  
 13                           **FACILITIES.**

14          *Section 1074d of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 15          *amended—*

16           (1) *by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection*  
 17           *(c); and*

18           (2) *by inserting after subsection (a) the following*  
 19           *new subsection (b):*

20          “(b) *CHAPERONE.—(1) The Secretary shall ensure that*  
 21          *a chaperone is present at any sensitive examination per-*  
 22          *formed by an obstetrician-gynecologist at a military med-*  
 23          *ical treatment facility.*

24          “(2) *In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary*  
 25          *shall—*

1           “(A) *establish qualifications for a covered indi-*  
2           *vidual to serve as a chaperone;*

3           “(B) *provide appropriate training to chaperones;*

4           “(C) *require chaperones to maintain patient*  
5           *confidentiality except with respect to mandatory re-*  
6           *porting of any suspected inappropriate activity under*  
7           *processes established by the Secretary; and*

8           “(D) *ensure a patient may request a different*  
9           *chaperone for any reason (and reschedule the sensitive*  
10          *examination if no other chaperone is available).*

11          “(3) *In this subsection:*

12           “(A) *The term ‘covered individual’ means—*

13           “(i) *a member of the armed forces or a ci-*  
14           *vilian employee who is a health-care professional*  
15           *(as defined in section 1094 of this title);*

16           “(ii) *a resident or student covered under a*  
17           *formal training agreement;*

18           “(iii) *a technician, a health care para-pro-*  
19           *fessional, or medical support assistant; or*

20           “(iv) *a volunteer at a military medical*  
21           *treatment facility.*

22           “(B) *The term ‘sensitive examination’ means a*  
23           *medical examination, treatment, or procedure of the*  
24           *genitalia, rectum, or female breasts, or a forensic*  
25           *health care examination.”.*

1 **SEC. 730. REQUIREMENT TO OFFER MEDICAL CHAPERONES**  
2 **DURING SENSITIVE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.**

3 *The Secretary of Defense shall establish and implement*  
4 *a policy throughout the Department of Defense to require*  
5 *that a medical chaperone be offered and available to be*  
6 *present with a patient during any sensitive medical exam-*  
7 *ination, as determined by the Secretary, conducted at a*  
8 *military medical treatment facility.*

9 **SEC. 731. UNIFORM PROTOCOLS ON SCREENING FOR UN-**  
10 **WANTED SEXUAL BEHAVIOR.**

11 *(a) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
12 *of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense*  
13 *Health Agency, in coordination with the Assistant Sec-*  
14 *retary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Under Sec-*  
15 *retary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall develop*  
16 *comprehensive written guidance establishing uniform proto-*  
17 *cols for providing a screening for unwanted sexual behavior*  
18 *to patients at military medical treatment facilities.*

19 *(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date*  
20 *on which the Director issues the guidance under subsection*  
21 *(a), the Director shall submit to the congressional defense*  
22 *committees a report containing the following:*

23 *(1) An assessment of the extent to which each*  
24 *military medical treatment facility has implemented*  
25 *the guidance.*

1           (2) *Aggregate, de-identified data on screening*  
 2       *rates, positive-screen rates, and referral follow-*  
 3       *through.*

4           (3) *Any planned revisions to the guidance.*

5       (c) *SCREENING FOR UNWANTED SEXUAL BEHAVIOR*  
 6       *DEFINED.—In this section, the term “screening for un-*  
 7       *wanted sexual behavior” means the use of standardized, evi-*  
 8       *dence-based questions or instruments to detect whether an*  
 9       *individual has been subject to any sexual contact or inter-*  
 10      *action to which the individual did not or could not freely*  
 11      *consent, including harassment, coercion, assault, or abuse.*

12   **SEC. 732. REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY COMMITTEES ON**  
 13                   **ARMED SERVICES OF HOSPITALIZATION OF**  
 14                   **COMBAT WOUNDED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
 15                   **FORCES.**

16       *Section 1074l of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 17       *amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

18       “(d) *OTHER NOTIFICATIONS.—(1) The Secretary con-*  
 19       *cerned shall notify the Committees on Armed Services of*  
 20       *the House of Representatives and the Senate of the occur-*  
 21       *rence of a hospitalization of a member of the armed forces*  
 22       *who is—*

23           “(A) *seriously or very seriously wounded in ac-*  
 24       *tion resulting from the conduct of combat operations;*  
 25       *and*

1           “(B) evacuated from a theater of combat and ad-  
 2           mitted to any military medical treatment facility or  
 3           civilian medical treatment facility, regardless of loca-  
 4           tion.

5           “(2) The notifications under paragraph (1)—

6                 “(A) may be made on an aggregate basis; and

7                 “(B) may not include personally identifying in-  
 8           formation of the hospitalized members.”.

9   **SEC. 733. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE RESIDENCIES, INTERN-**  
 10                   **SHIPS, AND SIMILAR POSTGRADUATE PRO-**  
 11                   **GRAMS FOR CIVILIAN HEALTH CARE PROFES-**  
 12                   **SIONALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

13       (a) *AUTHORITY.*—Section 1599c of title 10, United  
 14       States Code, is amended—

15               (1) in the heading, by striking “**and com-**  
 16       **pensation**” and inserting “**, compensation,**  
 17       **and training**”; and

18               (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 19       section:

20       “(c) *RESIDENCIES AND INTERNSHIPS.*—(1) The Sec-  
 21       retary may establish residencies, internships, and similar  
 22       postgraduate programs at military medical treatment fa-  
 23       cilities to train individuals whom the Secretary has ap-  
 24       pointed to civilian health care positions, including physi-

1 cians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and  
2 behavioral health providers.

3 “(2) *The Secretary may require that an individual*  
4 *who participates in a residency, internship, or similar post-*  
5 *graduate program under paragraph (1) agrees to perform*  
6 *civilian Federal service at a military medical treatment fa-*  
7 *cility for a specific period determined by the Secretary fol-*  
8 *lowing the completion of such residency, internship, or*  
9 *similar postgraduate program.*”.

10 (b) *REPORT.—*

11 (1) *REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year*  
12 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
13 *retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-*  
14 *fense committees a report on the implementation of*  
15 *subsection (c) of section 1599c of title 10, United*  
16 *States Code, as added by subsection (a).*

17 (2) *MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under*  
18 *paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

19 (A) *A plan to establish residencies, intern-*  
20 *ships, and similar postgraduate programs under*  
21 *subsection (c) of such section 1599c, including a*  
22 *timeline to implement such subsection.*

23 (B) *The anticipated cost of carrying out*  
24 *such subsection.*

1           (C) *The number of each type of health care*  
 2           *provider the Secretary expects to participate in*  
 3           *such residencies, internships, and similar post-*  
 4           *graduate programs.*

5           (D) *An explanation for how the Secretary—*

6                 (i) *will fund such residencies, intern-*  
 7                 *ships, and similar postgraduate programs;*  
 8                 *and*

9                 (ii) *supervise individuals participating*  
 10                 *in such residencies, internships, and similar*  
 11                 *postgraduate programs.*

12           (E) *An analysis of how the residencies, in-*  
 13           *ternships, and similar postgraduate programs*  
 14           *would help meet the medical workforce needs of*  
 15           *the military health system.*

16           (F) *Any additional information that the*  
 17           *Secretary determines appropriate.*

18 **SEC. 734. NOTIFICATION TO TRICARE BENEFICIARIES OF**  
 19 **COVERAGE TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS.**

20           Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
 21 by inserting after section 1097d the following:

22 **“SEC. 1097e. TRICARE PROGRAM: NOTICE OF COVERAGE**  
 23 **TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS.**

24           “(a) *PROVISION OF NOTICE.—(1) The administering*  
 25 *Secretaries shall provide each covered beneficiary with no-*



1 *tices of a TRICARE coverage transition requirement that*  
2 *affects the individual.*

3       “(2) *The administering Secretaries shall provide notice*  
4 *under paragraph (1) through electronic means.*

5       “(b) *TIMING OF NOTICE.—The administering Secre-*  
6 *taries shall provide notices to a covered beneficiary under*  
7 *subsection (a)(1) as follows:*

8               “(1) *On the date that is one year before the cov-*  
9 *ered beneficiary will experience a TRICARE coverage*  
10 *transition requirement.*

11              “(2) *On the date that is 180 days before the cov-*  
12 *ered beneficiary will experience a TRICARE coverage*  
13 *transition requirement.*

14              “(3) *On the date that is 30 days before the cov-*  
15 *ered beneficiary will experience a TRICARE coverage*  
16 *transition requirement.*

17       “(c) *OUTREACH.—The administering Secretaries shall*  
18 *conduct an outreach and public awareness campaign to in-*  
19 *form covered beneficiaries of TRICARE coverage transition*  
20 *requirements, including through the TRICARE internet*  
21 *website, social media, and through family readiness groups.*

22       “(d) *REPORTS.—On an annual basis the Secretary of*  
23 *Defense, in consultation with the other administering Secre-*  
24 *taries, shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-*  
25 *mittees a report on the implementation of this section, in-*

1 *cluding metrics relating to the outreach and public aware-*  
2 *ness campaign under subsection (c) and any recommenda-*  
3 *tions to improve making covered beneficiaries aware of*  
4 *TRICARE coverage transition requirements.*

5 “(e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

6 “(1) *The term ‘appropriate congressional com-*  
7 *mittees’ means the following:*

8 “(A) *The congressional defense committees.*

9 “(B) *With respect to matters concerning*  
10 *members and former members of the Coast*  
11 *Guard and dependents of such members and*  
12 *former members, the Committee on Transpor-*  
13 *tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-*  
14 *resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,*  
15 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate.*

16 “(2) *The term ‘TRICARE coverage transition re-*  
17 *quirement’ means a requirement under this chapter*  
18 *for a covered beneficiary to make a different election*  
19 *under the TRICARE program to continue enrollment*  
20 *in the TRICARE program, including by reason of at-*  
21 *taining a certain age as described in section 1086(d)*  
22 *or 1110b of this title.’.*

1 **SEC. 735. WAIVER OF REFERRAL REQUIREMENT UNDER**  
2 **TRICARE PRIME FOR CERTAIN PHYSICAL**  
3 **THERAPY.**

4 *Section 1095f(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
5 *amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-*  
6 *graph:*

7 *“(C) In addition to the requirements under subpara-*  
8 *graph (B), the Secretary shall waive the referral require-*  
9 *ment in paragraph (1) in the case of a member of the armed*  
10 *forces serving on active duty who seeks to obtain an ap-*  
11 *pointment for physical therapy provided by a licensed pro-*  
12 *vider under TRICARE Prime if the provider is located in*  
13 *a State in which the law of that State does not require a*  
14 *referral for that specific appointment.”.*

15 **SEC. 736. RATES OF PAY FOR A PROVIDER OF CARE OR**  
16 **SERVICES FURNISHED UNDER TRICARE PRO-**  
17 **GRAM.**

18 *(a) RATES.—Section 1097b(a) of title 10, United*  
19 *States Code is amended—*

20 *(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and para-*  
21 *graph (3)(A)” after “Subject to paragraph (2)”;* and

22 *(2) in paragraph (3), by striking “In estab-*  
23 *lishing” and inserting the following*

24 *“(A) The Secretary shall establish rates for payments*  
25 *to providers of care or services under the TRICARE pro-*  
26 *gram that are specific with respect to the following sites*

1 of service at which the care or service is actually provided  
 2 (regardless of the physical location of the headquarters of  
 3 the provider):

4 “(i) A hospital outpatient department.

5 “(ii) An ambulatory surgical center.

6 “(iii) The office of a physician.

7 “(iv) Such other sites as the Secretary deter-  
 8 mines appropriate in carrying out this paragraph.

9 “(B) The Secretary shall ensure that—

10 “(i) each site specified in subparagraph (A) ob-  
 11 tains a National Provider Identifier pursuant to sec-  
 12 tion 1833(t) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 13 1395l(t)(23)) that is separate and unique from such  
 14 identifier for such provider; and

15 “(ii) no payment for care or services under any  
 16 provision of this chapter may be made unless the  
 17 claim for such payment includes the National Pro-  
 18 vider Identifier for the site at which such hospital  
 19 care, medical services, or extended care services were  
 20 furnished.

21 “(C) In the case of covered OPD services (as defined  
 22 in section 1833(t)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42  
 23 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(1)(B)) that are provided by a provider that  
 24 is an off-campus outpatient department of a provider (as  
 25 defined in section 1833(t)(21)(B) of the Social Security Act

1 *(42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(21)(B)), disregarding clauses (ii) and*  
 2 *(iv) thereof, as if such clauses did not exist), the Secretary*  
 3 *shall ensure that such department is treated as a subpart*  
 4 *of such provider and assigned a unique health identifier*  
 5 *pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, and that*  
 6 *such provider includes such identifier on any claim form*  
 7 *it submits under this subsection, and that such provider*  
 8 *may not hold a member of the uniformed services or covered*  
 9 *beneficiary liable for such item or service unless such care*  
 10 *or services are billed using the separate unique health iden-*  
 11 *tifier established for such department under this paragraph.*

12 *“(D) Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to—*

13 *“(i) prevent the Secretary from determining the*  
 14 *appropriate amount of a facility fee;*

15 *“(ii) require the Secretary to pay, for the same*  
 16 *item or service—*

17 *“(I) an independent physician the same*  
 18 *amount as the Secretary would pay a hospital-*  
 19 *based physician; or*

20 *“(II) a hospital-based physician less than*  
 21 *the Secretary would pay an independent physi-*  
 22 *cian; or*

23 *“(iii) affect the authority of the Secretary under*  
 24 *paragraph (2).*

25 *“(E) In establishing”.*

1       (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendments made by sub-*  
 2 *section (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2028.*

3 **SEC. 737. PLANS ON MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM.**

4       (a) *REQUIREMENT.*—*Section 1073b of title 10, United*  
 5 *States Code, is amended—*

6           (1) *in the heading, by inserting “**plans and**”*  
 7 *before “**REPORTS**”;*

8           (2) *by redesignating subsections (a) and (b) as*  
 9 *subsections (b) and (c), respectively; and*

10          (3) *by inserting before subsection (b), as so redes-*  
 11 *ignated, the following new subsection:*

12       “(a) *LONG-TERM PLANS.*—(1) *During each year, the*  
 13 *Secretary shall develop a long-term plan on the stabiliza-*  
 14 *tion of health care delivered through the Defense Health*  
 15 *Agency.*

16       “(2) *Each plan under paragraph (1) shall include in-*  
 17 *formation regarding the following with respect to each mili-*  
 18 *tary medical treatment facility:*

19           “(A) *Milestones necessary to implement the plan.*

20           “(B) *Definable goals for personnel, budget, sup-*  
 21 *plies, and readiness.*

22           “(C) *Cost estimates for personnel, supplies, and*  
 23 *other items necessary to manage and operate the mili-*  
 24 *tary medical treatment facility.*

1           “(D) *The number of current (as of the time of*  
2           *the plan) and the projection of vacancies with respect*  
3           *to—*

4                     “(i) *military medical personnel;*

5                     “(ii) *civilian and contractor medical per-*  
6                     *sonnel; and*

7                     “(iii) *health care administration personnel.*

8           “(E) *Projected modifications of the scope of med-*  
9           *ical care provided at military medical treatment fa-*  
10           *cilities.*

11                   “(F) *Budget requirements.*

12           “(3) *Each plan under paragraph (1) shall cover the*  
13           *same period covered by the future-years defense program*  
14           *submitted under section 221 of this title during the year*  
15           *in which the plan is developed.*

16           “(4)(A) *On a quarterly basis, the Secretary shall pro-*  
17           *vide to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of*  
18           *Representatives and the Senate a briefing on the most re-*  
19           *cent plan under paragraph (1).*

20           “(B) *Any information included in a briefing under*  
21           *subparagraph (A) with respect to a projected modification*  
22           *of the scope of medical care provided at a military medical*  
23           *treatment facility may not be treated as a notification*  
24           *under section 1073d(f) of this title.*

1       “(5) *The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on*  
 2 *Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the*  
 3 *Senate each plan under paragraph (1).”.*

4       **(b) LIMITATION ON MODIFICATIONS OF SCOPE OF**  
 5 **MEDICAL CARE.**—*Section 1073d(f)(1) of title 10, United*  
 6 *States Code, is amended—*

7           (1) *in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and”*  
 8 *and inserting a semicolon;*

9           (2) *in subparagraph (C), by striking the period*  
 10 *and inserting “; and”; and*

11           (3) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
 12 *paragraph:*

13           “(D) *the Secretary has developed the long-term*  
 14 *plan under section 1073b(a) of this title during the*  
 15 *year in which the Secretary submits such notifica-*  
 16 *tion.”.*

17 **SEC. 738. MODIFICATION TO QUALIFICATION WAIVER AU-**  
 18 **THORITY FOR APPLICANTS FOR NURSING OR**  
 19 **PRACTICAL NURSE POSITIONS IN THE DE-**  
 20 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

21       *Section 716(a) of the Servicemember Quality of Life*  
 22 *Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for*  
 23 *Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 1073c*  
 24 *note), is amended by striking “who—” and all that follows*  
 25 *through the period at the end and inserting “who holds a*



1 *bachelor's degree or graduate degree from an accredited pro-*  
2 *fessional nursing educational program and a current, unre-*  
3 *stricted license to practice as a registered nurse or practical*  
4 *nurse.''.*

5 **SEC. 739. AERIAL TRANSPORT AND DEPARTMENT-WIDE CA-**  
6 **PABILITY FOR HIGH-CONSEQUENCE INFEC-**  
7 **TIOUS DISEASES.**

8 *(a) REQUIREMENT.—Beginning not later than October*  
9 *1, 2027, the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with*  
10 *the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the*  
11 *Secretaries of the other military departments, and the Di-*  
12 *rector of the Defense Health Agency, shall carry out a pro-*  
13 *gram to provide for the safe, long-range aerial transport*  
14 *of individuals known to be or suspected of infection by high-*  
15 *consequence infectious diseases.*

16 *(b) AERIAL TRANSPORT COMPONENT.—The Secretary*  
17 *of Defense shall ensure that the program under subsection*  
18 *(a) serves as the component of the Department of Defense*  
19 *that—*

20 *(1) provides the Department with aerial trans-*  
21 *port of patients with high-consequence infectious dis-*  
22 *eases; and*

23 *(2) provides support to other departments and*  
24 *agencies of the Federal Government, State and local*

1        *governments, and civilian and academic partners, as*  
2        *determined appropriate by the Secretary.*

3        *(c) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the*  
4        *program under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Air*  
5        *Force shall—*

6                *(1) develop and maintain a curriculum, and*  
7                *identify qualified instructors to train and certify*  
8                *military and civilian medical personnel, on proce-*  
9                *dures associated with the safe, long-range aerial*  
10               *transport of patients with high-consequence infectious*  
11               *diseases;*

12               *(2) establish, and periodically update, medical*  
13               *care standards, infection prevention and control*  
14               *measures, and operational safety protocols necessary*  
15               *to maximize patient survival and minimize infection*  
16               *risk to aircrew, medical personnel, and support per-*  
17               *sonnel;*

18               *(3) serve as the joint force advocate and executive*  
19               *agent within the Department of Defense for aerial*  
20               *transport of individuals with high-consequence infec-*  
21               *tious diseases;*

22               *(4) establish standards, sustainment require-*  
23               *ments, and lifecycle management processes for per-*  
24               *sonal protective equipment, transport isolation sys-*

1        *tems, and associated medical equipment used in*  
2        *transporting infected patients;*

3            *(5) develop, in coordination with the Joint Staff,*  
4        *joint doctrine, concepts of operation, and medical*  
5        *force requirements necessary to support a Department*  
6        *of Defense-wide high-consequence infectious disease ca-*  
7        *pability, including patient movement, definitive care,*  
8        *and integration across the continuum of care;*

9            *(6) coordinate with the other Secretaries of the*  
10       *military departments and the Director of the Defense*  
11       *Health Agency to inform the organization, training,*  
12       *and equipping of specialized, organized teams capable*  
13       *of conducting high-consequence infectious disease pa-*  
14       *tient movement and care in operational, austere, and*  
15       *strategic environments;*

16           *(7) support interoperability and operational in-*  
17       *tegration with other departments and agencies of the*  
18       *Federal Government, State and local governments,*  
19       *and civilian and academic partners to enable coordi-*  
20       *nated response to tactical incidents, large-scale con-*  
21       *tingencies, and research activities related to emerging*  
22       *and future infectious disease threats; and*

23           *(8) identify capability gaps and support re-*  
24       *search, development, testing, and evaluation of med-*  
25       *ical countermeasures, transport systems, protective*

1        *equipment, and operational procedures necessary to*  
 2        *improve survivability, safety, and mission effective-*  
 3        *ness in high-consequence infectious disease operations.*

4        *(d) ENTERPRISE DOCTRINE AND OVERSIGHT.—The*  
 5        *Secretary of Defense shall develop and maintain Depart-*  
 6        *ment of Defense-wide doctrine and policy to guide the devel-*  
 7        *opment, fielding, sustainment, and employment of high-*  
 8        *consequence infectious disease response capabilities across*  
 9        *the Department.*

10    **SEC. 740. AVAILABILITY OF OBSTETRICIAN-GYNE-**  
 11                    **COLOGISTS AND CERTIFIED NURSE-MID-**  
 12                    **WIVES AT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT**  
 13                    **FACILITIES.**

14        *(a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year after the*  
 15        *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense*  
 16        *shall ensure that each military medical treatment facility*  
 17        *maintains, at all times, the continuous availability of at*  
 18        *least one obstetrician-gynecologist or certified nurse-mid-*  
 19        *wife.*

20        *(b) USE OF CONTRACTS TO MEET REQUIREMENT.—*  
 21        *The Secretary may satisfy the requirement in subsection (a)*  
 22        *with respect to a military medical treatment facility if the*  
 23        *Secretary enters into a contract or other agreement with*  
 24        *a private provider under which the provider ensures the*  
 25        *continuous availability of an obstetrician-gynecologist or*

1 *certified nurse-midwife to provide services at that facility.*

2 *In entering into such a contract or other agreement, the*

3 *Secretary shall ensure the following:*

4           (1) *An obstetrician-gynecologist or certified*  
5 *nurse-midwife is on call 24 hours per day and will*  
6 *arrive at the facility not later than two hours after*  
7 *being called.*

8           (2) *The obstetrician-gynecologist or certified*  
9 *nurse-midwife is located—*

10                   (A) *not more than 25 miles by road from*  
11 *the facility; or*

12                   (B) *within a 30-minute emergency response*  
13 *travel time under normal conditions from the fa-*  
14 *cility.*

15           (3) *The obstetrician-gynecologist or certified*  
16 *nurse-midwife meet or exceed all credentialing, train-*  
17 *ing, and certification standards that the Secretary*  
18 *would otherwise apply to an obstetrician-gynecologist*  
19 *or certified nurse-midwife employed directly by the*  
20 *Department of Defense.*

21           (c) *INFORMATION.—Not later than one year after the*  
22 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—*

23                   (1) *issue updated policy guidance of the Depart-*  
24 *ment of Defense with respect to implementing the re-*  
25 *quirements of subsections (a) and (b), including*

1       *standard language for contracts or other agreements*  
2       *under subsection (b); and*

3               *(2) submit to the Committees on Armed Services*  
4       *of the House of Representatives and the Senate a re-*  
5       *port detailing—*

6               *(A) the status of obstetrician-gynecologist*  
7       *and certified nurse-midwife staffing at each*  
8       *military medical treatment facility;*

9               *(B) any contracts or other agreements en-*  
10       *tered into under subsection (b), including the*  
11       *names and locations of providers;*

12               *(C) the average response times for obstetri-*  
13       *cian-gynecologists or certified nurse-midwives*  
14       *and any gaps in coverage experienced during the*  
15       *one-year period preceding the report; and*

16               *(D) plans to address any identified short-*  
17       *falls in service availability.*

18       *(d) MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY DE-*  
19       *FINED.—In this section, the term “military medical treat-*  
20       *ment facility” has the meaning given that term in section*  
21       *1073c of title 10, United States Code.*

1 **SEC. 741. AVAILABILITY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAM-**  
2 **INER SERVICES AT MILITARY MEDICAL**  
3 **TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

4 (a) *REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than one year after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
6 shall ensure that each military medical treatment facility  
7 maintains, at all times, the continuous availability of at  
8 least one qualified sexual assault nurse examiner to provide  
9 forensic medical examinations and related care to sexual  
10 assault survivors.

11 (b) *USE OF CONTRACTS TO MEET REQUIREMENT.*—  
12 The Secretary may satisfy the requirement in subsection (a)  
13 with respect to a military medical treatment facility if the  
14 Secretary enters into a contract or other agreement with  
15 a private provider under which the provider ensures the  
16 continuous availability of a qualified sexual assault nurse  
17 examiner to provide services at that facility. In entering  
18 into such a contract or other agreement, the Secretary shall  
19 ensure the following:

20 (1) A qualified sexual assault nurse examiner is  
21 on call 24 hours per day and will arrive at the facil-  
22 ity not later than two hours after being called.

23 (2) The qualified sexual assault nurse examiners  
24 are located—

25 (A) not more than 25 miles by road from  
26 the facility; or

1                   (B) within a 30-minute emergency response  
2                   travel time under normal conditions from the fa-  
3                   cility.

4                   (3) The qualified sexual assault nurse examiners  
5                   meet or exceed all credentialing, training, and certifi-  
6                   cation standards that the Secretary would otherwise  
7                   apply to a sexual assault nurse examiner employed  
8                   directly by the Department of Defense.

9                   (c) INFORMATION.—Not later than one year after the  
10                  date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

11                  (1) issue updated policy guidance of the Depart-  
12                  ment implementing the requirements of subsections  
13                  (a) and (b), including standard language for con-  
14                  tracts or other agreements under subsection (b); and

15                  (2) submit to the Committees on Armed Services  
16                  of the House of Representatives and the Senate a re-  
17                  port detailing—

18                         (A) the status of sexual assault nurse exam-  
19                         iner staffing at each military medical treatment  
20                         facility;

21                         (B) any contracts or other agreements en-  
22                         tered into under subsection (b), including the  
23                         names and locations of providers;

24                         (C) the average response times for sexual as-  
25                         sault nurse examiners and any gaps in coverage



1           *experienced during the one-year period preceding*  
2           *the report; and*

3           *(D) plans to address any identified short-*  
4           *falls in service availability.*

5       (d) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

6           (1) *The term “military medical treatment facil-*  
7           *ity” has the meaning given that term in section*  
8           *1073c of title 10, United States Code.*

9           (2) *The term “sexual assault nurse examiner”*  
10          *means a registered nurse who has received specialized*  
11          *training and certification in the forensic examination*  
12          *of sexual assault survivors and the collection of foren-*  
13          *sic evidence, in accordance with standards established*  
14          *by the International Association of Forensic Nurses or*  
15          *an equivalent certifying body.*

16   **SEC. 742. IMPROVEMENT OF PROCESS FOR FILING OF COM-**  
17                           **PLAINTS AND REPORTING OF ISSUES UNDER**  
18                           **TRICARE PROGRAM.**

19       (a) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
20       *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense*  
21       *shall issue guidance to set forth the process and timeline*  
22       *for covered beneficiaries, direct care providers, and author-*  
23       *ized providers under the TRICARE program to file com-*  
24       *plaints and report issues that have not been resolved*  
25       *through existing channels, including complaints regarding*

1 coverage, access to care, denials, incorrect provider direc-  
2 tory listings, network adequacy, access to specialized care  
3 within a reasonable distance from their homes, overdue or  
4 consistently inaccurate payments, and other related issues.

5 (b) *ELEMENTS OF GUIDANCE.*—The guidance required  
6 under subsection (a) shall set forth—

7 (1) the details and effective date of a reporting  
8 tool that follows a simple flow chart for filing com-  
9 plaints and reporting issues; and

10 (2) the timelines and protocols that the Depart-  
11 ment of Defense will use to monitor and address com-  
12 plaints filed and issues reported that are appropriate  
13 to the level of acuity or urgency of such complaint or  
14 issue, including responses to the covered beneficiary or  
15 provider that include—

16 (A) steps that have been taken by the De-  
17 partment of Defense to respond to the complaint  
18 or issue;

19 (B) any responses received by relevant par-  
20 ties in investigating the complaint or issue; and

21 (C) follow-up actions or planned follow-up  
22 actions by the Department of Defense in response  
23 to the complaint or issue.

24 (c) *APPLICATION TO PROVIDERS.*—The guidance re-  
25 quired under subsection (a) shall apply to all agreements

1 *with authorized providers under the TRICARE program*  
2 *entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this*  
3 *Act.*

4 (d) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after*  
5 *the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-*  
6 *after, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Commit-*  
7 *tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-*  
8 *resentatives a report that includes the following:*

9 (1) *The number of complaints filed or issues re-*  
10 *ported that are covered by subsection (a),*  
11 *disaggregated by category of complaint or issue, bene-*  
12 *ficiary complaint or issue, or provider complaint or*  
13 *issue.*

14 (2) *A description of steps that were taken to re-*  
15 *spond to such complaints or issues.*

16 (3) *A description of any follow-up actions or*  
17 *planned follow-up actions by the Department of De-*  
18 *fense in response to such complaints or issues.*

19 (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

20 (1) *The term “covered Armed Force” means the*  
21 *Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space*  
22 *Force.*

23 (2) *The term “covered beneficiary” means a cov-*  
24 *ered beneficiary, as defined in section 1072 of title 10,*  
25 *United States Code, who is a beneficiary by reason of*

1       *the service by an individual in a covered Armed*  
2       *Force.*

3           (3) *The term “TRICARE program” has the*  
4       *meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,*  
5       *United States Code.*

6   **SEC. 743. PILOT PROGRAM ON FILLING PRIMARY CARE**  
7                   **MANAGEMENT POSITIONS AT REMOTE MILI-**  
8                   **TARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

9       (a) *PILOT PROGRAM.*—*Beginning not later than 180*  
10      *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Sec-*  
11      *retary of a military department shall carry out a pilot pro-*  
12      *gram under which the Secretary may—*

13           (1) *appoint individuals to primary care man-*  
14      *agement positions at a remote military medical treat-*  
15      *ment facility selected under subsection (d); and*

16           (2) *provide incentives for highly qualified appli-*  
17      *cants to such positions.*

18       (b) *DURATION.*—*Each Secretary of a military depart-*  
19      *ment shall carry out the pilot program under subsection*  
20      *(a) for a period not to exceed five years.*

21       (c) *PERSONNEL AUTHORITIES.*—*In carrying out sub-*  
22      *section (a), for the purposes of hiring qualified candidates*  
23      *for the pilot program, each Secretary of a military depart-*  
24      *ment may use the authorities provided under—*

1           (1) *section 1599c of title 10, United States Code*  
2           *(relating to appointment and rates of pay);*

3           (2) *section 5379 of title 5, United States Code*  
4           *(relating to student loan repayments); and*

5           (3) *sections 5753 and 5754 of such title 5 (relat-*  
6           *ing to recruitment and relocation bonuses and reten-*  
7           *tion bonuses, respectively).*

8           (d) *REMOTE MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILI-*  
9           *TIES.—*

10           (1) *SELECTION.—Not later than 60 days after*  
11           *the date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary*  
12           *of a military department shall select not fewer than*  
13           *five remote military medical treatment facilities at*  
14           *which to carry out the pilot program under subsection*  
15           *(a).*

16           (2) *NOTIFICATION.—Each Secretary of a mili-*  
17           *tary department shall notify the Committees on*  
18           *Armed Services of the House of Representatives and*  
19           *the Senate of each remote military medical treatment*  
20           *facility selected under paragraph (1).*

21           (e) *REIMBURSEMENT.—*

22           (1) *REQUIREMENT.—Subject to the availability*  
23           *of appropriations, the Director of the Defense Health*  
24           *Agency shall reimburse the relevant Secretary of a*  
25           *military department for the actual, reasonable, and*

1 allocable cost of the salary and expenses (including  
2 with respect to travel, training, equipment, and facil-  
3 ity support) of any individual appointed to a pri-  
4 mary care management position under the pilot pro-  
5 gram under subsection (a) during the period in which  
6 the employee is employed in the position for which the  
7 employee was so appointed (regardless of whether such  
8 period exceeds the duration of the pilot program). The  
9 Director and the Secretary shall ensure that such  
10 costs are tracked using a detailed work breakdown  
11 structure to ensure granular tracking and financial  
12 accountability.

13 (2) *MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.*—The  
14 Director and each Secretary of a military department  
15 shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to  
16 carry out reimbursements under paragraph (1). Such  
17 memorandum shall specify—

18 (A) the scope of services provided by the in-  
19 dividuals appointed to a primary care manage-  
20 ment position;

21 (B) the allowable cost categories;

22 (C) billing and accounting procedures;

23 (D) quality and performance metrics; and

24 (E) dispute resolution procedures.

1       (f) *REPORTS*.—Not later than 18 months after the date  
2 on which each Secretary of a military department com-  
3 mences the pilot program under subsection (a), and annu-  
4 ally thereafter during the life of the pilot program, the Sec-  
5 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services  
6 of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on  
7 the pilot program, including with respect to the feasibility  
8 of carrying out the pilot program on a long-term basis.

9       (g) *DEFINITIONS*.—In this section:

10           (1) The term “primary care management posi-  
11 tion” means a physician, nurse practitioner, physi-  
12 cian assistant, registered nurse, mental health nurse  
13 practitioner, licensed practical nurse, or medical as-  
14 sistant.

15           (2) The term “remote military medical treatment  
16 facility” means a military medical treatment facility  
17 (as defined in section 1073c of title 10, United States  
18 Code) for which medical personnel assigned to the fa-  
19 cility may reside at a location that is either—

20                   (A) not more than 50 miles from the mili-  
21 tary medical facility; or

22                   (B) a distance that on average takes at least  
23 one hour to travel by car.

1 **SEC. 744. ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF**  
2 **HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENTS OTHER THAN**  
3 **PERIODIC HEALTH ASSESSMENTS.**

4 (a) *REQUIREMENT.*—*The Secretary of the Army shall*  
5 *carry out a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of*  
6 *different health care assessment methods for members of the*  
7 *Army serving on active duty, as compared to the periodic*  
8 *health assessment of the Army.*

9 (b) *LOCATIONS.*—*The Secretary shall—*

10 (1) *carry out the pilot program under subsection*

11 (a) *at Fort Hood, Texas; and*

12 (2) *select at least one more installation of the*  
13 *Army at which to carry out the pilot program.*

14 (c) *PARTICIPANT SELECTION.*—*The Secretary shall se-*  
15 *lect not fewer than 100 members of the Army to participate*  
16 *in the pilot program under subsection (a). Such members*  
17 *may not be in a high-risk population, as determined by*  
18 *the Secretary.*

19 (e) *HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENTS.*—*In carrying out*  
20 *the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall*  
21 *provide members of the Army participating in the pilot*  
22 *program with the following instead of the periodic health*  
23 *assessment:*

24 (1) *An in-person physical examination.*



1           (2) *Blood work that includes comprehensive met-*  
2           *abolic panel and complete blood count conducted by*  
3           *qualified medical personnel.*

4           (3) *Any other test or evaluation as determined*  
5           *appropriate by the Secretary.*

6           (f) *BASELINE.—The Secretary shall use health care as-*  
7           *sessments provided to a member of the Army under the pilot*  
8           *program under subsection (a) as a baseline for the purposes*  
9           *of ongoing regular monitoring of the member.*

10          (g) *DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the*  
11          *pilot program for a two-year period beginning on the date*  
12          *of the enactment of this Act, but the Secretary may extend*  
13          *such period.*

14          (h) *REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
15          *on which the pilot program under subsection (a) concludes,*  
16          *the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
17          *mittees a report on the pilot program, including findings*  
18          *relating to—*

19                 (1) *health care outcomes;*

20                 (2) *satisfaction of members of the Army; and*

21                 (3) *any recommendations for broader implemen-*  
22                 *tation.*

1     ***Subtitle C—Studies, Reports, and***  
2                     ***Other Matters***

3     ***SEC. 751. QUARTERLY BRIEFING ON MILITARY TREATMENT***  
4                     ***FACILITIES.***

5             *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1073c of title 10, United*  
6     *States Code, as amended by section 721, is further amend-*  
7     *ed—*

8                     *(1) by redesignating subsection (k) as subsection*  
9             *(l); and*

10                    *(2) by inserting after subsection (j) the following*  
11     *new subsection:*

12             *“(k) QUARTERLY BRIEFING ON MILITARY MEDICAL*  
13     *TREATMENT FACILITIES.—(1) Not less frequently than once*  
14     *every 90 days, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health*  
15     *Affairs shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services*  
16     *of the House of Representatives and the Senate a briefing*  
17     *on military medical treatment facilities.*

18             *“(2) Each briefing under paragraph (1) shall include,*  
19     *for each military medical treatment facility and with re-*  
20     *spect to the 90-day period preceding the date of the provi-*  
21     *sion of the briefing, the following information:*

22                    *“(A) Of the members of the armed forces and*  
23     *covered beneficiaries who received health care services*  
24     *at the military medical treatment facility during*

1        *such period, the percentage for whom access standards*  
2        *were met.*

3                *“(B) An assessment of the clinical readiness of*  
4        *the members of the armed forces staffing the military*  
5        *medical treatment facility.*

6                *“(C) An assessment of the unit readiness of*  
7        *members of the armed forces who receive health care*  
8        *services at the military medical treatment facility.*

9                *“(D) The number of members of the armed forces*  
10        *and covered beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE*  
11        *Prime, disaggregated by category of enrollee, that re-*  
12        *ceived health care services at the military medical*  
13        *treatment facility during such period.*

14                *“(E) The number of members of the armed forces*  
15        *and covered beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE*  
16        *Prime, disaggregated by category of enrollee, that re-*  
17        *ceived referrals under the TRICARE program from*  
18        *providers at the military medical treatment facility*  
19        *to specialty care providers outside the military med-*  
20        *ical treatment facility during such period.*

21                *“(F) The composition of the workforce at the*  
22        *military medical treatment facility, including the*  
23        *number of members of the armed forces, civilian em-*  
24        *ployees of the Department of Defense, and contractors*  
25        *of the Department.*

1           “(G) *With respect to personnel staffing at the*  
2           *military medical treatment facility, the following:*

3                   “(i) *The number of unfilled billets,*  
4                   *disaggregated by type of profession, including*  
5                   *clinicians, nurses, hospital administrators, and*  
6                   *administrative personnel.*

7                   “(ii) *The average amount of time for an un-*  
8                   *filled billet to be filled, disaggregated in accord-*  
9                   *ance with clause (i).*

10           “(H) *A description of any deficiencies or short-*  
11           *ages with respect to the budget, medical supplies and*  
12           *equipment, or personnel necessary to meet metrics re-*  
13           *lating to access to healthcare services provided at the*  
14           *military medical treatment facility and applicable*  
15           *standards of care relating to such services.*

16           “(I) *A plan to remedy any such deficiencies.”.*

17           (b) *DEADLINE FOR INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than*  
18           *60 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the*  
19           *Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs shall sub-*  
20           *mit the first briefing required under section 1073c(k) of title*  
21           *10, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a).*

1 **SEC. 752. ENHANCED MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR CIVILIAN**  
2 **EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
3 **FENSE AND DEPENDENTS IN CERTAIN LOCA-**  
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) *ENHANCED MEDICAL COVERAGE.*—*Section 1599b*  
6 *of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

7 (1) *by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection*  
8 *(f); and*

9 (2) *by inserting after subsection (d) the following*  
10 *new subsection:*

11 “(e) *ENHANCED MEDICAL COVERAGE.*—(1) *Not later*  
12 *than July 1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall seek to*  
13 *enter into a contract to provide each covered individual in*  
14 *a location specified in paragraph (2) with enhanced med-*  
15 *ical coverage for services that are not covered by the health*  
16 *care plan for which the covered individual is enrolled under*  
17 *the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan.*

18 “(2) *The locations specified in this paragraph are the*  
19 *following:*

20 “(A) *Japan.*

21 “(B) *Guam.*

22 “(C) *Any location the Secretary determines ap-*  
23 *propriate under a mitigation plan carried out under*  
24 *paragraph (5)(C).*

1       “(3)(A) *With respect to covered individuals living in*  
2 *Japan, the Secretary shall ensure that the enhanced medical*  
3 *coverage under subsection (a) includes the following:*

4               “(i) *Assistance in finding health care providers*  
5 *with the capacity to meet the health care needs of the*  
6 *individuals.*

7               “(ii) *Language translation services to assist in*  
8 *accessing health care.*

9               “(iii) *Assistance in making prepayments for*  
10 *health care services if such prepayments are required*  
11 *by the health care provider.*

12               “(iv) *Any other supplemental services the Sec-*  
13 *retary determines appropriate.*

14       “(B) *With respect to covered individuals living in*  
15 *Guam, the Secretary shall ensure that the enhanced medical*  
16 *coverage under subsection (a) includes the following:*

17               “(i) *Assistance in finding health care providers*  
18 *with the capacity to meet the health care needs of the*  
19 *individuals.*

20               “(ii) *Medical evacuation coverage if needed*  
21 *health care services are not available on Guam or are*  
22 *only available in a facility that is not accredited.*

23               “(iii) *Any other supplemental services the Sec-*  
24 *retary determines appropriate.*

1       “(4)(A) *On an annual basis, the Secretary shall con-*  
2 *duct a review of the availability of health care services for*  
3 *civilian employees of the Department of Defense employed*  
4 *in a position outside the continental United States and ac-*  
5 *companying dependents of such employees. Each review*  
6 *shall assess the availability of the following:*

7               “(i) *Ambulatory patient services, including out-*  
8 *patient surgery.*

9               “(ii) *Emergency services.*

10              “(iii) *Inpatient care, including trauma care and*  
11 *intensive care.*

12              “(iv) *Maternity and newborn care, including*  
13 *neonatal intensive care.*

14              “(v) *Mental health and substance use disorder*  
15 *services.*

16              “(vi) *Rehabilitative and habilitative services.*

17              “(vii) *Laboratory services.*

18              “(viii) *Preventive services.*

19              “(ix) *Pediatric services.*

20              “(B) *If the Secretary determines in a review under*  
21 *subparagraph (A) that health care services specified in such*  
22 *subparagraph are not available, or do not meet the stand-*  
23 *ards of care for such services provided in the United States,*  
24 *with respect to a specific State, territory or possession of*  
25 *the United States, or foreign country, the Secretary shall—*

1           “(i) carry out a mitigation plan under subpara-  
2       graph (C); and

3           “(ii) notify each civilian employee of the Depart-  
4       ment employed in a position at such location, and  
5       any applicant for such a position, of the determina-  
6       tion and mitigation plan.

7           “(C) With respect to each location covered by a deter-  
8       mination under subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall  
9       carry out a mitigation plan under which the Secretary  
10      may—

11           “(i) include such location in the enhanced med-  
12       ical coverage made available under paragraph (1), in-  
13       cluding with respect to assistance in finding health  
14       care providers, providing medical travel benefits, and  
15       medical evacuation coverage;

16           “(ii) designate civilian positions at such location  
17       as being unaccompanied; or

18           “(iii) take such other actions as the Secretary de-  
19       termines appropriate to increase access to health care  
20       for civilian employees of the Department employed in  
21       a position at such location and accompanying de-  
22       pendents of such employees.

23           “(5) Not later than February 1, 2028, and annually  
24       thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional  
25       defense committees a report on—



1           “(A) *the findings of each review under subpara-*  
2           *graph (A) of paragraph (5); and*

3           “(B) *a summary of each mitigation plan carried*  
4           *out by the Secretary under subparagraph (C) of such*  
5           *paragraph.*

6           “(6) *In this subsection:*

7           “(A) *The term ‘covered individual’ means an in-*  
8           *dividual who is—*

9                   “(i) *a civilian employee of the Department*  
10                  *of Defense employed in a position at a location*  
11                  *specified in paragraph (2) or an accompanying*  
12                  *dependent of such an employee; and*

13                  “(ii) *enrolled in a health care plan under*  
14                  *the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan.*

15           “(B) *The term ‘Federal Employees Health Bene-*  
16           *fits Plan’ means the health insurance program under*  
17           *chapter 89 of title 5.”.*

18           (b) *CURRENT PILOT PROGRAM.—The contract award-*  
19           *ed by the Secretary of Defense to carry out the pilot pro-*  
20           *gram titled “Pilot Health Insurance Enhancement for De-*  
21           *partment of Defense Civilian Employees in Japan” may*  
22           *continue without interruption, and with the necessary*  
23           *modifications, in implementing subsection (e) of section*  
24           *1599b of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-*  
25           *section (a).*

1       (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Subsection (f) of sec-  
 2       tion 1599b of title 10, United States Code, as redesignated  
 3       by subsection (a)(1), is amended by striking “In this sec-  
 4       tion” inserting “Except as provided by subsection (e), in  
 5       this section”.

6       **SEC. 753. MODIFICATIONS TO PILOT PROGRAM TO ASSIST**  
 7                               **CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**  
 8                               **AND DEPENDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL SUP-**  
 9                               **PLEMENTAL COVERAGE RELATING TO CAN-**  
 10                              **CER.**

11       (a) *AGREEMENT.*—Subsection (b) of section 734 of the  
 12       National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026  
 13       (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note) is amended—

14               (1) in paragraph (1)—

15                       (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;  
 16                       and” and inserting a semicolon;

17                       (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as  
 18                       subparagraph (D); and

19                       (C) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the  
 20                       following new subparagraph:

21                               “(C) provide no coordination with any  
 22                               other health benefit plan; and”.

23               (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “a period of  
 24       not more than three years, and may not be renewed”

1       *and inserting “a period of not less than three years”;*  
2       *and*

3               *(3) by adding at the end the following new para-*  
4       *graph:*

5               *“(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In entering into an*  
6       *agreement under paragraph (1) with a company, the*  
7       *Secretary—*

8                       *“(A) may not select such company to pro-*  
9                       *vide coverage in a State, the District of Colum-*  
10                      *bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any*  
11                      *territory or possession of the United States in*  
12                      *which such company—*

13                               *“(i) is not licensed; and*

14                               *“(ii) does not meet solvency require-*  
15                               *ments applicable to such State;*

16                               *“(B) shall award the agreement based on*  
17                               *the expertise of such company;*

18                               *“(C) shall negotiate the terms and condi-*  
19                               *tions of the fixed indemnity supplemental benefit*  
20                               *plan provided under the agreement;*

21                               *“(D) shall negotiate the cost of coverage*  
22                               *with the company that will cover the partici-*  
23                               *pants who elect to enroll in such plan;*

1           “(E) shall provide a method for verification  
 2           of the eligibility of applicants and procedures for  
 3           determination of eligibility; and

4           “(F) shall provide a method for payroll de-  
 5           duction of premiums.”.

6           (b) *PROVISION OF INFORMATION.*—Subsection (c) of  
 7           such section is amended by striking “website” and inserting  
 8           “website, as determined by the Secretary,”.

9           (c) *PREEMPTION.*—Such section is further amended—  
 10           (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection  
 11           (g); and

12           (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following  
 13           new subsection:

14           “(f) *PREEMPTION.*—An agreement entered into under  
 15           this section shall be deemed to be a contract for which the  
 16           Secretary of Defense has determined to preempt State or  
 17           local laws pursuant to section 1103 of title 10, United  
 18           States Code, as administered under section 199.17(a)(7)(i)  
 19           of title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the  
 20           date of the enactment of this Act.”.

21   **SEC. 754. MODIFICATIONS TO EVALUATION AND REPORT**  
 22                           **ON TRICARE PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS.**

23           (a) *EVALUATION.*—Subsection (a) of section 717 of the  
 24           National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996  
 25           (Public Law 104–106; 10 U.S.C. 1073 note) is amended—

1           (1) *in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and*  
2           *inserting a semicolon;*

3           (2) *in paragraph (3)(B)(v), by striking the pe-*  
4           *riod and inserting a semicolon; and*

5           (3) *by adding at the end the following new para-*  
6           *graphs:*

7           “(4) *examine trends with respect to—*

8                 “(A) *the demographics of members of the*  
9                 *Armed Forces and covered beneficiaries;*

10                “(B) *the use of the TRICARE program by*  
11                *such members and beneficiaries;*

12                “(C) *the costs incurred by the Government*  
13                *relating to such use; and*

14                “(D) *the satisfaction of such members and*  
15                *beneficiaries with respect to the TRICARE pro-*  
16                *gram and other metrics relating to the perform-*  
17                *ance of the military health system;*

18                “(5) *compare the trends examined under para-*  
19                *graph (4) with trends on similar matters experienced*  
20                *by civilian health care programs;*

21                “(6) *identify possible determining factors that*  
22                *could cause changes in the use of the TRICARE pro-*  
23                *gram or the costs incurred by the Government relat-*  
24                *ing to such use; and*

1           “(7) *determine the impacts of cost-sharing*  
 2           *amounts under the TRICARE program on members*  
 3           *of the Armed Forces and covered beneficiaries.*”.

4           **(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—**

5           **(1) REVIVAL.—***Subsection (c) of such section is*  
 6           *amended by striking “March 1, 1997” and inserting*  
 7           *“March 1, 2027”.*

8           **(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—***Section 1061(i)*  
 9           *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
 10          *Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 111 note)*  
 11          *is amended by striking paragraph (3).*

12   **SEC. 755. EXTENSION OF EXTRAMEDICAL MATERNAL**  
 13                   **HEALTH PROVIDERS DEMONSTRATION**  
 14                   **PROJECT.**

15          *Section 746 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-*  
 16          *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub-*  
 17          *lic Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 1073 note) is amended—*

18           **(1)** *in subsection (d), by striking “five years”*  
 19           *and inserting “eight years”; and*

20           **(2)** *in subsection (f)—*

21                   **(A)** *in the heading, by inserting “AND*  
 22                   *BRIEFING” after “REPORTS”; and*

23                   **(B)** *by adding at the end the following new*  
 24                   *paragraph:*

1           “(3) *BRIEFING*.—Not later than June 30, 2027,  
 2           the Secretary shall provide to the Committees on  
 3           Armed Services of the House of Representatives and  
 4           the Senate a briefing on the feasibility of the Depart-  
 5           ment of Defense hiring doulas to provide services to  
 6           members of the Armed Forces and covered bene-  
 7           ficiaries at military medical treatment facilities that  
 8           are located in the United States and such facilities  
 9           that are located outside the United States.”.

10 **SEC. 756. MODIFICATION OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**  
 11 **OVERSIGHT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN OF**  
 12 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

13           (a) *CLARIFICATION OF STRATEGY AND PLAN RE-*  
 14 *QUIREMENTS*.—Section 724 of the Servicemember Quality  
 15 *of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization*  
 16 *Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C.*  
 17 *1071 note)* is amended—

18                   (1) by redesignating subsections (b) through (d)  
 19                   as subsections (c) through (e), respectively; and

20                   (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following  
 21                   new subsection (b):

22           “(b) *REQUIREMENTS; IMPLEMENTATION*.—

23                   “(1) *REQUIREMENTS*.—The oversight strategy  
 24                   and action plan under subsection (a) shall include the  
 25                   following requirements:

1           “(A)   Establishment   of   a   baseline  
2           neurocognitive assessment to be conducted during  
3           the accession process of all members of the cov-  
4           ered Armed Forces before the beginning of train-  
5           ing.

6           “(B)   Establishment   of   annual  
7           neurocognitive assessments to monitor the cog-  
8           nitive function of such members to be con-  
9           ducted—

10           “(i) at least every three years as part  
11           of the periodic health assessment of such  
12           members, and yearly for members deter-  
13           mined to be at a high risk, as determined  
14           by the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-  
15           sonnel and Readiness; and

16           “(ii) as part of the post-deployment  
17           health assessment of such members.

18           “(C) Establishment of standards for recur-  
19           rent and prolonged exposure.

20           “(D) Ensuring that all neurocognitive as-  
21           sessments of such members, including those re-  
22           quired under subparagraphs (A) and (B), are  
23           maintained in the electronic medical record of  
24           such member.



1                   “(E) *Establishment and maintenance of*  
 2                   *blast overpressure exposure logs and traumatic*  
 3                   *brain injury logs for every member of the covered*  
 4                   *Armed Forces.*

5                   “(2) *IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than one year*  
 6                   *after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the*  
 7                   *Secretary shall implement each requirement under*  
 8                   *paragraph (1).”.*

9                   (b) *MODIFICATION OF REPORTS ON SUICIDE.—Section*  
 10                  *741(a)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-*  
 11                  *cal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1467), as*  
 12                  *amended by section 736(2)(B) of the Servicemember Qual-*  
 13                  *ity of Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-*  
 14                  *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138*  
 15                  *Stat. 1959), is amended—*

16                  (1) *by redesignating subparagraphs (I) through*  
 17                  *(M) as subparagraphs (J) through (N), respectively;*  
 18                  *and*

19                  (2) *by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-*  
 20                  *lowing new subparagraph (I):*

21                         “(I) *The number of suicides identified*  
 22                         *under subparagraph (A), as a whole and*  
 23                         *disaggregated by the military occupational spe-*  
 24                         *cialty (or other similar classification, rating, or*  
 25                         *specialty code) of the member, excluding such*

specialities that the Secretary determines would not provide statistically valid data, with respect to which the member had a history of one of the following:

“(i) Concussive or subconcussive brain injuries, including traumatic brain injuries.

“(ii) Exposure to blast overpressure.

“(iii) Other head trauma, regardless of whether it required the treatment of a medical provider.”.

**SEC. 757. EXPANSION OF PROHIBITION ON PAINFUL RE-  
SEARCH ON CERTAIN ANIMALS.**

Section 732 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**ON DOMESTIC CATS AND DOGS**” and inserting “**ON CERTAIN ANIMALS**”; and

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “a domestic cat (*Felis catus*) or a domestic dog (*Canis familiaris*)” and inserting “a domestic cat (*Felis catus*), a domestic dog (*Canis familiaris*), or a nonhuman member of the order *Primates*”.

1 **SEC. 758. PILOT PROGRAM TO TREAT PREGNANCY AS A**  
2 **QUALIFYING EVENT FOR ENROLLMENT IN**  
3 **TRICARE SELECT.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than 180 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
6 fense shall commence a five-year pilot program under  
7 which—

8 (1) the Secretary shall treat pregnancy as a  
9 qualifying event under section 1099(b)(1)(B) of title  
10 10, United States Code, for enrollment in TRICARE  
11 Select by an eligible beneficiary; and

12 (2) a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps,  
13 Air Force, or Space Force on active duty may enroll  
14 in TRICARE Select under paragraph (1) for a period  
15 that ends not later than 180 days after the end of  
16 pregnancy.

17 (b) *INITIAL BRIEFING.*—Not later than one year after  
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
19 provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the House  
20 of Representatives and the Senate a briefing on the status  
21 of the pilot program under subsection (a).

22 (c) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—Not later than one year after  
23 the Secretary commences the pilot program under sub-  
24 section (a), and annually thereafter for the next four years,  
25 the Secretary shall provide to the Committees on Armed  
26 Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a

1 *report on the pilot program. Each such report shall include*  
2 *the number of covered enrollment changes, disaggregated*  
3 *by—*

4 *(1) month, beginning with January 2027; and*

5 *(2) whether the eligible beneficiary made such*  
6 *covered enrollment change—*

7 *(A) because the eligible beneficiary is a*  
8 *member of the covered Armed Forces on active*  
9 *duty who may enroll in TRICARE Select under*  
10 *the pilot program;*

11 *(B) because the eligible beneficiary is a*  
12 *member of the covered Armed Forces who sepa-*  
13 *rated from active duty;*

14 *(C) because the eligible beneficiary is a*  
15 *member of the covered Armed Forces who re-*  
16 *turned to active duty;*

17 *(D) because the eligible beneficiary is a de-*  
18 *pendent of a member of the covered Armed*  
19 *Forces who separated from active duty;*

20 *(E) because the eligible beneficiary is a de-*  
21 *pendent of a member of the covered Armed*  
22 *Forces who returned to active duty; or*

23 *(F) based on the treatment, under the pilot*  
24 *program, of pregnancy as a qualifying event for*  
25 *enrollment in TRICARE Select.*

1       (d) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

2               (1) *The term “covered Armed Forces” means the*  
3 *Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space*  
4 *Force.*

5               (2) *The term “covered enrollment change” means*  
6 *a change to a previous election by an eligible bene-*  
7 *ficiary under subsection (b)(1) of section 1099 of title*  
8 *10, United States Code, to enroll in a health care*  
9 *plan designated under subsection (c) of such section.*

10              (3) *The term “eligible beneficiary” means an in-*  
11 *dividual—*

12                       (A) *eligible to enroll in TRICARE Select*  
13 *under section 1075(b) of title 10, United States*  
14 *Code, by reason of being a member or former*  
15 *member of the covered Armed Forces, or a de-*  
16 *pendent of such a member or former member; or*

17                       (B) *a member of the covered Armed Forces*  
18 *on active duty.*

19              (4) *The terms “TRICARE program” and*  
20 *“TRICARE Select” have the meanings given such*  
21 *terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.*

1 **SEC. 759. ACCESS TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL**  
2 **DEFIBRILLATORS DURING MILITARY PHYS-**  
3 **ICAL TRAINING.**

4 (a) *ACCESS TO AEDS.*—Beginning not later than one  
5 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense shall ensure that, for any covered physical  
7 training event, an automated external defibrillator (in this  
8 section referred to as an “AED”) is available and accessible  
9 at a distance that ensures a three-minute response time cal-  
10 culated under subsection (c).

11 (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—In carrying out subsection (a),  
12 the Secretary shall—

13 (1) *require that AEDs be staged at the imme-*  
14 *diate site of any covered physical training event;*

15 (2) *ensure that at least one individual present at*  
16 *covered physical training event site is certified (as of*  
17 *the date of the event) in the use of an AED and*  
18 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation (commonly known as*  
19 *“CPR”); and*

20 (3) *establish a standardized protocol for regular*  
21 *quarterly inspections and maintenance of all AED*  
22 *units to ensure operational readiness.*

23 (c) *THREE-MINUTE RESPONSE TIME DETERMINA-*  
24 *TION.*—The Secretary shall determine the three-minute re-  
25 sponse time under subsection (a) by calculating the total  
26 elapsed time beginning at the recognition of a suspected

1 *sudden cardiac arrest and ending at the delivery of the first*  
2 *defibrillation shock, including all time required for AED*  
3 *retrieval, transport, and device preparation. In making*  
4 *such determinations, the Secretary may presume that locat-*  
5 *ing an AED within 100 yards of the site of the covered*  
6 *physical training event will meet such response time.*

7 (d) *REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after the date  
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
9 the congressional defense committees a report outlining—

10 (1) *the total number of additional AEDs re-*  
11 *quired to achieve Department-wide compliance with*  
12 *this section;*

13 (2) *the estimated cost of procurement and main-*  
14 *tenance of such AEDs; and*

15 (3) *a timeline for full implementation across all*  
16 *military installations to comply with this section.*

17 (e) *COVERED PHYSICAL TRAINING EVENT DEFINED.*—  
18 *In this section, the term “covered physical training event”*  
19 *means a required unit level physical training event or high-*  
20 *intensity exercise conducted by the Department of Defense.*

21 **SEC. 760. PILOT PROGRAM ON REMOTE BLOOD PRESSURE**  
22 **MONITORING FOR CERTAIN PREGNANT AND**  
23 **POSTPARTUM TRICARE BENEFICIARIES.**

24 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—

1           (1) *REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than 180 days  
2       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
3       retary of Defense, acting through the Director of the  
4       Defense Health Agency, shall establish a pilot pro-  
5       gram on blood pressure monitoring for pregnant and  
6       postpartum *TRICARE* beneficiaries in order to in-  
7       crease the rate of early detection of a hypertensive dis-  
8       order of pregnancy.

9           (2) *MODEL.*—The Secretary may model the pilot  
10      program under paragraph (1) on a pilot program for  
11      blood pressure self-monitoring under the *Healthy*  
12      *Start Program* of the *Health Resources and Services*  
13      *Administration* of the *Department of Health and*  
14      *Human Services*.

15      (b) *MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.*—

16           (1) *NUMBER.*—The Secretary shall carry out the  
17      pilot program under subsection (a) at not fewer than  
18      two military medical treatment facilities of each of  
19      the *Army*, *Navy*, *Marine Corps*, *Air Force*, and *Space*  
20      *Force*.

21           (2) *SELECTION.*—In selecting the military med-  
22      ical treatment facilities at which to carry out the  
23      pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary  
24      shall—



1           (A) ensure that the military medical treat-  
2           ment facilities are geographically diverse, includ-  
3           ing locations in rural and urban areas; and

4           (B) give priority to military medical treat-  
5           ment facilities that have a large number of ob-  
6           stetric patients or a history of maternal health  
7           programs.

8       (c) *PARTICIPANTS.*—

9           (1) *ELIGIBILITY.*—An individual is eligible to  
10          participate in the pilot program under subsection (a)  
11          if—

12           (A) the individual—

13               (i) is enrolled in the *TRICARE* pro-  
14               gram;

15               (ii) is pregnant or postpartum; and

16               (iii) receives health care through a  
17               military medical treatment facility at  
18               which the Secretary is carrying out the  
19               pilot program; and

20           (B) the Secretary determines the individual  
21           is at risk (based on evidence and current medical  
22           standards and recommendations) of a hyper-  
23           tensive disorder of pregnancy or negative health  
24           outcomes as a result of a hypertensive disorder  
25           of pregnancy.

1           (2) *VOLUNTARY.*—*The Secretary may not require*  
2           *an individual to participate in the pilot program*  
3           *under subsection (a).*

4           (d) *EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION.*—*The Secretary*  
5           *shall provide to an individual participating in the pilot*  
6           *program under subsection (a)—*

7                 (1) *a blood pressure cuff device that—*

8                         (A) *is approved by the Food and Drug Ad-*  
9                         *ministration for the digital monitoring of blood*  
10                        *pressure;*

11                       (B) *is validated for use during pregnancy*  
12                        *according to the International Organization for*  
13                        *Standardization (as determined by the Sec-*  
14                        *retary);*

15                       (C) *is capable of remote monitoring and*  
16                        *data transmission; and*

17                       (D) *has adjustable or alternative cuff sizes;*  
18                        *and*

19           (2) *educational materials and instructions on*  
20           *the use of such device from a health care provider of*  
21           *the Department of Defense.*

22           (e) *PROVIDERS.*—*In carrying out the pilot program*  
23           *under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use the primary*  
24           *care and obstetric care provider of the individual partici-*  
25           *pating in the pilot program, to the extent practicable.*

1       (f) *MATERIALS.*—*The Secretary shall develop sup-*  
2 *porting materials for health care providers who facilitate*  
3 *the pilot program under subsection (a), including the fol-*  
4 *lowing:*

5           (1) *Guidance on how to identify individuals eli-*  
6 *gible to participate in the pilot program.*

7           (2) *Evidence-based educational materials regard-*  
8 *ing maternal health best practices for such individ-*  
9 *uals.*

10       (g) *TERM.*—*The pilot program under subsection (a)*  
11 *shall terminate five years after the date on which the Sec-*  
12 *retary establishes such pilot program.*

13       (h) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
14 *of the termination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall*  
15 *submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House*  
16 *of Representatives and the Senate, and make publicly avail-*  
17 *able on the internet website of the Department of Defense,*  
18 *a report on the pilot program. The report shall include the*  
19 *following elements, disaggregated by the Armed Force, sex,*  
20 *age, race, and ethnicity of individuals who participated in*  
21 *the pilot program:*

22           (1) *The number of participants.*

23           (2) *The percentage of such participants who used*  
24 *the monitors as prescribed.*

1           (3) *A summary of barriers or challenges partici-*  
 2           *pants experienced using the monitors and if such bar-*  
 3           *riers or challenges resulted in the monitors being*  
 4           *underused.*

5           (4) *The percentage of participants who had blood*  
 6           *pressure readings of concern.*

7           (5) *The percentage of participants described in*  
 8           *paragraph (4) who received medical attention based*  
 9           *on such readings.*

10          (6) *A summary of provider and participant feed-*  
 11          *back, including percentages of—*

12                 (A) *providers that found the program influ-*  
 13                 *enced patient care; and*

14                 (B) *participants who found the program*  
 15                 *was helpful in managing the care of the partici-*  
 16                 *pant.*

17          (7) *Recommendations of the Secretary whether*  
 18          *the pilot program should be altered, expanded, or*  
 19          *made permanent.*

20   **SEC. 761. PILOT PROGRAM ON SECURE, MOBILE PERSONAL**  
 21                 **HEALTH RECORD FOR MEMBERS OF THE**  
 22                 **ARMED FORCES.**

23          (a) *PILOT PROGRAM.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
 24          *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
 25          *fense shall commence a pilot program under which a mem-*

1 *ber of the Armed Forces serving on active duty may use*  
 2 *a covered health record platform to collect the health records*  
 3 *of the member before separating from active duty.*

4 *(b) SELECTION OF ARMED FORCE.—The Secretary*  
 5 *shall select not fewer than one Armed Force in which to*  
 6 *carry out the pilot program under subsection (a).*

7 *(c) CONTRACTS.—*

8 *(1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall seek to*  
 9 *enter into a contract using competitive procedures*  
 10 *with an appropriate entity for the provision of the*  
 11 *covered health record platform under the pilot pro-*  
 12 *gram under subsection (a).*

13 *(2) NOTICE OF COMPETITION.—*

14 *(A) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.—Not later*  
 15 *than 60 days after the date of the enactment of*  
 16 *this Act, the Secretary shall issue a request for*  
 17 *proposals for the contract described in paragraph*  
 18 *(1).*

19 *(B) OPEN COMPETITION.—A request under*  
 20 *subparagraph (A) shall be full and open to any*  
 21 *contractor that has an existing covered health*  
 22 *record platform.*

23 *(3) SELECTION.—Not later than 120 days after*  
 24 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
 25 *shall award a contract to an appropriate entity pur-*

1        *suant to the request for proposals under paragraph*  
2        *(2) if the Secretary determines that at least one ac-*  
3        *ceptable offer is submitted.*

4        *(d) DURATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—*

5                *(1) PERIOD.—The Secretary shall carry out the*  
6        *pilot program under subsection (a) for a period of not*  
7        *less than one year.*

8                *(2) TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF PRO-*  
9        *GRAM.—After carrying out the pilot program under*  
10       *subsection (a) for a period of 180 days, the Secretary*  
11       *shall survey all participants in the pilot program*  
12       *and, based on survey results, may—*

13                        *(A) terminate the pilot program;*

14                        *(B) continue the pilot program;*

15                        *(C) expand the pilot program; or*

16                        *(D) implement the use of a covered health*  
17       *record platform in the Defense Health Agency*  
18       *throughout the Armed Forces.*

19        *(e) PROHIBITION ON NEW APPROPRIATIONS.—No ad-*  
20       *ditional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry*  
21       *out the requirements of this section.*

22        *(f) COVERED HEALTH RECORD PLATFORM DE-*  
23       *FINED.—In this section, the term “covered health record*  
24       *platform” means a secure personal health record platform*  
25       *that meets the following requirements:*

1           (1) *Has web-based and native mobile phone ap-*  
2           *plication capabilities.*

3           (2) *Has the capability to store and share records*  
4           *with the Department of Veterans Affairs or any other*  
5           *designated care provider.*

6           (3) *Has the capability to store records in the*  
7           *cloud.*

8           (4) *Does not have a requirement for integration*  
9           *to receive or share records.*

10          (5) *Has the capability to instantly share data*  
11          *based on a combination of access key and personal*  
12          *identifier.*

13          (6) *Has the capability to provide secure data*  
14          *storage and records transfer upon separation of a*  
15          *member of the Armed Forces from active duty.*

16          (7) *Does not require a business associate agree-*  
17          *ment with any parties.*

18          (8) *Has secure data isolation with access con-*  
19          *trols.*

20          (9) *Has, at a minimum, data security that*  
21          *would require separate encryption for each document,*  
22          *relying on AES256 or better algorithm with keys*  
23          *encryption using RSA2048 or better algorithm, or*  
24          *any successor similar algorithm.*

1 **SEC. 762. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF**  
2 **BLUE-LIGHT DISSIPATING DISPLAYS TO CER-**  
3 **TAIN INDIVIDUALS.**

4 (a) *PILOT PROGRAM.*—The Director of the Defense  
5 Health Agency shall carry out a pilot program under which  
6 the Director provides for the use of blue-light dissipating  
7 displays by covered individuals in clinical and rehabilita-  
8 tive settings.

9 (b) *USE OF BLUE-LIGHT DISSIPATING DISPLAYS.*—  
10 The Director shall ensure that blue-light dissipating dis-  
11 plays provided under the pilot program under subsection  
12 (a) are used to assist covered individuals with screen-medi-  
13 ated tasks associated with rehabilitation, patient education,  
14 assistive technology, and telehealth appointments.

15 (c) *SELECTION OF TECHNOLOGY.*—In carrying out the  
16 pilot program under subsection (a), the Director shall select  
17 commercially available, stand-alone blue-light dissipating  
18 displays that do not require modifications to the electronic  
19 health record systems of the military health system.

20 (d) *LOCATIONS.*—The Director shall select military  
21 medical treatment facilities at which to carry out the pilot  
22 program under subsection (a).

23 (e) *BRIEFING.*—Not later than 180 days after the date  
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall provide to  
25 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
26 resentatives and the Senate a briefing on the design of the



1 *pilot program under subsection (a), including identifica-*  
2 *tion of the military medical treatment facilities selected*  
3 *under subsection (d).*

4 (f) *REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date*  
5 *of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to*  
6 *the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-*  
7 *resentatives and the Senate a report on the pilot program*  
8 *under subsection (a), including an evaluation of each of the*  
9 *following:*

10 (1) *Whether the use of blue-light dissipating dis-*  
11 *plays provided under the pilot program changed the*  
12 *time needed to complete screen-mediated tasks associ-*  
13 *ated with rehabilitation, patient education, assistive*  
14 *technology, and telehealth appointments.*

15 (2) *Whether such use improved the ability of cov-*  
16 *ered individuals to read information relating to such*  
17 *tasks.*

18 (3) *Whether such use improved the glare sensi-*  
19 *tivity and visual fatigue of covered individuals.*

20 (g) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

21 (1) *The term “blue-light dissipating display”*  
22 *means a display technology that is blue-light-dis-*  
23 *sipating and uses a diffused light-output architecture,*  
24 *including with respect to employing optical-elastomer*

1       or diffused light-output nanomaterial light-manage-  
2       ment layers (or both).

3               (2) The term “covered individual” means a cov-  
4       ered beneficiary (as defined in section 1072 of title  
5       10, United States Code) who is partially blind, le-  
6       gally blind, or otherwise visually impaired.

7   **SEC. 763. EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PILOT PRO-**  
8                   **GRAM OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNI-**  
9                   **VERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES ON**  
10                  **PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN.**

11       (a) *EXTENSION.*—The Secretary of Defense shall carry  
12       out the pilot program of the Uniformed Services University  
13       of the Health Sciences titled “Assessing the Security and  
14       Quality of the U.S. Military Health System Pharma-  
15       ceutical Supply Chain” for a period of not less than five  
16       years beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

17       (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The Secretary shall ensure that the  
18       pilot program under subsection (a) includes the following:

19               (1) *Defining the Department Essential Medicine*  
20       *list to consist of not more than 100 medicines that do*  
21       *not have patent exclusivity and are determined by the*  
22       *Secretary as essential for operational capabilities,*  
23       *predeployment, or the military health system (based*  
24       *on the progress of the pilot program before the date*  
25       *of the enactment of this Act).*

1           (2) *To the extent practicable, harmonizing such*  
2           *Department Essential Medicine list with a list of de-*  
3           *fense-relevant generic drugs based on the risk manage-*  
4           *ment framework developed under section 860 of the*  
5           *James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act*  
6           *for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C.*  
7           *3241 note prec.).*

8           (3) *Refreshing and expanding chemical testing*  
9           *data from the pilot program as carried out before the*  
10          *date of the enactment of this Act to include all medi-*  
11          *cines listed on the Department Essential Medicine*  
12          *List and creating National Drug Code-specific cat-*  
13          *egorizations of high-risk, moderate-risk, or low-risk*  
14          *based on objective indicators for relative chemical*  
15          *quality and safety risk.*

16          (4) *Adding to the objective risk-categorization*  
17          *framework assessment of location of manufacturing,*  
18          *including flagging entities in China and other coun-*  
19          *tries that are not compliant with the Trade Agree-*  
20          *ments Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) and cre-*  
21          *ating National Drug Code-specific, objective cat-*  
22          *egorizations of high-risk, moderate-risk, or low-risk*  
23          *based on independently derived indicators for true*  
24          *country of origin, that includes countries of concern,*

1       including China, being classified under the highest-  
2       risk category.

3               (5) *Making recommendations for the continu-*  
4       *ation of the scoring framework at the conclusion of*  
5       *the pilot program.*

6       (c) *INDEPENDENT TESTING.*—*The Secretary shall en-*  
7       *sure that, in determining the true country of origin (loca-*  
8       *tion quality) and relative chemical quality and safety risks*  
9       *of medicines under the pilot program under subsection (a),*  
10       *the testing for such information is conducted by inde-*  
11       *pendent laboratories acceptable to the Uniformed Services*  
12       *University of the Health Sciences that—*

13               (1) *are accredited under ISO 17025 standards;*

14               (2) *are not registered as a Good Manufacturing*  
15       *Practice facility to ensure no conflicts of interest;*

16               (3) *have experience developing and operating a*  
17       *published quality risk scoring framework applicable*  
18       *to individual National Drug Codes; and*

19               (4) *are duly licensed and demonstrate an ability*  
20       *to conduct ongoing post-market surveillance through*  
21       *procurement of pharmaceutical products from com-*  
22       *mon wholesalers, and not directly from manufactur-*  
23       *ers.*

1 **SEC. 764. WORKING GROUP ON DIGITAL STRATEGY FOR**  
2 **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES.**

3 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—In accordance with the  
4 *Warfighter Brain Health Initiative* under section 735 of the  
5 *James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for*  
6 *Fiscal Year 2023* (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 1071  
7 note), not later than July 1, 2027, the Assistant Secretary  
8 of Defense for Health Affairs shall establish a working  
9 group to develop a digital health strategy that leverages ad-  
10 vances in artificial intelligence for the treatment of trau-  
11 matic brain injuries.

12 (b) *MEMBERSHIP.*—The Assistant Secretary shall ap-  
13 point to the working group under subsection (a) members  
14 of the Armed Forces, officers and employees of the Depart-  
15 ment of Defense, and nongovernmental experts. Such indi-  
16 viduals shall have expertise in clinical care of traumatic  
17 brain injuries, biomedical informatics, biomedical engineer-  
18 ing, or biomedical implementation science.

19 (c) *STRATEGY.*—The strategy under subsection (a)  
20 shall include, at a minimum, the following:

21 (1) *Identification of capability gaps in treat-*  
22 *ment of traumatic brain injuries that could be ad-*  
23 *dressed through artificial intelligence and digital*  
24 *health technologies.*

25 (2) *An analysis of existing research, develop-*  
26 *ment, and acquisition efforts leveraging artificial in-*

1        *telligence-based capabilities and digital health, in-*  
2        *cluding any applicable commercial off-the-shelf solu-*  
3        *tions being used by the Department of Defense to sup-*  
4        *port treatment of traumatic brain injuries.*

5            (3) *Expert recommendations on advances re-*  
6        *quired to address identified capability gaps and sig-*  
7        *nificantly improve treatment of traumatic brain inju-*  
8        *ries using artificial intelligence and digital health*  
9        *technologies.*

10           (4) *A recommended investment plan to advance*  
11        *technology and knowledge readiness levels to field dig-*  
12        *ital solutions for treating traumatic brain injuries.*

13    **SEC. 765. STUDY ON LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF MILITARY**  
14                            **FLIGHT OPERATIONS ON BRAIN HEALTH AND**  
15                            **MENTAL HEALTH.**

16           (a) *STUDY.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a*  
17        *comprehensive, longitudinal study to assess the long term*  
18        *physiological and psychological effects of military aviation,*  
19        *including with respect to high-performance flight and G-*  
20        *force exposure, on military aviators.*

21           (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The study under subsection (a) shall*  
22        *examine, at a minimum—*

23                (1) *the relationship between cumulative flight*  
24        *hours and exposure to G-forces and incidents of trau-*

1        *matic brain injury, subconcussive trauma, or cog-*  
2        *nitive impairment;*

3            *(2) long-term mental health outcomes, including*  
4        *with respect to incidence of depression, anxiety dis-*  
5        *orders, and post-traumatic stress disorder, in mili-*  
6        *tary aviators compared to other members of the*  
7        *Armed Forces;*

8            *(3) the correlation between aviation-related phys-*  
9        *iological stress and suicide risk among aviators;*

10          *(4) the prevalence of neurodegenerative condi-*  
11        *tions (including chronic traumatic encephalopathy,*  
12        *amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Parkinson's dis-*  
13        *ease) in current and former military aviators;*

14          *(5) the effect of helmet design, oxygen systems,*  
15        *flight suit pressurization, and other cockpit environ-*  
16        *mental factors on neurocognitive health;*

17          *(6) current screening and diagnostic procedures*  
18        *used to detect early signs of neurological injury or*  
19        *psychological distress in military aviators; and*

20          *(7) recommended improvements in the moni-*  
21        *toring, prevention, and treatment of aviation-related*  
22        *brain trauma and mental health challenges.*

23        *(c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under*  
24        *subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—*

1           (1) *the Surgeons General of the military depart-*  
2       *ments;*

3           (2) *the Director of the Defense Health Agency;*

4           (3) *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and*

5           (4) *relevant academic institutions and federally*  
6       *funded research and development centers with exper-*  
7       *tise in aviation medicine, neuroscience, and psychi-*  
8       *atry.*

9       (d) *PILOT HEALTH REGISTRY.*—*The Secretary of De-*  
10   *fense shall establish and maintain a centralized Military*  
11   *Aviator Neurohealth Registry that includes—*

12           (1) *anonymized health data of military aviators*  
13       *voluntarily participating in the study under sub-*  
14       *section (a);*

15           (2) *flight exposure metrics, including cumulative*  
16       *hours and G-force profiles;*

17           (3) *relevant health outcomes tracked over time;*  
18       *and*

19           (4) *a mechanism for longitudinal follow-up with*  
20       *the military aviators after retirement or separation*  
21       *from the Armed Forces.*

22       (e) *REPORTS.*—

23           (1) *INTERIM REPORT.*—*Not later than one year*  
24       *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
25       *retary shall submit to the congressional defense com-*



1        *mittees an interim report on the study under sub-*  
2        *section (a), including any preliminary findings and*  
3        *recommendations.*

4            (2) *FINAL REPORT.*—*Not later than three years*  
5        *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
6        *retary shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
7        *mittees a report on the study under subsection (a), in-*  
8        *cluding findings and recommendations.*

9            (f) *MILITARY AVIATOR DEFINED.*—*In this section, the*  
10       *term “military aviator” means a member of the Armed*  
11       *Forces, including a commissioned officer or a warrant offi-*  
12       *cer, who—*

13            (1) *has been designated as a pilot, naval aviator,*  
14        *or aircrew member by the Secretary of the military*  
15        *department concerned;*

16            (2) *operates, or is regularly assigned as a flight*  
17        *crew member aboard, high-performance, crewed, fixed-*  
18        *wing or rotary-wing aircraft designed for tactical,*  
19        *training, or reconnaissance missions, including—*

20            (A) *fighter aircraft (such as the F–35, F/A–*  
21        *18, F–22, and F–16 aircraft);*

22            (B) *attack aircraft (such as the A–10 and*  
23        *AH–64 aircraft);*

24            (C) *trainer jets (such as the T–7, T–38, and*  
25        *T–45 aircraft); and*

1                   (D) tiltrotor or high-speed rotary aircraft  
2                   (such as the V-22 aircraft); and  
3                   (3) is subject to sustained or repeated G-forces  
4                   during the routine execution of flight duties.

5 **SEC. 766. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING MILI-**  
6 **TARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY AT**  
7 **HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE.**

8           (a) *STUDY.*—The Secretary of Defense, acting through  
9 the Director of the Defense Health Agency, in coordination  
10 with the Secretary of the Air Force, shall conduct a feasi-  
11 bility study on establishing a military medical treatment  
12 facility at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida.

13           (b) *MATTERS INCLUDED.*—The study under subsection  
14 (a) shall evaluate the following:

15                   (1) The total eligible beneficiary population who  
16 would access a military medical treatment facility at  
17 Homestead Air Reserve Base, including with respect  
18 to members of the Armed Forces (including the reserve  
19 components thereof) and covered beneficiaries sta-  
20 tioned at such Base or at a different military instal-  
21 lation in the proximity of such Base.

22                   (2) The extent to which reliance by such members  
23 and covered beneficiaries on civilian health care pro-  
24 viders—

1           (A) meets medical readiness and deploy-  
2           ment training requirements;

3           (B) supports or degrades military-unique  
4           clinical skill sustainment; and

5           (C) satisfies adequacy standards under the  
6           TRICARE network.

7           (3) Identified gaps between civilian health care  
8           access and military operational medical readiness re-  
9           quirements.

10          (4) A cost comparison of—

11               (A) a direct care military medical treat-  
12               ment facility model;

13               (B) a hybrid readiness clinic model; and

14               (C) continued purchased care reliance.

15          (5) Opportunities for integration with local ci-  
16           vilian health care systems while preserving military-  
17           unique readiness competencies.

18          (c) *REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after the date  
19           of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
20           the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
21           resentatives and the Senate—

22               (1) the findings of the study under subsection  
23               (a);

24               (2) a recommended course of action;

25               (3) estimated cost and manpower requirements;

1           (4) *an assessment of medical readiness impacts;*  
 2       *and*

3           (5) *an analysis of the implications to covered*  
 4       *beneficiaries with respect to accessing medical care.*

5       (d) *COVERED BENEFICIARY DEFINED.—In this sec-*  
 6       *tion, the term “covered beneficiary” has the meaning given*  
 7       *that term in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.*

8       **SEC. 767. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING DIG-**  
 9                       **ITAL SYSTEM RELATING TO ACCESS TO CARE**  
 10                      **AT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILI-**  
 11                      **TIES.**

12       (a) *STUDY.—Not later than 18 months after the date*  
 13       *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
 14       *conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing*  
 15       *a digital system under which—*

16           (1) *a covered individual who receives health care*  
 17       *at a military medical treatment facility may elec-*  
 18       *tronically—*

19                   (A) *file a complaint relating to access to*  
 20                   *care at such military medical treatment facility;*  
 21                   *and*

22                   (B) *view the status of such complaint at*  
 23                   *any time, including the status of any interim or*  
 24                   *final action taken to address the complaint;*

1           (2) *any complaint filed under paragraph (1)(A)*  
2           *is promptly transmitted to an appropriate patient*  
3           *advocate of the Department of Defense; and*

4           (3) *complaints filed under paragraph (1)(A)*  
5           *with respect to a military medical treatment facility*  
6           *may be automatically aggregated and submitted to*  
7           *the Director of the Defense Health Agency on a quar-*  
8           *terly basis.*

9           (b) *REPORT.—*

10           (1) *REQUIREMENT.—Not later than December 1,*  
11           *2027, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on*  
12           *Armed Services of the House of Representatives and*  
13           *the Senate a report on the feasibility of establishing*  
14           *the digital system described in subsection (a).*

15           (2) *ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph*  
16           *(1) shall include the following:*

17                   (A) *An identification of the most common*  
18                   *complaints relating to access to care filed by cov-*  
19                   *ered individuals.*

20                   (B) *A comparison of the number of com-*  
21                   *plaints regarding access to specialty care versus*  
22                   *access to primary care.*

23                   (C) *A comparison of the number of com-*  
24                   *plaints regarding access to pediatric care versus*  
25                   *nonpediatric care.*

1           (D) *A comparison of the number of com-*  
2           *plaints regarding administrative hurdles to ac-*  
3           *cess to care versus other issues relating to access*  
4           *to care.*

5           (E) *A summary of steps taken to reduce*  
6           *complaints relating to access to care.*

7           (c) *COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this section,*  
8           *the term “covered individual” means an individual enrolled*  
9           *in a health care plan under the TRICARE program and*  
10           *eligible to receive care at a military medical treatment fa-*  
11           *cility.*

12   **SEC. 768. REVIEW BY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DE-**  
13                   **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON EFFORTS TO**  
14                   **PREVENT SUICIDE.**

15           (a) *REVIEW.—The Inspector General of the Depart-*  
16           *ment of Defense shall conduct a review of the efforts of each*  
17           *Secretary of a military department to prevent incidents of*  
18           *deaths by suicide, suicide attempts, and suicidal ideation*  
19           *among members of the Armed Forces, including with respect*  
20           *to—*

21                   (1) *efforts to increase public awareness of such*  
22                   *prevention; and*

23                   (2) *developing unit commanding officer crisis re-*  
24                   *sponse plans.*

1       (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The review under subsection (a) shall*  
2 *include an assessment of each of the following:*

3           (1) *The extent of data collected regarding inci-*  
4 *dents of deaths by suicide, suicide attempts, and sui-*  
5 *cidal ideation among members of the Armed Forces.*

6           (2) *The means used by commanders to prevent*  
7 *and respond to incidents of deaths by suicide, suicide*  
8 *attempts, and suicidal ideation among members.*

9           (3) *Challenges relating to—*

10               (A) *the prevention of incidents of deaths by*  
11 *suicide, suicide attempts, and suicidal ideation*  
12 *among members deployed; and*

13               (B) *the development of a response to such*  
14 *incidents.*

15           (4) *The capacity of teams providing mental*  
16 *health services to members to respond to incidents of*  
17 *suicidal ideation or suicide attempts among members*  
18 *in the respective unit each such team serves.*

19           (5) *The means used by such teams to respond to*  
20 *such incidents, including the extent to which post-in-*  
21 *cident programs are available to members.*

22           (6) *Barriers to providing signage and advertise-*  
23 *ments for mental health resources in high-traffic areas*  
24 *on installations.*

1           (7) *Current annual training requirements and*  
2           *leadership training programs for each Armed Force,*  
3           *including any enforcement measures.*

4           (8) *Such other matters as the Inspector General*  
5           *determines appropriate.*

6           (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later April 30, 2027, the Inspector*  
7           *General of the Department of Defense shall submit to the*  
8           *Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of*  
9           *Representatives a report that includes a summary of the*  
10          *results of the review under subsection (a).*

11 **SEC. 769. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO WELLNESS**  
12                           **CHECKS FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE OF CER-**  
13                           **TAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

14          (a) *WELLNESS CHECKS.*—

15           (1) *WELLNESS CHECKS REQUIRED.*—*The Sec-*  
16           *retary of Defense shall issue such regulations, policies,*  
17           *and procedures as may be necessary to require that,*  
18           *whenever appropriate, following a member of the*  
19           *Armed Forces sustaining any significant injury or*  
20           *illness or being on sick call, a wellness check is con-*  
21           *ducted to account for the health and welfare of such*  
22           *member.*

23           (2) *METHODS OF CONTACT.*—*In conducting a*  
24           *wellness check for a member of the Armed Forces pur-*  
25           *suant to paragraph (1), if the member does not re-*



1        *spond to such check conducted via an electronic or*  
2        *telephone communication method, the individual con-*  
3        *ducting the check shall progress to an in-person meth-*  
4        *od of contact.*

5            (3) *RESULT OF FAILURE TO LOCATE.—If, as a*  
6        *result of a wellness check conducted pursuant to para-*  
7        *graph (1) for a member of the Armed Forces, the indi-*  
8        *vidual conducting such check is unable to locate such*  
9        *member, the individual shall refer to the applicable*  
10       *regulations, policies, and procedures of the Depart-*  
11       *ment of Defense regarding the determination and re-*  
12       *porting of such member as missing, absent unknown,*  
13       *absent without leave, or duty status whereabouts un-*  
14       *known.*

15          (b) *IMPLEMENTATION BY UNIT COMMANDERS.—In*  
16       *carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall*  
17       *ensure that each unit commander coordinates with the judge*  
18       *advocates assigned or attached to, or performing duty with,*  
19       *the unit under the command of such commander for assist-*  
20       *ance in the implementation of any regulation, policy, or*  
21       *procedure required under subsection (a) with respect to such*  
22       *unit.*

23          (c) *ADDITIONAL ACTIONS BY UNIT COMMANDERS.—On*  
24       *a routine basis, each unit commander shall—*

1           (1) *review the requirements contained in the doc-*  
2           *ument titled “Commander’s Critical Information Re-*  
3           *quirements”, dated January 2020, or such successor*  
4           *document, to ensure such requirements—*

5                   (A) *have been issued or updated during the*  
6                   *three-year period preceding any such review;*

7                   (B) *reflect such medical issues or safety in-*  
8                   *cidents of members of the Armed Forces that the*  
9                   *commander deems sufficiently significant; and*

10                  (C) *have been distributed to the unit under*  
11                  *the command of such commander; and*

12           (2) *host confidential wellness meetings with sub-*  
13           *ordinate commanders at which such commanders may*  
14           *discuss with one or more medical officers assigned to*  
15           *such unit any significant injuries or illnesses affect-*  
16           *ing members of the Armed Forces serving in or with*  
17           *such unit.*

18           (d) *TRAINING COURSES.—Each Secretary concerned,*  
19           *and the Secretary of Defense with respect to civilian per-*  
20           *sonnel of the Department of Defense, shall develop and im-*  
21           *plement training courses to ensure each member of an*  
22           *Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of that Secretary (or*  
23           *each civilian employee of the Department of Defense, respec-*  
24           *tively) is aware of the importance of accountability with*  
25           *respect to health and welfare and of the significant negative*

1 *outcomes that may occur when accountability procedures*  
 2 *fail. Such courses shall be offered at leadership and super-*  
 3 *visor trainings and shall include content relating to the*  
 4 *conduct of wellness checks in accordance with subsection (a)*  
 5 *and other related actions.*

6 (e) *SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*  
 7 *tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given*  
 8 *such term in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.*

9 **SEC. 770. REPORTS ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COM-**  
 10 **PREHENSIVE AUTISM CARE DEMONSTRATION**  
 11 **PROGRAM.**

12 (a) *REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDA-*  
 13 *TIONS.*—*Not later than February 1, 2027, the Secretary of*  
 14 *Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services*  
 15 *of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on*  
 16 *the plan by the Secretary to implement the recommenda-*  
 17 *tions made by the National Academies of Sciences, Engi-*  
 18 *neering, and Medicine in the report on the Department of*  
 19 *Defense Comprehensive Autism Care Demonstration pro-*  
 20 *gram submitted under section 737 of the National Defense*  
 21 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–*  
 22 *81; 135 Stat. 1800).*

23 (b) *SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.*—*On a semiannual basis,*  
 24 *the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed*  
 25 *Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a*

1 *report on the Department of Defense Comprehensive Autism*  
 2 *Care Demonstration program, including the following with*  
 3 *respect to the period covered by the report:*

4           (1) *The total number of children receiving ap-*  
 5 *plied behavior analysis services under the program.*

6           (2) *The total average wait time for such chil-*  
 7 *dren, listed by the State in which such services are*  
 8 *provided and calculated based on the date of the diag-*  
 9 *nosis of autism and the date on which such services*  
 10 *are first provided.*

11           (3) *The number of new referrals for such services.*

12           (4) *The number of providers accepting new pa-*  
 13 *tients for such services.*

14           (5) *The number of providers who no longer ac-*  
 15 *cept new patients for such services.*

16           (6) *The average number of treatment sessions re-*  
 17 *quired by such children.*

18 **SEC. 771. TRANSITION OF MEDICS TO CIVILIAN WORK-**  
 19 **FORCE.**

20 (a) *RECOMMENDATIONS.*——

21           (1) *REQUIREMENT.*—*Each Secretary concerned*  
 22 *shall develop recommendations to improve the transi-*  
 23 *tion of medics under the jurisdiction of the Secretary*  
 24 *concerned into the civilian workforce in health care*

1       *occupations, including as certified nurse aides, li-*  
2       *censed practical nurses, or medical assistants.*

3               (2) *CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out para-*  
4       *graph (1), the Secretary concerned shall—*

5                       (A) *identify any barriers—*

6                               (i) *to improving the ability of the Sec-*  
7                               *retary concerned to determine and commu-*  
8                               *nicate how the military medic credentials*  
9                               *and experience of a medic separating from*  
10                              *the Armed Forces translate to credentialed*  
11                              *civilian employment in health care occupa-*  
12                              *tions;*

13                             (ii) *that exist to the standardization*  
14                             *among the Armed Forces of military medic*  
15                             *credentials and experience and the align-*  
16                             *ment of such credentials and experience to*  
17                             *credentialed civilian employment in health*  
18                             *care occupations;*

19                            (iii) *that exist to ensuring members of*  
20                            *the Armed Forces with military medic cre-*  
21                            *denials and experience have earned the*  
22                            *equivalent civilian credential prior to sepa-*  
23                            *ration from the Armed Forces in addition*  
24                            *to receiving their military credentials;*

1           (iv) to the increased establishment and  
2           uptake of accelerated or bridge programs to  
3           assist separating members of the Armed  
4           Forces in translating military credentials  
5           and experience into civilian health care cre-  
6           dentials and employment;

7           (v) to increasing the availability and  
8           accessibility of preparatory activities under  
9           the SkillBridge program established under  
10          section 1143(e) of title 10, United States  
11          Code, in the health care sector for members  
12          of the Armed Forces preparing for separa-  
13          tion, to include—

14               (I) the approval timeline for sepa-  
15               rating members to participate in  
16               SkillBridge programs in the health  
17               care sector; and

18               (II) requirements to return to  
19               their duty station for out-processing;  
20               and

21          (vi) to providing information on civil-  
22          ian health care credentials and employment  
23          under the Transition Assistance Program to  
24          medics separating from the Armed Forces,

1           *including information on State-by-State li-*  
2           *censing and credentialing; and*

3           *(B) consider the potential effects of—*

4                   *(i) clarification by States through leg-*  
5                   *islation, actions of State licensing boards,*  
6                   *or actions of State credentialing boards of*  
7                   *the civilian equivalents of certain military*  
8                   *credentials and experience in health care;*

9                   *(ii) implementation, including through*  
10                   *State-provided incentives, of accelerated*  
11                   *programs to bridge military medic creden-*  
12                   *tials and experience with civilian health*  
13                   *care credentials and licenses;*

14                   *(iii) financial support or incentives by*  
15                   *States to increase the availability and ac-*  
16                   *cessibility of such programs;*

17                   *(iv) requiring the military depart-*  
18                   *ments to align military health care creden-*  
19                   *tials with civilian equivalents; and*

20                   *(v) requiring the Department of Vet-*  
21                   *erans Affairs and the Department of Labor*  
22                   *to track and report the number of separated*  
23                   *members of the Armed Forces with health*  
24                   *care-related military credentials and experi-*  
25                   *ence who continue in the civilian health*

1                   care sector, including the type of employ-  
2                   ment they pursue.

3           (3) *CONSULTATION.*—*The Secretaries concerned*  
4           *shall carry out paragraph (1) in consultation with*  
5           *each of the States (through the Defense-State Liaison*  
6           *Office of the Department of Defense), the Secretary of*  
7           *Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Health and Human*  
8           *Services, and the Secretary of Labor.*

9           (b) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
10          *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned shall*  
11          *submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report*  
12          *containing—*

13               (1) *the recommendations developed under sub-*  
14               *section (a); and*

15               (2) *a plan to implement those recommendations.*

16          (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

17               (1) *The term “appropriate congressional com-*  
18               *mittees” means the following:*

19                       (A) *The Committee on Armed Services, the*  
20                       *Committee on Education and the Workforce, the*  
21                       *Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-*  
22                       *ture, and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of*  
23                       *the House of Representatives.*

24                       (B) *The Committee on Armed Services, the*  
25                       *Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-*



1           *tation, the Committee on Health, Education,*  
2           *Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on Vet-*  
3           *erans' Affairs of the Senate.*

4           *(2) The term “medic” means a member of the*  
5           *Armed Forces acting in a clinical health care-related*  
6           *occupation while serving in the Armed Forces.*

7           *(3) The term “Secretary concerned” means—*

8                     *(A) the Secretary of Defense, with respect to*  
9                     *matters concerning the Department of Defense;*  
10                    *and*

11                    *(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security,*  
12                    *with respect to matters concerning the Coast*  
13                    *Guard when it is not operating as a service in*  
14                    *the Department of the Navy.*

15           *(4) The term “State” means each of the several*  
16           *States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth*  
17           *of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,*  
18           *Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the*  
19           *Northern Mariana Islands that have a Defense-State*  
20           *Liaison Office.*

21           *(5) The term “Transition Assistance Program”*  
22           *means the program of the Department of Defense for*  
23           *pre-separation counseling, employment assistance,*  
24           *and other transitional services provided under sec-*  
25           *tions 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.*

1 **SEC. 772. STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH**  
2 **OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) *PLAN.*—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination  
5 with each Secretary of a military department and the Di-  
6 rector of the Defense Health Agency, shall develop a stra-  
7 tegic plan to address suicide by members of the covered  
8 Armed Forces and the mental health services provided to  
9 such members.

10 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The plan under subsection (a) shall  
11 include the following:

12 (1) *Developing and enforcing uniform protocols*  
13 *with respect to—*

14 (A) *the regulations prescribed for the self-*  
15 *initiated referral process under section 1090b(e)*  
16 *of title 10, United States Code, for members of*  
17 *the covered Armed Forces seeking mental health*  
18 *evaluations;*

19 (B) *the provision of information, including*  
20 *through workplace posters, flyers, and advertise-*  
21 *ments, to ensure members are aware of such re-*  
22 *ferred process.*

23 (2) *Standardized mental health training for*  
24 *members of the covered Armed Forces, including—*

25 (A) *specialized training for commanders,*  
26 *senior enlisted leaders, and medical personnel on*

1           *identifying and addressing mental health con-*  
2           *cerns;*

3                     *(B) the development of a certification proc-*  
4           *ess based on completion of training with docu-*  
5           *mented proof of compliance;*

6                     *(C) how to respond when a member initi-*  
7           *ates the referral process under section 1090b(e) of*  
8           *title 10, United States Code; and*

9                     *(D) how to recognize signs indicating men-*  
10          *tal health distress.*

11          *(c) COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.—In this sec-*  
12          *tion, the term “covered Armed Forces” means the Army,*  
13          *Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.*

14          **SEC. 773. BRIEFING ON PROSTATE CANCER INCIDENCE AND**  
15                       **EMERGING DIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGIES.**

16          *Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment*  
17          *of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with*  
18          *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall provide to the Com-*  
19          *mittees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives*  
20          *and the Senate and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of*  
21          *the House of Representatives and the Senate a briefing on—*

22                     *(1) the status and any preliminary findings of*  
23          *ongoing studies on cancer incidence rates among*  
24          *members of the Armed Forces and veterans, includ-*  
25          *ing—*

1           (A) the results of and remedial actions  
2 taken following the study conducted by the Sec-  
3 retary of Defense on aircrew members of rotary-  
4 wing aircraft under section 736 of the National  
5 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026  
6 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 935); and

7           (B) the results of and remedial actions  
8 taken following the completion of the study con-  
9 ducted by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relat-  
10 ing to fixed-wing aviators and associated ground  
11 crew pursuant to title V of the Sergeant First  
12 Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to  
13 Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 (Pub-  
14 lic Law 117–168) and subsequent related direc-  
15 tives;

16       (2) the incidence and prevalence of prostate can-  
17 cer among members of the Armed Forces and vet-  
18 erans, including any identified elevated risks within  
19 specific occupational specialties;

20       (3) an assessment of emerging and advanced  
21 prostate cancer screening, diagnostic, and prognostic  
22 technologies, including those that are less invasive  
23 and capable of determining cancer aggressiveness;

24       (4) the extent to which such technologies are cur-  
25 rently available within the military health system

1        *and the health care system of the Department of Vet-*  
 2        *erans Affairs; and*

3            *(5) a plan, including timelines and resource re-*  
 4        *quirements, to evaluate and, as appropriate, imple-*  
 5        *ment such technologies within the military health sys-*  
 6        *tem and the health care system of the Department of*  
 7        *Veterans Affairs.*

8    **SEC. 774. ASSESSMENT OF ACCESS, FAIRNESS, AND TRANS-**  
 9            **PARENCY UNDER TRICARE PHARMACY BENE-**  
 10          **FITS PROGRAM.**

11        *(a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL AUDITS.—*

12            *(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year*  
 13        *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-*  
 14        *troller General of the United States shall conduct au-*  
 15        *dits of—*

16            *(A) data reported by the contractor respon-*  
 17        *sible for the administration of the pharmacy ben-*  
 18        *efits program relating to—*

19            *(i) rates of reimbursement and any*  
 20        *price concessions;*

21            *(ii) any discrepancies between average*  
 22        *reimbursements to various types of phar-*  
 23        *macies disaggregated by retail, mail order,*  
 24        *specialty pharmacies, and any pharmacy*

1           *owned by or affiliated with such contractor;*  
2           *and*

3           *(iii) the difference between what the*  
4           *contractor charges the TRICARE program*  
5           *for a pharmaceutical agent and what the*  
6           *contractor pays to pharmacies for the same*  
7           *pharmaceutical agent, disaggregated by re-*  
8           *tail, mail order, and specialty pharmacies;*

9           *(B) prior authorizations required by the*  
10          *TRICARE program for prescription drug treat-*  
11          *ments and services;*

12          *(C) the timeliness of dispensing prescription*  
13          *drugs from the various types of pharmacies,*  
14          *disaggregated by retail, mail order, and specialty*  
15          *pharmacies; and*

16          *(D) the adequacy of the retail pharmacy*  
17          *network under the TRICARE program and ac-*  
18          *cess by eligible covered beneficiaries to such net-*  
19          *work, including with respect to continuity of*  
20          *care, geographic accessibility (taking into ac-*  
21          *count factors in addition to travel time to and*  
22          *from a pharmacy, with special consideration for*  
23          *rural and underserved areas), and the extent to*  
24          *which elections by such beneficiaries reflect per-*  
25          *sonal preference; and*

1           (2) *BRIEFING.*—Not later than one year after the  
2           date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
3           General shall provide to the Committees on Armed  
4           Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
5           tives a briefing on the audits under paragraph (1).

6           (3) *REPORT.*—Not later than 18 months after the  
7           date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
8           General shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
9           Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
10          tives a report with the results the audits under para-  
11          graph (1).

12          (b) *ACCESS TO INFORMATION.*—

13               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—As a condition of admin-  
14               istering the pharmacy benefits program on and after  
15               the date of the enactment of this Act, and notwith-  
16               standing any other provision of law, or any contract,  
17               subcontract, agreement, or confidentiality provision to  
18               the contrary, the contractor responsible for admin-  
19               istering the pharmacy benefits program shall agree to  
20               make available to the Comptroller General any infor-  
21               mation the Comptroller General determines necessary  
22               to conduct the audits under subsection (a)(1) not later  
23               than 30 days after the request for such information  
24               by the Comptroller General.

1           (2) *INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED.*—*Informa-*  
2           *tion required under paragraph (1) shall include the*  
3           *following:*

4                     (A) *Claims-level data.*

5                     (B) *Information on reimbursement meth-*  
6                     *odologies and payment rates.*

7                     (C) *An identification of all price conces-*  
8                     *sions, including rebates, fees, discounts, and re-*  
9                     *muneration of any kind from manufacturers,*  
10                    *pharmacies, or other entities.*

11                    (D) *Information on amounts charged to the*  
12                    *Department of Defense and amounts paid to*  
13                    *pharmacies for the same drug.*

14                    (E) *Contracts, subcontracts, and other ar-*  
15                    *rangements with manufacturers, pharmacies, or*  
16                    *third parties relevant to the administration of*  
17                    *the pharmacy benefits program.*

18           (3) *PROHIBITION ON WITHHOLDING OF INFORMA-*  
19           *TION.*—*Information required to be provided under*  
20           *this paragraph may not be withheld, redacted, or lim-*  
21           *ited on the basis of claims relating to proprietary in-*  
22           *formation, trade secrets, or confidential commercial*  
23           *information, except that the Comptroller General shall*  
24           *protect such information from public disclosure in ac-*  
25           *cordance with applicable law.*



1           (4) *FORM, DETAIL, AND FREQUENCY.*—*The*  
2           *Comptroller General may determine the form, level of*  
3           *detail, and frequency of data submissions required*  
4           *under paragraph (1).*

5           (c) *ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT.*—*If any audit conducted*  
6           *under subsection (a)(1) finds that reimbursement rates paid*  
7           *to retail pharmacies under the pharmacy benefits program*  
8           *are, on average or in a systemic manner, less than the docu-*  
9           *mented acquisition cost to such pharmacies for outpatient*  
10           *prescription drugs covered by such audit, the Comptroller*  
11           *General shall include in the report on such audit under sub-*  
12           *section (a)(2) an assessment of the impact of such reim-*  
13           *bursement rates on retail pharmacy participation, bene-*  
14           *ficiary access, network adequacy, and continuity of care.*

15           (d) *ACCESS METRICS.*—*In conducting oversight of the*  
16           *pharmacy benefit program, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
17           *ensure that measures of access to such program include—*

18                   (1) *continuity of care and beneficiary preference,*  
19                   *including the ability of beneficiaries to remain with*  
20                   *their pharmacy of choice; and*

21                   (2) *meaningful geographic access standards be-*  
22                   *yond drive-time calculations, with special consider-*  
23                   *ation for rural and underserved areas.*

24           (e) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 90 days after the date*  
25           *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*

1 *submit to the congressional defense committees a plan for*  
2 *the implementation of this section.*

3 (f) *APPLICABILITY TO EXISTING CONTRACTS.—This*  
4 *section shall apply to any contract, agreement, or other ar-*  
5 *rangement in effect on or after the date of the enactment*  
6 *of this Act, including any contract, agreement, or arrange-*  
7 *ment entered into before such date.*

8 (g) *RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITY.—Noth-*  
9 *ing in this section shall be construed to limit, amend, super-*  
10 *sede, or restrict in any manner any existing authority of*  
11 *the Comptroller General.*

12 (h) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

13 (1) *The terms “eligible covered beneficiary”,*  
14 *“pharmaceutical agent”, and “prescription drug”*  
15 *have the meanings given those terms in section 1074g*  
16 *of title 10, United States Code.*

17 (2) *The term “pharmacy benefits program”*  
18 *means the pharmacy benefit program of the*  
19 *TRICARE program under section 1074g of title 10,*  
20 *United States Code.*

21 (3) *The term “TRICARE program” has the*  
22 *meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,*  
23 *United States Code.*

1 **SEC. 775. REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF PILOT PROGRAM ON**  
2 **BEHAVIORAL NEUROLOGY FELLOWSHIPS.**

3 (a) *REPORT.*—Not later than 270 days after the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense  
5 Health Agency shall submit to the congressional defense  
6 committees a report on the feasibility of establishing a pilot  
7 program that establishes a behavioral neurology fellowship  
8 program to provide training opportunities with respect to  
9 treating members of the Armed Forces and veterans with  
10 traumatic brain injuries, particularly regarding the inter-  
11 section of behavior and traumatic brain injury.

12 (b) *MATTERS INCLUDED.*—The report on the potential  
13 pilot program under subsection (a) shall include the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 (1) *The feasibility of the pilot program meeting*  
16 *the requirements described in subsection (c).*

17 (2) *An evaluation of potential locations at which*  
18 *to carry out the pilot program.*

19 (c) *REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED.*—The requirements  
20 described in this subsection are the following:

21 (1) *The pilot program would include two indi-*  
22 *viduals selected for a one-year clinical fellowship pro-*  
23 *gram under the pilot program.*

24 (2) *An individual may hold a fellowship under*  
25 *the pilot program if the individual—*

1           (A) holds a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of  
2           Osteopathy from any medical school accredited  
3           by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education;  
4           and

5           (B) before participating in the fellowship  
6           program, has completed a residency program in  
7           neurology or psychiatry at an institution accred-  
8           ited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate  
9           Medical Education.

10          (3) An individual would not be required to be  
11          board certified to hold a fellowship under the pilot  
12          program.

13          (4) The pilot program would be carried out in  
14          a manner that seeks to allow an individual, upon  
15          completion of the fellowship program, to sit for board  
16          certification in behavioral neurology and  
17          neuropsychiatry offered by the United Council for  
18          Neurologic Subspecialties.

19          (5) The fellowship program would be accredited.

20   **SEC. 776. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE STUDY**  
21                   **ON RESERVE COMPONENT DENTAL READI-**  
22                   **NESS AND BENEFIT SUFFICIENCY.**

23          (a) *STUDY.*—The Comptroller General of the United  
24          States shall conduct a study on the sufficiency of the De-  
25          partment of Defense Reserve Component dental program in

1 *supporting the medical readiness and deployability of mem-*  
2 *bers of the reserve components.*

3 *(b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a) shall*  
4 *include, at a minimum, the following:*

5 *(1) An assessment of the extent to which current*  
6 *annual benefit caps, including the \$1,500 coverage*  
7 *limit under the TRICARE Dental Program, con-*  
8 *tribute to dental nondeployability among members of*  
9 *the reserve components.*

10 *(2) An evaluation of the relationship between*  
11 *out-of-pocket dental costs and delays in obtaining nec-*  
12 *essary dental care required for deployment readiness.*

13 *(3) An analysis of the extent to which dental*  
14 *readiness requirements impose a financial burden on*  
15 *members of the reserve components, including whether*  
16 *such requirements function as an unfunded mandate*  
17 *on individual members.*

18 *(4) A review of the findings of section 707 of the*  
19 *James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act*  
20 *for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.*  
21 *2652) and an assessment of remaining gaps in data*  
22 *regarding dental readiness and benefit sufficiency.*

23 *(5) An identification and evaluation of targeted,*  
24 *cost-effective policy options to improve dental readi-*

1        *ness among members of the reserve components, in-*  
2        *cluding—*

3                    *(A) adjustments to annual benefit caps;*

4                    *(B) coverage of readiness-related dental pro-*  
5        *cedures not currently included under existing*  
6        *plans;*

7                    *(C) alternative models for delivering dental*  
8        *care to reservists; and*

9                    *(D) any other mechanisms the Comptroller*  
10        *General determines appropriate to reduce cost-re-*  
11        *lated barriers to deployability.*

12                    *(6) An assessment of the potential effects of such*  
13        *policy options on—*

14                    *(A) overall force readiness and*  
15        *deployability;*

16                    *(B) recruitment and retention within the*  
17        *reserve components; and*

18                    *(C) cost to the Department of Defense.*

19        *(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
20        *of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall*  
21        *provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing*  
22        *on the preliminary observations and emerging findings of*  
23        *the study under subsection (a).*

1 **SEC. 777. REVIEW OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND**  
2 **SAFETY CONDITIONS OF OPERATIONAL FA-**  
3 **CILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LGM-30G**  
4 **MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BAL-**  
5 **LISTIC MISSILE SYSTEM.**

6 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Assistant Secretary of Defense  
7 for Health Affairs, in consultation with the Assistant Sec-  
8 retary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Bi-  
9 ological Defense Policy and Programs, shall seek to enter  
10 into an agreement with the Executive Officer of the Na-  
11 tional Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for  
12 a review of the occupational health and safety conditions  
13 of covered operational facilities.

14 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The review required by subsection (a)  
15 shall include the following:

16 (1) *An independent review of the methodology*  
17 *and findings of the Missile Community Cancer Study*  
18 *conducted by the Air Force Medical Service and Air*  
19 *Force Global Strike Command.*

20 (2) *An independent assessment of occupational*  
21 *hazards, covered toxic substances, and operational ac-*  
22 *tivities associated with the LGM-30G Minuteman III*  
23 *intercontinental ballistic missile system that accounts*  
24 *for—*

25 (A) *enclosed space dynamics;*

26 (B) *ventilation inefficiencies; and*

1                   (C) *limited fresh air exchange rates.*

2                   (3) *An independent case-controlled retrospective*  
3 *study of cancer incidence rates among—*

4                   (A) *Minuteman III missile launch officers*  
5 *and support personnel; compared to*

6                   (B) *a group of members of the Air Force*  
7 *with—*

8                   (i) *a substantially similar demo-*  
9 *graphic makeup to the group of launch offi-*  
10 *cers and support personnel included in the*  
11 *study;*

12                   (ii) *responsibilities that are not associ-*  
13 *ated with the Minuteman III system; and*

14                   (iii) *a low potential for occupational*  
15 *exposure to covered toxic substances, as de-*  
16 *termined by Air Force Specialty Code and*  
17 *occupational duties.*

18                   (4) *A comparative evaluation of the suitability*  
19 *and effectiveness of historic versus current year envi-*  
20 *ronmental surveillance policies, procedures, and tech-*  
21 *nologies of the Department of the Air Force for cov-*  
22 *ered operational facilities used to detect exposure to*  
23 *covered toxic substances and occupational hazards,*  
24 *including—*

25                   (A) *air quality;*



1                   (B) groundwater and drinking water con-  
2                   tamination;

3                   (C) ventilation systems and particulate  
4                   matter accumulation; and

5                   (D) residual contamination associated with  
6                   confined operational environments.

7                   (5) An evaluation of the suitability and effective-  
8                   ness of policies, procedures, and technologies of the  
9                   Department of the Air Force to prevent occupational  
10                  hazards, and reduce exposure to covered toxic sub-  
11                  stances, associated with the Minuteman III system in-  
12                  cluding—

13                   (A) personal protective equipment;

14                   (B) engineering controls;

15                   (C) environmental surveillance; and

16                   (D) other policies, procedures, and tech-  
17                   nologies deemed relevant.

18                   (6) An evaluation of the suitability and effective-  
19                   ness of policies, procedures, and technologies of the  
20                   Department of the Air Force and the Department of  
21                   Defense for reporting and periodic medical screening,  
22                   testing, and evaluations for potential exposure to oc-  
23                   cupational hazards and covered toxic substances for  
24                   personnel associated with the Minuteman III system.

1           (7) *Recommendations of the Executive Officer*  
2       *with respect to—*

3           (A) *Department of Defense actions to ensure*  
4       *that occupational health and safety conditions of*  
5       *covered operational facilities—*

6           (i) *meet current occupational safety*  
7       *and national security requirements in effect*  
8       *as of the date of the enactment of this Act;*  
9       *and*

10          (ii) *are applied to the LGM–35A Sen-*  
11       *tinel intercontinental ballistic missile sys-*  
12       *tem; and*

13          (B) *potential modifications to—*

14           (i) *the current design and operation of*  
15       *the LGM–30G Minuteman III interconti-*  
16       *ental ballistic missile system; and*

17           (ii) *the future design and operation of*  
18       *the Sentinel system.*

19       (c) *INFORMATION AND CLEARANCES.—The Secretary*  
20       *of Defense shall ensure that personnel of the National Acad-*  
21       *emy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine supervising the*  
22       *implementation of the agreement required by subsection (a),*  
23       *or conducting the review required by such subsection, are*  
24       *granted, in a timely manner, access to the information and*  
25       *security clearances necessary to carry out such review.*

1       (d) *REPORT REQUIRED.*—

2           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 18 months  
3       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Execu-  
4       tive Officer of the National Academy of Sciences, En-  
5       gineering, and Medicine shall submit to the congres-  
6       sional defense committees a report that includes the  
7       findings of the review required by subsection (a).

8           (2) *FORM.*—The report required by paragraph  
9       (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may  
10      include a classified annex.

11      (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

12           (1) The term “covered operational facilities”  
13      mean physical structures and work environments as-  
14      sociated with the LGM–30G Minuteman III inter-  
15      continental ballistic missile system, including—

16                   (A) launch control facilities;

17                   (B) launch facilities;

18                   (C) missile alert facilities; and

19                   (D) other associated facilities.

20           (2) The term “covered toxic substances” means  
21      contaminants and other risk factors that pose a sig-  
22      nificant health risk to an individual when inhaled,  
23      ingested, absorbed by, or in close proximity to, the in-  
24      dividual, including—

25                   (A) asbestos;

1                   (B) radiation;

2                   (C) polychlorinated biphenyls;

3                   (D) combustion byproducts associated with  
4 burning classified materials, accelerants, and in-  
5 dustrial solvents;

6                   (E) volatile organic compounds (VOCs), in-  
7 cluding VOCs from cleaning and maintenance  
8 chemicals;

9                   (F) radon and naturally occurring radio-  
10 active materials in subterranean facilities;

11                   (G) hydrogen cyanide, hydrazine, ethylene  
12 glycol, and sodium chromate;

13                   (H) pesticides and herbicides from facility  
14 perimeters and surrounding agricultural runoff;

15                   (I) noise; and

16                   (J) other chemical compounds or elements  
17 associated with the LGM-30G Minuteman III  
18 intercontinental ballistic missile system or cov-  
19 ered operational facilities.

20 **SEC. 778. CONTINUED EVALUATION OF THE TRICARE PRO-**  
21 **GRAM THROUGH BENEFICIARY EXPERIENCE**  
22 **SURVEYS.**

23           (a) *CONTINUED EVALUATION REQUIRED.*—The Sec-  
24 retary of Defense shall ensure the sustained collection and  
25 analysis of beneficiary experience data necessary to support

1 *the ongoing evaluation of the TRICARE program in meet-*  
2 *ing the goals of—*

3           (1) *increasing access to health care for covered*  
4 *beneficiaries under chapter 55 of title 10, United*  
5 *States Code;*

6           (2) *improving the quality of health care provided*  
7 *to covered beneficiaries; and*

8           (3) *informing oversight of the performance of the*  
9 *military health system.*

10       (b) *ELEMENTS OF EVALUATION.—The evaluation*  
11 *under subsection (a) shall include an assessment of each of*  
12 *the following:*

13           (1) *The impact of the TRICARE program on*  
14 *members of the covered Armed Forces and the depend-*  
15 *ents of such members, retirees of the covered Armed*  
16 *Forces and the dependents of such retirees, and de-*  
17 *pendents with severe disabilities and chronic health*  
18 *care needs of members of the covered Armed Forces*  
19 *serving on active duty regarding access, costs, quality,*  
20 *and beneficiary experience.*

21           (2) *Barriers affecting beneficiary utilization of*  
22 *military medical treatment facilities and factors in-*  
23 *fluencing the use of purchased care in lieu of direct*  
24 *care.*

1           (3) *Patient safety, quality of care, and access to*  
2           *care at military medical treatment facilities, includ-*  
3           *ing appointment wait times, beneficiary satisfaction,*  
4           *and comparison to the access standards of the Depart-*  
5           *ment of Defense.*

6           (4) *Trends in beneficiary experience and access*  
7           *to care over time through the use of longitudinal pop-*  
8           *ulation-level data collection methodologies.*

9           (c) *SUBMISSION.—The Secretary shall submit to the*  
10          *Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representa-*  
11          *tives and the Senate the results of each evaluation under*  
12          *subsection (a).*

13          (d) *CONTINUITY OF DATA COLLECTION.—The Sec-*  
14          *retary of Defense shall ensure that any transition or modi-*  
15          *fication to beneficiary experience survey methodologies does*  
16          *not result in a lapse in the collection, analysis, or reporting*  
17          *of population-level beneficiary experience data necessary to*  
18          *support the evaluation, performance assessment, and re-*  
19          *porting requirements, of the military health system.*

20          (e) *COVERED ARMED FORCE.—In this section:*

21               (1) *The term “covered Armed Force” means the*  
22               *Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space*  
23               *Force.*

24               (2) *The term “covered beneficiary” means a cov-*  
25               *ered beneficiary, as defined in section 1072 of title 10,*

1       *United States Code, who is a beneficiary by reason of*  
2       *the service by an individual in a covered Armed*  
3       *Force.*

4           (3) *The term “TRICARE program” has the*  
5       *meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,*  
6       *United States Code.*

7   **SEC. 779. REMOVAL OF PEPTIDES FROM PROHIBITED PER-**  
8           **FORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES LIST.**

9       *The Secretary of Defense may not include legally*  
10      *available peptides on the prohibited dietary supplement in-*  
11      *gredients list established pursuant to Department of Defense*  
12      *Instruction 6130.06, or any other similar list of substances*  
13      *that are prohibited for use by a member of the Armed Forces*  
14      *without a medical exemption, if the member of the Armed*  
15      *Forces obtains and uses such peptides in a manner that*  
16      *is lawful in the location of the member.*

17   **SEC. 780. STUDY ON LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO**  
18           **TOXIC SUBSTANCES ON REPRODUCTIVE**  
19           **HEALTH AND FERTILITY.**

20       (a) *STUDY.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a*  
21      *comprehensive, longitudinal study to assess the long-term*  
22      *effects of exposure to toxic substances on the reproductive*  
23      *health and fertility of members of the covered Armed Forces.*

24       (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The study under subsection (a) shall*  
25      *include the following:*

1           (1) *The relationship between service in the cov-*  
2           *ered Armed Forces and exposure to toxic substances.*

3           (2) *The resultant effect of exposure to toxic sub-*  
4           *stances on the reproductive health and fertility of cov-*  
5           *ered members of the Armed Forces.*

6           (3) *Whether certain career fields in the covered*  
7           *Armed Forces have a higher chance of damaging fer-*  
8           *tility.*

9           (4) *The effects of exposure to toxic substances*  
10          *and other mechanism on the health of children of such*  
11          *members.*

12          (5) *The effects of exposure to toxic substances*  
13          *and other mechanisms on the sex of the children of*  
14          *such members.*

15          (6) *The rates of infertility and reduced fertility*  
16          *among such members.*

17          (7) *The rates of congenital disabilities and birth*  
18          *defects in the children of such members.*

19          (c) *CONSULTATION.*—*In conducting the study sub-*  
20          *section (a), the Secretary shall consult with—*

21                 (1) *the Surgeons General of the covered Armed*  
22                 *Forces;*

23                 (2) *the Director of the Defense Health Agency;*  
24                 *and*



1           (3) *relevant academic institutions and federally*  
2           *funded research and development centers with exper-*  
3           *tise in fertility and reproductive health.*

4           (d) *REPORT.—*

5           (1) *INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than one year*  
6           *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
7           *retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-*  
8           *ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate*  
9           *an interim report on the study under subsection (a),*  
10          *including any preliminary findings and rec-*  
11          *ommendations.*

12          (2) *FINAL REPORT.—Not later than three years*  
13          *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
14          *retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-*  
15          *ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate a*  
16          *report on the study under subsection (a), including*  
17          *the following:*

18                (A) *Findings.*

19                (B) *Identification of the categories of toxic*  
20                *substances most commonly associated with repro-*  
21                *ductive harm among members of the covered*  
22                *Armed Forces.*

23                (C) *A description of current research pro-*  
24                *grams within the Department of Defense exam-*

1            *ining the relationship between such exposures*  
2            *and reproductive health.*

3            *(D) An evaluation of the extent to which*  
4            *members of the covered Armed Forces have access*  
5            *to fertility preservation services, assisted repro-*  
6            *ductive technology, and fertility services, and*  
7            *any gaps in access to such services, including*  
8            *with respect to members of the reserve compo-*  
9            *nents.*

10           *(E) Recommendations regarding—*

11           *(i) improvements to screening and*  
12           *monitoring protocols for reproductive health*  
13           *outcomes related to toxic exposure;*

14           *(ii) expanded access to reproductive*  
15           *health services and fertility treatments for*  
16           *members of the covered Armed Forces af-*  
17           *ected by toxic exposure; and*

18           *(iii) legislative or regulatory actions to*  
19           *address reproductive health effects of such*  
20           *exposure.*

21           *(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

22           *(1) The term “covered Armed Forces” means the*  
23           *Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space*  
24           *Force.*

1           (2) *The term “toxic substances” means any sub-*  
 2           *stance known to the Department of Defense to be*  
 3           *toxic, hazardous, or otherwise cause negative health*  
 4           *outcomes.*

5   ***TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POL-***  
 6       ***ICY, ACQUISITION MANAGE-***  
 7       ***MENT, AND RELATED MAT-***  
 8       ***TERS***

9   ***Subtitle A—Acquisition Policy and***  
 10       ***Management***

11 ***SEC. 801. RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES OF PORT-***  
 12       ***FOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES WITH RE-***  
 13       ***SPECT TO CONTRACTORS.***

14       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 205 of title 10, United  
 15       *States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3105 the*  
 16       *following new sections:*

17 ***“§ 3105a. Portfolio acquisition executives: perform-***  
 18       ***ance management authorities with re-***  
 19       ***spect to contractors***

20       “(a) *PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES.*—  
 21       *Each portfolio acquisition executive shall, with respect to*  
 22       *contractors under the defense acquisition programs assigned*  
 23       *to such executive, have the following authorities:*

24               “(1) *To issue a performance improvement notice*  
 25       *to any contractor that, as documented in any con-*

1        *tractor past performance database used by the De-*  
2        *partment of Defense, has received a rating indicating*  
3        *a deficiency (such as marginal or unsatisfactory) in*  
4        *two or more consecutive assessment periods, or in*  
5        *three or more assessment periods within a period of*  
6        *five years. Such a notice shall specify, with particu-*  
7        *larity, the deficiencies identified in such ratings and*  
8        *shall establish measurable corrective action bench-*  
9        *marks and a remediation period not to exceed 180*  
10       *days. The portfolio acquisition executive shall ensure*  
11       *that the notice is provided contemporaneously to the*  
12       *contractor and the component acquisition executive or*  
13       *service acquisition executive of the military depart-*  
14       *ment concerned, as applicable, and is documented in*  
15       *any contractor past performance database used by the*  
16       *Department.*

17            *“(2) To initiate a contract restructuring action,*  
18        *including an action to adjust a performance metric,*  
19        *milestone schedule, deliverable specification, or associ-*  
20        *ated incentive fee structure, without the prior ap-*  
21        *proval of the component acquisition executive or the*  
22        *service acquisition executive of the military depart-*  
23        *ment concerned, as long as the total value of the re-*  
24        *structured contract does not exceed any applicable*  
25        *threshold. The portfolio acquisition executive shall*

1        *provide written notification to the component acquisi-*  
2        *tion executive or service acquisition executive, as ap-*  
3        *plicable, not later than 15 days after initiating such*  
4        *an action.*

5            *“(3) To recommend to the component acquisition*  
6        *executive or the service acquisition executive of the*  
7        *military department concerned that a contract be ter-*  
8        *minated for cause. The service acquisition executive*  
9        *shall act on such recommendation, or determine not*  
10       *to act on such recommendation, not later than 30*  
11       *days after receiving the recommendation.*

12        *“(b) RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPONENT ACQUISITION*  
13       *EXECUTIVE OR SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE.—In a*  
14       *case in which the component acquisition executive or service*  
15       *acquisition executive, as applicable, overrides the issuance*  
16       *of a performance improvement notice under subsection*  
17       *(a)(1), overrides a contract restructuring action under sub-*  
18       *section (a)(2), or determines not to act on a recommenda-*  
19       *tion under subsection (a)(3), the component acquisition ex-*  
20       *ecutive or service acquisition executive, as applicable,*  
21       *shall—*

22            *“(1) not later than 15 days after such override*  
23        *or determination, make a written documentation of*  
24        *the override or determination that cites the specific*

1       *statutory, regulatory, or policy basis for the override*  
2       *or determination; and*

3               “(2) *provide a copy of such written documenta-*  
4       *tion to the portfolio acquisition executive and the*  
5       *Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and*  
6       *Sustainment.*

7       “(c) *LIMITATION.—This section does not—*

8               “(1) *authorize a portfolio acquisition executive to*  
9       *terminate a contract for cause without the approval*  
10       *of the component acquisition executive or service ac-*  
11       *quisition executive, as applicable; or*

12               “(2) *supersede any right of the contractor to no-*  
13       *tice and opportunity to respond under applicable pro-*  
14       *visions of law or regulation.*

15       “(d) *GUIDANCE.—The Under Secretary of Defense for*  
16       *Acquisition and Sustainment shall issue guidance for the*  
17       *implementation of this section.*

18       “(e) *ANNUAL REPORT.—On an annual basis, the*  
19       *Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and*  
20       *Sustainment, in consultation with each component acquisi-*  
21       *tion executive and service acquisition executive, shall sub-*  
22       *mit to the congressional defense committees a report on the*  
23       *exercise of authorities under this section. The report shall*  
24       *include—*

1           “(1) a consolidated list of all actions taken by a  
2           portfolio acquisition executive under paragraphs (1),  
3           (2), and (3) of subsection (a);

4           “(2) a consolidated list of all overrides and de-  
5           terminations by a component acquisition executive or  
6           service acquisition executive under subsection (b); and

7           “(3) an assessment of the effectiveness of the ac-  
8           tions taken under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of sub-  
9           section (a).

10   **“§3105b. Portfolio acquisition executives: defense-**  
11                   **wide framework of contractor perform-**  
12                   **ance metrics**

13           “(a) *FRAMEWORK REQUIRED.*—The Under Secretary  
14   of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in consultation  
15   with each component acquisition executive and service ac-  
16   quisition executive, shall establish a framework of con-  
17   tractor performance metrics to be used by all portfolio ac-  
18   quisition executives of the Department of Defense. The  
19   framework shall—

20           “(1) specify metrics that must be used by each  
21           portfolio acquisition executive to assess each defense  
22           acquisition program assigned to such executive;

23           “(2) for each such metric, establish minimum  
24           thresholds for reporting; and

1           “(3) provide for consistency and comparability  
2           of contractor performance data across the Department  
3           while preserving the flexibility of each portfolio acqui-  
4           sition executive to tailor specific indicators and  
5           thresholds to the defense acquisition programs as-  
6           signed to such executive.

7           “(b) *CATEGORIES REQUIRED.*—The framework re-  
8           quired by subsection (a) shall include metrics in each of  
9           the following categories:

10           “(1) *COST PERFORMANCE.*—Metrics relating to  
11           variance from the approved cost baseline, including  
12           estimate at completion versus budget at completion,  
13           undefinitized contract action definitization rate, and  
14           cost overrun recurrence.

15           “(2) *SCHEDULE PERFORMANCE.*—Metrics relat-  
16           ing to adherence to milestones, including delivery  
17           delays measured in days against the approved pro-  
18           gram baseline and frequency of approved re-base-  
19           lining.

20           “(3) *TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE.*—Metrics relat-  
21           ing to achievement of key performance parameters at  
22           applicable program milestones and deficiency closure  
23           rates.

24           “(4) *SUSTAINMENT READINESS.*—Metrics relat-  
25           ing to mission capable rate contribution, mean time



1       *between failures relative to contractual specifications,*  
2       *and materiel backorder rate.*

3               “(5) *CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.*—*Metrics relating*  
4       *to the assignment and distribution of ratings in the*  
5       *contractor past performance database used by the De-*  
6       *partment, rates of compliance with corrective action*  
7       *plans, and competitive re-compete rates.*

8               “(6) *OTHER CATEGORIES.*—*Any other categories*  
9       *that the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition*  
10       *and Sustainment considers appropriate.*

11              “(c) *ADDITIONAL TAILORED METRICS.*—*Each port-*  
12       *folio acquisition executive shall—*

13              “(1) *for each category established under sub-*  
14       *section (b), develop additional metrics and thresholds*  
15       *tailored to the defense acquisition programs assigned*  
16       *to such portfolio acquisition executive;*

17              “(2) *submit such additional metrics and thresh-*  
18       *olds to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition*  
19       *and Sustainment; and*

20              “(3) *upon approval of the Under Secretary of*  
21       *Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, file such*  
22       *additional metrics and thresholds with the Office of*  
23       *the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and*  
24       *Sustainment.*

1       “(d) *SUBMISSION TO COMMITTEES AND COMPTROLLER*  
 2   *GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition*  
 3   *and Sustainment shall submit any metrics and thresholds*  
 4   *approved under subsection (c)(3)—*

5               “(1) *to the Committee on Armed Services of the*  
 6       *Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the*  
 7       *House of Representatives not later than 30 days after*  
 8       *approving such metrics and thresholds; and*

9               “(2) *to the Comptroller General upon request.*

10       “(e) *ANNUAL REVIEW.—The Under Secretary of De-*  
 11   *fense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall review the*  
 12   *framework under subsection (a) not less frequently than an-*  
 13   *nually and shall update the framework as necessary to re-*  
 14   *flect changes in acquisition policy, program structure, or*  
 15   *operational requirements.*

16       “(f) *RELATIONSHIP TO ACQUISITION WORKFORCE*  
 17   *PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES.—(1) The Under Secretary of*  
 18   *Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall ensure that*  
 19   *the metrics and thresholds under this section—*

20               “(A) *are distinct from, and shall be administered*  
 21       *consistent with and separately from, the key perform-*  
 22       *ance objectives established under section 826 of the*  
 23       *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 24       *2026 (10 U.S.C. 1722b note) for evaluating the per-*

1     *formance of civilian members of the acquisition work-*  
2     *force; and*

3             *“(B) complement, and do not conflict with, the*  
4     *integration of such key performance objectives into*  
5     *performance management systems of the Department.*

6     *“(2) This section does not require the assessment of the*  
7     *individual performance of any member of the acquisition*  
8     *workforce.*

9     ***“§ 3105c. Portfolio acquisition executives: authority to***  
10            ***designate contractors for high performer***  
11            ***preference***

12     *“(a) AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE.—Each portfolio ac-*  
13     *quisition executive shall, with respect to contractors under*  
14     *the defense acquisition programs assigned to such executive,*  
15     *have the authority to designate a contractor for the high*  
16     *performer preference for purposes of this section if the con-*  
17     *tractor—*

18            *“(1) as documented in the contractor past per-*  
19     *formance database used by the Department of Defense,*  
20     *has received a rating of exceptional or very good for*  
21     *not fewer than three consecutive assessment periods*  
22     *under the defense acquisition programs assigned to*  
23     *such executive; and*

1           “(2) *has met or exceeded all key performance pa-*  
2           *rameters applicable to such programs during such pe-*  
3           *riod.*

4           “(b) *DOCUMENTATION.—The portfolio acquisition ex-*  
5           *ecutive shall make a designation under subsection (a) in*  
6           *writing, ensure that it is documented in any contractor*  
7           *past performance database used by the Department, and re-*  
8           *port the designation not later than 30 days after making*  
9           *the designation to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-*  
10          *sition and Sustainment and the component acquisition ex-*  
11          *ecutive or service acquisition executive of the military de-*  
12          *partment concerned, as applicable.*

13          “(c) *DURATION; REVOCATION.—(1) Except as provided*  
14          *in paragraph (2), a designation under subsection (a) shall*  
15          *remain in effect for a period not to exceed three years from*  
16          *the date on which the designation is made, at which time*  
17          *a new designation under subsection (a) may be made if the*  
18          *requirements of subsection (a) are met.*

19          “(2) *A portfolio acquisition executive may revoke a*  
20          *designation under subsection (a) at any time upon a deter-*  
21          *mination that the contractor no longer satisfies a require-*  
22          *ment in subsection (a). The portfolio acquisition executive*  
23          *shall make the revocation in writing, ensure that it is docu-*  
24          *mented in any contractor past performance database used*  
25          *by the Department, and report the revocation not later than*

1 30 days after making the revocation to the Under Secretary  
2 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the compo-  
3 nent acquisition executive or service acquisition executive  
4 of the military department concerned, as applicable.

5 “(d) *EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.*—In any competitive  
6 source selection conducted under the defense acquisition pro-  
7 grams assigned to a portfolio acquisition executive that has  
8 made a designation under subsection (a) that remains in  
9 effect, the contracting officer shall assign to any offeror with  
10 such a designation a past performance confidence rating  
11 of substantial confidence, except in a case in which the con-  
12 tracting officer determines, for specific documented reasons  
13 supported by specific performance data, to assign a lower  
14 past performance rating. In such a case, the contracting  
15 officer shall document in writing such determination, such  
16 reasons, and such data.

17 “(e) *LIMITATIONS.*—A designation under subsection  
18 (a) shall not—

19 “(1) constitute a sole-source justification or oth-  
20 erwise relieve the contracting officer of the obligation  
21 to conduct full and open competition as required by  
22 applicable law, regulation, and policy; or

23 “(2) be used to evaluate the past performance of  
24 an offeror in a source selection under a defense acqui-  
25 sition program not assigned to the portfolio acquisi-

1        *tion executive that made the designation, except with*  
2        *the prior written concurrence of the portfolio acquisi-*  
3        *tion executive to whom the defense acquisition pro-*  
4        *gram is assigned.”.*

5        *(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—*

6            *(1) GUIDANCE.—The guidance required by sec-*  
7        *tion 3105a of title 10, United States Code, as added*  
8        *by this section, shall be issued not later than 180 days*  
9        *after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

10          *(2) APPLICABILITY.—The authorities provided by*  
11        *sections 3105a, 3105b, and 3105c of such title, as*  
12        *added by this section, shall apply on and after the*  
13        *date on which such guidance is issued, except as pro-*  
14        *vided in paragraphs (3) and (4).*

15          *(3) REPORTS.—The first report required by sec-*  
16        *tion 3105a of such title shall be submitted not later*  
17        *than one year after the date of the enactment of this*  
18        *Act.*

19          *(4) ADDITIONAL TAILORED METRICS.—The first*  
20        *set of additional tailored metrics required by section*  
21        *3105b of such title shall be submitted not later than*  
22        *270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

23        **SEC. 802. ENSURING BEST VALUE IN PROCUREMENT.**

24          *(a) CODIFICATION OF USE OF LOWEST PRICE TECH-*  
25        *NICALLY ACCEPTABLE SOURCE SELECTION PROCESS.—*

1           (1) *TITLE 10.*—Chapter 223 of title 10, United  
2       *States Code*, is amended by inserting after section  
3       3243 the following new section:

4   **“§ 3244. Use of lowest price technically acceptable**  
5       **source selection process**

6       “(a) *STATEMENT OF POLICY.*—It shall be the policy  
7   of the Department of Defense to avoid using lowest price  
8   technically acceptable source selection criteria in cir-  
9   cumstances that would deny the Department the benefits of  
10  cost and technical tradeoffs in the source selection process.

11       “(b) *REGULATIONS.*—The Secretary of Defense shall  
12  ensure the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supple-  
13  ment requires that lowest price technically acceptable source  
14  selection criteria are used only in situations in which—

15           “(1) the Department of Defense is able to com-  
16   prehensively and clearly describe the minimum re-  
17   quirements expressed in terms of performance objec-  
18   tives, measures, and standards that will be used to de-  
19   termine acceptability of offers;

20           “(2) the Department of Defense would realize no,  
21   or minimal, value from a contract proposal exceeding  
22   the minimum technical or performance requirements  
23   set forth in the request for proposal;

24           “(3) the proposed technical approaches will re-  
25   quire no, or minimal, subjective judgment by the

1        *source selection authority as to the desirability of one*  
2        *offeror's proposal versus a competing proposal;*

3                *“(4) the source selection authority has a high de-*  
4        *gree of confidence that a review of technical proposals*  
5        *of offerors other than the lowest bidder would not re-*  
6        *sult in the identification of factors that could provide*  
7        *value or benefit to the Department;*

8                *“(5) the contracting officer has included a jus-*  
9        *tification for the use of a lowest price technically ac-*  
10       *ceptable evaluation methodology in the contract file;*

11               *“(6) the Department of Defense has determined*  
12       *that the lowest price reflects full life-cycle costs, in-*  
13       *cluding for operations and support;*

14               *“(7) the Department of Defense would realize no,*  
15       *or minimal, additional innovation or future techno-*  
16       *logical advantage by using a different methodology;*  
17       *and*

18               *“(8) with respect to a contract for procurement*  
19       *of goods, the goods procured are predominantly ex-*  
20       *pendable in nature, nontechnical, or have a short life*  
21       *expectancy or short shelf life.*

22        *“(c) AVOIDANCE OF USE OF LOWEST PRICE TECH-*  
23       *NICALLY ACCEPTABLE SOURCE SELECTION CRITERIA IN*  
24       *CERTAIN PROCUREMENTS.—To the maximum extent prac-*  
25       *ticable, the use of lowest price technically acceptable source*



1 *selection criteria shall be avoided in the case of a procure-*  
 2 *ment that is predominately for the acquisition of—*

3           “(1) *information technology services, cybersecu-*  
 4 *city services, systems engineering and technical assist-*  
 5 *ance services, advanced electronic testing, audit or*  
 6 *audit readiness services, or other knowledge-based pro-*  
 7 *fessional services;*

8           “(2) *personal protective equipment; or*

9           “(3) *knowledge-based training or logistics serv-*  
 10 *ices in contingency operations or other operations*  
 11 *outside the United States.”.*

12           (2) *TITLE 41.—*

13           (A) *IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 41,*  
 14 *United States Code, is amended by inserting*  
 15 *after section 4714 the following new section:*

16 **“§4715. Use of lowest price technically acceptable**  
 17 **source selection process**

18           “(a) *STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy*  
 19 *of the United States Government to avoid using lowest price*  
 20 *technically acceptable source selection criteria in cir-*  
 21 *cumstances that would deny the Government the benefits of*  
 22 *cost and technical tradeoffs in the source selection process.*

23           “(b) *REGULATIONS.—The Federal Acquisition Regu-*  
 24 *latory Council shall ensure the Federal Acquisition Regula-*

1 *tion requires that lowest price technically acceptable source*  
2 *selection criteria are used only in situations in which—*

3       “(1) *an executive agency is able to comprehen-*  
4 *sively and clearly describe the minimum requirements*  
5 *expressed in terms of performance objectives, meas-*  
6 *ures, and standards that will be used to determine ac-*  
7 *ceptability of offers;*

8       “(2) *the executive agency would realize no, or*  
9 *minimal, value from a contract proposal exceeding*  
10 *the minimum technical or performance requirements*  
11 *set forth in the request for proposal;*

12       “(3) *the proposed technical approaches will re-*  
13 *quire no, or minimal, subjective judgment by the*  
14 *source selection authority as to the desirability of one*  
15 *offeror’s proposal versus a competing proposal;*

16       “(4) *the executive agency has a high degree of*  
17 *confidence that a review of technical proposals of*  
18 *offerors other than the lowest bidder would not result*  
19 *in the identification of factors that could provide*  
20 *value or benefit to the executive agency;*

21       “(5) *the contracting officer has included a jus-*  
22 *tification for the use of a lowest price technically ac-*  
23 *ceptable evaluation methodology in the contract file;*  
24 *and*

1           “(6) the executive agency has determined that the  
2           lowest price reflects full life-cycle costs, including for  
3           operations and support.

4           “(c) AVOIDANCE OF USE OF LOWEST PRICE TECH-  
5           NICALLY ACCEPTABLE SOURCE SELECTION CRITERIA IN  
6           CERTAIN PROCUREMENTS.—To the maximum extent prac-  
7           ticable, the use of lowest price technically acceptable source  
8           selection criteria shall be avoided in the case of a procure-  
9           ment that is predominately for the acquisition of—

10           “(1) information technology services, cybersecu-  
11           rity services, systems engineering and technical assist-  
12           ance services, advanced electronic testing, audit or  
13           audit readiness services, health care services and  
14           records, telecommunications devices and services, mu-  
15           nitions response services, or other knowledge-based  
16           professional services;

17           “(2) personal protective equipment; or

18           “(3) knowledge-based training or logistics serv-  
19           ices in contingency operations or other operations  
20           outside the United States.

21           “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22           “(1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term ‘executive  
23           agency’ has the meaning given that term in section  
24           102 of title 40, except that the term does not include  
25           the Department of Defense.

1           “(2) *CONTINGENCY OPERATION*.—The term ‘con-  
 2           tingency operation’ has the meaning given that term  
 3           in section 101 of title 10.”.

4           (B) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT*.—The table of  
 5           contents for such chapter is amended by insert-  
 6           ing after the item relating to section 4714 the  
 7           following new item:

          “4715. Use of lowest price technically acceptable source selection process.”.

8           (b) *ENSURING BEST VALUE IN PROCUREMENT*.—Sec-  
 9           tion 152(3)(B) of title 41, United States Code, is amended  
 10          by striking “lowest overall cost alternative” and inserting  
 11          “best value”.

12          (c) *CONFORMING REPEALS*.—

13           (1) *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REQUIREMENT*.—  
 14           Section 813 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
 15           for Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. note prec. 3241) is  
 16           repealed.

17           (2) *GOVERNMENT-WIDE REQUIREMENT*.—Section  
 18           880 of the John S. McCain National Defense Author-  
 19           ization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (41 U.S.C. 3701  
 20           note) is repealed.

21   **SEC. 803. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN CONTRACT CLAUSES**  
 22                           **FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS OR COMMER-**  
 23                           **CIAL SERVICES.**

24           Section 3452 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
 25          ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

1       “(f) *LIMITATIONS.*—*The Secretary of Defense may*  
 2 *not—*

3               “(1) *include in the lists required by subsections*  
 4 *(b) and (c)(1) any contract clause that is substan-*  
 5 *tially similar to a contract clause for commercial*  
 6 *products or commercial services that is required by*  
 7 *the Federal Acquisition Regulation or otherwise re-*  
 8 *quired by the Department of Defense Supplement to*  
 9 *the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and*

10              “(2) *include in a contract for the procurement of*  
 11 *commercial products or commercial services a con-*  
 12 *tract clause from the Department of Defense Supple-*  
 13 *ment to the Federal Acquisition Regulation or Fed-*  
 14 *eral Acquisition Regulation that is not included on*  
 15 *such lists.”.*

16 **SEC. 804. ELIMINATION OF LATE COST AND PRICING DATA**  
 17 **SUBMISSION DEFENSE.**

18       *Section 3706(c) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 19 *amended—*

20              (1) *in paragraph (3) by striking “or” at the end;*

21              (2) *in paragraph (4) by striking the period and*  
 22 *inserting “; or”; and*

23              (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

24              “(5) *updates to cost or pricing data submitted by*  
 25 *the prime contractor or subcontractor after the date of*

1       *agreement on the price of the contract (or price of the*  
 2       *modification) or, if applicable and if consistent with*  
 3       *subsection (a)(2), such other date agreed upon between*  
 4       *the parties, were based on data that was more than*  
 5       *30 days old.”.*

6   **SEC. 805. REPORTING OF PRICE INCREASES.**

7       *Chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 8       *ed by adding at the end the following new section:*

9   **“§3710. Reporting of increases above specified prices**

10       *“(a) IN GENERAL.—An offeror shall be required to sub-*  
 11       *mit to the relevant contracting officer a report, not later*  
 12       *than 30 days after the offeror becomes aware that the price*  
 13       *of a product or service under a covered contract reaches or*  
 14       *exceeds an amount equal to—*

15               *“(1) 25 percent more than the price specified in*  
 16       *the covered contract bid;*

17               *“(2) 25 percent more than the price the Govern-*  
 18       *ment paid for such product or service during the cal-*  
 19       *endar year immediately preceding the date on which*  
 20       *the covered contract is entered into; or*

21               *“(3) 50 percent more than the price the Govern-*  
 22       *ment paid for such product or service at any time be-*  
 23       *fore the 5-year period preceding the date on which the*  
 24       *covered contract is entered into.*

1       “(b) *NONCOMPLIANCE.*—*With respect to an offeror who*  
 2 *fails to submit the report required under this section, the*  
 3 *Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency or the rel-*  
 4 *evant service acquisition executive shall include in the Fed-*  
 5 *eral Awardee Performance and Integrity Information Sys-*  
 6 *tem (or any successor system) the following information:*

7               “(1) *An identification of such offeror and the*  
 8 *specific product or service to which such report should*  
 9 *relate.*

10              “(2) *The National Stock Number of such product*  
 11 *or service and the order quantity, unit cost, total cost,*  
 12 *purchasing or reimbursing entity, and date of the*  
 13 *order for such product or service.*

14       “(c) *COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.*—*In this section,*  
 15 *the term ‘covered contract’ means a contract awarded using*  
 16 *procedures other than competitive procedures under section*  
 17 *3204 of this title or pursuant to section 6.302 of the Federal*  
 18 *Acquisition Regulation.”.*

19 **SEC. 806. LIMITATION ON SUSPENSION OF PROGRESS PAY-**  
 20 **MENTS.**

21       (a) *CONDITIONS FOR PROGRESS PAYMENTS.*—*Section*  
 22 *3804 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

23              (1) *in subsection (a)—*

24                      (A) *in the subsection heading, by striking*

25                      “*COMMENSURATE WITH WORK*”;

1                   (B) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-  
2                   retary of Defense”; and

3                   (C) by adding at the end the following new  
4                   paragraphs:

5           “(2) After finding substantial evidence that a covered  
6 condition applies for a contract, the Secretary of Defense  
7 may reduce a progress payment, increase the rate of liq-  
8 uidation, or both for such contract.

9           “(3) After finding substantial evidence that a covered  
10 condition applies for a contract, the Secretary of Defense  
11 may suspend a progress payment for such contract only  
12 if—

13                   “(A) the relevant contracting officer submits to  
14 the prime contractor for such contract a written state-  
15 ment of the substantial evidence that a covered condi-  
16 tion applies and provides the prime contractor ten  
17 calendar days to submit a written rebuttal;

18                   “(B) the head of the contracting activity reviews  
19 such statement and any rebuttal and recommends the  
20 suspension of the progress payment for such contract;  
21 and

22                   “(C) the service acquisition executive notifies the  
23 Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
24 resentatives and the Senate in writing of the suspen-



1        *sion of progress payments for such contract and of the*  
2        *substantial evidence that a covered condition applies.*

3        *“(4)(A) Any suspension of progress payments under*  
4        *paragraph (3) shall last not more than 60 calendar days*  
5        *if—*

6        *“(i) the prime contractor submits to the relevant con-*  
7        *tracting officer a written corrective action plan addressing*  
8        *the covered condition that was the basis for the suspension;*

9        *“(ii) the prime contractor initiates corrective action*  
10       *consistent with the submitted written plan within such 60-*  
11       *day period; and*

12       *“(iii) the service acquisition executive or portfolio ac-*  
13       *quisition executive, as applicable, after consultation with*  
14       *the head of the contracting activity and the relevant con-*  
15       *tracting officer, determines that both the corrective action*  
16       *plan and the initiated corrective action are sufficient to ad-*  
17       *dress the covered condition and meet the cost, schedule, per-*  
18       *formance, delivery, quality, readiness, sustainment, and fi-*  
19       *nancial-interest objectives of the Department.*

20       *“(B) The 60-day limitation in subparagraph (A) shall*  
21       *not apply if the service acquisition executive or portfolio*  
22       *acquisition executive, as applicable, determines such limita-*  
23       *tion would materially impair the ability of the Department*  
24       *to protect the interests of the Government interests or would*  
25       *create a material risk to the Department.”.*

1           (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
 2       *section:*

3       “(d) *COVERED CONDITION DEFINED.*—*In this section,*  
 4       *the term ‘covered condition’ means any of the conditions*  
 5       *listed in section 52.232-16(c) of the Federal Acquisition*  
 6       *Regulation (or successor regulation).’.*”

7       (b) *CONFORMING REGULATIONS.*—*Not later than 120*  
 8       *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
 9       *retary of Defense shall revise the Department of Defense*  
 10       *Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation carry*  
 11       *out the amendments made by this section.*

12       (c) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.*—*Section 3804 of title*  
 13       *10, United States Code, is amended by striking “defense*  
 14       *contract” each place it appears and inserting “contract”.*

15       **SEC. 807. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC CON-**  
 16                       **TRACT WRITING SYSTEMS AND ACQUISITION**  
 17                       **MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.**

18       (a) *UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT*  
 19       *OF DEFENSE.*—*Chapter 367 of title 10, United States Code,*  
 20       *is amended by inserting after section 4754 the following*  
 21       *new section:*

22       **“§4755. Requirements for electronic contract writing**  
 23                       **systems and acquisition management sys-**  
 24                       **tems**

25       *“The Secretary shall—*

1           “(1) establish, maintain, and make publicly  
2           available uniform data standards, internal control re-  
3           quirements, and independent verification and valida-  
4           tion requirements for processing procurement requests,  
5           contracts, receipts, and invoices by the Department;  
6           and

7           “(2) establish policy to ensure that each elec-  
8           tronic contract writing system and acquisition man-  
9           agement system of the Department—

10           “(A) substantially conforms with the stand-  
11           ards, requirements, and rules established pursu-  
12           ant to paragraph (1); and

13           “(B) is a commercial product or commer-  
14           cial service, as required by section 3453 of this  
15           title, unless the head of the agency makes the de-  
16           termination required by section 3453(d) of this  
17           title regarding non-availability of commercial  
18           products or commercial services.”.

19           (b) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—The initial standards, require-  
20           ments, and policies required by section 4755 of title 10,  
21           United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall be  
22           established not later than 180 days after the date of the  
23           enactment of this Act.

24           (c) *ASSESSMENT AND PHASED IMPLEMENTATION*  
25           *STRATEGY.*—

1           (1) *REQUIREMENT FOR STRATEGY.*—Not later  
2           than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this  
3           Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-  
4           gressional defense committees a report setting forth  
5           the strategy of the Secretary to transition the elec-  
6           tronic contract writing systems and acquisition man-  
7           agement systems of the Department of Defense to full  
8           implementation of the policy established as required  
9           by section 4755(2) of title 10, United States Code, as  
10          added by subsection (a).

11          (2) *ASSESSMENT TO INFORM STRATEGY.*—The  
12          strategy shall include, and be based on, an assessment  
13          of the current state, including—

14                (A) an inventory identifying each such sys-  
15                tem in use, in development, or in deployment  
16                within the Department; and

17                (B) for each system identified under sub-  
18                paragraph (A)—

19                   (i) an identification of the offices and  
20                   officials responsible for the system;

21                   (ii) a cost benefit analysis, including  
22                   an assessment of the criticality of the sys-  
23                   tem and impact on the mission, and an  
24                   identification of the system as a commer-  
25                   cially available of-the-shelf item, an item

1           *developed by the Government, or a Govern-*  
2           *ment-off-the-shelf item, as applicable; and*

3           *(iii) an identification of the annual*  
4           *spending on the system, from inception and*  
5           *estimated remaining cost to complete appli-*  
6           *cation baselines and expected annual sup-*  
7           *port and maintenance costs once complete,*  
8           *broken down by—*

9                   *(I) Government labor and ex-*  
10                  *pense;*

11                  *(II) contracted costs (such as the*  
12                  *costs of software licenses and con-*  
13                  *tractor support); and*

14                  *(III) costs associated with the cur-*  
15                  *rent hosting approach on the current*  
16                  *platform, including identification of*  
17                  *the Government's cost of maintaining*  
18                  *infrastructure and associated*  
19                  *sustainment costs.*

20           *(3) MATTERS INCLUDED IN STRATEGY.—The*  
21           *strategy shall include—*

22                  *(A) a description of the coordination nec-*  
23                  *essary within and among the military depart-*  
24                  *ments, the Defense Agencies, and other elements*  
25                  *of the Department to enable successful transition;*

1           (B) for each system identified under para-  
2 graph (2)(A) that is not in compliance with the  
3 policy described in paragraph (1), a timeline for  
4 transitioning from that system, including an es-  
5 timate of anticipated reductions in deployment  
6 timelines for the system to reach full operating  
7 capability;

8           (C) for each system identified under para-  
9 graph (2)(A), a strategy for hosting the system  
10 on a platform in compliance with the policy de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (1), including an evalua-  
12 tion of opportunities to leverage existing com-  
13 mercially available or commercial off-the-shelf  
14 products and services to reduce the Government's  
15 cost of maintaining infrastructure and associ-  
16 ated sustainment costs;

17           (D) a recommended approach to speed the  
18 adoption of secure artificial intelligence ("AI")  
19 services for such systems, including how best to  
20 prioritize the adoption of commercially available  
21 or commercial off-the-shelf products and services  
22 with AI technology to help prevent the prolifera-  
23 tion of redundant and disconnected AI tools;

1           (E) an identification of funding, staffing,  
2           and resource requirements associated with imple-  
3           mentation of such systems;

4           (F) an identification of any challenges, bar-  
5           riers, or risks affecting implementation of such  
6           systems and recommended approaches to address-  
7           ing or mitigating such challenges, barriers, or  
8           risks; and

9           (G) a cost estimate associated with the tran-  
10          sition from the current state to full implementa-  
11          tion of the policy described in paragraph (1), in-  
12          cluding any cost savings associated with the re-  
13          duction or elimination of continued use and de-  
14          velopment of systems that are not commercial  
15          products or commercial services.

16       (d) *APPLICABILITY TO CURRENT VENDORS.*—For each  
17       system identified under paragraph (2)(A) that is a commer-  
18       cial product or commercial service as of the date on which  
19       the policy described in paragraph (1) is established, if the  
20       vendor of the system reasonably demonstrates that the sys-  
21       tem has the capability to meet a preponderance of the De-  
22       partment’s requirements, the Secretary shall ensure that the  
23       vendor is given a reasonable opportunity to address any  
24       unmet requirements, as long as the unmet requirements can  
25       be delivered not later than the date that is 270 days after

1 *the date of the enactment of this Act and at no development*  
2 *cost to the Department.*

3       (e) *UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN EXECU-*  
4 *TIVE AGENCIES.*—Subchapter II of chapter 11 of title 41,  
5 *United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the*  
6 *following new section:*

7 **“§ 1132. Requirements for electronic contract writing**  
8 **systems and acquisition management sys-**  
9 **tems**

10       “(a) *The Administrator for Federal Procurement Pol-*  
11 *icy, with respect to the executive agencies other than the*  
12 *Department of Defense, shall—*

13               “(1) *establish or update, as necessary, uniform*  
14 *data standards, internal control requirements, inde-*  
15 *pendent verification and validation requirements,*  
16 *and business process rules for processing procurement*  
17 *requests, contracts, receipts, and invoices by the De-*  
18 *partment of Defense or other executive agencies, as*  
19 *applicable;*

20               “(2) *establish or update, as necessary, and main-*  
21 *tain one or more approved electronic contract writing*  
22 *systems that conform with the standards, require-*  
23 *ments, and rules established pursuant to paragraph*  
24 *(1); and*



1           “(3) *require the use of electronic contract writing*  
2           *systems approved in accordance with paragraph (2)*  
3           *for all contracts entered into by executive agencies*  
4           *other than the Department of Defense, as applicable.*

5           “(b) *RELATION TO EXISTING CONTRACT WRITING SYS-*  
6           *TEMS AND ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.—Not-*  
7           *withstanding subsection (a), the head of an executive agency*  
8           *other than the Department of Defense shall meet the require-*  
9           *ments of subsection (a)(2) with respect to approved elec-*  
10           *tronic contract writing systems if they were in compliance*  
11           *with the requirements established pursuant to section 862*  
12           *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
13           *2013 (41 U.S.C. prec. 3101 note) on the date of enactment*  
14           *of this section until such time as those requirements are*  
15           *updated pursuant to subsection (a).”.*

16           “(f) *REPEAL OF PRIOR RELATED PROVISION.—Section*  
17           *862 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
18           *Year 2013 (41 U.S.C. 3101 note prec.) is repealed.*

19           **SEC. 808. RISK-BASED APPROACH TO MONITORING CON-**  
20           **TRACTOR BUSINESS SYSTEMS.**

21           “(a) *REQUIREMENT FOR RISK-BASED APPROACH.—*  
22           *Section 3843 of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
23           *to read as follows:*

1   **“§ 3843. Contractor business systems: monitoring and**  
2                   **surveillance standards**

3           “(a) *REQUIREMENT FOR RISK-BASED APPROACH.—*  
4   *The Secretary shall implement an agile, streamlined risk-*  
5   *based approach to surveillance of contractor business sys-*  
6   *tems that—*

7                   “(1) *minimizes the requirements for the surveil-*  
8           *lance of contractor business systems to only those that*  
9           *are necessary to conform with commercial best prac-*  
10          *tices or industry standards, as applicable;*

11                  “(2) *integrates the surveillance of contractor*  
12          *business systems into the Defense Contract Manage-*  
13          *ment Agency’s standard surveillance framework, and*  
14          *requires that any additional reviews be risk-based*  
15          *and informed by the results of those standard surveil-*  
16          *lance activities; and*

17                  “(3) *allows a contractor to provide internal re-*  
18          *ports in connection with such standard surveillance*  
19          *activities and targeted reviews, and ensures that any*  
20          *such report is considered in the course of reviewing*  
21          *the contractor’s business systems.*

22           “(b) *MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SURVEILLANCE.—*  
23   *In establishing the minimum requirements for surveillance*  
24   *under subsection (a)(1) for each type of contractor business*  
25   *system, the Secretary shall ensure that such requirements*  
26   *do not exceed the minimum requirements that are necessary*

1 *to conform with commercial best practices or industry*  
2 *standards, as applicable, for that type of system.*

3       “(c) *SURVEILLANCE AND REVIEW.—(1) Except as pro-*  
4 *vided in paragraphs (2) and (3), in implementing the re-*  
5 *quirements of this section, the Secretary shall ensure that*  
6 *the frequency of review of a contractor business system shall*  
7 *be not more than once every three years, unless the standard*  
8 *surveillance activities under subsection (a)(2) indicate that*  
9 *the system has or may have a material weakness.*

10       “(2) *In a case in which the contractor is a company*  
11 *that is subject to the securities laws, if a registered public*  
12 *accounting firm attests to the internal control assessment*  
13 *of the contractor, pursuant to section 404(b) of the Sar-*  
14 *banes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)), and certified*  
15 *documentation from such registered public accounting firm*  
16 *reflects—*

17               “(A) *the unqualified opinion of such firm with*  
18 *respect to the contractor business system, such docu-*  
19 *mentation shall eliminate the need for further review*  
20 *of the contractor business system by the Secretary;*

21               “(B) *a qualified opinion of such firm with re-*  
22 *spect to the contractor business system, the Secretary*  
23 *shall review only those aspects of the contractor busi-*  
24 *ness system as to which the opinion was qualified*  
25 *rather than unqualified; and*

1           “(C) an adverse opinion of such firm with re-  
2           spect to the contractor business system, the Secretary  
3           shall take action under paragraph (1) or (2), or both,  
4           of subsection (d).

5           “(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Secretary  
6           may establish a profit-based exemption for cases in which  
7           the contractor is a company that is subject to the securities  
8           laws. Under the exemption, the contractor business system  
9           of such a contractor may be exempt from further review  
10          by the Secretary if the level of profit of the contractor, tak-  
11          ing into account all contracts of the contractor with the De-  
12          partment, is below a threshold level established by the Sec-  
13          retary.

14          “(d) *CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND REMEDIES.*—The ap-  
15          proach implemented under subsection (a) shall ensure the  
16          following:

17                 “(1) If the Secretary determines under subsection  
18                 (c) that a contractor business system has a material  
19                 weakness, appropriate officials of the Department will  
20                 be available to work with the contractor to develop a  
21                 corrective action plan defining specific actions to be  
22                 taken to address the material weakness and a schedule  
23                 for the implementation of such actions.

1           “(2) *The Secretary may pursue any other rem-*  
2           *edies that may be available under the contract or*  
3           *under any other applicable law and regulation.*

4           “(e) *GUIDANCE AND TRAINING.—The approach imple-*  
5           *mented under subsection (a) shall provide guidance and*  
6           *training to appropriate Government officials on the ap-*  
7           *proach, the requirements and limitations in subsection (c)*  
8           *that apply to companies that are subject to the securities*  
9           *laws, the data that is produced by contractor business sys-*  
10          *tems, and the manner in which such data should be used*  
11          *to effectively manage Department programs.*

12          “(f) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

13               “(1) *The term ‘contractor business system’ means*  
14               *an integrated set of internal controls, processes, proce-*  
15               *dures, personnel, and information capabilities that a*  
16               *contractor uses to plan, execute, monitor, and report*  
17               *on its performance of Government contracts in a*  
18               *manner that is accurate, consistent, auditable, and*  
19               *compliant with clear and specific business system re-*  
20               *quirements that are identified and made publicly*  
21               *available.*

22               “(2) *The term ‘material weakness’ means a defi-*  
23               *ciency or combination of deficiencies in the internal*  
24               *control over information in contractor business sys-*  
25               *tems, such that there is a reasonable possibility that*

1        *a material misstatement of such information will not*  
 2        *be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely*  
 3        *basis. For purposes of this paragraph, a reasonable*  
 4        *possibility exists when the likelihood of an event oc-*  
 5        *curring—*

6                        *“(A) is probable; or*

7                        *“(B) is more than remote but less than like-*  
 8                        *ly.”.*

9        *(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The initial approach required*  
 10        *by section 3843 of title 10, United States Code, as added*  
 11        *by subsection (a), shall be implemented not later than De-*  
 12        *cember 1, 2027.*

13        *(c) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTING APPROACH AND DE-*  
 14        *FINING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—*

15                        *(1) AGREEMENT.—Not later than 90 days after*  
 16        *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
 17        *Defense shall enter into an agreement with the acqui-*  
 18        *sition research organization described in section*  
 19        *4142(a) of title 10, United States Code, requiring the*  
 20        *organization to—*

21                        *(A) document and evaluate commercial best*  
 22        *practices and industry standards for each type of*  
 23        *contractor business system, as described in sub-*  
 24        *section (b) of such section 3843; and*

1           (B) *make recommendations for the ap-*  
2           *proach required by subsection (a) of such section*  
3           *3843.*

4           (2) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 90 days after the*  
5           *date on which the Secretary and the organization*  
6           *enter into the agreement required by paragraph (1),*  
7           *the organization shall submit to the Secretary a re-*  
8           *port on the results of the activities carried out under*  
9           *paragraph (1).*

10          (3) *CONSIDERATION OF REPORT.*—*In imple-*  
11          *menting the initial approach required by subsection*  
12          *(a) of such section 3843, and in defining the min-*  
13          *imum requirements for contractor business systems*  
14          *under subsection (b) of such section, the Secretary*  
15          *shall take into account the report submitted under*  
16          *paragraph (2).*

17          (d) *REPEAL OF CONTRACTOR BUSINESS SYSTEMS IM-*  
18          *PROVEMENT PROGRAM.*—*Section 893 of the Ike Skelton Na-*  
19          *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Pub-*  
20          *lic Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3841) is repealed.*

21       **SEC. 809. PROCUREMENT OF INITIAL SPARES.**

22           *Section 4274 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
23       *ed to read as follows:*

1 **“§ 4274. Procurement of initial spares**

2       “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Before awarding a contract for a  
3 covered end item, the contracting officer for such covered  
4 end item shall determine, in writing, that sufficient  
5 amounts have been programmed and budgeted for the pro-  
6 curement of initial spares associated with the covered end  
7 item.

8       “(b) *DEFINITIONS.*—

9               “(1) The term ‘covered end item’ means an end  
10 item (as defined section 4863 of this title) for a major  
11 defense acquisition program to be procured after the  
12 Milestone C approval (as defined in section 4172 of  
13 this title) for such major defense acquisition program.

14               “(2) The term ‘initial spare’ means a repairable  
15 or consumable part for use in a major defense acqui-  
16 sition program during the initial period of service of  
17 such weapon system.”.

18 **SEC. 810. PROCUREMENT OF LOCAL PRODUCE, SEAFOOD,**  
19 **AND MEAT IN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY**  
20 **OF THE UNITED STATES INDO-PACIFIC COM-**  
21 **MAND.**

22       (a) *PROCUREMENT FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE*  
23 *INDO-PACIFIC REGION.*—Not later than one year after the  
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
25 shall develop and implement a plan to be carried out by  
26 the Defense Commissary Agency and the Defense Logistics



1 *Agency to increase procurement of local produce, seafood,*  
2 *and meat for a dining facility or commissary store located*  
3 *on a military installation or onboard a naval vessel located*  
4 *in the area of responsibility of the United States Indo-Pa-*  
5 *cific Command. Such plan will include a requirement, to*  
6 *the extent practicable, to procure local produce for com-*  
7 *missary stores located in such area of responsibility.*

8       (b) *PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN*  
9 *PRODUCE OR MEAT.*—Section 4862(g)(2)(A) of title 10,  
10 *United States Code, is amended by inserting “, produce,*  
11 *or meat” after “seafood”.*

12       (c) *REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after the date  
13 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
14 *submit to the congressional defense committees a report that*  
15 *include the following:*

16               (1) *The plan required under subsection (a), in-*  
17 *cluding ways in which the plan would—*

18                       (A) *support partner or allied nations that*  
19                       *are experiencing economic coercion from China;*  
20                       *and*

21                       (B) *provide fresher food in dining facilities*  
22                       *or commissary stores described in such sub-*  
23                       *section.*

1           (2) *The percentage of local produce, seafood, and*  
2           *meat available, and projected percentage after two*  
3           *years of implementing such plan—*

4                   (A) *in each commissary store located on a*  
5                   *military installation located in the area of re-*  
6                   *sponsibility of the United States Indo-Pacific*  
7                   *Command;*

8                   (B) *in each dining facility located on a*  
9                   *military installation located in the area of re-*  
10                  *sponsibility of the United States Indo-Pacific*  
11                  *Command; and*

12                  (C) *onboard a naval vessel located in the*  
13                  *area of responsibility of the United States Indo-*  
14                  *Pacific Command.*

15           (d) *LOCAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term “local”*  
16           *means, with respect to produce, seafood, or meat, that such*  
17           *produce, seafood, or meat is sourced from a partner or allied*  
18           *nation or a State or territory of the United States located*  
19           *in the area of responsibility of the United States Indo-Pa-*  
20           *cific Command.*

21   **SEC. 811. REVIEW OF DEFENSE AUDIT AGENCIES.**

22           (a) *REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days*  
23           *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
24           *of Defense shall seek to enter into a contract with an entity*  
25           *that conducts audits, reviews, or surveillance of companies*

1 *listed on a national securities exchange, to conduct a com-*  
2 *prehensive review of the standards, guidance, and policies*  
3 *of the defense audit agencies relating to audits, reviews, and*  
4 *surveillance of defense contractors. The purpose of the com-*  
5 *prehensive review shall be to identify opportunities to im-*  
6 *prove the processes of the defense audit agencies for audit-*  
7 *ing, reviewing, and surveilling defense contractors, includ-*  
8 *ing to streamline the auditing, reviewing, and surveilling*  
9 *processes, ensure materiality of reviews, and generally im-*  
10 *prove the effectiveness of the audits, reviews, and surveil-*  
11 *lance activities of the defense audit agencies.*

12       (b) *ELEMENTS.—The comprehensive review required*  
13 *by subsection (a) shall assess the following:*

14               (1) *A comparison of—*

15                       (A) *the processes used by the defense audit*  
16 *agencies to conduct audits, reviews, and surveil-*  
17 *lance of defense contractors; and*

18                       (B) *industry best practices for such proc-*  
19 *esses.*

20               (2) *A comparison of—*

21                       (A) *the standards used by the defense audit*  
22 *agencies in connection with such audits, reviews,*  
23 *and surveillance, including the use of materi-*  
24 *ality standards; and*

1                   (B) *industry best practices for such stand-*  
2                   *ards.*

3                   (3) *The extent to which industry best practices*  
4                   *are applicable and transferrable to the audits, re-*  
5                   *views, and surveillance of defense contractors by the*  
6                   *defense audit agencies.*

7                   (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after the date*  
8                   *of the enactment of this Act, the entity contracted for the*  
9                   *comprehensive review required by subsection (a) shall pro-*  
10                  *vide a report on the results of the review to the Secretary*  
11                  *of Defense and the Inspector General of the Department of*  
12                  *Defense. The report shall include—*

13                  (1) *findings on the effectiveness of the defense*  
14                  *audit agencies in conducting audits, reviews, and sur-*  
15                  *veillance of defense contractors;*

16                  (2) *the comparison described in subsection (b)(1);*

17                  (3) *the comparison described in subsection (b)(2);*

18                  (4) *the assessment described in subsection (b)(3);*

19                  *and*

20                  (5) *Recommendations for improving the effective-*  
21                  *ness of the defense audit agencies in conducting au-*  
22                  *ditions, reviews, and surveillance of defense contractors,*  
23                  *including recommendations for—*

1           (A) improving the training of the staff of  
2           the defense audit agencies who conduct such au-  
3           dits, reviews, and surveillance;

4           (B) improving the accuracy and reliability  
5           of such audits, reviews, and surveillance;

6           (C) ensuring the use of a materiality stand-  
7           ard similar to the standard used in generally ac-  
8           cepted auditing standards;

9           (D) improving the processes used by the de-  
10          fense agencies to conduct such audits, reviews,  
11          and surveillance;

12          (E) relieving the burdens on defense con-  
13          tractors of such audits, reviews, and surveillance  
14          without undermining the effectiveness and integ-  
15          rity of such audits, reviews, and surveillance;  
16          and

17          (F) ensuring the effective implementation of  
18          such recommendations by the defense audit agen-  
19          cies and the effective monitoring of such imple-  
20          mentation.

21       (d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—  
22       Not later than 60 days after the date on which the Inspector  
23       General of the Department of Defense receives the report  
24       required by subsection (c), the Inspector General shall sub-  
25       mit to the congressional defense committees an unaltered

1 *copy of the report, along with any comments or rec-*  
 2 *ommendations that the Inspector General considers appro-*  
 3 *priate.*

4 *(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

5 *(1) The term “defense audit agency” means the*  
 6 *Defense Contract Audit Agency and the Defense Con-*  
 7 *tract Management Agency.*

8 *(2) The term “industry best practices” means the*  
 9 *best practices used to conduct audits, reviews, and*  
 10 *surveillance of companies listed on a national securi-*  
 11 *ties exchange, in accordance with generally accepted*  
 12 *auditing standards or national securities exchange re-*  
 13 *quirements, as appropriate.*

14 *(3) The term “national securities exchange”*  
 15 *means an exchange registered as a national securities*  
 16 *exchange under section 6 of the Securities Exchange*  
 17 *Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f).*

18 ***Subtitle B—Amendments to General***  
 19 ***Contracting Authorities, Proce-***  
 20 ***dures, and Limitations***

21 ***SEC. 821. MODIFICATION TO CERTAIN ACQUISITION***  
 22 ***THRESHOLDS.***

23 *(a) ADJUSTMENT TO INFLATION.—*

24 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1908(c)(2) of title 41,*  
 25 *United States Code, is amended by striking “of each*

1        *year evenly divisible by 5” and inserting “, 2028, and*  
 2        *every 3 years thereafter”.*

3            (2) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

4            (A) *TITLE 10.—Title 10, United States*  
 5        *Code, is amended—*

6            (i) *in section 3702(g), by striking “Ef-*  
 7        *fective on October 1 of each year that is di-*  
 8        *visible by 5, each” and inserting “Each”;*  
 9        *and*

10          (ii) *in section 3742, by striking “Effec-*  
 11        *tive on October 1 of each year that is divis-*  
 12        *ible by five, the” and inserting “The”.*

13          (B) *TITLE 41.—Section 3502(g) of title 41,*  
 14        *United States Code, is amended by striking “Ef-*  
 15        *fective on October 1 of each year that is divisible*  
 16        *by 5, each” and inserting “Each”.*

17        (b) *ADJUSTMENTS TO CERTAIN ACQUISITION THRESH-*  
 18        *OLDS.—*

19            (1) *MAJOR PROGRAM; TITLE 41.—Section 109 of*  
 20        *title 41, United States Code, is amended—*

21            (A) *in subsection (b)(1)—*

22            (i) *by striking “\$75,000,000 (based on*  
 23        *fiscal year 1980 constant dollars)” and in-*  
 24        *serting “\$275,000,000”; and*

1                   (ii) by striking “\$300,000,000 (based  
2                   on fiscal year 1980 constant dollars)” and  
3                   inserting “\$1,300,000,000”; and

4                   (B) in subsection (b)(2), by striking  
5                   “\$750,000 (based on fiscal year 1980 constant  
6                   dollars)” and inserting “\$2,000,000”.

7                   (2) *SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR SMALL PUR-*  
8                   *CHASES.*—

9                   (A) *TITLE 10.*—Section 3205(a)(2) of title  
10                  10, *United States Code*, is amended by striking  
11                  “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”.

12                  (B) *TITLE 41.*—Title 41, *United States*  
13                  *Code*, is amended—

14                   (i) in section 1901(a)(2), by striking  
15                   “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”;  
16                   and

17                   (ii) in section 3305(a)(2), by striking  
18                   “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”.

19                  (3) *SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD.*—

20                  (A) *TITLE 10.*—Section 3571 of title 10,  
21                  *United States Code*, is amended—

22                   (i) in subsection (a), by striking “For”  
23                   and inserting “Except as provided in sub-  
24                   section (b), for”;



1                   (ii) by redesignating subsection (b) as  
 2                   subsection (c); and  
 3                   (iii) by inserting after subsection (a)  
 4                   the following new subsection:

5           “(b) *CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS; HUMANITARIAN OR*  
 6 *PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.*—For purposes of acquisi-  
 7 tions by agencies named in section 3063 of this title, in  
 8 the case of any contract to be awarded and performed, or  
 9 purchase to be made, in support of a contingency operation  
 10 or a humanitarian or peacekeeping operation, the sim-  
 11 plified acquisition threshold means an amount equal to two  
 12 times the amount specified for that term in subsection (a).”.

13           (B) *TITLE 41.*—Title 41, United States  
 14 Code, is amended—

15           (i) in section 134, by striking  
 16 “\$250,000” and inserting “\$500,000”; and  
 17           (ii) in section 153(1), by striking “out-  
 18 side the United States”.

19           (C) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—Title 10,  
 20 United States Code, is amended—

21           (i) in section 1724(a), by striking “sec-  
 22 tion 3205” and inserting “section 3571”;  
 23           (ii) in section 3862(d), by striking  
 24 paragraph (1);

1                   (iii) in section 4505(h), by striking  
2                   paragraph (7);

3                   (iv) in section 4651(b), by striking  
4                   “(as defined in section 134 of title 41)”;

5                   (v) in section 4654(d), by striking “(as  
6                   defined in section 134 of title 41)”;

7                   (vi) in section 4655(c), by striking “(as  
8                   defined in section 134 of title 41)”;

9                   (vii) in section 4656(a)(4)(A), by strik-  
10                  ing “(as defined in section 134 of title 41)”;

11                  (viii) in section 4659(b), by striking  
12                  “(as defined in section 134 of title 41)”;

13                  and

14                  (ix) in section 4753(b)(3), by striking  
15                  “(as defined in section 134 of title 41)”.

16                  (4) *MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD.*—

17                         (A) *TITLE 10.*—Section 3573 of title 10,  
18                         *United States Code*, is amended by striking  
19                         “\$10,000” and inserting “the micro-purchase  
20                         threshold specified in section 1902(a)(1) of title  
21                         41”.

22                         (B) *TITLE 41.*—Section 1902(a)(1) of title  
23                         41, *United States Code*, is amended by striking  
24                         “\$10,000” and inserting “\$25,000”.

1           (5) *MODIFICATIONS TO SUBMISSIONS OF COST OR*  
2           *PRICING DATA; TITLE 41.—Section 3502(a) of title 41,*  
3           *United States Code, is amended—*

4                   (A) *in paragraph (1)—*

5                           (i) *by striking “2018” each place it*  
6                           *appears and inserting “2027”;*

7                           (ii) *in subparagraph (A), by striking*  
8                           *“\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”;*  
9                           *and*

10                          (iii) *in subparagraph (B), by striking*  
11                          *“\$750,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”;*

12                   (B) *in paragraph (2)—*

13                           (i) *in subparagraph (A), by striking*  
14                           *“\$2,000,000;” and inserting “\$10,000,000;*  
15                           *and”;*

16                           (ii) *in subparagraph (B)—*

17                                   (I) *by striking “prime contract*  
18                                   *that was entered into on or before June*  
19                                   *30, 2018, and that has been modified*  
20                                   *pursuant to subsection (f),” and insert-*  
21                                   *ing “prime contract referred to in*  
22                                   *paragraph (1)(B),”; and*

23                                   (II) *by striking “\$750,000; and”*  
24                                   *and inserting “\$2,000,000.”; and*

25                           (iii) *by striking subparagraph (C);*

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

“(A) in the case of a prime contract entered into after June 30, 2027, the price of the subcontract is expected to exceed \$10,000,000; and

“(B) in the case of a prime contract entered into on or before June 30, 2027, the price of the subcontract is expected to exceed \$2,000,000.”; and

(D) in paragraph (4), by striking “if—” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “if the price adjustment is expected to exceed \$2,000,000.”.

(6) **MODIFICATIONS TO PRIOR CONTRACTS.—**

(A) **TITLE 10.**—Section 3702(f) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “2018” and inserting “2026”.

(B) **TITLE 41.**—Section 3502(f) of title 41, United States Code, is amended by striking “2018” and inserting “2027”.

**SEC. 822. USE OF ACCRUED INTEREST BY CERTAIN CONSORTIUM MANAGERS.**

Section 4021(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

1           (1) by striking “The authority” and inserting  
2           “(1) The authority”; and

3           (2) by adding at the end the following new para-  
4           graph:

5           “(2)(A) A contracting officer or an authorized official  
6 with legal authority to enter into an agreement on behalf  
7 of the Department of Defense under this section may au-  
8 thorize a consortium management organization to retain  
9 the interest accruing on the held amounts of such consor-  
10 tium management organization as payment for any covered  
11 costs through an agreement that—

12           “(i) authorizes such consortium management or-  
13 ganization to make payments to members of a consor-  
14 tium, other than such consortium management orga-  
15 nization, on behalf of the Department of Defense; and

16           “(ii) requires such consortium management orga-  
17 nization to—

18           “(I) invest such held amounts in Treasury  
19 bills of the Government; and

20           “(II) return to the Department any interest  
21 earned on such held amounts that exceeds such  
22 covered costs.

23           “(B) Interest on held amounts of a covered advance  
24 payment that is returned to the Department of Defense by  
25 a consortium management organization pursuant to sub-

1 paragraph (A) shall be credited to the account from which  
2 such covered advance payment was made. Amounts so cred-  
3 ited shall be merged with amounts in that account, and  
4 shall be available for the same purposes, and subject to the  
5 same conditions and limitations, as other amounts in that  
6 account.

7 “(C) In this paragraph—

8 “(i) the term ‘consortium management organiza-  
9 tion’ means an entity that is responsible for coordi-  
10 nating, administering, and supporting the activities  
11 of a consortium under an agreement described in sub-  
12 paragraph (A);

13 “(ii) the term ‘covered advance payment’ means  
14 an advance payment made by the Department of De-  
15 fense to a consortium management organization  
16 under an agreement described in subparagraph (A)  
17 for the purposes of such consortium management or-  
18 ganization making payments to members of a consor-  
19 tium on behalf of the Department;

20 “(iii) the term ‘covered costs’ means—

21 “(I) the fees chargeable to the Government  
22 by a consortium management organization  
23 under an agreement described in subparagraph  
24 (A); and

1           “(II) any other costs incurred by a consor-  
 2           tium management organization that are directly  
 3           attributable to the operation or the management  
 4           of a consortium by a consortium management  
 5           organization and chargeable to the Government  
 6           under such agreement; and

7           “(iv) the term ‘held amounts’ means funds pro-  
 8           vided as a covered advance payment that have not yet  
 9           been used by the consortium management organiza-  
 10          tion to which such covered advance payment was  
 11          made to make a payment to a member of a consor-  
 12          tium or returned to the Government in accordance  
 13          with an agreement described in subparagraph (A).”.

14 **SEC. 823. AMENDMENT TO OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHOR-**  
 15 **ITY.**

16           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 4022 of title 10, United  
 17 States Code, is amended—

18           (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

19                   (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “agen-  
 20                   cy that” and all that follows through “the use”  
 21                   and inserting “agency that the use”;

22                   (B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking  
 23                   “writing that” and all that follows through “the  
 24                   use” and inserting “writing that the use”; and

1                   (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “sub-  
2                   section (f)” each place it appears and inserting  
3                   “subsection (g)”;

4                   (2) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
5                   lows:

6                   “(d) *APPROPRIATE USE OF AUTHORITY.*—An official  
7                   responsible for entering into a transaction under the au-  
8                   thority of this section may use such authority upon deter-  
9                   mining any one of the following conditions:

10                  “(1) *The use of such transaction permits the Sec-*  
11                  *retary to use innovative business arrangements or*  
12                  *structures that would not be practical or feasible*  
13                  *under a contract.*

14                  “(2) *The prototype project offered is an innova-*  
15                  *tive or novel product, service, process, or business*  
16                  *practice that is more practicable to acquire under*  
17                  *such transaction than under a contract.*

18                  “(3) *The use of such transaction is expected to*  
19                  *accelerate delivery of capability to members of the*  
20                  *armed forces compared with other procurement meth-*  
21                  *ods.*

22                  “(4) *The use of such transaction provides oppor-*  
23                  *tunity to expand or strengthen the defense industrial*  
24                  *base in a manner that would not be practical or fea-*  
25                  *sible under a contract.”;*



1           (3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (i)  
2           as subsections (f) through (j), respectively; and

3           (4) by inserting after subsection (d) the following  
4           new subsection:

5           “(e) *ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.—The official re-*  
6           *sponsible for entering into a transaction under this section*  
7           *shall consider other actions by an offeror relating to such*  
8           *transaction if such actions will increase value to the Gov-*  
9           *ernment, or contribute positively to the expansion, diver-*  
10          *sification, or resilience of the defense industrial base, in-*  
11          *cluding—*

12           “(1) *significant participation by one or more*  
13          *nontraditional defense contractors (as defined in sec-*  
14          *tion 3014 of this title) or small business concerns (as*  
15          *defined under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15*  
16          *U.S.C. 632)), including through teaming arrange-*  
17          *ments, joint ventures, or consortia;*

18           “(2) *the potential to reduce technical, schedule,*  
19          *or performance risk, or accelerate transition to pro-*  
20          *duction; or*

21           “(3) *fielding through use of non-Federal cost*  
22          *sharing.”.*

23          (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

1           (1) *NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947*.—Section  
2       102A(m)(6)(C) of the *National Security Act of 1947*  
3       (50 U.S.C. 3024(m)(6)(C)) is amended—

4           (A) in clause (v), by striking “of Defense”;

5           (B) by repealing clause (vi); and

6           (C) in clause (vii)—

7           (i) in the matter preceding subclause  
8       (I), by striking “section 4022(f)(2)” and in-  
9       serting “section 4022(g)(2)”; and

10          (ii) in subclause (V)(cc), by striking  
11       “section 4022(f)(5)” and inserting “section  
12       4022(g)(5)”.

13          (2) *HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002*.—Section  
14       831(d) of the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (6  
15       U.S.C. 391(d)) is amended by striking “4022(e)” and  
16       inserting “4022(f)”.

17          (3) *JOHN S. MCCAIN NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-*  
18       *THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019*.—Section  
19       873(c)(1) of the *John S. McCain National Defense*  
20       *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019* (Public Law  
21       115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4021 note) is amended—

22           (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-  
23       section (f)” and inserting “subsection (g)”; and

24           (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking “or  
25       (f)” and inserting “or (g)”.

1           (4) *JAMES M. INHOFE NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-*  
 2           *THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.*—Section  
 3           322(h)(2) of the *James M. Inhofe National Defense*  
 4           *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law*  
 5           *117–263; 10 U.S.C. 2911 note)* is amended by strik-  
 6           ing “subsection (f)” and inserting “subsection (g)”.

7           (5) *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION*  
 8           *ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.*—Section 2828 of the  
 9           *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
 10          *Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60)* is amended by strik-  
 11          ing “section 4022(i)” and inserting “section 4022(j)”.

12 **SEC. 824. REQUIREMENT FOR MODULAR OPEN SYSTEM AP-**  
 13                   **PROACH AND MODIFICATIONS TO RIGHTS IN**  
 14                   **TECHNICAL DATA.**

15          (a) *REQUIREMENT FOR MODULAR OPEN SYSTEM AP-*  
 16          *PROACH.*—Section 4401 of title 10, *United States Code*, is  
 17          amended to read as follows:

18 **“§4401. Requirement for modular open system ap-**  
 19                   **proach**

20          “(a) *REQUIREMENT.*—The Secretary of Defense shall  
 21          ensure that a covered system to be procured is designed and  
 22          developed with a modular open system approach that is ap-  
 23          propriately tailored to—

24                  “(1) the characteristics, intended purpose, and  
 25          use of the covered system;

1           “(2) the planned service life of the covered sys-  
2       tem; and

3           “(3) any other factors relevant to the design and  
4       development of the covered system.

5       “(b) ASSESSMENT TO INFORM STRATEGY.—Before de-  
6       signing, developing, or making a modification to a covered  
7       system, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct an assessment  
8       to identify one or more open systems objectives to be  
9       achieved by the design and development of the covered sys-  
10      tem. Such assessment shall describe how a modular open  
11      system approach would—

12           “(1) support the objectives of the defense acquisi-  
13      tion system established pursuant to section 3102 of  
14      this title;

15           “(2) align with the preference for the acquisition  
16      of commercial products and commercial services in  
17      section 3453 of this title and preserve the commercial  
18      characteristics of modules that comprise the covered  
19      system;

20           “(3) reduce the complexity of, and increase the  
21      speed by which, new technologies can be integrated  
22      into a covered system to enhance military effectiveness  
23      and responsiveness to emerging threats;

1           “(4) enable the use of iterative development cy-  
2           cles and discontinue or terminate the development of  
3           capabilities—

4                   “(A) that no longer align with a capability  
5                   requirement established by the Secretary of De-  
6                   fense; or

7                   “(B) that are experiencing significant cost  
8                   growth, technical or performance deficiencies, or  
9                   delays in schedule;

10           “(5) seek to maintain a robust, resilient, and in-  
11           novative defense industrial base to support require-  
12           ments throughout the life cycle of the covered system;

13           “(6) reduce schedule delays and development  
14           timelines;

15           “(7) increase and enable interoperability of a  
16           covered system with the joint force as changes to force  
17           design evolve;

18           “(8) enhance supply chain risk management and  
19           mitigate industrial base production capacity risks by  
20           enabling the integration of alternative sources of sup-  
21           ply or enabling augmented production of modules  
22           throughout the life cycle of the covered system; or

23           “(9) enable effective life-cycle management and  
24           product support of a covered system—

1                   “(A) in accordance with the requirements of  
2                   section 4324 of this title; and

3                   “(B) to achieve applicable operational read-  
4                   iness requirements and materiel readiness objec-  
5                   tives (established under section 118(c) of this  
6                   title) in the most cost-effective manner prac-  
7                   ticable.

8                   “(c) *ARCHITECTURE REQUIREMENTS.*—(1) In devel-  
9                   oping an open systems architecture for the procurement of  
10                  a covered system, the Secretary shall ensure that such archi-  
11                  tecture—

12                   “(A) adequately designates and defines for  
13                   the covered system—

14                   “(i) modules;

15                   “(ii) open external interfaces and open  
16                   module interfaces to ensure loose coupling of  
17                   modules within the covered system;

18                   “(iii) open external interfaces, includ-  
19                   ing external interfaces with a host platform  
20                   or other external system, in a manner that  
21                   supports interoperability; and

22                   “(iv) the openness characteristics iden-  
23                   tified in subsection (d);

24                   “(B) requires the exposure and full defini-  
25                   tion of open interfaces in a manner than is most

1 *suited to achieve the open systems objectives of*  
2 *the covered system through—*

3 *“(i) if available and suitable to achieve*  
4 *the open system objectives, the use, reuse,*  
5 *modification, or adaption of existing open*  
6 *systems architectures, interface standards,*  
7 *or widely supported or consensus-based*  
8 *standards that are available at no cost or*  
9 *under fair and reasonable license terms;*

10 *“(ii) the use of commercial standards*  
11 *if such commercial standards are available*  
12 *under fair, reasonable, and non-discrimina-*  
13 *tory terms;*

14 *“(iii) the use of new standards that de-*  
15 *fine relationships between module interfaces*  
16 *and external interfaces if such standards in-*  
17 *clude—*

18 *“(I) the software-defined syntax*  
19 *and properties that specifically govern*  
20 *how values are validly passed and re-*  
21 *ceived between modules of a covered*  
22 *system, and between the covered system*  
23 *and other covered systems or a host*  
24 *platform, in a machine-readable for-*  
25 *mat;*

1                   “(II) a machine-readable defini-  
2                   tion that is compatible with Depart-  
3                   ment-approved digital engineering en-  
4                   vironments and model-based systems  
5                   engineering tools and defines the rela-  
6                   tionship between—

7                   “(aa) a module interface or  
8                   external interface; and

9                   “(bb) existing standards or  
10                  interfaces that available in the re-  
11                  pository required by subsection  
12                  (g); and

13                  “(III) documentation with func-  
14                  tional descriptions of software-defined  
15                  interfaces that conveys the semantic  
16                  meaning of elements of a module inter-  
17                  face or external interface; or

18                  “(iv) any combination of clauses (i)  
19                  through (iii); and

20                  “(C) is designed and developed to accelerate  
21                  the procurement and integration of commercial  
22                  products as modules when suitable and appro-  
23                  priate.

24                  “(2) If a contractor develops a new interface  
25                  standard or modifies an existing standard, and such



1        *new or modified standard is incorporated into an*  
2        *open systems architecture for a covered system, the*  
3        *Secretary shall ensure the new or modified standard*  
4        *is submitted to the repository required by subsection*  
5        *(g) and, if the Secretary determines such submission*  
6        *would support the open system objectives of the cov-*  
7        *ered system, is made available to recognized stand-*  
8        *ards bodies.*

9                *“(3) The Secretary shall ensure acquisition ex-*  
10        *ecutives and program managers consider input from*  
11        *private entities as early as possible to inform deci-*  
12        *sions regarding the level in the open systems architec-*  
13        *ture at which a modular open system approach will*  
14        *be implemented for a covered system.*

15                *“(4) The open systems architecture described in*  
16        *this subsection shall be included in any draft and*  
17        *final solicitations for procurement of a covered sys-*  
18        *tem.*

19                *“(d) OPENNESS CHARACTERISTICS.—Consistent with*  
20        *the requirements of subchapter I of chapter 275 of this title,*  
21        *the Secretary shall include in any draft or final solicitation*  
22        *for the covered system a description of the desired openness*  
23        *characteristics of the covered system necessary to achieve the*  
24        *open systems objectives identified in accordance with sub-*  
25        *section (b) for such covered system including the following:*

1           “(1) *A description of the open systems objectives*  
2           *identified in accordance with subsection (b).*

3           “(2) *A description of the application of specifica-*  
4           *tions, architectures, and standards for modularization*  
5           *and module interfaces and external interfaces, includ-*  
6           *ing open external interfaces with a host platform or*  
7           *other external system, to achieve such objectives.*

8           “(3) *A description of the minimum technical*  
9           *data package elements necessary to achieve such objec-*  
10          *tives.*

11          “(4) *The intended modularity and location of*  
12          *open interfaces.*

13          “(5) *The desired license rights in module inter-*  
14          *faces or external interfaces based on such objectives,*  
15          *including desired license rights to enable the replace-*  
16          *ment of a module, module interface, or external inter-*  
17          *face with an alternative or new module or interface.*

18          “(e) *DISCLOSURE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-*  
19          *fense shall make publicly available (to the maximum extent*  
20          *practicable consistent with national security requirements)*  
21          *any standards for implementation of modular open system*  
22          *approaches associated with contracts for covered systems as*  
23          *soon as feasible before the Secretary awards a contract to*  
24          *procure such a covered system, unless the applicable service*  
25          *acquisition executive submits to the Secretary a request to*

1 *delay or restrict release of such standards, including a jus-*  
 2 *tification for such request.*

3 “(f) *APPLICABILITY TO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS.—In*  
 4 *applying the requirements of this section to a procurement*  
 5 *of a covered system that includes a commercial product, the*  
 6 *Secretary of Defense shall—*

7 “(1) *procure such commercial product under li-*  
 8 *cence terms similar to such terms that are custom-*  
 9 *arily provided to the public, provided such commer-*  
 10 *cial terms include or can be supplemented by the li-*  
 11 *cence rights necessary for designated open module*  
 12 *interfaces or open external interfaces;*

13 “(2) *when applicable, obtain the delivery of com-*  
 14 *mercial software development kits with license rights*  
 15 *necessary to support the desired openness characteris-*  
 16 *tics for the covered system; and*

17 “(3) *to the maximum extent practical, conduct*  
 18 *negotiations for desired license rights in accordance*  
 19 *with the preference for specially negotiated licenses in*  
 20 *section 3774(c) of this title.*

21 “(g) *DIGITAL REPOSITORIES FOR OPEN SYSTEMS AR-*  
 22 *CHITECTURES.—*

23 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—To support the creation, use,*  
 24 *and reuse of modular open systems approaches, the*  
 25 *Secretary shall establish a federated set of digital re-*

1        *positories within the Department of Defense to store*  
2        *open systems architectures and related artifacts for a*  
3        *covered system developed in accordance with this sec-*  
4        *tion. The Secretary shall ensure that—*

5                *“(A) the repositories incorporate cybersecu-*  
6                *rity measures consistent with Department stand-*  
7                *ards;*

8                *“(B) program managers, portfolio acquisi-*  
9                *tion executives, and other appropriate officials of*  
10                *the Department of Defense have the necessary ad-*  
11                *ministrative control to manage assigned reposi-*  
12                *tories and to establish procedures and require-*  
13                *ments for content; and*

14                *“(C) the repositories are searchable and ac-*  
15                *cessible to authorized persons according to level*  
16                *of security clearance.*

17                *“(2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of De-*  
18                *fense shall designate a lead organization responsible*  
19                *for governance, life-cycle management, standards ad-*  
20                *judication, and configuration control of repositories*  
21                *established under this subsection. Such organization*  
22                *shall have demonstrated expertise in digital engineer-*  
23                *ing environments, model-based systems engineering,*  
24                *and use of modular open system approaches.*

25                *“(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

1           “(1) The term ‘covered system’ means a system  
2           that is acquired or developed under—

3                   “(A) an acquisition program of the Depart-  
4                   ment of Defense; or

5                   “(B) a research and development program  
6                   of the Department to address a capability re-  
7                   quirement or joint capability requirement (as de-  
8                   fined in section 181 of this title).

9           “(2) The term ‘external interface’ means an  
10           interface between a covered system and other elements,  
11           such as another covered system or a host platform.

12           “(3) The term ‘host platform’ means the system  
13           or environment that provides the core infrastructure,  
14           interfaces, and shared services necessary to support,  
15           integrate, and operate modular components or sub-  
16           systems, while enabling their independent develop-  
17           ment, upgrade, and replacement through standardized  
18           and open interfaces.

19           “(4) The term ‘modular open system approach’  
20           means an integrated strategy that—

21                   “(A) incorporates acquisition, business,  
22                   technology, and logistics considerations; and

23                   “(B) uses an open systems architecture to  
24                   achieve one or more open systems objectives.

1           “(5) The term ‘module’ means a self-contained  
2           discrete functional unit, such as hardware, software,  
3           or a combination thereof, in a discrete bundle—

4                   “(A) that can be developed, tested, and de-  
5                   ployed independently of a module interface or ex-  
6                   ternal interface; and

7                   “(B) that can simultaneously interact with  
8                   another self-contained discrete functional unit  
9                   described in subparagraph (A) through a module  
10                  interface or external interface.

11           “(6) The term ‘module interface’ means a shared  
12           boundary between modules in a covered system de-  
13           fined by physical, logical, or functional characteris-  
14           tics such as electrical, mechanical, fluidic, optical,  
15           radio frequency, data, networking, or software.

16           “(7) The term ‘open systems architecture’ means  
17           an architecture composed of a set of modules loosely  
18           coupled with other modules via open, well-defined,  
19           and verifiable interfaces, thereby enabling modules to  
20           be incrementally added, removed, or replaced through-  
21           out the life cycle of the covered system by any quali-  
22           fied offeror (as determined by the Secretary), includ-  
23           ing independent third parties.

24           “(8) The term ‘software development kit’ means  
25           a collection of software tools and programs such as li-

1 *braries, application programming interfaces, inte-*  
 2 *grated development environments, testing tools, or*  
 3 *documentation used to create applications that are*  
 4 *appropriate for a specific software platform.”.*

5 *(b) APPLICABILITY.—*

6 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of section*  
 7 *4401 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by*  
 8 *this section, shall apply with respect to a contract en-*  
 9 *tered into on or after the date that is 180 days after*  
 10 *the date of the enactment of this Act.*

11 *(2) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
 12 *issue guidance to carry out the requirements of sec-*  
 13 *tion 4401 of title 10, United States Code, as amended*  
 14 *by this section in order to implement this section.*

15 *(c) MODIFICATION TO RIGHTS IN TECHNICAL DATA.—*

16 *(1) RIGHTS IN TECHNICAL DATA.—Section 3771*  
 17 *of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

18 *(A) in subsection (a)—*

19 *(i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “*  
 20 *or copyrights” and inserting “, copyrights,*  
 21 *trade secrets,”; and*

22 *(ii) by adding at the end the following*  
 23 *new paragraph:*

24 *“(3) ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS.—Reg-*  
 25 *ulations prescribed under paragraph (1) may not af-*

1     *fect or limit any right described in paragraph (2)(A)*  
2     *or the ability of a contractor or subcontractor to en-*  
3     *force such a right against a third party that has not*  
4     *otherwise obtained a license for such a right from the*  
5     *United States or from the contractor or subcon-*  
6     *tractor.”; and*

7             *(B) in subsection (b)—*

8             *(i) by amending paragraph (3) to read*  
9             *as follows:*

10            *“(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF PARAGRAPH (2).—Un-*  
11            *less otherwise negotiated, paragraph (2) does not*  
12            *apply to technical data that—*

13            *“(A) constitutes a correction or change to*  
14            *data furnished by the United States;*

15            *“(B) relates to form, fit, or function (other*  
16            *than detailed manufacturing or process data);*

17            *“(C) is necessary for operation, mainte-*  
18            *nance, installation, or training (other than de-*  
19            *tailed manufacturing or process data, including*  
20            *such data pertaining to a major system compo-*  
21            *nent); or*

22            *“(D) is otherwise publicly available or has*  
23            *been released or disclosed by the contractor or*  
24            *subcontractor without restriction on further re-*  
25            *lease or disclosure.”;*



1                   (iii) by amending paragraph (4) to  
2                   read as follows:

3                   “(4) *EXCEPTIONS TO PARAGRAPH (2).*—Notwith-  
4                   standing paragraph (2), unless otherwise negotiated,  
5                   the United States may release or disclose technical  
6                   data to persons outside the Government, or permit the  
7                   use of technical data by such persons, if—

8                   “(A) such release, disclosure, or use—

9                   “(i) is necessary for emergency repair  
10                  and overhaul; or

11                  “(ii) is a release or disclosure of tech-  
12                  nical data (other than detailed manufac-  
13                  turing or process data) to, or use of such  
14                  data by, a foreign government, where such  
15                  release or disclosure is in the interest of the  
16                  United States and is required for evalua-  
17                  tion or informational purposes;

18                  “(B) such release, disclosure or use is made  
19                  subject to a prohibition that the person to whom  
20                  the data are released or disclosed may not fur-  
21                  ther release, disclose, or use such data; and

22                  “(C) the contractor or subcontractor assert-  
23                  ing the restriction is notified of such release, dis-  
24                  closure, or use.”;

25                  (iv) in paragraph (6)—

1           (I) in the paragraph heading, by  
 2           striking “INTERFACES” and insert-  
 3           ing “MODULE INTERFACES OF AN  
 4           ITEM”;

5           (II) by inserting “, in per-  
 6           petuity,” after “government purpose  
 7           rights”; and

8           (III) by striking “an interface be-  
 9           tween an item or process and other  
 10          items or processes” and inserting “a  
 11          module interface of an item”; and  
 12          (v) in paragraph (7)—

13          (I) in the paragraph heading, by  
 14          striking “MODULAR SYSTEM INTER-  
 15          FACES” and inserting “EXTERNAL  
 16          INTERFACES OF AN ITEM”;

17          (II) in subparagraph (A)—

18           (aa) by striking “paragraphs  
 19           (2) and (5)” and inserting “para-  
 20           graph (5) and except as otherwise  
 21           provided by subsection (f) of sec-  
 22           tion 4401 of this title,”;

23           (bb) by inserting “, in per-  
 24           petuity,” after “government pur-  
 25           pose rights”; and

1                   (cc) *by striking “modular*  
 2                   *system interface” and inserting*  
 3                   *“external interface of an item”;*

4                   (III) *in subparagraph (B), by*  
 5                   *striking “modular system interface”*  
 6                   *and inserting “an external interface”;*  
 7                   *and*

8                   (IV) *in subparagraph (C), by*  
 9                   *striking “modular system interface”*  
 10                   *and inserting “external interface of an*  
 11                   *item”.*

12                   (2) *DEFINITIONS.—Section 3775(b) of title 10,*  
 13                   *United States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

14                   “(b) *ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—In this subchapter,*  
 15                   *the terms ‘external interface’, ‘modular open system ap-*  
 16                   *proach’, and ‘module interface’ have the meanings given,*  
 17                   *respectively, in section 4401 of this title.”.*

18                   (d) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

19                   (1) *Section 3791(c)(1) of title 10, United States*  
 20                   *Code, is amended—*

21                   (A) *in subparagraph (A), by striking “sec-*  
 22                   *tion 4401(b) of this title” and inserting “section*  
 23                   *4401 of this title”;* *and*

24                   (B) *in subparagraph (D)(iv), by striking*  
 25                   *“modular system interfaces (as defined in section*

1           4401(b) of this title)” and inserting “module  
2           interfaces (as defined in section 4401 of this  
3           title)”.

4           (2) Section 4402 of title 10, United States Code,  
5           is repealed.

6           (3) Section 4403 of title 10, United States Code,  
7           is repealed.

8           (4) Section 4425 of title 10, United States Code,  
9           is amended to read as follows:

10   **“§ 4425. Definitions**

11       *“In this subchapter:*

12           *“(1) The term ‘major system platform’ means the*  
13           *highest level structure of a major weapon system that*  
14           *is not physically mounted or installed onto a higher*  
15           *level structure and on which a major system compo-*  
16           *nent can be physically mounted or installed.*

17           *“(2) The term ‘weapon system component’—*

18                   *“(A) means a high level subsystem or as-*  
19                   *sembly, including hardware, software, or an in-*  
20                   *tegrated assembly of both, that can be mounted*  
21                   *or installed on a major system platform through*  
22                   *a external system interface (as defined in section*  
23                   *4401 of this title); and*

24                   *“(B) includes a subsystem, assembly or,*  
25                   *module that is likely to have additional capa-*

1            *bility requirements, is likely to change because of*  
 2            *evolving technology or threat, is needed for inter-*  
 3            *operability, facilitates incremental deployment of*  
 4            *capabilities, or is expected to be replaced by an-*  
 5            *other subsystem or assembly described in sub-*  
 6            *paragraph (A).”.*

7            *(5) Section 804 of the National Defense Author-*  
 8            *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 4401*  
 9            *note) is repealed.*

10    **SEC. 825. MODIFICATIONS TO REQUIREMENTS RELATING**  
 11                            **TO LONG-TERM CONCESSIONS AGREEMENTS**  
 12                            **WITH CERTAIN RETAILERS.**

13            *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4664 of title 10, United*  
 14            *States Code, is amended—*

15                    *(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-*  
 16            *lows:*

17            *“(b) WAIVER.—(1) The Secretary may waive the re-*  
 18            *quirements of subsection (a) with respect to a long-term*  
 19            *concessions agreement with a retailer if the Secretary deter-*  
 20            *mines that the goods or services to be provided by the re-*  
 21            *tailer under such long-term concessions agreement are vital*  
 22            *for the welfare and morale of members of the Armed Forces*  
 23            *and no reasonable alternatives exist.*

24            *“(2) Not later than 30 days after each use of the waiver*  
 25            *authority under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide*

1 *to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-*  
 2 *resentatives and Senate a justification for such waiver.”;*

3 *(2) by striking subsection (c);*

4 *(3) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection*  
 5 *(c); and*

6 *(4) in subsection (a), by striking “subsections (b)*  
 7 *and (c)” and inserting “subsection (b)”.*

8 *(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 841(a)(2)(B)*  
 9 *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 10 *2026 (10 U.S.C. 4664 note) is amended to read as follows:*

11 *“(B) DETERMINATION DESCRIBED.—The de-*  
 12 *termination described in this subparagraph is,*  
 13 *with respect to a long-term concessions agree-*  
 14 *ment, a determination that the retailer that is a*  
 15 *party to such long-term concessions agreement is*  
 16 *controlled by a covered nation based on an as-*  
 17 *essment required by paragraph (1).”.*

18 **SEC. 826. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH EMPLOY-**  
 19 **ERS OF CONVICTED TRAFFICKERS.**

20 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 363 of title 10, United*  
 21 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*  
 22 *new section:*

1   **“§ 4665. Prohibition on contracting with entities em-**  
2                   **ploying convicted traffickers.**

3           “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense may not*  
4   *enter into a contract or other agreement with an entity if*  
5   *such entity employs an individual convicted of a trafficking*  
6   *crime.*

7           “(b) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section—*

8                   “(1) *the term ‘individual convicted of a traf-*  
9                   *ficking crime’ means an individual who has been con-*  
10                  *victed by a court of competent jurisdiction of a traf-*  
11                  *ficking crime and for whom such conviction has not*  
12                  *been overturned; and*

13                  “(2) *the term ‘trafficking crime’ means an of-*  
14                  *fense—*

15                          “(A) *under chapter 77 of title 18, United*  
16                          *States Code; or*

17                          “(B) *under State, local, or tribal law con-*  
18                          *sisting of conduct that would have been an of-*  
19                          *fense under the chapter described in subpara-*  
20                          *graph (A) if the conduct had occurred within the*  
21                          *special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of*  
22                          *the United States (as defined in section 7 of title*  
23                          *18, United States Code), or in interstate or for-*  
24                          *ign commerce.”.*

1       (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sections for*  
 2 *chapter 363 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by*  
 3 *adding at the end the following new item:*

*“4665. Prohibition on contracting with entities employing convicted traffickers.”.*

4       (c) *APPLICABILITY.*—*Section 4665 of title 10, United*  
 5 *States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply only*  
 6 *with respect to contracts and other agreements entered into,*  
 7 *renewed, or extended on or after the date of the enactment*  
 8 *of this Act.*

9       (d) *CURRENT DEFENSE CONTRACTORS.*—*Not later*  
 10 *than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
 11 *each contractor of the Department of Defense as of the date*  
 12 *of the enactment of this Act that employs an individual con-*  
 13 *victed of a trafficking crime (as defined in section 4665 of*  
 14 *title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a))*  
 15 *shall submit to Secretary of Defense a notice that contractor*  
 16 *employs such an individual.*

17 **SEC. 827. ACQUISITION THRESHOLDS FOR CERTAIN MATE-**  
 18 **RIALS.**

19       (a) *STRATEGIC MATERIALS.*—*Section 4863 of title 10,*  
 20 *United States Code, is amended by amending subsection (f)*  
 21 *to read as follows:*

22       “*(f) EXCEPTION FOR SMALL PURCHASES.*—*(1) Sub-*  
 23 *section (a) does not apply to acquisitions in amounts not*  
 24 *greater than \$250,000.*”



1       “(2) *A proposed acquisition of an item subject to sub-*  
 2 *section (a) in an amount greater than \$250,000 may not*  
 3 *be divided into several purchases or contracts for lesser*  
 4 *amounts in order to meet the exception under paragraph*  
 5 *(1).*

6       “(3) *On October 1 of each year that is evenly divisible*  
 7 *by five, the Secretary of Defense may adjust the dollar*  
 8 *threshold in this subsection based on changes in the Con-*  
 9 *sumer Price Index. Any such adjustment shall take effect*  
 10 *on the date on which the Secretary publishes notice of such*  
 11 *adjustment in the Federal Register.”.*

12       ***(b) SENSITIVE MATERIALS FROM NON-ALLIED FOR-***  
 13 ***EIGN NATIONS.—***

14               ***(1) IN GENERAL.—****Section 4872(c) of title 10,*  
 15 *United States Code, as amended by section 1803 of*  
 16 *this Act, is further amended—*

17                       ***(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)***  
 18 ***and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;***

19                       ***(B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)***  
 20 ***through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D),***  
 21 ***respectively;***

22                       ***(C) by inserting “(1)” before “Subsection***  
 23 ***(a)”;*** *and*

24                       ***(D) by adding at the end the following new***  
 25 ***paragraph:***

1       “(2)(A) Subsection (a) does not apply to procurements  
2 in amounts not greater than \$250,000.

3       “(B) A proposed procurement of a material or item  
4 subject to subsection (a) in an amount greater than  
5 \$250,000 may not be divided into several purchases or con-  
6 tracts for lesser amounts in order to meet the exception  
7 under subsection (a).

8       “(C) On October 1 of each year that is evenly divisible  
9 by five, the Secretary of Defense may adjust the dollar  
10 threshold in this subsection based on changes in the Con-  
11 sumer Price Index. Any such adjustment shall take effect  
12 on the date on which the Secretary publishes notice of such  
13 adjustment in the Federal Register.”.

14               (2) COORDINATION OF AMENDMENTS.—For pur-  
15 poses of applying amendments to section 4872 of title  
16 10, United States Code, made by provisions of this  
17 Act other than this subsection, the amendments made  
18 by this subsection shall be treated as having been en-  
19 acted immediately after any such amendments to such  
20 section 4872 by other provisions of this Act.

21       (c) PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS.—Section 4873 of title  
22 10, United States Code, is amended—

23               (1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f)  
24 as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

1           (2) *by inserting after subsection (b) the following*  
 2           *new subsection:*

3           “(c) *EXCEPTION FOR SMALL PURCHASES.*—

4           “(1) *Subsection (a)(1) does not apply to acquisi-*  
 5           *tions in amounts not greater than \$10,000.*

6           “(2) *A proposed acquisition of an item subject to*  
 7           *subsection (a)(1) in an amount greater than \$10,000*  
 8           *may not be divided into several purchases or con-*  
 9           *tracts for lesser amounts in order to meet the excep-*  
 10          *tion under paragraph (1).*

11          “(3) *On October 1 of each year that is evenly di-*  
 12          *visible by five, the Secretary of Defense may adjust*  
 13          *the dollar threshold in this subsection based on*  
 14          *changes in the Consumer Price Index. Any such ad-*  
 15          *justment shall take effect on the date on which the*  
 16          *Secretary publishes notice of such adjustment in the*  
 17          *Federal Register.*”.

18   **SEC. 828. CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF DE-**  
 19                           **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE MENTOR-PROTEGE**  
 20                           **PROGRAM.**

21          (a) *CLARIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON PROTEGE*  
 22          *FIRMS PARTICIPATING IN CONCURRENT MENTOR-PROTEGE*  
 23          *AGREEMENTS.*—*Subsection (c)(2) of section 4902 of title 10,*  
 24          *United States Code, is amended—*

1           (1) by inserting “under subsection (e)” after  
2           “one agreement”; and

3           (2) by striking “during the 5-year period begin-  
4           ning on the date such concern enters into the first  
5           such agreement” and inserting “after the completion  
6           of any previous such agreement”.

7           (b) *CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT THAT MENTOR*  
8           *FIRMS MUST BE FOR-PROFIT FIRMS.*—Subsection (d)(1) of  
9           such section is amended—

10           (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
11           graph (A);

12           (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-  
13           paragraph (C); and

14           (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
15           lowing new subparagraph (B):

16                   “(B) is an entity organized for profit that  
17                   operates primarily within the United States;  
18                   and”.

19           (c) *CLARIFICATION OF TERM OF PARTICIPATION*  
20           *AGREEMENT.*—Subsection (e)(1)(B) of such section is  
21           amended by inserting “for the agreement” after “A program  
22           participation term”.

23           (d) *CLARIFICATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO REIM-*  
24           *BURSEMENT OF MENTOR FIRMS.*—Subsection (e)(2) of such

1 *section is amended by striking “may be” and inserting*  
 2 *“may provide reimbursement through” after “may be”.*

3 **SEC. 829. CODIFICATION OF PROGRAM FOR NEGOTIATION**  
 4 **OF COMPREHENSIVE SMALL BUSINESS SUB-**  
 5 **CONTRACTING PLANS.**

6 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 834 of the National Defense*  
 7 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (15*  
 8 *U.S.C. 637 note) is transferred to subchapter I of chapter*  
 9 *387 of title 10, United States Code, inserted after section*  
 10 *4902, and redesignated as section 4903.*

11 *(b) AMENDMENTS.—Section 4903 of title 10, United*  
 12 *States Code, as so transferred and redesignated, is amend-*  
 13 *ed—*

14 *(1) by striking “test” each place it appears in*  
 15 *headings and text;*

16 *(2) by striking “Test” each place it appears in*  
 17 *headings and text;*

18 *(3) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “shall estab-*  
 19 *lish” and all that follows through “demonstration*  
 20 *projects, the Secretary” and inserting the following:*  
 21 *“shall maintain a program under which each service*  
 22 *acquisition executive and each head of a Defense*  
 23 *Agency may negotiate and administer comprehensive*  
 24 *subcontracting plans. The Secretary”;*

25 *(4) in subsection (b)—*

1           (A) in paragraph (1)—

2                 (i) by striking “In a demonstration  
3                 project under the test program, the” and in-  
4                 serting “The”; and

5                 (ii) by inserting at the end the fol-  
6                 lowing: “The Secretary shall ensure proce-  
7                 dures and systems accurately capture and  
8                 report—

9                 “(A) the annual goals for each subcontracting  
10                 plan;

11                 “(B) subcontract awards including number, dol-  
12                 lar amount and percentages of subcontracting value  
13                 and total contract value; and

14                 “(C) the findings of good faith efforts.”;

15           (B) in paragraph (2)—

16                 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
17                 “and” at the end;

18                 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
19                 the period at the end and inserting “; and”;  
20                 and

21                 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
22                 lowing:

23                 “(C) shall comply with the requirements in-  
24                 cluded in section 8(d)(6) of the Small Business Act  
25                 (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(6)).”; and

1                   (C) by amending paragraph (3) to read as  
2                   follows:

3           “(3) A contractor described in paragraph (4) shall an-  
4 nually submit to the Secretary of Defense a report on the  
5 number and dollar amount of first-tier subcontracts award-  
6 ed during the period covered by the report to covered small  
7 business concerns, set forth separately—

8                   “(A) by North American Industry Classification  
9                   System code;

10                   “(B) by major defense acquisition program (as  
11 defined in section 4201 of this title);

12                   “(C) by military department; and

13                   “(D) by prime contract, if—

14                           “(i) the prime contract is for the mainte-  
15 nance, overhaul, repair, servicing, rehabilitation,  
16 salvage, modernization, or modification of sup-  
17 plies, systems, equipment; and

18                           “(ii) the total value of the prime contract  
19 (including options) is greater than  
20 \$100,000,000.”;

21           (5) by amending subsection (d)(2) to read as fol-  
22 lows:

23           “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall report to the Com-  
24 mittee on Armed Services and the Committee on Small  
25 Business of the House of Representatives and the Committee

1 *on Armed Services and the Committee on Small Business*  
 2 *and Entrepreneurship of the Senate on any negotiated com-*  
 3 *prehensive subcontracting plan that the Secretary deter-*  
 4 *mines did not meet the subcontracting goals negotiated in*  
 5 *the plan for the prior fiscal year and whether the contractor*  
 6 *made a good faith effort regarding compliance.”;*

7 *(6) by striking subsections (e) and (f); and*

8 *(7) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection*  
 9 *(e).*

10 **SEC. 830. CONSUMPTION-BASED PROCUREMENTS AND AS-**  
 11 **SOCIATED PAYMENTS.**

12 *(a) ADVANCE PAYMENTS RELATED TO CERTAIN SERV-*  
 13 *ICES.—Section 3324(d) of title 31, United States Code, is*  
 14 *amended—*

15 *(1) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking “; and” and*  
 16 *inserting a semicolon;*

17 *(2) in paragraph (2)—*

18 *(A) by inserting “or commercially available*  
 19 *content” after “publication”; and*

20 *(B) by striking the period at the end and*  
 21 *inserting “; and”; and*

22 *(3) by adding at the end the following new para-*  
 23 *graph:*

24 *“(3) charges for information and communica-*  
 25 *tions technology subscriptions, reservations, or ten-*



1        *ancy, including cloud environments, for which the*  
 2        *procuring agency defines appropriate access and secu-*  
 3        *rity standards.”.*

4        *(b) AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE CONSUMPTION-BASED SO-*  
 5        *LUTIONS.—*

6                *(1) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 23 of title 41, United*  
 7        *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-*  
 8        *lowing new section:*

9        **“§2314. Authority to acquire consumption-based solu-**  
 10        **tions**

11        *“(a) AUTHORITY.—The head of each executive agency*  
 12        *may acquire services through consumption-based solutions.*

13        *“(b) PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than*  
 14        *180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the*  
 15        *Federal Acquisition Regulation shall be updated as nec-*  
 16        *essary to create a new subcategory of services that—*

17                *“(1) is any combination of hardware, equipment,*  
 18        *software, labor, or services that together provides a*  
 19        *seamless capability;*

20                *“(2) has the ability to be metered and billed*  
 21        *based on actual usage;*

22                *“(3) has predetermined pricing at fixed-price*  
 23        *units;*

24                *“(4) requires the awardee to notify the agency*  
 25        *contracting officer when consumption under the con-*

1        *tract reaches 75 percent and 90 percent of the funded*  
2        *amount, respectively, of the contract; and*

3            *“(5) treats any modification of a contract en-*  
4        *tered into under the authority established in sub-*  
5        *section (a) to add a new feature or capability in an*  
6        *amount less than or equal to 25 percent of the total*  
7        *value of such contract, as originally awarded, as pro-*  
8        *curements made using competitive procedures (as de-*  
9        *finied in section 152) for the purposes of chapter 33*  
10       *of this title.*

11       *“(c) FUNDING.—Amounts authorized to be appro-*  
12       *priated for acquisitions using the authority under sub-*  
13       *section (a) may be used to enter into incrementally funded*  
14       *contracts or other agreements, including advanced pay-*  
15       *ments.*

16       *“(d) CONSUMPTION-BASED SOLUTION DEFINED.—In*  
17       *this section, the term ‘consumption-based solution’ means*  
18       *a model under which a service is provided to an executive*  
19       *agency and may use any combination of software, hardware*  
20       *or equipment, data, and labor or services that provides a*  
21       *capability that is metered and billed based on actual usage*  
22       *at fixed-price units.*

23       *“(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-*  
24       *tion may be construed to prohibit the use of the authority*  
25       *created under subsection (a) in combination with another*

1 *contract type provided for under the Federal Acquisition*  
 2 *Regulation.”.*

3 (2) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-*  
 4 *MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 23 of title*  
 5 *41, United States Code, is amended by adding at the*  
 6 *end the following new section:*

*“2314. Authority to acquire consumption-based solutions.”.*

7 (c) *MODIFICATION OF PILOT PROGRAM FOR ANY-*  
 8 *THING-AS-A-SERVICE.—Section 809 of the National Defense*  
 9 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–*  
 10 *31; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3301) is amended—*

11 (1) *by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection*  
 12 *(i); and*

13 (2) *by inserting after subsection (f) the following*  
 14 *new subsections:*

15 “(g) *REPORT.—Not later than March 15, 2029, the*  
 16 *Secretary shall provide a report to the congressional defense*  
 17 *committees on the implementation of the pilot program, de-*  
 18 *scribing the use of the authority under this section and any*  
 19 *lessons learned, along with a recommendation on whether*  
 20 *to make the authority under this section permanent.*

21 “(h) *SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall*  
 22 *terminate on December 31, 2030.”.*

1 **SEC. 831. EXTENSION OF BRIEFING AND CERTIFICATION**  
2 **REQUIREMENT.**

3 *Section 886 of the National Defense Authorization Act*  
4 *for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2022)*  
5 *is amended—*

6 *(1) in the section heading, by striking “BRIEF-*  
7 *INGS, CERTIFICATION, AND LIMITATION ON*  
8 *AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS” and inserting “BRIEF-*  
9 *INGS AND CERTIFICATION”;*

10 *(2) by striking subsections (a) and (d) and redес-*  
11 *ignating subsections (b) and (c) as subsections (a)*  
12 *and (b), respectively; and*

13 *(3) in each of subsections (a) and (b), as so re-*  
14 *designated, by striking “30 days after the date of the*  
15 *enactment of this Act” and inserting “30 days after*  
16 *the date on which the Secretary awards a contract for*  
17 *financial management services for fuel contracts”.*

18 **SEC. 832. PREFERENCE FOR RECYCLED STRATEGIC AND**  
19 **CRITICAL MATERIALS.**

20 *Section 848(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry*  
21 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021*  
22 *(10 U.S.C. 4811 note) is amended—*

23 *(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-*  
24 *graph (4); and*

25 *(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-*  
26 *lowing new paragraph:*

1           “(3) *From sources described in paragraphs (1)*  
2           *and (2) that produce such strategic and critical mate-*  
3           *rials by extracting such materials from electronic*  
4           *waste.*”.

5   **SEC. 833. TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSITION**  
6                   **OF OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY PROTO-**  
7                   **TYPES.**

8           (a) *AUTHORITY.*—

9               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to limitations in*  
10           *paragraph (2), a portfolio acquisition executive may*  
11           *transfer amounts of authorizations made available for*  
12           *programs, projects, or activities that are included in*  
13           *the portfolio assigned under the leadership of such*  
14           *portfolio acquisition executive in accordance with sec-*  
15           *tion 1732 of title 10, United States Code.*

16           (2) *LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED.*—  
17           *The transfer of an amount made in accordance with*  
18           *paragraph (1), with respect to amounts authorized for*  
19           *Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—*

20               (A) *shall not exceed 10 percent of the*  
21           *amount authorized for a fiscal year for Research,*  
22           *Development, Test, and Evaluation for all pro-*  
23           *grams, projects, or activities in the portfolio of*  
24           *such portfolio acquisition executive; and*

1           (B) may only be transferred to a cor-  
2           responding Procurement program, project, or ac-  
3           tivity within the same portfolio.

4           (b) *TRANSFER CRITERIA.*—A portfolio acquisition ex-  
5           ecutive may transfer amounts under subsection (a) only  
6           if—

7           (1) the capability proposed for procurement  
8           using such transfer amounts was developed under a  
9           transaction or other agreement entered into under sec-  
10          tion 4021 or 4022 of title 10, United States Code;

11          (2) such proposed capability has achieved a tech-  
12          nology readiness level of 8, as validated by the mile-  
13          stone decision authority (as defined in section 4211 of  
14          title 10, United States Code) or an independent tech-  
15          nical authority designated by the Secretary of De-  
16          fense; and

17          (3) the portfolio acquisition executive determines  
18          in writing that procurement of such proposed capa-  
19          bility is necessary to address an operational problem  
20          or fulfill a capability requirement (as such terms are  
21          defined, respectively, in section 3101 of title 10,  
22          United States Code) in a timely and cost-effective  
23          manner.

24          (c) *NOTIFICATION.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 15 days before  
2           transferring amounts under subsection (a), the port-  
3           folio acquisition executive making such transfer shall  
4           submit a written notification of such transfer to—

5                     (A) *the congressional defense committees;*

6                     (B) *the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-*  
7                     *quisition and Sustainment;*

8                     (C) *the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-*  
9                     *search and Engineering; and*

10                    (D) *the Under Secretary of Defense (Comp-*  
11                    *troller).*

12           (2) *CONTENTS.*—Each notification required  
13           under paragraph (1) with respect to a transfer of  
14           amounts under subsection (a) shall include—

15                    (A) *the amount to be transferred;*

16                    (B) *an identification of the program,*  
17                    *project, or activity that is the proposed source of*  
18                    *the Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation*  
19                    *amount and an identification of the program,*  
20                    *project, or activity that is the proposed recipient*  
21                    *Procurement account;*

22                    (C) *a description of the capability proposed*  
23                    *for procurement using such transfer amounts*  
24                    *and the validated technology readiness level of*  
25                    *such capability;*

1           (D) the written determination required by  
2           paragraph (3); and

3           (E) an assessment of the benefits or risks  
4           anticipated as a result of the transfer of such  
5           amounts on the programs, projects, and activi-  
6           ties assigned under the leadership of the portfolio  
7           acquisition executive concerned.

8           (d) *GENERAL LIMITATIONS.*—

9           (1) *NEW PROGRAMS OF RECORD.*—A portfolio  
10          acquisition executive that transfers amounts pursuant  
11          to this section may not use such amounts to initiate  
12          a program of record without approval from the ap-  
13          propriate milestone decision authority.

14          (2) *FUND AVAILABILITY.*—Amounts transferred  
15          pursuant to this section shall be subject to the same  
16          period of availability as the Procurement appropria-  
17          tion to which they are transferred.

18          (e) *EXCLUSION FROM GENERAL TRANSFER AUTHOR-*  
19          *ITY.*—Amounts transferred pursuant to this section shall  
20          not be included in the dollar limitation of section 1001 of  
21          this Act.

22       **SEC. 834. PORTFOLIO-BASED ACQUISITION OF AUTONO-**  
23       **MOUS CAPABILITY.**

24          (a) *IN GENERAL.*—There is established in the Depart-  
25          ment of Defense a program to be known as the “Autonomy



1 *Integration Account*” (in this section referred to as the “Ac-  
2 *count*”) under which the Secretary of Defense shall seek to  
3 *accelerate the resourcing and integration of autonomous*  
4 *mission execution capabilities into systems of the Depart-*  
5 *ment to enable the operational availability of such systems.*

6 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—Activities carried out under the Ac-  
7 *count shall primarily emphasize the procurement, research*  
8 *and development, training and simulation, integration,*  
9 *and continuous modernization of applicable software capa-*  
10 *bilities for navigation, targeting, communications, mission*  
11 *autonomy, battle management, and other mission-critical*  
12 *software-defined functions that enable autonomous mission*  
13 *execution.*

14 (c) *STANDARDS.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
15 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,*  
16 *in coordination with the Director of the Defense Autono-*  
17 *mous Warfare Group and each Secretary of a military de-*  
18 *partment, shall establish standards for autonomous mission*  
19 *execution capabilities for any portfolio acquisition executive*  
20 *who leads an unmanned system portfolio. Such standards*  
21 *shall include, at a minimum—*

22 (1) *the capability of unmanned systems within*  
23 *such portfolio to execute mission objectives autono-*  
24 *mously within the domain of such systems, including*

1       *in GPS-denied and communications-denied environ-*  
2       *ments;*

3           (2) *the capability of such systems to integrate*  
4       *autonomy-enabling software consistent with a mod-*  
5       *ular open systems approach as defined in section*  
6       *4401 of title 10, United States Code;*

7           (3) *common autonomy interfaces, data stand-*  
8       *ards, and safety and assurance criteria that permit*  
9       *the use of autonomy-enabling and other mission-crit-*  
10      *ical software across multiple platforms and domains*  
11      *to the maximum extent practicable in alignment with*  
12      *existing government reference architectures;*

13          (4) *establishment of an autonomy software base-*  
14      *line and a process for continuous integration, simula-*  
15      *tion and training, security testing, and deployment of*  
16      *autonomy-enabling software updates across systems*  
17      *within the portfolio; and*

18          (5) *an acquisition preference for scalable com-*  
19      *mercial solutions, including licensing and service*  
20      *agreements to enable continuous improvement, train-*  
21      *ing and simulation, and rapid deployment, that—*

22            (A) *have been operationally validated in*  
23            *real-world deployments to conflict zones; and*

24            (B) *have achieved a Technology Readiness*  
25            *Level of 7 or above.*

1       (d) *FUNDING.*—Activities under the Account shall be  
2       carried out using amounts authorized to be appropriated  
3       for fiscal year 2027 to Program Element 0604539D8Z on  
4       Line 115 of the account for “Research, Development, Test,  
5       and Evaluation Defense-wide”.

6       (e) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—The Secretary of Defense shall  
7       include with the budget justification materials submitted to  
8       Congress in support of the budget of the Department of De-  
9       fense for a fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the  
10      President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States  
11      Code) a report on the activities carried out under the Ac-  
12      count for such fiscal year, including—

13           (1) progress towards adoption of standards  
14      under subsection (b);

15           (2) results from cross-portfolio experimentation,  
16      integration, and fielding activities conducted;

17           (3) an assessment of software modernization ef-  
18      forts, frequency of updates, cybersecurity posture, and  
19      workforce readiness to support long-term sustainment  
20      of software-enabled capabilities;

21           (4) an inventory of programs that have  
22      transitioned from the integration phase to the  
23      sustainment phase; and

24           (5) identification of any statutory, regulatory, or  
25      budgetary barriers limiting rapid integration of au-

1        *tonomy-enabling software across unmanned plat-*  
2        *forms.*

3        **SEC. 835. ESTABLISHMENT OF PATHFINDER PROGRAMS TO**  
4        **INFORM REQUIREMENTS REFORM.**

5        *(a) REQUIREMENT FOR SERVICE-LEVEL REQUIRE-*  
6        *MENTS REFORM PATHFINDER PROGRAMS.—Not later than*  
7        *120 days after the date of the enactment of this section, each*  
8        *Secretary of a military department shall establish a pro-*  
9        *gram to be known as a “Pathfinder Program” to—*

10                *(1) inform and assist in efforts to reorient and*  
11                *reform the requirements process within such military*  
12                *department in accordance with (b);*

13                *(2) support the service chief concerned in the de-*  
14                *velopment of capability requirement statements for*  
15                *equipping the armed force concerned that—*

16                        *(A) describes the operational problem to*  
17                        *provide necessary context for the capability re-*  
18                        *quirement;*

19                        *(B) proposes nonprescriptive solutions to*  
20                        *operational problems; and*

21                        *(C) ensures system interoperability, where*  
22                        *appropriate, between and among joint military*  
23                        *capabilities (as defined in section 181 of title 10,*  
24                        *United States Code); and*

1           (3) *develop and establish requirements-related*  
2           *processes of the military department concerned in a*  
3           *manner that supports, and is consistent with the*  
4           *Joint Force Requirements Process prescribed in the*  
5           *“Manual for the Joint Requirements Oversight Coun-*  
6           *cil and the Joint Force Requirements Process” (docu-*  
7           *ment number CJCSM 5123.01; dated January 15,*  
8           *2026).*

9           (b) *ESTABLISHMENT.—A Pathfinder Program estab-*  
10          *lished in accordance with (a) shall seek to—*

11           (1) *accelerate the delivery of capability require-*  
12          *ments to address operational problems;*

13           (2) *remove bureaucratic barriers in the require-*  
14          *ments process;*

15           (3) *provide operational users of required capa-*  
16          *bilities with an independent voice and direct role to*  
17          *ensure that capabilities meet the needs of such users;*

18           (4) *apply data-based analytics for decision mak-*  
19          *ing related to requirements, acquisition, and budg-*  
20          *eting;*

21           (5) *enable a clear, unbroken linkage from stra-*  
22          *tegic guidance to concepts to capabilities to budgeting;*

23           (6) *drive design, development, and integration—*

1           (A) to integrate processes across the mili-  
 2           tary department concerned and with the joint  
 3           force as required;

4           (B) to balance the urgency of immediate  
 5           needs with longer-term strategic investments;

6           (C) to support the breadth of existing inno-  
 7           vative technologies and major programs regard-  
 8           less of acquisitions pathway; and

9           (D) to address all elements of doctrine, or-  
 10          ganization, training, materiel, leadership and  
 11          education, personnel, facilities, and policy to de-  
 12          liver holistic solutions considering all such ele-  
 13          ments; and

14          (7) align authorities to responsibilities in order  
 15          to ensure that capability developers have the author-  
 16          ity to execute and are held accountable for outcomes.

17          (c) *EVALUATION AND LESSONS LEARNED.*—

18           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Each Secretary of a military  
 19          department carrying out a Pathfinder Program shall  
 20          observe, document, and assess the execution of such  
 21          Pathfinder Program, to enable the development of rec-  
 22          ommendations to improve—

23           (A) speed, clarity, and effectiveness in the  
 24           prioritization of operation problems and the de-  
 25           velopment of capability requirements statements;

1                   (B) alignment of requirements, acquisition,  
2                   and budgeting;

3                   (C) integration of user feedback and oper-  
4                   ational insights;

5                   (D) effectiveness of engagement with private  
6                   entity partners; and

7                   (E) alignment of requirements processes of  
8                   military departments with and in support of the  
9                   Joint Requirements Process.

10           (d) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than one year  
11 after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
12 of Defense, in coordination with each Secretary of a mili-  
13 tary department, shall submit to the congressional defense  
14 committees a report containing—

15                   (1) barriers encountered the implementation of  
16                   the Pathfinder Program;

17                   (2) lessons learned and recommendations devel-  
18                   oped through the implementation of the Pathfinder  
19                   Program; and

20                   (3) recommended statutory, regulatory, or orga-  
21                   nizational changes needed to accelerate the delivery of  
22                   capability requirements to address operational prob-  
23                   lems, and remove bureaucratic barriers in the require-  
24                   ments process.

25           (e) *TERMINATION.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—A *Pathfinder Program* estab-  
2           lished under this section may be terminated at the  
3           discretion of the Secretary concerned, but shall not be  
4           terminated on a date prior to the day that is 24  
5           months after the date of establishment of such *Path-*  
6           finder Program.

7           (2) *NOTIFICATION.*—Not less than 60 days before  
8           the date on which the Secretary concerned prior ter-  
9           minates a *Pathfinder Program*, such Secretary shall  
10          provide to the congressional defense committees a no-  
11          tification of the intent to terminate along with an up-  
12          dated report including the elements described in sub-  
13          section (d).

14          (f) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

15               (1) The terms “*capability requirement*”, “*oper-*  
16               *ational problem*”, and “*service chief*” have the mean-  
17               ings given, respectively, in section 3101 of title 10,  
18               *United States Code*.

19               (2) The term “*requirements document*” has the  
20               meaning provided in section 3104 of title 10, *United*  
21               *States Code*.



1 **SEC. 836. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN UNMANNED SUR-**  
2 **FACE VESSELS TO BE MANUFACTURED IN**  
3 **THE UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to subsection (b), on or  
5 after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
6 of the Navy prioritize offers for a covered contract where  
7 the offeror provides assurances that—

8 (1) *the supply chain of the offeror for parts or*  
9 *components of a covered program are domestic*  
10 *sources; and*

11 (2) *the manufacturing, assembling, and finishing*  
12 *of parts or components of a covered program occurs*  
13 *in the United States and is conducted by entities, the*  
14 *primary place of business of which is located in the*  
15 *United States.*

16 (b) *CERTIFICATION.*—The Secretary may enter into a  
17 covered contract with an offeror that does not provide the  
18 assurances described in subsection (a) if the Secretary sub-  
19 mits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate  
20 and House of Representatives a certification that no offeror  
21 that can provide such assurances is available to perform  
22 the contract.

23 (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

24 (1) *The term “covered contract” means a con-*  
25 *tract or other agreement for—*

1           (A) the construction or manufacture of a  
2 covered program or parts or components of a  
3 covered program;

4           (B) the integration of mechanical and elec-  
5 trical systems associated with the power genera-  
6 tion of such covered program; or

7           (C) the operation or sustainment of a cov-  
8 ered program, where such contract or other  
9 agreement is for the replacement of or improve-  
10 ments to components of a covered program.

11          (2) The term “covered program” means an un-  
12 manned surface vessel acquired, leased, or operated  
13 under the Medium Unmanned Surface Vessel program  
14 of the Department of the Navy.

15       ***Subtitle C—Provisions Relating to***  
16 ***Acquisition Workforce Development***

17 ***SEC. 851. ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DATA ANALYTICS CA-***  
18 ***PABILITY.***

19          (a) *MANAGEMENT FOR ACQUISITION WORKFORCE EX-*  
20 *CELLENCE.*—Section 1701a(b) of title 10, United States  
21 Code, is amended—

22           (1) in paragraph (10), by striking “and” at the  
23 end;

24           (2) in paragraph (11), by striking the period at  
25 the end and inserting “; and”; and

1           (3) by adding at the end the following new para-  
2 graph:

3           “(12) establish and maintain a Department-wide  
4 acquisition workforce data analytics capability to col-  
5 lect, integrate, and analyze data relating to the acqui-  
6 sition workforce in order to support workforce plan-  
7 ning and effective performance management of the ac-  
8 quisition workforce, including by—

9           “(A) integrating data from across the De-  
10 partment of Defense relating to the size, composi-  
11 tion, skills, training, certifications, hiring, reten-  
12 tion, experience, and performance of the acquisi-  
13 tion workforce;

14           “(B) enabling the assessment of the capacity  
15 and capabilities of the acquisition workforce;

16           “(C) identifying trends, risks, and con-  
17 straints, including current and projected work-  
18 force gaps, affecting workforce readiness and the  
19 ability of the acquisition workforce to achieve the  
20 objectives described in subparagraph (E);

21           “(D) informing decisions and resource allo-  
22 cation relating to the recruitment, hiring, devel-  
23 opment, training, credentialing, retention, and  
24 career progression of the acquisition workforce;  
25 and

1                   “(E) ensuring that data and analytics gen-  
2                   erated by the capability support—

3                   “(i) the objectives of the defense acqui-  
4                   sition system established pursuant to section  
5                   3102 of this title; and

6                   “(ii) the key performance objectives for  
7                   the acquisition workforce established under  
8                   section 1722b(d) of this title.”.

9                   (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF ANALYTICS CAPABILITY.—

10                  (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, act-  
11                  ing through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-  
12                  sition and Sustainment, shall implement the capa-  
13                  bility required under paragraph (12) of section  
14                  1701a(b) of title 10, United States Code, as added by  
15                  subsection (a), through the development and mainte-  
16                  nance of a dashboard or a similar data analytics or  
17                  visualization tool for such capability.

18                  (2) DATA ELEMENTS.—The tools, systems, or  
19                  other means used to implement the capability de-  
20                  scribed in paragraph (1) shall, to the maximum ex-  
21                  tent practicable, include Department of Defense-wide  
22                  acquisition workforce data and analytics necessary to  
23                  support strategic planning and management, includ-  
24                  ing data and analytics relating to—

1           (A) the size, composition, and geographic  
2 distribution of the acquisition workforce;

3           (B) the skills, certifications, and experience  
4 of members of the acquisition workforce, includ-  
5 ing relevant education and professional experi-  
6 ence;

7           (C) vacancy rates, time-to-hire metrics, and  
8 other indicators of constraints on the capacity of  
9 the acquisition workforce;

10          (D) the activities of the Department for re-  
11 cruiting, hiring, and developing members of the  
12 acquisition workforce, including the Defense Ci-  
13 vilian Training Corps established under section  
14 2200g of title 10, United States Code;

15          (E) retention, attrition, career progression,  
16 and related characteristics and trends, including  
17 retirement eligibility and projected workforce  
18 changes in the acquisition workforce;

19          (F) the performance of the acquisition work-  
20 force, including measures relating to the execu-  
21 tion of acquisition programs and activities; and

22          (G) such other matters as the Under Sec-  
23 retary of Defense for Acquisition and  
24 Sustainment determines appropriate.

1           (3) *USE OF COMMERCIAL TOOLS.*—*The Under*  
2           *Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment*  
3           *shall, to the maximum extent practicable, use com-*  
4           *mercially available data analytics, workforce manage-*  
5           *ment, and data visualization tools to support the ca-*  
6           *pability described in paragraph (1).*

7           (4) *LIMITATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF CUSTOM*  
8           *INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.*—*The Under Secretary of*  
9           *Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment may develop*  
10          *or acquire information technology that is not com-*  
11          *mercially available to support the capability de-*  
12          *scribed in paragraph (1) only if the Under Secretary*  
13          *determines that no commercially available good or*  
14          *service can meet the requirements of this subsection*  
15          *without more than minor modifications.*

16          (5) *DATA ACCESS.*—*The Under Secretary of De-*  
17          *fense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in coordina-*  
18          *tion with the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-*  
19          *sonnel and Readiness and officials responsible for*  
20          *data, digital, and information technology policy and*  
21          *systems of the Department of Defense, shall ensure the*  
22          *availability and integration of data necessary to*  
23          *carry out the capability described in paragraph (1).*  
24          *Each Secretary of a military department and each*  
25          *head of a Defense Agency shall provide such data, in*

1        *such format and such manner, as the Under Sec-*  
 2        *retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment de-*  
 3        *termines necessary to support such capability.*

4            (6) *WORKFORCE ASSESSMENTS.—The Under*  
 5        *Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment*  
 6        *shall use the capability described in paragraph (1) to*  
 7        *conduct regular assessments of the capacity, capa-*  
 8        *bility, and distribution of the acquisition workforce*  
 9        *and provide recommendations to service acquisition*  
 10       *executives and component acquisition executives to*  
 11       *address identified shortfalls in the capacity and capa-*  
 12       *bilities of the acquisition workforce.*

13           (7) *DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms*  
 14        *“acquisition workforce”, “Defense Agency”, “military*  
 15        *department”, and “service acquisition executive” have*  
 16        *the meanings given such terms, respectively, in sec-*  
 17        *tion 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.*

18    **SEC. 852. CHIEF ACQUISITION TALENT OFFICER.**

19        (a) *IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 87 of title*  
 20        *10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-*  
 21        *tion 1702 the following new sections:*

22    **“§1703. Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of the De-**  
 23        **partment of Defense**

24        “(a) *IN GENERAL.—There is a Chief Acquisition Tal-*  
 25        *ent Officer of the Department of Defense, who shall be ap-*

1 *pointed by the Secretary of Defense and shall report to the*  
2 *Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and*  
3 *Sustainment.*

4 “(b) *APPOINTMENT AUTHORITIES.*—*The Secretary of*  
5 *Defense may appoint the Chief Acquisition Talent Officer*  
6 *of the Department of Defense as—*

7 “(1) *a member of the Senior Executive Service;*  
8 *or*

9 “(2) *a highly qualified expert under section 9903*  
10 *of title 5, or other applicable authority.*

11 “(c) *QUALIFICATIONS.*—

12 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Chief Acquisition Talent*  
13 *Officer of the Department of Defense shall possess sub-*  
14 *stantial experience in strategic talent management,*  
15 *workforce development, or organizational leadership*  
16 *in large public or private sector organizations.*

17 “(2) *EXCLUSIVITY.*—*An individual serving as*  
18 *the Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of the Depart-*  
19 *ment of Defense may not hold or occupy another posi-*  
20 *tion in the Department of Defense.*

21 “(d) *RESPONSIBILITIES.*—

22 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Chief Acquisition Talent*  
23 *Officer of the Department of Defense shall support the*  
24 *Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and*  
25 *Sustainment in carrying out the responsibilities of*



1     *the Under Secretary with respect to the acquisition*  
2     *workforce under section 1702 of this title through De-*  
3     *partment of Defense-wide strategy, planning, edu-*  
4     *cation, training, and management of the acquisition*  
5     *workforce.*

6             “(2) *SPECIFIC DUTIES.—In carrying out the re-*  
7     *sponsibilities under paragraph (1), the Chief Acquisi-*  
8     *tion Talent Officer of the Department of Defense*  
9     *shall—*

10            “(A) *serve as the principal staff assistant to*  
11     *the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition*  
12     *and Sustainment on matters relating to acquisi-*  
13     *tion workforce talent management;*

14            “(B) *engage with the service acquisition ex-*  
15     *ecutives, portfolio acquisition executives, and*  
16     *other appropriate officials of the Department of*  
17     *Defense to provide support and assistance with*  
18     *the responsibilities of such officials related to the*  
19     *planning, development, and management of the*  
20     *acquisition workforce that are required to execute*  
21     *acquisition programs and portfolios;*

22            “(C) *use the Department-wide acquisition*  
23     *workforce data analytics capability established*  
24     *under section 1701a(b)(12) of this title to assess*  
25     *the capacity of the acquisition workforce, iden-*

1        *tify gaps in the capabilities of the acquisition*  
2        *workforce, forecast the needs of the acquisition*  
3        *workforce, and evaluate the effectiveness of acqui-*  
4        *sition workforce development initiatives and in-*  
5        *vestments;*

6                *“(D) develop and maintain a Department*  
7        *of Defense-wide acquisition workforce strategy to*  
8        *ensure that the acquisition workforce has the ca-*  
9        *capacity, capabilities, and competencies necessary*  
10        *to achieve the objectives of the defense acquisition*  
11        *system under section 3102 of this title;*

12                *“(E) enable the successful implementation of*  
13        *the acquisition workforce strategy required by*  
14        *subparagraph (D) by—*

15                    *“(i) assisting the Secretary of Defense*  
16        *in establishing policies and procedures for*  
17        *the effective management of the acquisition*  
18        *workforce in accordance with section 1701*  
19        *of this title;*

20                    *“(ii) establishing Department-wide ac-*  
21        *quisition workforce planning processes; and*

22                    *“(iii) developing and implementing*  
23        *talent management initiatives for the acqui-*  
24        *sition workforce;*

1           “(F) coordinate with the Under Secretary of  
2           Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the  
3           Secretaries of the military departments to enable  
4           the alignment of—

5                   “(i) specific education and training for  
6                   members of the acquisition workforce who  
7                   are members of the armed forces with gen-  
8                   eral education and training requirements,  
9                   including professional military education  
10                  requirements for members of the armed  
11                  forces; and

12                  “(ii) specific assignment and career de-  
13                  velopment policies related to the civilian  
14                  members of the acquisition workforce and  
15                  the members of the acquisition workforce  
16                  who are members of the armed forces;

17           “(G) require the activities and curriculum  
18           of the Defense Acquisition University and, as ap-  
19           propriate, other education and training pro-  
20           viders supporting the acquisition workforce, to—

21                   “(i) align with the objectives of the de-  
22                   fense acquisition system established pursu-  
23                   ant to section 3102 of this title;

1                   “(ii) promote continuous learning and  
2                   technical skills improvement across the ac-  
3                   quisition workforce; and

4                   “(iii) support and enable the successful  
5                   implementation of the acquisition workforce  
6                   strategy required by subparagraph (D);

7                   “(H) support the integration of key per-  
8                   formance objectives for the acquisition workforce,  
9                   established under section 1722b(d) of this title,  
10                  into the training, certification, career develop-  
11                  ment, and performance management systems of  
12                  the Department for the acquisition workforce;

13                  “(I) assist the Under Secretary of Defense  
14                  for Acquisition and Sustainment in executing  
15                  programs related to the talent management ini-  
16                  tiatives of the acquisition workforce, including  
17                  the Defense Civilian Training Corps authorized  
18                  under section 2200g of this title, and ensure that  
19                  such programs are appropriately integrated into  
20                  Department-wide acquisition workforce plan-  
21                  ning;

22                  “(J) promote and facilitate the use of the  
23                  authorities under section 1599g of this title and  
24                  other mechanisms to strengthen the acquisition

1 workforce through exchanges with the private sec-  
2 tor;

3 “(K) frequently conduct assessments of the  
4 capacity, capability, and performance of the ac-  
5 quisition workforce and develop and submit to  
6 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition  
7 and Sustainment recommendations for Depart-  
8 ment-wide acquisition workforce investments  
9 under the Defense Acquisition Workforce Devel-  
10 opment Account established under section 1705  
11 of this title; and

12 “(L) convene, not less frequently than semi-  
13 annually, the service acquisition executives,  
14 Service Chief Acquisition Talent Officers, Com-  
15 ponent Acquisition Executives (as defined in sec-  
16 tion 1703a(d) of this title), and such other offi-  
17 cers of the Department as determined appro-  
18 priate by the Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of  
19 the Department to assess the effectiveness of the  
20 acquisition workforce strategy required by sub-  
21 paragraph (D) and review the performance and  
22 priorities of the acquisition workforce across the  
23 Department.

24 “(3) TALENT MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE DE-  
25 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘talent manage-

1 *ment initiative’ means the activities of the Depart-*  
2 *ment of Defense relating to recruitment, hiring, devel-*  
3 *opment, education, training, credentialing, perform-*  
4 *ance management, retention, succession planning,*  
5 *and mobility, including rotations, reassignments, and*  
6 *career progression pathways, for the acquisition work-*  
7 *force.*

8 “(e) *ACQUISITION WORKFORCE PLANS.*—

9 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*In addition to the duties*  
10 *under subsection (d), the Chief Acquisition Talent Of-*  
11 *ficer of the Department of Defense shall issue guid-*  
12 *ance requiring each Service Chief Acquisition Talent*  
13 *Officer and Component Chief Acquisition Talent Offi-*  
14 *cer to develop and submit to the Chief Acquisition*  
15 *Talent Officer of the Department of Defense not less*  
16 *frequently than annually a plan for the acquisition*  
17 *workforce of the applicable military department or*  
18 *component of the Department of Defense that supports*  
19 *and enables the successful implementation of the ac-*  
20 *quisition workforce strategy required by subsection*  
21 *(d)(2)(D).*

22 “(2) *TIMELINE.*—*The Chief Acquisition Talent*  
23 *Officer of the Department of Defense shall ensure that*  
24 *the plans required under paragraph (1) are submitted*  
25 *in a timely manner so as to inform the development*

1       of the budget submitted to Congress under section  
2       1105 of title 31.

3               “(3) *PLAN ELEMENTS.*—Each plan for the acqui-  
4       sition workforce of a military department or compo-  
5       nent of the Department of Defense submitted pursuant  
6       to paragraph (1) or under paragraph (4) shall in-  
7       clude—

8               “(A) an assessment of the size, composition,  
9       and distribution of such acquisition workforce;

10              “(B) an identification of gaps in critical  
11       skills and projected workforce needs of such ac-  
12       quisition workforce, including anticipated hiring  
13       requirements and requirements for emerging  
14       skills necessary to support acquisition priorities;

15              “(C) the hiring, retention, and workforce de-  
16       velopment plans for such acquisition workforce;

17              “(D) the anticipated requirements for and  
18       availability of training programs and develop-  
19       ment programs to support the hiring, retention,  
20       and workforce development plans described in  
21       subparagraph (C); and

22              “(E) an explanation of how the acquisition  
23       workforce plan supports the acquisition work-  
24       force strategy required by subsection (d)(2)(D).

1           “(4) *ALIGNMENT.*—*The Chief Acquisition Talent*  
2           *Officer of the Department of Defense shall, for each*  
3           *plan submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) or under*  
4           *paragraph (6)—*

5                   “(A) *evaluate whether such plan aligns with*  
6                   *the Department-wide acquisition workforce strat-*  
7                   *egy and priorities; and*

8                   “(B) *provide to the Under Secretary of De-*  
9                   *fense for Acquisition and Sustainment—*

10                           “(i) *a recommendation regarding*  
11                           *whether to approve such plan; and*

12                           “(ii) *recommendations regarding work-*  
13                           *force investments associated with such plan,*  
14                           *including investments under the Defense Ac-*  
15                           *quisition Workforce Development Account*  
16                           *established under section 1705 of this title,*  
17                           *to ensure alignment with workforce plans*  
18                           *approved by the Under Secretary and the*  
19                           *Department-wide acquisition workforce*  
20                           *strategy.*

21           “(5) *FLEXIBILITY FOR PROGRAM ADJUST-*  
22           *MENTS.*—*In carrying out this subsection, the Chief*  
23           *Acquisition Talent Officer of the Department of De-*  
24           *fense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisi-*  
25           *tion and Sustainment shall ensure that workforce*



1 *planning, evaluation, and reporting under this sub-*  
2 *section remain responsive to changes in the require-*  
3 *ments of acquisition programs, including program*  
4 *terminations, restructurings, or changes in scope.*

5 “(6) *APPROVAL.—*

6 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days*  
7 *after the date on which a Service Chief Acquisi-*  
8 *tion Talent Officer or Component Chief Acquisi-*  
9 *tion Talent Officer submits a plan for the acqui-*  
10 *sition workforce of the military department or*  
11 *component of the Department pursuant to para-*  
12 *graph (1) or under this paragraph, the Under*  
13 *Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and*  
14 *Sustainment shall—*

15 “(i) *approve or reject such plan; and*

16 “(ii) *provide to such Service Chief Ac-*  
17 *quisition Talent Officer or Component Chief*  
18 *Acquisition Talent Officer a written notice*  
19 *of such approval or rejection.*

20 “(B) *PLAN REVISION.—If the Under Sec-*  
21 *retary of Defense for Acquisition and*  
22 *Sustainment rejects a plan under subparagraph*  
23 *(A)—*

24 “(i) *the Under Secretary shall include*  
25 *in the notice required by clause (ii) of such*

1            *subparagraph a written explanation of the*  
2            *reasons for such rejection and any revisions*  
3            *required for such plan to be approved; and*  
4            *“(ii) the Service Chief Acquisition Tal-*  
5            *ent Officer or Component Chief Acquisition*  
6            *Talent Officer that submitted such plan*  
7            *pursuant to paragraph (1) or under this*  
8            *paragraph shall revise such plan and sub-*  
9            *mit such revised plan to the Chief Acquisi-*  
10           *tion Talent Officer of the Department of De-*  
11           *fense.*

12           *“(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than March 1*  
13           *of each year, the Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of the De-*  
14           *partment of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-*  
15           *fense committees a report on the effectiveness of the Depart-*  
16           *ment-wide acquisition workforce strategy, including—*

17           *“(1) an assessment of workforce trends, hiring*  
18           *and retention challenges, and critical skill gaps of the*  
19           *acquisition workforce;*

20           *“(2) an evaluation of the extent to which the ac-*  
21           *quisition workforces of the military departments and*  
22           *components are aligned with the objectives of the de-*  
23           *fense acquisition system established pursuant to sec-*  
24           *tion 3102 of this title and the Department-wide ac-*

1        *quisition workforce strategy required by subsection*  
 2        *(d)(2)(D);*

3            *“(3) a summary and assessment of the plans*  
 4        *submitted under subsection (e), including for each*  
 5        *plan rejected under subsection (e)(6), a summary of*  
 6        *the reasons for such rejection; and*

7            *“(4) recommendations for legislative and admin-*  
 8        *istrative actions to address identified workforce gaps,*  
 9        *improve workforce performance, and strengthen the*  
 10       *acquisition workforce.*

11        *“(g) DEPUTY CHIEF ACQUISITION TALENT OFFI-*  
 12       *CER.—The Secretary of Defense may appoint a Deputy*  
 13       *Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of the Department of De-*  
 14       *fense, from among individuals serving in the Senior Execu-*  
 15       *tive Service or other appropriate positions in the Depart-*  
 16       *ment of Defense, to assist the Chief Acquisition Talent Offi-*  
 17       *cer of the Department of Defense in carrying out the respon-*  
 18       *sibilities of the Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of the De-*  
 19       *partment of Defense under this section.*

20        *“(h) PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES.—*

21            *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense*  
 22        *shall ensure that the Chief Acquisition Talent Officer*  
 23        *of the Department of Defense is provided dedicated*  
 24        *personnel and resources necessary to carry out the re-*

1        *sponsibilities of the Chief Acquisition Talent Officer*  
 2        *of the Department of Defense.*

3                “(2) *DEDICATED PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES*  
 4        *DEFINED.—In this subsection, ‘dedicated personnel*  
 5        *and resources’ means personnel and resources that*  
 6        *are—*

7                        “(A) *exclusively engaged in supporting the*  
 8                        *Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of the Depart-*  
 9                        *ment of Defense in carrying out the responsibil-*  
 10                        *ities of the Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of the*  
 11                        *Department of Defense; and*

12                        “(B) *under the exclusive authority of the*  
 13                        *Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of the Depart-*  
 14                        *ment of Defense.*

15        **“§1703a. Service and Component Chief Acquisition**  
 16                        **Talent Officers**

17                “(a) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of each military de-*  
 18        *partment and the head of each component of the Depart-*  
 19        *ment of Defense for which there is a component acquisition*  
 20        *executive shall designate a senior official of such military*  
 21        *department or component as the Service Chief Acquisition*  
 22        *Talent Officer of such military department or the Compo-*  
 23        *nent Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of such component.*

24                “(b) *REPORTING.—*

1           “(1) *MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.*—A *Service Chief*  
2           *Acquisition Talent Officer of a military department*  
3           *designated under subsection (a) shall report to the*  
4           *service acquisition executive of such military depart-*  
5           *ment.*

6           “(2) *COMPONENTS.*—A *Component Chief Acqui-*  
7           *sition Talent Officer of a component of the Depart-*  
8           *ment of Defense designated under subsection (a) shall*  
9           *report to the component acquisition executive of such*  
10          *component, except that if such Component Chief Ac-*  
11          *quisition Talent Officer is the component acquisition*  
12          *executive of such component, such officer shall report*  
13          *to the head of such component with respect to the du-*  
14          *ties of such Component Chief Acquisition Talent Offi-*  
15          *cer under this section.*

16          “(c) *DUTIES.*—A *Service Chief Acquisition Talent Of-*  
17          *ficer of a military department or Component Chief Acquisi-*  
18          *tion Talent Officer of a component of the Department of*  
19          *Defense designated under subsection (a) shall, subject to the*  
20          *authority, direction, and control of the official to whom*  
21          *such Service Chief Acquisition Talent Officer or Component*  
22          *Chief Acquisition Talent Officer reports under subsection*  
23          *(b)—*

24                 “(1) *develop, submit to the Chief Acquisition*  
25                 *Talent Officer of the Department of Defense, and im-*

1        *plement each plan for the acquisition workforce of*  
2        *such military department or component required*  
3        *under section 1703(e) of this title in accordance with*  
4        *the guidance issued by the Chief Acquisition Talent*  
5        *Officer of the Department of Defense;*

6                *“(2) oversee the execution of workforce plans and*  
7        *talent management initiatives for the acquisition*  
8        *workforce of such military department or component*  
9        *in support of the Department-wide acquisition work-*  
10       *force strategy;*

11               *“(3) advise the official to whom such Service*  
12       *Chief Acquisition Talent Officer or Component Chief*  
13       *Acquisition Talent Officer reports under subsection*  
14       *(b) on matters relating to the readiness of the acquisi-*  
15       *tion workforce of such military department or compo-*  
16       *nent;*

17               *“(4) support the service acquisition executive,*  
18       *portfolio acquisition executive, or component acquisi-*  
19       *tion executive in identifying and addressing acquisi-*  
20       *tion workforce requirements necessary to execute ac-*  
21       *quisition programs and portfolios;*

22               *“(5) coordinate with the Chief Acquisition Tal-*  
23       *ent Officer of the Department of Defense on Defense-*  
24       *wide initiatives and programs for the acquisition*

1       *workforce, including implementation of the Depart-*  
2       *ment-wide acquisition workforce strategy;*

3               *“(6) support the alignment of education and*  
4       *training for members of the acquisition workforce of*  
5       *such military department or component to enable the*  
6       *alignment of—*

7               *“(A) specific education and training for*  
8       *members of the acquisition workforce with gen-*  
9       *eral education and training requirements, in-*  
10       *cluding professional military education require-*  
11       *ments for members of the armed forces; and*

12               *“(B) specific assignment and career devel-*  
13       *opment policies related to the civilian members*  
14       *of the acquisition workforce and the members of*  
15       *the acquisition workforce who are members of the*  
16       *armed forces;*

17               *“(7) establish hiring priorities and promote the*  
18       *effective use of hiring authorities for the acquisition*  
19       *workforce of such military department or component;*

20               *“(8) support the use of the authorities under sec-*  
21       *tion 1599g of this title and other mechanisms to*  
22       *strengthen the acquisition workforce of such military*  
23       *department or component through public-private tal-*  
24       *ent exchanges;*

1           “(9) provide to the Under Secretary of Defense  
 2       for Acquisition and Sustainment data related to the  
 3       acquisition workforce of such military department or  
 4       component as required to support the Department-  
 5       wide acquisition workforce data analytics capability  
 6       and workforce planning; and

7           “(10) perform such other duties as determined  
 8       appropriate by the official to whom such Service  
 9       Chief Acquisition Talent Officer or Component Chief  
 10      Acquisition Talent Officer reports under subsection  
 11      (b).

12       “(d) COMPONENT ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE DE-  
 13      FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘component acquisi-  
 14      tion executive’ means the acquisition executive of a compo-  
 15      nent of the Department of Defense, including combatant  
 16      commands and the Defense Logistics Agency, who is respon-  
 17      sible for all acquisition functions of such component, except  
 18      that such term does not include service acquisition execu-  
 19      tives.”.

20       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections of  
 21      subchapter I of chapter 87 of title 10, United States Code,  
 22      is amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
 23      1702 the following new items:

      “1703. Chief Acquisition Talent Officer of the Department of Defense.  
 “1703a. Service and Component Chief Acquisition Talent Officers.”.

24       (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—



1           (1) *DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY.*—*Sec-*  
2           *tion 1746(e) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
3           *amended—*

4                     (A) *by redesignating paragraphs (2) and*  
5                     *(3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and*

6                     (B) *by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-*  
7                     *lowing new paragraph:*

8                     “(2) *The President of the Defense Acquisition*  
9                     *University shall report directly to the Chief Acquisi-*  
10                    *tion Talent Officer of the Department of Defense.”.*

11           (2) *DEFENSE CIVILIAN AND TRAINING CORPS.*—  
12           *Section 2200g of title 10, United States Code, is*  
13           *amended by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
14           *section:*

15                   “(d) *ADMINISTRATION.*—*The Chief Acquisition Talent*  
16                   *Officer of the Department of Defense shall administer and*  
17                   *oversee the Defense Civilian Training Corps program under*  
18                   *the authority of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisi-*  
19                   *tion and Sustainment.”.*

20           (d) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—

21                   (1) *CHIEF ACQUISITION TALENT OFFICER OF*  
22                   *THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.*—*The Secretary of*  
23                   *Defense shall implement section 1703 of title 10,*  
24                   *United States Code, as added by subsection (a), not*

1       *later than one year after the date of the enactment of*  
 2       *this Act.*

3               (2) *SERVICE AND COMPONENT CHIEF ACQUISITION*  
 4       *TALENT OFFICERS.*—*Each Secretary of a mili-*  
 5       *tary department (as defined in section 101(a) of title*  
 6       *10, United States Code) and each head of a compo-*  
 7       *nent of the Department of Defense described in sub-*  
 8       *section (a) of section 1703a of title 10, United States*  
 9       *Code, as added by subsection (a), shall implement*  
 10       *such section with respect to such military department*  
 11       *or component, as applicable, not later than one year*  
 12       *after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

13   **SEC. 853. CODIFICATION OF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE KEY**  
 14               **PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES.**

15       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 1722b of title 10, United*  
 16       *States Code, is amended—*

17               (1) *in subsection (b), by adding at the end the*  
 18       *following new paragraph:*

19               “(6) *Key performance objectives described in sub-*  
 20       *section (d).”*; and

21               (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
 22       *section:*

23       “(d) *ACQUISITION WORKFORCE KEY PERFORMANCE*  
 24       *OBJECTIVES.*—(1) *Not later than 180 days after the date*  
 25       *of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of Defense*

1 *shall implement mandatory key performance objectives (in*  
2 *this subsection referred to as ‘KPOs’) for evaluating the per-*  
3 *formance of civilian members of the acquisition workforce.*

4       “(2) *The KPOs implemented under paragraph (1)*  
5 *shall—*

6               “(A) *include strategic outcome objectives and*  
7 *workforce behavioral objectives for the workforce; and*

8               “(B) *be developed in a manner that enables an*  
9 *assessment of the degree of alignment between—*

10                       “(i) *the objectives of the defense acquisition*  
11 *system established by section 3102 of this title;*  
12 *and*

13                       “(ii) *the prudent and appropriate use by ci-*  
14 *vilian members of the acquisition workforce of*  
15 *innovative, risk-tolerant practices in achieving*  
16 *those objectives.*

17       “(3) *The strategic outcome objectives required under*  
18 *paragraph (2)(A) shall align with the objectives of the de-*  
19 *fense acquisition system established pursuant to section*  
20 *3102 of this title and shall address strategic acquisition*  
21 *mission areas, including—*

22               “(A) *expeditiously delivering capabilities to en-*  
23 *hance the operational readiness of the armed forces*  
24 *and enable the missions of the Department of Defense;*

1           “(B) enabling and supporting the integration of  
2           innovative solutions to enhance military effectiveness  
3           and responsiveness to emerging threats;

4           “(C) ensuring supply chain and industrial base  
5           resilience and surge capabilities to support contin-  
6           gency and operational plans of the Department of De-  
7           fense;

8           “(D) cultivating a leadership and organizational  
9           culture in civilian members of the acquisition work-  
10          force that encourages responsible risk-taking, collabo-  
11          ration, and learning through failure; and

12          “(E) maintaining a current and proficient work-  
13          force through continuous education, including digital  
14          and artificial intelligence literacy and technical pro-  
15          ficiency necessary for the job function of an indi-  
16          vidual.

17          “(4) The workforce behavioral objectives required  
18          under paragraph (2)(A) shall be designed to develop the  
19          critical skills and behaviors of civilian members of the ac-  
20          quisition workforce, including—

21               “(A) the adoption of innovative acquisition au-  
22               thorities and approaches;

23               “(B) a preference for commercial products and  
24               commercial services and supporting market research  
25               of commercial or emerging technologies;

1           “(C) *engagement with end users to incorporate*  
2           *feedback into acquisition decisions and acquisition*  
3           *program adjustments;*

4           “(D) *the ability to use iterative development cy-*  
5           *cles and inform program tradeoffs, including dis-*  
6           *continuing or terminating the development of capa-*  
7           *bilities—*

8                   “(i) *that no longer align with approved ca-*  
9                   *pability requirements (as defined in section 3101*  
10                  *of this title) or priorities; or*

11                  “(ii) *that are experiencing significant cost*  
12                  *growth, performance or technical deficiencies, or*  
13                  *delays in schedule;*

14           “(E) *the pursuit of professional development to*  
15           *broaden expertise and assume expanded responsibil-*  
16           *ities in cross-functional initiatives; and*

17           “(F) *the ability to overcome obstacles to*  
18           *prioritize end-user outcomes in acquisition execution.*

19           “(5) *The KPOs implemented under paragraph (1)*  
20           *shall be integrated into—*

21                   “(A) *annual performance appraisals for civilian*  
22                   *members of the acquisition workforce;*

23                   “(B) *promotion, bonus, and assignment consider-*  
24                   *ations for such members; and*

1           “(C) requirements for certification, training, and  
2           continuing education under this chapter.”.

3           (b) *REPEAL*.—Section 826 of the National Defense Au-  
4           thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60)  
5           is repealed.

6           (c) *APPLICATION TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED*  
7           *FORCES*.—Not later than October 1, 2027, the Secretary of  
8           Defense, in coordination with the Under Secretary of De-  
9           fense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Under Sec-  
10          retary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall submit  
11          to the congressional defense committees a report assessing  
12          the feasibility and advisability of applying the key perform-  
13          ance objectives established under section 1722b(d) of title  
14          10, United States Code (as added by this section), to mem-  
15          bers of the Armed Forces serving in the acquisition work-  
16          force (as defined in section 101 of such title), including rec-  
17          ommendations on how such objectives could be appro-  
18          priately adapted for such members.

19       **SEC. 854. DEMONSTRATED PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS**  
20               **FOR CRITICAL ACQUISITION POSITIONS.**

21          Section 1731 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
22          ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

23          “(d) *DEMONSTRATED PROFICIENCY REQUIRE-*  
24          *MENTS*.—(1) In addition to the requirements under section  
25          1735 of this title, the Secretary of Defense shall require that

1 *individuals selected for, and individuals serving in, civilian*  
2 *critical acquisition positions demonstrate appropriate pro-*  
3 *ficiency in achieving the key performance objectives estab-*  
4 *lished under section 1722b(d) of this title.*

5       “(2) *The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition*  
6 *and Sustainment, in coordination with each service acqui-*  
7 *sition executive and component acquisition executive, shall*  
8 *establish and maintain a Department-wide framework for*  
9 *assessing demonstrated proficiency under this subsection,*  
10 *including methods for evaluating demonstrated proficiency*  
11 *in achieving the performance objectives described in para-*  
12 *graph (1), such as the use of covered authorities in pro-*  
13 *grammatic or operational settings.*

14       “(3) *The Secretary shall ensure that the requirements*  
15 *established under this subsection are applied in a manner*  
16 *consistent with the acquisition workforce career field and*  
17 *responsibilities of the position.*

18       “(4) *The Secretary may not solely rely on the comple-*  
19 *tion of training requirements of an individual, or any cer-*  
20 *tification or credential earned by an individual, to satisfy*  
21 *the requirements of this subsection.*

22       “(5) *The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition*  
23 *and Sustainment, in coordination with each service acqui-*  
24 *sition executive and component acquisition executive, shall*  
25 *use the framework established under paragraph (2) to—*

1           “(A) identify gaps in demonstrated proficiency  
2           among individuals selected for, or serving in, critical  
3           acquisition positions; and

4           “(B) ensure that such individuals who do not  
5           demonstrate appropriate proficiency are provided tar-  
6           geted and structured professional development oppor-  
7           tunities (including experiential learning, training, or  
8           other relevant opportunities) to address such gaps.

9           “(6) The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition  
10          and Sustainment shall periodically review and update the  
11          framework established under paragraph (2) to ensure align-  
12          ment with the objectives of the defense acquisition system  
13          under section 3102 of this title and to adapt such frame-  
14          work to incorporate new acquisition practices and tech-  
15          nologies.

16          “(7) In this subsection, the term ‘covered authorities’  
17          means the following:

18                  “(A) Chapter 247 of this title.

19                  “(B) Sections 4021 and 4022 of this title.

20                  “(C) Section 3602 of this title.

21                  “(D) Any other acquisition authority, pathway,  
22          or method established by the Secretary to enable the  
23          rapid, flexible, or iterative development and delivery  
24          of a capability.



1       “(8) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Nothing in this sub-  
 2   section shall be construed to modify or supersede any per-  
 3   formance management system established under chapter 43  
 4   of title 5, United States Code, or to alter any rights or obli-  
 5   gations under applicable collective bargaining agree-  
 6   ments.”.

7   **SEC. 855. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF ACQUISITION**  
 8                   **WORKFORCE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

9       (a) *INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF PARTICI-*  
 10   *PANTS.*—Section 1762 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 11   amended by striking “130,000” and inserting “143,000”.

12       (b) *EXTENSION.*—Subsection (g) of such section is  
 13   amended by striking “December 31, 2031” and inserting  
 14   “December 31, 2035”.

15       (c) *BRIEFING ON UTILIZATION OF ACQUISITION*  
 16   *WORKFORCE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AUTHORITIES.*—  
 17   Not later than December 1, 2026, the Under Secretary of  
 18   Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall provide a  
 19   briefing to the congressional defense committees on the  
 20   planned use of authorities under section 1762 of title 10,  
 21   United States Code, as amended by this section, to support  
 22   the acquisition workforce. Such briefing shall include—

23               (1) *the current number of individuals partici-*  
 24       *parting in the acquisition workforce demonstration*

1     *project under such section 1762, disaggregated by*  
2     *military department and Defense Agency;*

3             *(2) expected growth in participation in the dem-*  
4     *onstration project over the next 24 months, including*  
5     *anticipated and confirmed transitions of organiza-*  
6     *tions or elements into the demonstration project and*  
7     *estimated implementation timelines for such transi-*  
8     *tions;*

9             *(3) an identification of military departments*  
10    *and other elements of the Department of Defense that*  
11    *have expressed interest in expanding participation in*  
12    *the demonstration project or transitioning additional*  
13    *individuals into the demonstration project;*

14            *(4) an assessment of the extent to which statu-*  
15    *tory limitations on the authorities in section 1762 af-*  
16    *fect workforce planning or use of the authorities;*

17            *(5) steps taken to increase and measure average*  
18    *workforce understanding of how contributions scores*  
19    *under the demonstration project are derived;*

20            *(6) findings relevant to the demonstration project*  
21    *based on data from tools used to measure employee*  
22    *satisfaction, such as Defense Organizational Climate*  
23    *Surveys or the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey;*  
24    *and*

1           (7) *recommendations on any additional steps,*  
 2           *authorities, or flexibilities the Under Secretary con-*  
 3           *siders necessary to support the development of the ac-*  
 4           *quisition workforce.*

5           ***Subtitle D—Intellectual Property***  
 6                               ***Matters***

7   ***SEC. 861. REFORM OF TECHNICAL DATA AND SOFTWARE***  
 8                               ***RIGHTS TO SUPPORT COMPETITION,***  
 9                               ***SUSTAINMENT, AND READINESS.***

10          (a) *DEFAULT GOVERNMENT PURPOSE RIGHTS FOR*  
 11          *DELIVERABLES.*—Chapter 239 of title 10, United States  
 12          Code, is amended by inserting after section 3775 the fol-  
 13          lowing new section:

14          “§ 3776. ***Default government purpose rights for***  
 15                               ***deliverables under Department of Defense***  
 16                               ***contracts***

17          “(a) *DEFAULT RIGHTS.*—Except as provided in sub-  
 18          section (b), any technical data, computer software, or com-  
 19          puter software documentation delivered under a contract,  
 20          subcontract, or other agreement entered into by the Depart-  
 21          ment of Defense shall be provided with government purpose  
 22          rights unless the contractor establishes, through clear and  
 23          convincing evidence, entitlement to more restrictive rights.

24          “(b) *CONTRACTOR BURDEN.*—A contractor asserting  
 25          less-than-government purpose rights shall provide—

1           “(1) a compliant assertions table identifying  
2           each specific item of data or software claimed;

3           “(2) factual documentation of private develop-  
4           ment funding;

5           “(3) clause-specific unlimited-rights exclusions  
6           applied at the lowest practicable segregable level; and

7           “(4) corresponding portion markings on the  
8           deliverables.

9           “(c) *FAILURE TO SUBSTANTIATE*.—Any failure by a  
10          contractor to comply with subsection (b) shall result in the  
11          deliverable being treated as provided with government pur-  
12          pose rights.”.

13          (b) *IMPROPER MARKINGS OF CRITICAL ITEMS*.—For  
14          any critical readiness items of supply (as that term is de-  
15          fined in section 4324(d)(4) of title 10, United States Code)  
16          that are noncommercial items, if the Secretary of Defense  
17          determines that a contractor—

18                 (1) applied an incorrect restrictive marking;

19                 (2) failed to exclude unlimited- or unrestricted-  
20                 rights categories;

21                 (3) failed to portion-mark at the required seg-  
22                 regable level; or

23                 (4) submitted an incomplete or invalid asser-  
24                 tions table;

1        *then all affected technical data, computer software,*  
2        *and documentation shall be deemed as government*  
3        *purpose rights.*

4        *(c) REPORT ON CLAWBACK AUTHORITIES FOR IM-*  
5        *PROPER RESTRICTIVE MARKINGS.—Not later than 180*  
6        *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
7        *retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense*  
8        *committees a report assessing the feasibility and advis-*  
9        *ability of establishing a mechanism to recover excess pay-*  
10       *ments made by the Department of Defense in cases where*  
11       *improper restrictive markings, invalid assertions tables, or*  
12       *other unjustified restrictions on technical data, computer*  
13       *software, or computer software documentation contributed*  
14       *to reduced competition or sole-source procurement condi-*  
15       *tions. The report shall include—*

16            *(1) an assessment of the extent to which im-*  
17            *proper restrictions on technical data or software*  
18            *rights may have resulted in excess costs to the Depart-*  
19            *ment;*

20            *(2) an evaluation of existing authorities avail-*  
21            *able to recover such excess payments;*

22            *(3) an assessment of the legal, contractual, and*  
23            *evidentiary challenges associated with establishing a*  
24            *clawback mechanism;*

1           (4) *options for calculating excess payments at-*  
 2           *tributable to improper restrictions on technical data*  
 3           *or software rights; and*

4           (5) *recommendations regarding whether Congress*  
 5           *should authorize a clawback mechanism and, if so, the*  
 6           *structure of such authority.*

7           (d) *MODIFICATIONS TO RIGHTS IN TECHNICAL*  
 8           *DATA.—Section 3771(b) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 9           *amended—*

10           (1) *in paragraph (3)(C), by inserting “, and for*  
 11           *which the United States shall have government pur-*  
 12           *pose rights, unless the Government and the contractor*  
 13           *negotiate different license rights” after “component)”;*  
 14           *and*

15           (2) *in paragraph (4)(A)—*

16                   (A) *in clause (ii), by striking “; or” and in-*  
 17                   *serting a semicolon;*

18                   (B) *by redesignating clause (iii) as clause*  
 19                   *(iv); and*

20                   (C) *by inserting after clause (ii) the fol-*  
 21                   *lowing new clause:*

22                           *“(iii) is a release, disclosure, or use of*  
 23                           *detailed manufacturing or process data—*

24                                   *“(I) that is necessary for oper-*  
 25                                   *ation, maintenance, installation, or*

1           *training and shall be used only for op-*  
 2           *eration, maintenance, installation, or*  
 3           *training purposes supporting wartime*  
 4           *operations or contingency operations;*  
 5           *and*

6                     *“(II) for which the head of an*  
 7           *agency determines that the original*  
 8           *supplier of such data will be unable to*  
 9           *satisfy military readiness or oper-*  
 10          *ational requirements for such oper-*  
 11          *ations; or”.*

12          *(e) APPLICABILITY.—This section and the amendments*  
 13          *made by this section shall apply—*

14                 *(1) in competitive procurements, to solicitations*  
 15          *issued after the date of the enactment of this Act and*  
 16          *awards made in connection with such solicitations;*  
 17          *and*

18                 *(2) in non-competitive procurements, to awards*  
 19          *made after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

20   **SEC. 862. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OMBUDSMAN; VOL-**  
 21                     **UNTARY EXPERT MEDIATION FOR CERTAIN**  
 22                     **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MATTERS.**

23          *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 275 of*  
 24          *title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after*  
 25          *section 3791 the following new sections:*

1 **“§ 3792. Intellectual Property Ombudsman**

2 “(a) *DESIGNATION.*—(1) *The Secretary of Defense, act-*  
3 *ing through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indus-*  
4 *trial Base Policy, shall designate a senior official, to be*  
5 *known as the Intellectual Property Ombudsman, to serve*  
6 *as ombudsman on matters involving intellectual property*  
7 *acquired or licensed (or proposed to be acquired or licensed)*  
8 *by the Department.*

9 “(2) *The Ombudsman shall be a senior official with—*

10 “(A) *demonstrated expertise in matters involving*  
11 *intellectual property acquired or licensed (or proposed*  
12 *to be acquired or licensed) by the Department, includ-*  
13 *ing the provisions of the Department of Defense Sup-*  
14 *plement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation that*  
15 *relate to technical data and computer software; and*

16 “(B) *at least 5 years of experience on intellectual*  
17 *property matters, of which at least 2 years must have*  
18 *been representing or advising covered contractors of*  
19 *the Department on matters involving intellectual*  
20 *property acquired or licensed (or proposed to be ac-*  
21 *quired or licensed) by the Government.*

22 “(b) *PRESERVATION OF INDEPENDENCE.*—(1) *The*  
23 *Ombudsman shall serve within the Office of the Assistant*  
24 *Secretary and report directly to the Assistant Secretary,*  
25 *without intervening authority, and shall not report to or*



1 *receive direction from any military department, agency,*  
2 *combatant command, or other element of the Department.*

3       “(2) *The Assistant Secretary may assign to the official*  
4 *serving as Ombudsman other primary or collateral duties*  
5 *to the extent the official remains able to carry out his or*  
6 *her duties as Ombudsman, except that the official—*

7               “(A) *may not perform any duty, or engage in*  
8 *any activity, that could compromise his or her inde-*  
9 *pendence as Ombudsman; and*

10              “(B) *may not advise on, or participate in, any*  
11 *source selection process, except to the extent necessary*  
12 *to carry out his or her duties as Ombudsman.*

13       “(3) *The Ombudsman shall not be subject to removal,*  
14 *demotion, or other adverse personnel action based on the*  
15 *substance of any advice, guidance, opinion, or recommenda-*  
16 *tion provided by the Ombudsman to a covered contractor*  
17 *or to a contracting officer or other Department official.*

18       “(c) *PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES.—The Assistant*  
19 *Secretary shall ensure that the Ombudsman is provided*  
20 *with personnel and resources sufficient to carry out his or*  
21 *her duties as Ombudsman.*

22       “(d) *DUTIES.—(1) The Ombudsman shall, with respect*  
23 *to questions or disputes involving intellectual property ac-*  
24 *quired or licensed (or proposed to be acquired or licensed)*  
25 *by the Department, including questions or disputes involv-*

1 *ing rights and obligations relating to the delivery of, or ac-*  
2 *cess to, such intellectual property—*

3 *“(A) serve as the focal point for assisting covered*  
4 *contractors of the Department on such questions or*  
5 *disputes;*

6 *“(B) facilitate communication between covered*  
7 *contractors and appropriate senior officials of the De-*  
8 *partment on such questions or disputes;*

9 *“(C) promote the use of collaborative alternative*  
10 *dispute resolution techniques such as mediation to fa-*  
11 *cilitate the expeditious and cost-effective resolution of*  
12 *such questions or disputes, when appropriate;*

13 *“(D) provide guidance to covered contractors and*  
14 *contracting officers with respect to such questions or*  
15 *disputes; and*

16 *“(E) upon request of a covered contractor or con-*  
17 *tracting officer involved in such a question or dis-*  
18 *pute—*

19 *“(i) within 45 days after the request was*  
20 *made—*

21 *“(I) obtain from the covered contractor*  
22 *(and any subcontractor involved in the*  
23 *question or dispute) and from the con-*  
24 *tracting officer information relevant to the*  
25 *question or dispute; and*

1                   “(II) complete a review of such infor-  
2                   mation;

3                   “(ii) promptly thereafter, develop and pro-  
4                   vide guidance to the covered contractor, the con-  
5                   tracting officer, or both on matters relevant to  
6                   the question or dispute, such as—

7                   “(I) relevant laws and regulations and  
8                   how they apply to the question or dispute;

9                   “(II) alternative approaches to acquisi-  
10                  tion or licensing that may be available  
11                  under applicable laws and regulations, such  
12                  as specifically negotiated licenses (including  
13                  specially negotiated licenses under section  
14                  3774(c) of this title); and

15                  “(III) appropriate valuation of intel-  
16                  lectual property under standard industry  
17                  valuation techniques, including cost, value,  
18                  capability, market, and income-based tech-  
19                  niques; and

20                  “(iii) facilitate communications, and par-  
21                  ticipate in meetings, between the covered con-  
22                  tractor and the contracting officer.

23                  “(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the authority of  
24                  the Ombudsman shall extend only to questions and disputes  
25                  between covered contractors and the Department, and shall

1 *not extend to questions or disputes between or among cov-*  
2 *ered contractors.*

3 “(e) *NATURE OF GUIDANCE.—Guidance provided by*  
4 *the Ombudsman under this section—*

5 “(1) *may include analyses, opinions, and rec-*  
6 *ommendations;*

7 “(2) *shall be independent and neutral with re-*  
8 *spect to the covered contractor, the contracting officer,*  
9 *and the Government, and*

10 “(3) *shall be advisory only and not binding on*  
11 *the covered contractor, the contracting officer, or the*  
12 *Government.*

13 “(f) *COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CONTRACTOR AND*  
14 *OMBUDSMAN; CONFIDENTIALITY; RESTRICTIONS ON GOV-*  
15 *ERNMENT.—(1) Any communication between a covered con-*  
16 *tractor and the Ombudsman, including the fact that such*  
17 *a communication occurred, shall be treated as confidential*  
18 *and shall not be disclosed to any person or entity that is*  
19 *not a party to the question or dispute or does not have an*  
20 *interest in the specific question or dispute without the con-*  
21 *sent of the covered contractor.*

22 “(2) *The Government shall not require a covered con-*  
23 *tractor to disclose any such communication and shall not*  
24 *use any such communication as a basis for evaluating a*  
25 *proposal, making an award, or challenging a restriction.*

1       “(3) *A requirement to publish a copy of, or any other*  
2 *information with respect to, communications between a cov-*  
3 *ered contractor and the Ombudsman shall not apply to the*  
4 *extent such copy (or portion thereof) or information would*  
5 *be subject to withholding from public disclosure under sec-*  
6 *tion 552 of title 5.*

7       “(g) *INFERENCES.—The decision of a covered con-*  
8 *tractor to request, or decline to request, assistance from the*  
9 *Ombudsman shall not give rise to any inference regarding*  
10 *the validity of the covered contractor’s assertions related to*  
11 *intellectual property and shall not be disclosed or referenced*  
12 *in any validation challenge, litigation, or other legal pro-*  
13 *ceeding.*

14       “(h) *CONSULTATION.—The Assistant Secretary shall*  
15 *establish a mechanism for regular consultation with the de-*  
16 *fense industry, portfolio acquisition executives, program*  
17 *managers, product support managers, and other officials of*  
18 *the Department responsible for sustainment of defense sys-*  
19 *tems regarding the utility and effectiveness of the Ombuds-*  
20 *man function and emerging intellectual property issues.*

21       “(i) *PUBLIC REPORTING OF STATISTICS.—On an an-*  
22 *nual basis, the Ombudsman shall make publicly available*  
23 *a report providing statistical information on the assistance*  
24 *specified in subsection (e) that was provided to covered con-*  
25 *tractors during the annual period covered by the report. The*

1 *statistical information shall be presented in an aggregated*  
 2 *or anonymized format and shall include information on the*  
 3 *number of requests, the nature of requests, the nature of the*  
 4 *contractors (such as small business concerns), the disposi-*  
 5 *tion of the requests, and the number of days from receipt*  
 6 *of request to final disposition of the request.*

7       “(j) *REPORTS TO CONGRESS.*—On an annual basis,  
 8 *the Ombudsman shall submit to the Committees on Armed*  
 9 *Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a*  
 10 *report on the activities performed during the annual period*  
 11 *covered by the report, including any recommendations for*  
 12 *changes in law, regulation, policy, procedure, or practice*  
 13 *that the Ombudsman considers appropriate.*

14       “(k) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section—

15               “(1) *the term ‘covered contractor’ includes a con-*  
 16 *tractor or subcontractor (or prospective contractor or*  
 17 *subcontractor); and*

18               “(2) *the term ‘subcontractor’ includes a subcon-*  
 19 *tractor at any tier.*

20       **“§ 3792a. Rights in covered data: voluntary expert me-**  
 21 ***diation***

22       “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF PROC-*  
 23 *ESS.*—The Secretary of Defense shall establish an expert  
 24 *mediation process under this section and shall make that*  
 25 *process available to covered contractors and contracting of-*

1 *ficers to facilitate the resolution of questions or disputes re-*  
 2 *lated to covered data.*

3       “(b) *MATTERS ADDRESSED.*—*The process established*  
 4 *under subsection (a) may be used to address any intellectual*  
 5 *property matters relevant to the resolution of the question*  
 6 *or dispute, including matters such as the following:*

7               “(1) *The scope, terms, or interpretation of any*  
 8 *relevant agreement with respect to the intellectual*  
 9 *property.*

10              “(2) *The scope of the rights acquired or licensed*  
 11 *(or proposed to be acquired or licensed) by the Gov-*  
 12 *ernment in the intellectual property.*

13              “(3) *To the extent the Government’s rights in in-*  
 14 *tellectual property are insufficient, or perceived as in-*  
 15 *sufficient, to meet the Department’s identified require-*  
 16 *ment, any matters necessary to address the insuffi-*  
 17 *ciency.*

18              “(4) *To the extent the intellectual property in-*  
 19 *volves more than one covered contractor, any matters*  
 20 *necessary to address the respective rights of the Gov-*  
 21 *ernment and each such contractor.*

22       “(c) *AVAILABILITY AND EFFECT.*—*The process estab-*  
 23 *lished under subsection (a) shall be available whenever a*  
 24 *question or dispute covered by subsection (a) has arisen,*  
 25 *including before, during, or after a procurement and before,*

1 *during, or after the administration of a contract. It shall*  
2 *be available without regard to, and without effect on, any*  
3 *other dispute resolution processes that may be available,*  
4 *and without tolling any periods or deadlines under any*  
5 *other dispute resolution processes or under any applicable*  
6 *statute of limitations.*

7       “(d) *PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY.—Participation*  
8 *in the process established under subsection (a) shall be*  
9 *strictly voluntary, both on the part of the contracting officer*  
10 *and on the part of the covered contractor, except as provided*  
11 *in subsection (h).*

12       “(e) *INITIATION AND PARTICIPATION.—(1) Within 10*  
13 *days after receiving a request under this subsection, a party*  
14 *shall submit to the other party a written response either*  
15 *accepting or declining the request.*

16       “(2) *A party submitting a written request to initiate,*  
17 *or any written response accepting such a request, shall in-*  
18 *clude facts supporting the position of the party that the re-*  
19 *quirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) are*  
20 *met.*

21       “(3) *If the request to initiate is accepted, a panel shall*  
22 *be established under subsection (f) and mediation shall com-*  
23 *mence under subsection (g).*



1       “(f) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PANEL.*—(1) *Mediation*  
2 *under the process established under subsection (a) shall be*  
3 *conducted by a panel established under this subsection.*

4       “(2) *The Secretary may use existing authorities, in-*  
5 *cluding those in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (6) of section*  
6 *1707(d) of this title, to establish the panel.*

7       “(3) *The panel shall be composed of three members,*  
8 *each of whom shall be an individual with—*

9               “(A) *at least 5 years of experience in alternative*  
10 *dispute resolution; and*

11              “(B) *demonstrated expertise in at least two of*  
12 *the following areas: intellectual property law, patent*  
13 *licensing, government contracts data rights, technical*  
14 *data classification, and software licensing.*

15       “(4) *Of the three members—*

16              “(A) *one shall be selected by the covered con-*  
17 *tractor and shall have significant experience in intel-*  
18 *lectual property or data rights matters;*

19              “(B) *one shall be selected by the Department and*  
20 *shall have significant experience in intellectual prop-*  
21 *erty or data rights matters in government contracts,*  
22 *such as through service as a contracting officer, agen-*  
23 *cy counsel, board of contract appeals judge, or Court*  
24 *of Federal Claims judge; and*

1           “(C) one shall be selected by the other two mem-  
2       bers and shall serve as the panel chair.

3           “(5) If the question or dispute involves the valuation  
4 of intellectual property, the member selected under para-  
5 graph (4)(C) shall have significant experience with stand-  
6 ard industry valuation techniques, including cost, market,  
7 and income.

8           “(6) An individual may not serve as a member of the  
9 panel if that individual has a financial interest in the out-  
10 come or any other conflict of interest that would undermine  
11 impartiality.

12          “(7) In a case in which there is a vacancy in the mem-  
13 bership of the panel, a new member of the panel shall be  
14 selected as soon as practicable to fill the vacancy in accord-  
15 ance with paragraph (4).

16          “(g) *MEDIATION PERIOD.*—The panel shall be estab-  
17 lished as soon as practicable and shall commence the medi-  
18 ation not later than 30 days after the date on which the  
19 panel is established, except to the extent the parties agree  
20 to a later date. The mediation shall end not later than 90  
21 days after the date on which the mediation commenced, ex-  
22 cept to the extent the parties agree to a later date.

23          “(h) *EFFECT OF MEDIATION SETTLEMENT OR PANEL*  
24 *RECOMMENDATIONS.*—(1) Except as provided in para-

1 *graphs (2) and (4), the results of the mediation shall be*  
2 *advisory only and shall not be binding on either party.*

3       “(2) *To the extent the parties reach a resolution, the*  
4 *parties shall memorialize the resolution in a settlement*  
5 *agreement, which shall be binding upon the parties. Any*  
6 *such agreement shall—*

7               “(A) *be executed by the contracting officer and*  
8 *an authorized representative of the covered contractor;*

9               “(B) *specifically reference the mediation; and*

10              “(C) *be incorporated into any applicable con-*  
11 *tract by modification.*

12       “(3) *To the extent the parties do not reach a full resolu-*  
13 *tion—*

14              “(A) *either party may pursue any remedy other-*  
15 *wise available under chapter 71 of title 41 or other*  
16 *applicable law; and*

17              “(B) *the mediation shall not be deemed to have*  
18 *resolved the dispute for purposes of chapter 71 of title*  
19 *41.*

20       “(4) *In a case in which the request to initiate the me-*  
21 *diation regarding a contract entered into after the date of*  
22 *the enactment of this section was made by the Department*  
23 *and no resolution is reached, the following shall apply:*

24              “(A) *The panel may recommend to the Secretary*  
25 *of Defense that the covered contractor with rights in*

1        *the subject covered data be required to provide non-*  
2        *deliverable access to such covered data if—*

3                *“(i) the panel finds that access to such cov-*  
4        *ered data is necessary—*

5                *“(I) to address a critical operational*  
6        *requirement;*

7                *“(II) to meet a critical materiel readi-*  
8        *ness objective for a major weapon system*  
9        *(as established in accordance with section*  
10       *118 of this title); or*

11               *“(III) to address a shortfall in a crit-*  
12       *ical readiness item of supply (as defined in*  
13       *section 4324 of this title) or recurring insuf-*  
14       *ficiency of supply that the responsible con-*  
15       *tractor has failed to remedy in response to*  
16       *a corrective action plan developed in ac-*  
17       *cordance with section 4323 of this title; and*

18               *“(ii) the requirement for such covered data*  
19       *was reviewed under section 805 of the National*  
20       *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026*  
21       *(10 U.S.C. 3771 note) and an insufficiency was*  
22       *identified under subsection (d) of such section.*

23        *“(B) Such a recommendation—*

24               *“(i) shall ensure release rights consistent*  
25       *with commercially reasonable terms and condi-*

1           *tions (subject to later definitized consideration to*  
2           *reflect development at private expense); and*

3           “(ii) *may include a right to release to a*  
4           *covered government support contractor (as de-*  
5           *finied in section 3775 of this title)—*

6           “(I) *subject to a prohibition that the*  
7           *covered government support contractor to*  
8           *which the data is released may not further*  
9           *release, disclose, or use the covered data be-*  
10          *yond the purpose for which it was released;*  
11          *and*

12          “(II) *subject to notice by the con-*  
13          *tracting officer to the covered contractor of*  
14          *any such release.*

15          “(C) *If the Secretary approves the recommenda-*  
16          *tion, the recommendation shall be binding on the cov-*  
17          *ered contractor and the Department, subject to the*  
18          *availability of appropriations. The parties shall me-*  
19          *morialize the recommendation in a settlement agree-*  
20          *ment, as described in paragraph (2). To the extent the*  
21          *recommendation does not reach a full resolution of the*  
22          *dispute, paragraph (3) shall apply.*

23          “(i) *CONFIDENTIALITY; PROTECTION OF INFORMA-*  
24          *TION.—(1) The mediation shall be conducted in accordance*  
25          *with section 574 of title 5.*

1 “(2) *Each member of the panel shall—*

2 “(A) *sign a nondisclosure agreement, as appro-*  
3 *priate, to protect proprietary or nonpublic data;*

4 “(B) *access and use proprietary or nonpublic*  
5 *data furnished to the panel only for the purposes of*  
6 *the mediation;*

7 “(C) *take all reasonable steps to protect propri-*  
8 *etary and nonpublic data furnished to the panel; and*

9 “(D) *not use proprietary or nonpublic data fur-*  
10 *nished to the panel to compete for Government or*  
11 *nongovernment contracts.*

12 “(j) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section—*

13 “(1) *the term ‘covered contractor’ includes a con-*  
14 *tractor or subcontractor;*

15 “(2) *the term ‘covered data’ means technical*  
16 *data and computer software required to enable the*  
17 *Department of Defense or government authorized re-*  
18 *pair contractors performing under a support contract,*  
19 *to perform repair or maintenance actions on a cov-*  
20 *ered system;*

21 “(3) *the term ‘covered system’ means—*

22 “(A) *a major defense acquisition program,*  
23 *as defined in section 4201 of this title; or*

24 “(B) *an acquisition program or project that*  
25 *is carried out using the rapid prototyping or*

1        *rapid fielding acquisition pathway under section*  
2        *3602 of this title that is estimated by the Sec-*  
3        *retary of Defense to require an eventual total ex-*  
4        *penditure described in section 4201(a)(2) of this*  
5        *title;*

6        “(4) the term ‘non-deliverable access’ means a  
7        *model under which the contractor provides access to*  
8        *intellectual property, including any associated license*  
9        *agreements for such intellectual property; and*

10       “(5) the term ‘subcontractor’ includes a subcon-  
11       *tractor at any tier.”.*

12       (b) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
13       *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
14       *fense shall—*

15       (1) *implement sections 3792 and 3792a of title*  
16       *10, United States Code, as inserted by this section;*

17       (2) *provide a briefing to the congressional de-*  
18       *fense committees on the implementation of such sec-*  
19       *tions; and*

20       (3) *submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
21       *tees an assessment of, and recommendations for, pay*  
22       *and compensation under current law to provide com-*  
23       *petitive compensation for the Intellectual Property*  
24       *Ombudsman established under section 3792 of title*  
25       *10, United States Code, as inserted by this Act.*

1       (c) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—

2               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than March 1, 2028,  
3       and each of the next five years thereafter, the Under  
4       Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment  
5       shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
6       an annual report on the effectiveness of the Intellec-  
7       tual Property Ombudsman established under section  
8       3792 of title 10, United States Code, as inserted by  
9       this Act, and the mediation process established under  
10      section 3792a of title 10, United States Code, as in-  
11      serted by this Act, on—

12               (A) encouraging prime contractors and sub-  
13      contractors of the Department of Defense to  
14      quickly and equitably resolve disputes with the  
15      Department concerning intellectual property in  
16      order to address critical operational readiness  
17      issues;

18               (B) encouraging contractors to leverage pri-  
19      vately-funded innovation and offer their full  
20      range of relevant technologies when competing  
21      for and performing defense contracts;

22               (C) improving clarity for both Department  
23      and contractor personnel regarding rights in  
24      technical data, computer software, and computer



1           *software documentation during the procurement*  
2           *process;*

3                     *(D) resolving data rights disputes more rap-*  
4                     *idly and collaboratively than through litigation,*  
5                     *while protecting contractors' legitimate invest-*  
6                     *ments in privately funded innovation; and*

7                     *(E) expeditiously addressing the Depart-*  
8                     *ment's national security, sustainment, and com-*  
9                     *petitive procurement needs.*

10           *(2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The report required by*  
11           *paragraph (1) shall also include recommendations by*  
12           *the Under Secretary to address any gaps in statute,*  
13           *regulation, or policy that undermine the Depart-*  
14           *ment's ability to access technical data necessary for*  
15           *maintenance and sustainment, asserting existing*  
16           *rights, or protecting interests in intellectual property,*  
17           *and any other recommendations the Under Secretary*  
18           *considers appropriate.*

19   **SEC. 863. EXPANSION OF REVERSE ENGINEERING AUTHOR-**  
20                     **ITY FOR PROTOTYPE PROJECTS.**

21           *Subsection (f)(5)(B) of section 4022 of title 10, United*  
22           *States Code, as redesignated by section 823, is amended by*  
23           *striking “to address obsolescence”.*

1 **SEC. 864. CLARIFICATIONS TO SUSTAINMENT PLANNING**  
2 **REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) *INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN.*—  
4 Section 4324(b)(1)(D) of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(D) *An intellectual property management plan*  
7 *for product support developed in accordance with sec-*  
8 *tion 3774 of this title, including—*

9 “(i) *requirements for technical data, soft-*  
10 *ware, and modular open system approaches (as*  
11 *defined in section 4401 of this title);*

12 “(ii) *a method to obtain technical data and*  
13 *license rights necessary for maintenance, repair,*  
14 *and overhaul of the covered system before the*  
15 *Milestone B approval (or equivalent approval);*  
16 *and*

17 “(iii) *a method to satisfy all other aspects*  
18 *of sustainment for the covered system before the*  
19 *Milestone C approval (or equivalent approval) in*  
20 *accordance with the product support strategy de-*  
21 *scribed in subparagraph (A).”.*

22 (b) *LONG-TERM TECHNICAL DATA NEEDS.*—Section  
23 3774 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

24 (1) *in subsection (a)(1)—*

25 (A) *in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”*  
26 *at the end;*

1           (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
2           period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3           (C) by adding at the end the following new  
4           subparagraph:

5           “(C) include in any contract solicitation for  
6           such a system or subsystem requirements relating  
7           to technical data and license rights necessary for  
8           sustainment of the system or subsystem.”; and  
9           (2) in subsection (b)—

10           (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3),  
11           and (4) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) respec-  
12           tively; and

13           (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
14           lowing:

15           “(2) be developed in accordance with the intellec-  
16           tual property management plan described in section  
17           4324(b)(1)(D) of this title.”.

18 **SEC. 865. SOFTWARE ACCOUNTABILITY IMPROVEMENTS**  
19 **OVER LIFECYCLES.**

20           (a) **SOFTWARE SUSTAINMENT FRAMEWORK.**—Section  
21 4324(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
22 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

23           “(G) A software sustainment framework that—  
24           “(i) defines metrics for software-enabled ele-  
25           ments, including patch currency, vulnerability

1           *remediation timelines, and version lifecycle sta-*  
2           *tus; and*

3           “(ii) provides for periodic review of such  
4           metrics.”.

5           **(b) LIFE-CYCLE SUSTAINMENT PLANNING BY PRODUCT**  
6           **SUPPORT MANAGERS.**—Section 4324(b)(2) of title 10,  
7           United States Code, is amended—

8           (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at  
9           the end;

10          (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period  
11          at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

12          (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
13          paragraphs:

14               “(F) maximize software-enabled solutions that  
15               reduce unanticipated growth work during mainte-  
16               nance cycles; and

17               “(G) maximize the use of consumption-based so-  
18               lutions as described in section 3605 of this title.”.

19           **(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION**  
20           **EXECUTIVES.**—Section 1732(c) of title 10, United States  
21           Code, is amended—

22           (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at the  
23           end;

24           (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at  
25           the end and inserting “; and”; and

1           (3) *by adding at the end the following new para-*  
 2 *graph:*

3           “(9) *establish incentives for effective use by con-*  
 4 *tractors of software-enabled solutions that expand the*  
 5 *collection of decision-quality data to reduce unantici-*  
 6 *ipated growth work during maintenance cycles or ex-*  
 7 *pedite the construction or procurement of capabili-*  
 8 *ties.”.*

9           (d) *RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRODUCT SUPPORT MAN-*  
 10 *AGERS.—Section 1733(d) of title 10, United States Code,*  
 11 *is amended—*

12           (1) *by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (9)*  
 13 *as paragraphs (5) through (10), respectively;*

14           (2) *by redesignating the second paragraph (3)*  
 15 *(relating to “Adopting predictive analytics”) as para-*  
 16 *graph (4); and*

17           (3) *by adding at the end the following new para-*  
 18 *graph:*

19           “(11) *Maximizing the qualification, approval,*  
 20 *integration, and adoption of advanced technologies*  
 21 *and processes.”.*

22 **SEC. 866. ASSESSMENT OF A PAY-TO-PRINT PROGRAM.**

23           (a) *ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall as-*  
 24 *sess the feasibility and utility of establishing a Department*

1 of Defense-wide program to be known as the “Pay-to-Print  
2 Program” for the purposes of—

3 (1) increasing the availability of parts in any  
4 supply chains of a weapon system of the Department  
5 of Defense;

6 (2) reducing manufacturing time or costs of such  
7 parts; and

8 (3) increasing the ability to rapidly scale pro-  
9 duction of such parts.

10 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—In conducting the assessment re-  
11 quired by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall—

12 (1) identify such parts included in a program,  
13 project, or activity in a portfolio assigned under the  
14 leadership of a portfolio acquisition executive that  
15 could be produced by Government personnel or cov-  
16 ered Government support contractors via additive  
17 manufacturing processes;

18 (2) review technical standards, qualification  
19 processes, design templates, contracting methods, and  
20 policies and determine if any changes are necessary  
21 to ensure the feasibility of establishing the Pay-to-  
22 Print Program;

23 (3) review methods of data access and methods to  
24 track the use of the data for the Pay-to-Print Pro-  
25 gram, and identify any lessons learned or best prac-

1        *tices that could be implemented for the Pay-to-Print*  
2        *Program;*

3            *(4) identify funding authorities and mechanisms*  
4        *necessary to establish the Pay-to-Print program; and*

5            *(5) identify any other considerations for the im-*  
6        *plementation of the Pay-to-Print Program, as deter-*  
7        *mined by the Secretary.*

8        *(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
9        *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
10       *submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House*  
11       *of Representatives and the Senate an update on the assess-*  
12       *ment required by subsection (a).*

13       *(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section*  
14       *shall preclude the Secretary of Defense from establishing a*  
15       *pay-to-print program before the submission of the report*  
16       *required in subsection (c).*

17       *(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

18            *(1) The term “pay-to-print” means a business*  
19        *approach where the customer pays a fee to access the*  
20        *original equipment manufacturer’s digital design file*  
21        *for the purpose of printing a physical product using*  
22        *additive manufacturing processes.*

23            *(2) The term “portfolio acquisition executive”*  
24        *has the meaning given in section 1732 of title 10,*  
25        *United States Code.*

1           (3) *The term “covered Government support con-*  
2           *tractor” has the meaning given in section 3775 of*  
3           *title 10, United States Code.*

4   **SEC. 867. PRIORITIZING MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND OVER-**  
5           **HAUL FOR READINESS.**

6           *Section 4323 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
7           *ed to read as follows:*

8   **“§ 4323. Continuous sustainment review and analysis**

9           *“(a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense*  
10          *shall require each Secretary concerned to conduct an assess-*  
11          *ment, updated not less frequently than annually, of the per-*  
12          *formance of each major weapon system and each critical*  
13          *readiness item of supply against established operational*  
14          *readiness requirements and the materiel readiness objectives*  
15          *under section 118(c) of this title.*

16          *“(b) ANALYSIS OF DEFICIENCIES.—For any major*  
17          *weapon system or critical readiness item of supply that*  
18          *fails to meet the requirements and objectives described in*  
19          *subsection (a), the Secretary concerned shall evaluate the*  
20          *applicable life-cycle sustainment plan (in accordance with*  
21          *section 4324 of this title) or other sustainment plan, as ap-*  
22          *propriate. If the Secretary concerned determines such a*  
23          *plan does not effectively meet the requirements and objec-*  
24          *tives at an affordable cost, the Secretary shall conduct a*  
25          *root cause analysis to determine the reasons and to identify*



1 *the specific parts, services, software, and corresponding in-*  
2 *tellectual property required to meet the requirements and*  
3 *objectives.*

4 “(c) *CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.*—(1) *Upon comple-*  
5 *tion of a root cause analysis under subsection (b), the Sec-*  
6 *retary concerned shall develop and maintain a corrective*  
7 *action plan to address deficiencies identified by such anal-*  
8 *ysis.*

9 “(2) *In developing and executing the corrective action*  
10 *plan, the Secretary concerned shall, to the maximum extent*  
11 *practicable, first seek to resolve any identified deficiencies*  
12 *through existing contractual and statutory authorities, in-*  
13 *cluding—*

14 “(A) *authorities described in subchapter I of*  
15 *chapter 275 of this title, to exercise an option, modify*  
16 *an existing contract or agreement, or enter into nego-*  
17 *tiations with a covered contractor for a covered sys-*  
18 *tem, including—*

19 “(i) *providing the covered contractor with*  
20 *the opportunity to submit an alternative correc-*  
21 *tive action plan to identify, qualify and secure*  
22 *other sources for the required parts, services, soft-*  
23 *ware, and intellectual property; and*

24 “(ii) *entering into another contract or*  
25 *agreement, or modifying an existing contract or*

1           *agreement, with the covered contractor to create,*  
2           *develop, and validate technical instructions and*  
3           *procedures; or*

4           *“(B) the use of alternative sources, including ad-*  
5           *vanced manufacturing, reverse engineering, re-engi-*  
6           *neering, or fabrication of parts by Government per-*  
7           *sonnel or covered Government support contractors (as*  
8           *defined in section 3775 of this title).*

9           *“(3)(A) The Secretary concerned shall consider seeking*  
10          *assistance from the Intellectual Property Ombudsman (es-*  
11          *tablished in accordance with section 3792 of this title) in*  
12          *developing and implementing the corrective action plan if*  
13          *questions or disputes arise involving intellectual property*  
14          *acquired or licensed (or proposed to be acquired or licensed)*  
15          *by the Department for a major weapon system or critical*  
16          *readiness item of supply assessed under subsection (a), in-*  
17          *cluding questions or disputes involving rights and obliga-*  
18          *tions relating to the delivery of, or access to, such intellec-*  
19          *tual property.*

20          *“(B) If such questions or disputes are not resolved*  
21          *through assistance from the Intellectual Property Ombuds-*  
22          *man, the Secretary concerned shall consider submitting a*  
23          *written request for expert mediation in accordance with sec-*  
24          *tion 3792a of this title.*

1       “(d) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.*—(1) *Not later than*  
2 *five days after the date on which the budget of the President*  
3 *is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title*  
4 *31, each Secretary concerned, in coordination with the*  
5 *Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and*  
6 *Sustainment, shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
7 *mittees a report that includes the following:*

8               “(A) *Findings from the assessments required by*  
9 *subsection (a).*

10              “(B) *A description of how such assessments in-*  
11 *formed the submission of materials to Congress re-*  
12 *quired by section 118(c)(2) of this title and the devel-*  
13 *opment of the future-years defense program required*  
14 *by section 221 of this title.*

15              “(C) *For a covered system which has been de-*  
16 *clared to meet initial operational capability, and that*  
17 *for two consecutive calendar years has failed to meet*  
18 *established materiel readiness objectives for materiel*  
19 *availability or operational availability (as such terms*  
20 *are defined, respectively, in section 118 of this title),*  
21 *such report shall include—*

22                      “(i) *an identification of factors contributing*  
23 *to such failure; and*

1           “(ii) a corrective action plan described in  
2           subsection (c), including any updates to a pre-  
3           viously submitted corrective action plan.

4           “(D) A summary of actions taken by the Sec-  
5           retary to ensure that each covered system of the mili-  
6           tary department under the jurisdiction of the Sec-  
7           retary meets the applicable operational readiness re-  
8           quirements and materiel readiness objectives in the  
9           most cost-effective manner practicable.

10          “(2) The report required by this subsection shall be  
11       submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified  
12       annex.

13          “(3) For each report, the Secretary concerned shall  
14       make a summary of the report publicly available on an ap-  
15       propriate website of the Department of Defense not later  
16       than 60 days after the date on which it is submitted to  
17       the congressional defense committees unless the Secretary  
18       concerned, in coordination with the Under Secretary of De-  
19       fense for Acquisition and Sustainment, determines that it  
20       is not feasible to make a summary publicly available due  
21       to classification or other security concerns. Upon making  
22       such a determination, the Secretary concerned shall submit  
23       to the congressional defense committees a written notifica-  
24       tion of the determination, including a detailed explanation

1 *of the security concerns and the reasons why those concerns*  
 2 *cannot feasibly be addressed by redaction or other means.”.*

3 ***Subtitle E—Other Matters***

4 ***SEC. 871. ENHANCEMENT TO DEFENSE SUPPLY CHAIN RE-***  
 5 ***SILIENCE AND SECONDARY SOURCE QUALI-***  
 6 ***FICATION.***

7 (a) *STREAMLINED ACCEPTANCE.*—*In implementing*  
 8 *section 865 of the National Defense Authorization Act for*  
 9 *Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4811*  
 10 *note), the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pathway*  
 11 *to streamline and consolidate the approval authority of the*  
 12 *process established under such section for applications for*  
 13 *Source Approval Requests submitted by the manufacturer*  
 14 *of record for such capability.*

15 (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—*The pathway established by sub-*  
 16 *section (a) shall apply in cases where—*

17 (1) *a qualified engineering designee has certified*  
 18 *in writing that the engineering data included in the*  
 19 *applicable Source Approval Request, including the*  
 20 *technical data package, conforms to the applicable*  
 21 *technical data package or reverse engineering stand-*  
 22 *ards; and*

23 (2) *the applicant, or the relevant majority-owned*  
 24 *manufacturing subsidiary of such applicant, holds a*  
 25 *current AS9100 Rev D certification (or successor*

1       *standard) issued by an accredited third-party certifi-*  
2       *cation body.*

3       *(c) EXPEDITED QUALIFICATION.—*

4               *(1) ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION.—Except as*  
5       *provided in paragraph (2), an Expedited Qualifica-*  
6       *tion Panel established under subsection (f) of such sec-*  
7       *tion 865 shall accept a certification made under sub-*  
8       *section (b) as the full engineering evaluation nec-*  
9       *essary for the review of a Source Approval Request by*  
10       *the Expedited Qualification Panel.*

11               *(2) ADDITIONAL EVALUATION.—An Expedited*  
12       *Qualification Panel may determine in writing that*  
13       *additional engineering evaluation of a Source Ap-*  
14       *proval Request is required based on safety or mission*  
15       *criticality, novelty, or complexity of the item. Such a*  
16       *determination shall be provided to the applicant not*  
17       *later than 14 days after such applicant submits such*  
18       *Source Approval Request, along with a request from*  
19       *the Expedited Qualification Panel for any additional*  
20       *information needed from the application to complete*  
21       *the expedited qualification process.*

1 **SEC. 872. TAILORED ACQUISITION PATHWAYS FOR NON-**  
2 **TRADITIONAL INTERMEDIATE-RANGE FIRES**  
3 **CAPABILITIES.**

4 (a) *TAILORED PATHWAYS.*—Not later than 180 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6 of the Army, acting through the Army Portfolio Acquisition  
7 Executive for Fires (the “Portfolio Acquisition Executive”),  
8 shall tailor and employ existing acquisition pathways to  
9 accelerate the development, testing, evaluation, and procure-  
10 ment of non-traditional intermediate-range fires capabili-  
11 ties, including affordable intermediate-range one-way at-  
12 tack munitions.

13 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—

14 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The pathways tailored under  
15 subsection (a) shall enable rapid development, testing,  
16 evaluation, and procurement of intermediate-range,  
17 affordable, attritable, and autonomous fires capabili-  
18 ties outside of traditional, legacy munitions.

19 (2) *CAPABILITIES.*—The characteristics of the ca-  
20 pabilities referred to in paragraph (1) may include—

21 (A) operational ranges relevant to combat-  
22 ant command requirements;

23 (B) low-cost munitions and the associated  
24 deployment and launch system, payloads, auton-  
25 omy software, and associated support;

1           (C) *autonomy solutions and collaborative*  
2           *mission software enabling resilience to operate in*  
3           *denied, degraded, intermittent, and limited com-*  
4           *munications and Global Positioning System-de-*  
5           *nied environments;*

6           (D) *interoperability and iterative character-*  
7           *istics that enable incremental development and*  
8           *field-swappable payloads and support competi-*  
9           *tion for upgrades, sustainment, and follow-on*  
10          *production;*

11          (E) *ability for deployment and operations*  
12          *with minimal specialized infrastructure, includ-*  
13          *ing in austere environments.*

14          (F) *a deployment system capacity, power*  
15          *needs, and integration with existing logistics and*  
16          *fires platforms;*

17          (G) *demonstrated producibility and scalable*  
18          *manufacturing, including identification of*  
19          *achievable monthly and annual production rates*  
20          *and the constraints to scaling; and*

21          (H) *commercial off-the-shelf components*  
22          *and manufacturing processes to reduce cost and*  
23          *enable production at scale.*

24          (3) *AUTHORITIES.—To the greatest extent prac-*  
25          *ticable, the pathways tailored under subsection (a)*



1     *shall leverage existing, alternative acquisition au-*  
2     *thorities and pathways, such as other transaction au-*  
3     *thority, rapid prototyping and rapid fielding path-*  
4     *ways, middle tier acquisition pathways, and any new*  
5     *or modified acquisition methods available to the*  
6     *Army and identified by the Portfolio Acquisition Ex-*  
7     *ecutive.*

8             (4) *INTEGRATION.—The Secretary shall ensure*  
9     *integration across stakeholders and may formalize*  
10    *partnerships between and among the Army, the De-*  
11    *fense Innovation Unit, and the Office of the Under*  
12    *Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment*  
13    *to accelerate capability integration.*

14            (5) *MITIGATION OF RISKS.—The Secretary shall*  
15    *identify and mitigate long-lead risks, including test*  
16    *range access, airworthiness and safety certification*  
17    *processes, and supply-chain constraints associated*  
18    *with intermediate-range attritable munitions.*

19            (6) *TRANSITION CONSIDERATIONS.—The Sec-*  
20    *retary shall consider funding and resource needs, re-*  
21    *quirements, and opportunities to transition evolving*  
22    *prototypes into programs of record or enduring port-*  
23    *folio elements, including strategies for transitioning*  
24    *from research, development, test, and evaluation to*  
25    *procurement.*

1           (7) *CO-PRODUCTION ARRANGEMENTS.*—*The Sec-*  
2           *retary may consider co-production arrangements with*  
3           *trusted allies and partners to establish secondary pro-*  
4           *duction lines, subject to applicable technology security*  
5           *and foreign disclosure requirements and provided that*  
6           *such arrangements do not undermine required rights*  
7           *and deliverables for modular system interfaces and*  
8           *government integration.*

9           (8) *AUTONOMOUS OR SEMI-AUTONOMOUS WEAP-*  
10          *ON SYSTEMS.*—*The Secretary shall ensure that any*  
11          *autonomous or semi-autonomous weapon system is*  
12          *developed, verified, validated, tested, and fielded con-*  
13          *sistent with Department of Defense policy on auton-*  
14          *omy in weapon systems, including appropriate levels*  
15          *of human judgment over the use of force, rigorous*  
16          *verification and validation, and realistic develop-*  
17          *mental and operational test and evaluation.*

18          (9) *SOFTWARE.*—*The Secretary shall consider es-*  
19          *tablishing software test and digital engineering infra-*  
20          *structure approaches based on commercial best prac-*  
21          *tices that software-in-the-loop and hardware-in-the-*  
22          *loop test infrastructure to enable continuous valida-*  
23          *tion of autonomy and mission software and integra-*  
24          *tion.*

1       (c) *PORTFOLIO ALIGNMENT.*—*The Secretary shall de-*  
2 *termine whether such capabilities are best pursued as—*

3               (1) *a new start program within the fires port-*  
4 *folio;*

5               (2) *an expansion or modification of an existing*  
6 *effort; or*

7               (3) *an Army-wide cross-portfolio initiative*  
8 *under the authority of the Portfolio Acquisition Execu-*  
9 *tive.*

10       (d) *COORDINATION WITH JOINT FORCE REQUIRE-*  
11 *MENTS.*—*Pathways tailored under this section shall align*  
12 *with joint force operational needs for intermediate-range*  
13 *fires, including complementary employment with existing*  
14 *capabilities such as hypersonic systems, cruise missiles, and*  
15 *other precision fires.*

16       (e) *BRIEFING.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
17 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide a*  
18 *briefing to the congressional defense committees detailing—*

19               (1) *the acquisition pathways tailored under this*  
20 *section;*

21               (2) *the capabilities prioritized;*

22               (3) *anticipated timelines for prototype dem-*  
23 *onstration and initial limited operational capability;*  
24 *and*

1           (4) *a recommended funding profile for fiscal*  
2           *years 2027 through 2031.*

3           (f) *DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “inter-*  
4           *mediate-range” means having a range between 3,000 and*  
5           *5,500 kilometers.*

6   **SEC. 873. PILOT PROGRAM FOR DOMESTIC ANTIMONY AND**  
7                   **COPPER PRODUCTION FOR DEFENSE APPLI-**  
8                   **CATIONS.**

9           (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after*  
10          *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
11          *fense shall establish a pilot program to support the recovery*  
12          *of antimony and copper as byproducts of mineral produc-*  
13          *tion in the United States.*

14          (b) *ELEMENTS.—The pilot program required by sub-*  
15          *section (a) shall include methods—*

16               (1) *to evaluate multiple processes and techniques*  
17               *for recovery of antimony and copper as byproducts of*  
18               *mineral production;*

19               (2) *to develop process design plans necessary for*  
20               *scaling recovery of antimony and copper to dem-*  
21               *onstration-level production;*

22               (3) *to generate sample material for independent*  
23               *testing to verify suitability for defense applications;*  
24               *and*

1           (4) *to produce qualified antimony material that*  
2           *meets specifications provided by the Defense Logistics*  
3           *Agency.*

4           (c) *CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary may*  
5           *enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, or other trans-*  
6           *actions with appropriate entities to implement the pilot*  
7           *program required by subsection (a).*

8           (d) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—

9           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than one year after*  
10          *the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually*  
11          *thereafter for four years, the Secretary shall submit to*  
12          *the congressional defense committees a report on the*  
13          *status and findings of the pilot program required by*  
14          *subsection (a).*

15          (2) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each report required by para-*  
16          *graph (1) shall include—*

17                (A) *a summary of the progress made under*  
18                *the pilot program required by subsection (a)*  
19                *with respect to recovery and processing of anti-*  
20                *mony and copper;*

21                (B) *technical and economic assessments*  
22                *with respect to such recovery; and*

23                (C) *recommendations for expanding domes-*  
24                *tic antimony and copper production and reduc-*

1           ing dependency on foreign sources of antimony  
2           and copper.

3           (e) *TERMINATION.*—The pilot program required by  
4 subsection (a) shall terminate not later than five years after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 874. ADDRESSING THE BACKLOG OF OPEN CASES RE-**  
7 **LATED TO THE DEFENSE FEDERAL ACQUISI-**  
8 **TION REGULATION SUPPLEMENT.**

9           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 90 days after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of  
11 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, acting through  
12 the Principal Director for Defense Pricing, Contracting,  
13 and Acquisition Policy, shall establish a team of experts  
14 in acquisition regulations to assist in a process of promul-  
15 gating and implementing regulations to resolve the backlog  
16 of open cases related to the Department of Defense Supple-  
17 ment to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (commonly  
18 known as the “DFARS”).

19           (b) *DUTIES.*—The team of experts described in sub-  
20 section (a) shall be assigned to assist in all aspects of the  
21 process described in subsection (a), including drafting pro-  
22 posed and final rules, managing the public comment proc-  
23 ess, and any other tasks as directed by the Under Secretary.

24           (c) *ADMINISTRATION.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*In order to achieve the pur-*  
2           *pose set forth in subsection (a), the Under Secretary*  
3           *shall ensure that the team of experts described in sub-*  
4           *section (a) has the appropriate number of staff and*  
5           *such staff possesses the necessary skills, knowledge,*  
6           *and experience to carry out the duties described in*  
7           *subsection (b), including in relevant areas of regu-*  
8           *latory process, contracting, acquisition, and law. The*  
9           *Under Secretary may use existing authorities to staff*  
10          *the team, including those in paragraphs (2), (3), and*  
11          *(4).*

12          (2) *CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.*—*Civilian personnel*  
13          *from within the Office of the Secretary of Defense,*  
14          *Joint Staff, military departments, Defense Agencies,*  
15          *and combatant commands may be assigned to serve*  
16          *as members of the team of experts described in sub-*  
17          *section (a), upon request of the Under Secretary.*

18          (3) *HIGHLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS.*—*The Under*  
19          *Secretary may use the authorities for highly qualified*  
20          *experts under section 9903 of title 5, to hire members*  
21          *of the team of experts described in subsection (a).*

22          (4) *CONTRACTS.*—*The Under Secretary may*  
23          *enter into a contract with a private-sector entity for*  
24          *specialized expertise to support the team of experts de-*  
25          *scribed in subsection (a). Such entity may be consid-*

1        *ered a covered Government support contractor, as de-*  
2        *finied in section 3775(a) of title 10, United States*  
3        *Code.*

4        *(d) FUNDING.—The Under Secretary is authorized to*  
5        *use amounts in the Defense Acquisition Workforce Develop-*  
6        *ment Fund for the purpose of paying salaries of members*  
7        *of the team of experts described in subsection (a) for the*  
8        *life of the team.*

9        *(e) EXPIRATION.—The authority to maintain the team*  
10       *of experts established under section (a) shall expire on the*  
11       *earlier of—*

12                *(1) the date on which the Under Secretary deter-*  
13        *mines there is no open case in the backlog described*  
14        *in subsection (a) of open cases related to the DFARS*  
15        *that—*

16                        *(A) implements a requirement imposed by*  
17                        *statute; and*

18                        *(B) has been open for more than 180 days*  
19                        *after the date of the enactment of the statute im-*  
20                        *posing the requirement; or*

21                *(2) the date that is three years after the date on*  
22        *which the Under Secretary establishes the team of ex-*  
23        *perts described in subsection (a).*

24        *(f) BRIEFINGS.—*



1           (1) *INITIAL BRIEFING.*—Not later than 60 days  
2           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under  
3           Secretary shall provide a briefing to the congressional  
4           defense committees outlining the strategy and method-  
5           ology that will be used to establish the team of experts  
6           described in subsection (a) and the strategy and meth-  
7           odology to be used to reduce the backlog described in  
8           subsection (a) of open cases related to the DFARS.

9           (2) *PROGRESS BRIEFINGS.*—Not later than 30  
10          days after the date of the briefing required by para-  
11          graph (1), and at least once in every 30-day period  
12          thereafter, the Under Secretary shall provide a brief-  
13          ing to the congressional defense committees on the  
14          progress made by the team of experts described in sub-  
15          section (a) in reducing the backlog described in sub-  
16          section (a) of open cases related to the DFARS. The  
17          requirement for briefings under this paragraph shall  
18          terminate with the first briefing that occurs after the  
19          expiration date under subsection (e).

20 **SEC. 875. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
21 **PURCHASE OF PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS, MOD-**  
22 **ULES, OR INVERTERS FROM FOREIGN ENTI-**  
23 **TIES OF CONCERN.**

24          (a) *LIMITATION.*—Except as provided in subsection  
25 (b), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this

1 *Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the*  
2 *Department of Defense may be used to enter into a contract*  
3 *for the procurement of photovoltaic cells, modules, or invert-*  
4 *ers manufactured by a foreign entity of concern (as defined*  
5 *in section 9901(8) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-*  
6 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15*  
7 *U.S.C. 4651(8))).*

8 (b) *WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense*  
9 *may waive subsection (a) if the Secretary—*

10 (1) *determines that there is no alternative source*  
11 *of photovoltaic cells, modules, or inverters other than*  
12 *from a foreign entity of concern;*

13 (2) *determines there is no national security risk*  
14 *posed by the use of photovoltaic cells, modules, or in-*  
15 *verters manufactured by a foreign entity of concern;*  
16 *and*

17 (3) *submits a certification of such determination*  
18 *in writing to the congressional defense committees not*  
19 *later than 30 days before entering into a contract de-*  
20 *scribed under such subsection.*

21 (c) *APPLICABILITY.—*

22 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) shall not apply*  
23 *to a contract involving any third party financing ar-*  
24 *rangements, including energy savings contracts and*

1        *those involving privatized military housing or assets*  
 2        *that enhance combat capability.*

3            (2) *DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ASSETS*  
 4        *THAT ENHANCE COMBAT CAPABILITY.*—*The limitation*  
 5        *under subsection (a) shall not apply to assets that en-*  
 6        *hance combat capability for a period of one year fol-*  
 7        *lowing the date of the enactment of this Act.*

8            (d) *EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.*—*The limi-*  
 9        *tation under subsection (a) shall not apply if the procure-*  
 10       *ment is for the purposes of intelligence, electronic warfare,*  
 11       *or information warfare operations, testing, analysis, and*  
 12       *training.*

13    **SEC. 876. ENSURING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CON-**  
 14                            **TRACTOR COMPLIANCE WITH DISABILITY**  
 15                            **HIRING GOALS.**

16        (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*For each of fiscal years 2027*  
 17        *through 2030, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct an*  
 18        *audit of the compliance of the contractors of the Department*  
 19        *of Defense with the 7-percent utilization goal for employ-*  
 20        *ment of qualified individuals with disabilities by contrac-*  
 21        *tors established by the Office of Federal Contract Compli-*  
 22        *ance Programs of the Department of Labor under section*  
 23        *503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 793).*

24        (b) *REPORTS.*—*Not later than 5 months after the end*  
 25        *of a fiscal year for which the Secretary of Defense was re-*

1 *quired to conduct an audit under subsection (a), the Sec-*  
 2 *retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed*  
 3 *Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a*  
 4 *report on the findings of such audit.*

5 **SEC. 877. EXPEDITED IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMERCIAL**  
 6 **ACQUISITION REFORMS.**

7 (a) *PRIORITIZATION REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of*  
 8 *Defense shall ensure the Principal Director for Defense*  
 9 *Pricing, Contracting, and Acquisition Policy prioritizes the*  
 10 *issuance of regulations, guidance, class deviations, or other*  
 11 *implementation materials necessary to successfully imple-*  
 12 *ment sections 1821 through 1828 of the National Defense*  
 13 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–*  
 14 *60; 139 Stat. 1245 et seq.).*

15 (b) *INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION.*—*Not later than 60*  
 16 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
 17 *retary shall issue, to the extent practicable, interim guid-*  
 18 *ance, class deviations, or other temporary implementation*  
 19 *instructions necessary to ensure that the policies reflected*  
 20 *in sections 1821 through 1828 of the National Defense Au-*  
 21 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 are applied pending*  
 22 *completion of final regulations.*

23 (c) *FINAL REGULATIONS.*—*Not later than 180 days*  
 24 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
 25 *shall issue final regulations in the Department of Defense*

1 *Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation nec-*  
2 *essary to carry out sections 1821 through 1828 of the Na-*  
3 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.*

4 (d) *IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE AND BRIEFING.—*  
5 *Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of*  
6 *this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-*  
7 *fense committees a briefing that includes—*

8 (1) *a list of each Department of Defense Supple-*  
9 *ment to the Federal Acquisition Regulation case, De-*  
10 *fense Acquisition Regulations Council action, class*  
11 *deviation, guidance document, or other implementa-*  
12 *tion action associated with sections 1821 through*  
13 *1828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for*  
14 *Fiscal Year 2026;*

15 (2) *the current status of each such action;*

16 (3) *the expected date for issuance of any pro-*  
17 *posed rule, interim rule, final rule, class deviation, or*  
18 *guidance document;*

19 (4) *a description of any legal, policy, or resource*  
20 *impediment to timely implementation; and*

21 (5) *the actions the Secretary is taking to ensure*  
22 *that implementation of such sections reduces barriers*  
23 *to the participation of nontraditional defense contrac-*  
24 *tors, commercial suppliers, and small businesses in*  
25 *Department of Defense acquisitions.*

1       (e) *LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.*—Of the  
 2 funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise  
 3 made available for fiscal year 2027 for the Office of the Sec-  
 4 retary of Defense for travel expenses, not more than 50 per-  
 5 cent may be obligated or expended until the Secretary issues  
 6 interim implementation instructions as required by sub-  
 7 section (b).

8       ***TITLE IX—DEPARTMENT OF DE-***  
 9       ***FENSE ORGANIZATION AND***  
 10       ***MANAGEMENT***

11       ***SEC. 901. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPERVISE***  
 12               ***ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE***  
 13               ***RELATING TO EXPORT CONTROLS.***

14       (a) *RESPONSIBILITY OF UNDER SECRETARY OF DE-*  
 15 *FENSE FOR POLICY.*—Section 134(b) of title 10, United  
 16 States Code, is amended—

17               (1) by striking paragraph (3); and

18               (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as  
 19 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively.

20       (b) *RESPONSIBILITY OF UNDER SECRETARY OF DE-*  
 21 *FENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT.*—Section  
 22 133b(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

23               (1) in paragraph (9) by striking “and” at the  
 24 end;

1           (2) in paragraph (10) by striking the period at  
2           the end and inserting “; and”; and

3           (3) by inserting after paragraph (10) the fol-  
4           lowing new paragraph:

5           “(11) the responsibility for supervising and di-  
6           recting activities of the Department of Defense relat-  
7           ing to export controls.”.

8   **SEC. 902. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMANDANT OF THE COAST**  
9           **GUARD ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.**

10          (a) *MEMBERSHIP ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.*—  
11          Section 151(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
12          by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

13               “(9) *The Commandant of the Coast Guard.*”.

14          (b) *APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN; GRADE AND*  
15          *RANK.*—Section 152 of such title is amended—

16               (1) in subsection (b)(1)(B) by striking “or the  
17               Chief of Space Operations” and inserting “the Chief  
18               of Space Operations, or the Commandant of the Coast  
19               Guard”; and

20               (2) in subsection (c), by striking “Navy” and in-  
21               serting “Navy or Coast Guard”.

22          (c) *VICE CHAIRMAN.*—Section 154(f) of such title is  
23          amended by striking “Navy” and inserting “Navy or Coast  
24          Guard”.

1       (d) *INCLUSION ON THE JOINT STAFF.*—Section 155(a)  
 2 *of such title is amended—*

3           (1) *in paragraph (2)—*

4               (A) *in the matter preceding subparagraph*  
 5               (A), *by striking “(other than the Coast Guard)”;*

6               (B) *in subparagraph (B), by striking “and”*  
 7               *at the end;*

8               (C) *in subparagraph (C), by striking the*  
 9               *period at the end and inserting “; and”; and*

10              (D) *by adding at the end the following new*  
 11              *subparagraph:*

12              “(D) *the Coast Guard.*”; and

13              (2) *in paragraph (3), by striking “Secretary of*  
 14              *the military department having jurisdiction over that*  
 15              *armed force” and inserting “Secretary concerned”.*

16       (e) *DUTIES AS MEMBER OF JOINT STAFF.*—Section  
 17 302 *of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

18              (1) *by striking “The President may” and insert-*  
 19              *ing the following:*

20              “(a) *The President may*”; and

21              (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
 22              *section:*

23              “(b)(1) *The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall also*  
 24              *perform the duties prescribed for the Commandant as a*



1 *member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under section 151 of*  
 2 *title 10.*

3       “(2) *To the extent that such action does not impair*  
 4 *the independence of the Commandant in the performance*  
 5 *of the Commandant’s duties as a member of the Joint Chiefs*  
 6 *of Staff, the Commandant shall inform the Secretary of the*  
 7 *department in which the Coast Guard is operating regard-*  
 8 *ing military advice rendered by members of the Joint Chiefs*  
 9 *of Staff on matters affecting such department.*

10       “(3) *Subject to the authority, direction, and control*  
 11 *of the Secretary of Defense, the Commandant shall keep the*  
 12 *Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is*  
 13 *operating fully informed of significant military operations*  
 14 *affecting the duties and responsibilities of such Secretary.”.*

15 **SEC. 903. OVERSIGHT OF GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COM-**  
 16 **MANDS.**

17       *Section 916(a) of the National Defense Authorization*  
 18 *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.*  
 19 *1022) is amended by inserting “or fiscal year 2027” after*  
 20 *“fiscal year 2026”.*

21 **TITLE X—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

22 **Subtitle A—Financial Matters**

23 **SEC. 1001. GENERAL TRANSFER AUTHORITY.**

24       (a) *AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER AUTHORIZATIONS.—*

1           (1) *AUTHORITY.*—Upon determination by the  
2       *Secretary of Defense* that such action is necessary in  
3       the national interest, the Secretary may transfer  
4       amounts of authorizations made available to the De-  
5       partment of Defense in this division for fiscal year  
6       2027 between any such authorizations for that fiscal  
7       year (or any subdivisions thereof). Amounts of au-  
8       thorizations so transferred shall be merged with and  
9       be available for the same purposes as the authoriza-  
10      tion to which transferred.

11          (2) *LIMITATION.*—Except as provided in para-  
12      graph (3), the total amount of authorizations that the  
13      Secretary may transfer under the authority of this  
14      section may not exceed \$6,000,000,000.

15          (3) *EXCEPTION FOR TRANSFERS BETWEEN MILI-*  
16      *TARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS.*—A transfer of  
17      funds between military personnel authorizations  
18      under title IV shall not be counted toward the dollar  
19      limitation in paragraph (2).

20          (b) *LIMITATIONS.*—The authority provided by sub-  
21      section (a) to transfer authorizations—

22              (1) may only be used to provide authority for  
23              items that have a higher priority than the items from  
24              which authority is transferred;

1           (2) *may not be used to provide authority for an*  
 2           *item that has been denied authorization by Congress;*  
 3           *and*

4           (3) *may not be used to reduce the total amount*  
 5           *of authorizations available for facilities sustainment,*  
 6           *restoration, and modernization projects for military*  
 7           *unaccompanied housing (as defined in section 2871 of*  
 8           *title 10, United States Code) or military child devel-*  
 9           *opment centers (as defined in section 1800 of such*  
 10           *title) (commonly known as “Quality of Life Infra-*  
 11           *structure”).*

12          (c) *EFFECT ON AUTHORIZATION AMOUNTS.—A trans-*  
 13          *fer made from one account to another under the authority*  
 14          *of this section shall be deemed to increase the amount au-*  
 15          *thorized for the account to which the amount is transferred*  
 16          *by an amount equal to the amount transferred.*

17          (d) *NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall*  
 18          *promptly notify Congress of each transfer made under sub-*  
 19          *section (a).*

20          **SEC. 1002. ANNUAL REPORT ON UNFUNDED PRIORITIES OF**  
 21                               **DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY.**

22          *Chapter 9 of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
 23          *by inserting after section 234 the following new section:*

1   **“§ 235. Unfunded priorities of Defense POW/MIA Ac-**  
2                   **counting Agency: annual report**

3           “(a) *REPORTS.*—Not later than 10 days after the date  
4   on which the budget of the President for a fiscal year is  
5   submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31,  
6   the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency  
7   shall submit to the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman  
8   of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and to the congressional defense  
9   committees, a report on the unfunded priorities of the De-  
10   fense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

11          “(b) *ELEMENTS.*—(1) *Each report under subsection*  
12   *(a) shall specify, for each unfunded priority covered by such*  
13   *report, the following:*

14               “(A) *A summary description of such priority,*  
15               *including the objectives to be achieved if such priority*  
16               *is funded (whether in whole or in part).*

17               “(B) *The additional amount of funds rec-*  
18               *ommended in connection with the objectives under*  
19               *subparagraph (A).*

20               “(C) *Account information with respect to such*  
21               *priority, including the following (as applicable):*

22                       “(i) *Line Item Number for applicable pro-*  
23                       *curement accounts.*

24                       “(ii) *Program Element number for applica-*  
25                       *ble research, development, test, and evaluation*  
26                       *accounts.*

1                   “(iii) Sub-activity group for applicable op-  
2                   eration and maintenance accounts.

3                   “(2) Each report under subsection (a) shall present the  
4 unfunded priorities covered by such report in order of ur-  
5 gency of priority.

6                   “(c) UNFUNDED PRIORITY DEFINED.— In this section,  
7 the term ‘unfunded priority’, in the case of a fiscal year,  
8 means a program, activity, or mission requirement of the  
9 POW/MIA Accounting Agency that—

10                   “(1) is not funded in the budget of the President  
11 for the fiscal year as submitted to Congress pursuant  
12 to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code;

13                   “(2) is necessary to fulfill a requirement associ-  
14 ated with an operational or contingency plan of a  
15 combatant command or other validated requirement;  
16 and

17                   “(3) would have been recommended for funding  
18 through the budget referred to in paragraph (1) by the  
19 Director of the POW/MIA Accounting Agency in con-  
20 nection with the budget if additional resources had  
21 been available for the budget to fund the program, ac-  
22 tivity, or mission requirement.”.

1 **SEC. 1003. EQUIVALENCY STANDARDS FOR FINANCIAL MAN-**  
2 **AGEMENT POSITIONS.**

3 (a) *EQUIVALENCY STANDARDS.*—*Section 1599d of title*  
4 *10, United States Code, is amended—*

5 (1) *by redesignating subsections (b) through (f)*  
6 *as subsections (c) through (g), respectively;*

7 (2) *by inserting after subsection (a) the following*  
8 *new subsection (b):*

9 “(b) *EQUIVALENCY STANDARDS.*—(1) *The Secretary*  
10 *shall include, as part of the standards prescribed under sub-*  
11 *section (a), equivalency standards for financial manage-*  
12 *ment positions that are applicable across the Department.*  
13 *Such equivalency standards shall include—*

14 “(A) *an identification of any test-based profes-*  
15 *sional certification or credential issued by an author-*  
16 *ity other than the Department that the Secretary rec-*  
17 *ognizes as satisfying, in whole or in part, a standard*  
18 *prescribed under subsection (a);*

19 “(B) *an identification of any training or other*  
20 *requirement of the Department for financial manage-*  
21 *ment positions required for persons holding a profes-*  
22 *sional certification or credential recognized pursuant*  
23 *to subparagraph (A); and*

24 “(C) *rules to prevent duplicative requirements of*  
25 *the Department for such positions with respect to*  
26 *such persons.*

1       “(2) On a basis that is not less frequent than annually,  
 2 the Secretary shall review the equivalency standards under  
 3 paragraph (1) and update such standards as may be nec-  
 4 essary to reflect changes in the professional certifications  
 5 or credentials recognized pursuant to such paragraph or  
 6 modifications to the requirements of the Department for fi-  
 7 nancial management positions.”; and

8           (3) in subsection (e), as so redesignated, by in-  
 9 serting “, and shall establish, review, and update the  
 10 equivalency standards under subsection (b),” after  
 11 “standards under subsection (a)”.

12       (b) *DEADLINE FOR INITIAL ESTABLISHMENT.*—The  
 13 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall establish the  
 14 equivalency standards required under section 1599d(b) of  
 15 title 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a),  
 16 by not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of  
 17 this Act.

18 **SEC. 1004. COMPLIANCE WITH PAYMENT INTEGRITY INFOR-**  
 19 **MATION ACT REQUIREMENTS AND**  
 20 **STRENGTHENING IMPROPER PAYMENTS DE-**  
 21 **TECTION.**

22       (a) *REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than September 30,  
 23 2027, the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall  
 24 take such corrective actions as may be necessary to achieve  
 25 full compliance by the Department of Defense with require-

1 ments under the Payment Integrity Information Act of  
2 2019 (Public Law 116–117; 31 U.S.C. 3301 note), con-  
3 sistent with the recommendations contained in the report  
4 of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Re-  
5 port titled “Audit of the Department of Defense’s FY 2024  
6 Compliance with Payment Integrity Information Act Re-  
7 quirements” (DODIG-2025-105) and published on May 27,  
8 2025, including by—

9 (1) conducting required risk assessments for each  
10 program subject to such requirements; and

11 (2) publishing improper and unknown payment  
12 estimates for such programs.

13 (b) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than September 30,  
14 2027, the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall  
15 submit to the congressional defense committees a notifica-  
16 tion outlining the following:

17 (1) The corrective actions taken to meet the re-  
18 quirement under subsection (a).

19 (2) Any such corrective action remaining out-  
20 standing, including a timeline for the completion of  
21 such action.

22 (c) AUDIT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Not later than  
23 May 30, 2028, the Inspector General of the Department of  
24 Defense shall complete an updated audit of compliance by  
25 the Department of Defense with requirements under the



1 *Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (Public Law*  
 2 *116–117; 31 U.S.C. 3301 note), including a certification*  
 3 *of compliance with the requirement under subsection (a).*

4 (d) *BRIEFING.*—*Not later than September 30, 2027,*  
 5 *the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall provide*  
 6 *to the congressional defense committees a briefing on*  
 7 *strengthening the recovery audit program of the Depart-*  
 8 *ment of Defense. Such briefing shall include the following:*

9 (1) *An assessment of the use, and effectiveness, of*  
 10 *the improper payment detection tool of the Depart-*  
 11 *ment of Defense Advanced Analytics (ADVANA) plat-*  
 12 *form for the detection and prevention of improper*  
 13 *payments, as well as each action taken to address*  
 14 *high-risk programs.*

15 (2) *Comprehensive data on improper payments*  
 16 *and recoveries in fiscal years 2025 through 2026.*

17 (3) *An identification of any additional resources*  
 18 *or authorities necessary to strengthen the detection of*  
 19 *improper payments.*

20 **SEC. 1005. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH JOINT TASK FORCE**  
 21 **AUDIT.**

22 (a) *AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH.*—*In order to support*  
 23 *the goal of achieving an unmodified financial statement*  
 24 *audit opinion by December 31, 2028, the Secretary of De-*  
 25 *fense may establish a task force, to be known as “Joint Task*

1 *Force Audit*”. If the Secretary establishes the task force, the  
2 Secretary shall designate the Under Secretary of Defense  
3 (Comptroller) as the Director of the task force.

4 (b) *RESPONSIBILITIES*.—If the Secretary establishes a  
5 task force under subsection (a), the task force shall be au-  
6 thorized to carry out the following responsibilities:

7 (1) *The development and oversight of the execu-*  
8 *tion of the plan of the Department of Defense to*  
9 *achieve an unmodified financial statement audit*  
10 *opinion by not later than December 31, 2028.*

11 (2) *The approval, direction, and monitoring of*  
12 *performance on corrective action plans needed to ob-*  
13 *tain such an unmodified financial statement audit*  
14 *opinion.*

15 (3) *The provision of support to components of*  
16 *the Department in order to prioritize audit remedi-*  
17 *ation and audit response activities.*

18 (4) *Leading and supporting engagement with the*  
19 *Inspector General of the Department, the Federal Ac-*  
20 *counting Standards Advisory Board, other appro-*  
21 *priate Federal agencies, and any independent public*  
22 *accounting firms on matters pertaining to the audits*  
23 *of the financial statements of the Department.*

24 (5) *Coordinating with the Chief Information Of-*  
25 *ficer of the Department on financial system mod-*

1       ernization initiatives and the elimination of legacy or  
2       duplicative financial systems.

3       (c) *STAFFING.*—If the Secretary establishes a task force  
4       under subsection (a), the Secretary of each military depart-  
5       ment may designate a representative to serve as a Deputy  
6       Director of the task force.

7       (d) *REPORTS.*—If the Secretary establishes a task force  
8       under subsection (a), the Director of the task force shall be  
9       responsible for meeting the reporting requirements under  
10      section 240b(b) of title 10, United States Code, in a com-  
11      plete and timely manner.

12      **SEC. 1006. BUDGET TRANSPARENCY FOR ARMY MULTI-DO-**  
13                              **MAIN TASK FORCE AND MARINE LITTORAL**  
14                              **REGIMENT.**

15      (a) *CONSOLIDATED BUDGET DISPLAYS.*—In the budget  
16      justification materials submitted in support of the budget  
17      of the Department of Defense (as submitted with the budget  
18      of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United  
19      States Code) for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year there-  
20      after until fiscal year 2032, the Secretary of the Army and  
21      the Secretary of the Navy shall each include a consolidated  
22      budget display identifying, with respect to the covered for-  
23      mations of the military department concerned—

1           (1) *the number of personnel authorized to be as-*  
2           *signed, and the number of personnel assigned, to such*  
3           *covered formations; and*

4           (2) *the amounts of operation and maintenance*  
5           *funding requested for the training and readiness of*  
6           *such covered formations.*

7           (b) *REPORTS.*—*Not later than March 1, 2027, and an-*  
8           *nually thereafter until September 30, 2032, the Secretary*  
9           *of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy shall each submit*  
10          *to the congressional defense committees a report on the cov-*  
11          *ered formations of the military department concerned. Each*  
12          *such report shall include—*

13           (1) *an identification of the number of personnel*  
14           *authorized to be assigned, and the number of per-*  
15           *sonnel assigned, to such covered formations;*

16           (2) *an identification of the equipment necessary*  
17           *for full operational capability of such covered forma-*  
18           *tions, versus the equipment available to such covered*  
19           *formations;*

20           (3) *a description of the status of fielding for*  
21           *long-range fires, air defense, sensing, and command*  
22           *and control capabilities for such covered formations;*

23           (4) *projected timelines for such covered forma-*  
24           *tions achieving initial operational capability and full*  
25           *operational capability;*

1           (5) *a detailed assessment of operational risks to*  
2           *such covered formations resulting from any identified*  
3           *constraint on readiness, including any such con-*  
4           *straint relating to funding, personnel, equipment,*  
5           *training, the industrial base, or supply chains; and*

6           (6) *a description of measures to mitigate any*  
7           *risk assessed pursuant to paragraph (5) and resources*  
8           *necessary to restore such covered formations to full*  
9           *operational capability.*

10       (c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

11           (1) *The term “Army multi-domain task force”*  
12           *means a formation of the Army designated as such a*  
13           *task force and organized for the conduct of multi-do-*  
14           *main operations in support of joint force employment*  
15           *and the operational plans of the commanders of the*  
16           *combatant commands.*

17           (2) *The term “covered formation” means an*  
18           *Army multi-domain task force or a Marine Littoral*  
19           *Regiment.*

20           (3) *The term “Marine Littoral Regiment” means*  
21           *a formation of the Marine Corps designated as such*  
22           *a regiment and organized for the conduct of littoral*  
23           *and expeditionary operations in contested maritime*  
24           *environments in support of the operational plans of*  
25           *the commanders of the combatant commands.*

1           (4) *The term “military department concerned”*  
 2       *means—*

3                   (A) *the Army, with respect to submissions*  
 4       *by the Secretary of the Army; and*

5                   (B) *the Marine Corps, with respect to sub-*  
 6       *missions by the Secretary of the Navy.*

7       ***Subtitle B—Naval Vessels and***  
 8       ***Shipyards***

9   ***SEC. 1011. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE***  
 10       ***USED VESSELS WITH NATIONAL DEFENSE***  
 11       ***SEALIFT FUND.***

12       (a) *EXCLUSION OF VESSELS BUILT IN CHINA.—*

13           (1) *EXCLUSION.—Subsection (f)(3) of section*  
 14       *2218 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

15                   (A) *in subparagraph (A), by striking “any*  
 16       *used vessel, regardless of where such vessel was*  
 17       *constructed” and inserting “any used vessel*  
 18       *(other than an excluded vessel), regardless of*  
 19       *where such vessel was constructed,”; and*

20                   (B) *in subparagraph (B), by inserting*  
 21       *“(other than an excluded vessel)” after “a used*  
 22       *vessel”.*

23           (2) *DEFINITION OF EXCLUDED VESSEL.—Sub-*  
 24       *section (k) of such section is amended by adding at*  
 25       *the end the following new paragraph:*

1           “(6) *The term ‘excluded vessel’ means a vessel*  
 2       *that was—*

3                   “(A) *constructed or substantially modified*  
 4       *in the People’s Republic of China; or*

5                   “(B) *built by a Chinese military company*  
 6       *or a Chinese owned or controlled entity.”.*

7       (b) *REQUIREMENT FOR PURCHASE OF TWO NEW*  
 8       *UNITED STATES-CONSTRUCTED VESSELS FOR EACH FOR-*  
 9       *EIGN-CONSTRUCTED USED VESSEL PURCHASED IN EXCESS*  
 10      *OF 12.—Subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of subsection*  
 11      *(f) of such section is amended to read as follows:*

12           “(C) *For each foreign-constructed vessel purchased by*  
 13      *the Secretary under the authority of this paragraph in ex-*  
 14      *cess of 12, the Secretary shall contract for the purchase of*  
 15      *two new vessels each of which is to be constructed in a ship-*  
 16      *yard located in the United States.”.*

17       (c) *CLARIFYING AMENDMENT.—Such paragraph is*  
 18      *further amended in subparagraph (D) by striking “sub-*  
 19      *paragraph (A)” and inserting “this paragraph”.*

20       (d) *REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISION.—Such para-*  
 21      *graph is further amended—*

22                   (1) *by striking subparagraph (E); and*

23                   (2) *by redesignating subparagraph (F) as sub-*  
 24      *paragraph (E).*

1       (e) *REPEAL OF 30-DAY NOTICE-AND-WAIT PERIOD BE-*  
 2 *FORE CERTAIN PURCHASES MAY BE FINALIZED.*—Such  
 3 *paragraph is further amended by striking subparagraph*  
 4 *(G).*

5       (f) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO UPDATE CITA-*  
 6 *TIONS.*—Such section is further amended—

7           (1) *in subsection (d)(3), by striking “(10 U.S.C.*  
 8 *8661 note)” and inserting “(Public Law 101–510; 10*  
 9 *U.S.C. 8661 note)”;* and

10          (2) *in subsections (f)(2) and (k)(2)(A), by strik-*  
 11 *ing “Public Law 101–510 (104 Stat. 1683)” and in-*  
 12 *serting “the National Defense Authorization Act for*  
 13 *Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C.*  
 14 *8661 note)”.*

15 **SEC. 1012. REQUIREMENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF COMPO-**  
 16 **NENTS FOR NAVAL VESSELS FROM MANUFAC-**  
 17 **TURERS IN NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND IN-**  
 18 **DUSTRIAL BASE.**

19       (a) *ADDITIONAL PROCUREMENT LIMITATION.*—Section  
 20 *4864(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by*  
 21 *adding at the following new subparagraphs:*

22           “(G) *Auxiliary equipment, including*  
 23 *pumps, for all shipboard services.*



1                   “(H) *Propulsion system components, in-*  
 2                   *cluding engines, shafting, reduction gears, and*  
 3                   *propellers.*

4                   “(I) *Shipboard cranes.*

5                   “(J) *Spreaders for shipboard cranes.*

6                   “(K) *Air circuit breakers.*

7                   “(L) *Auxiliary chill water systems.”.*

8           (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—*The amendments made by sub-*  
 9           *section (a) shall apply with respect to contracts entered into*  
 10           *on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

11   **SEC. 1013. SETTLEMENT OF ADMIRALTY CLAIMS AGAINST**  
 12                   **THE UNITED STATES.**

13           *Section 7802 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 14           *ed—*

15                   (1) *in subsection (b), by striking “\$500,000”*  
 16                   *both places it appears and inserting “\$1,000,000”;*  
 17                   *and*

18                   (2) *in subsection (c), by striking “\$100,000” and*  
 19                   *inserting “\$500,000”.*

20   **SEC. 1014. AMPHIBIOUS FLEET FORCE STRUCTURE.**

21           (a) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.*—*It is the sense of Congress*  
 22           *that—*

23                   (1) *the requirement of the Navy and Marine*  
 24                   *Corps to develop and consistently project three am-*  
 25                   *phibious ready groups and the accompanying marine*

1       *expeditionary units is foundational to the force sizing*  
2       *construct of the Department of the Navy;*

3           *(2) the Secretary of the Navy should obtain the*  
4       *expected service life of the amphibious ships and re-*  
5       *quire the Navy to rigidly adhere to the direction pro-*  
6       *vided by section 8678a of title 10, United States Code;*

7           *(3) similar to the analysis conducted on extend-*  
8       *ing the submarine force structure, a comprehensive*  
9       *assessment of all LSD-41 and LSD-49 class dock*  
10       *landing ships should be conducted to assess the viabil-*  
11       *ity of extending such ships beyond their expected serv-*  
12       *ice life;*

13           *(4) the budget of the President submitted to Con-*  
14       *gress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States*  
15       *Code, should consistently support a comprehensive*  
16       *service life extension program of the Wasp-class am-*  
17       *phibious assault ships and fully resource mid-life*  
18       *maintenance of the San Antonio-class amphibious*  
19       *transport dock ships;*

20           *(5) the Optimized Fleet Response Plan Force*  
21       *generation construct of the Navy, as operating as of*  
22       *the date of the enactment of this Act, sub-optimizes*  
23       *the ability to project amphibious readiness groups;*  
24       *and*

1           (6) *the Navy should adopt an alternative force*  
 2           *generation model that expands the ability to main-*  
 3           *tain a continuous 3.0 amphibious ready group/ma-*  
 4           *rine expeditionary unit presence capable of deploying*  
 5           *additional amphibious readiness groups.*

6           (b) *ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT.*—Section 8026 of title  
 7   10, *United States Code*, is amended—

8           (1) *by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before*  
 9           *“The Secretary”;*

10          (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
 11          *section:*

12          “(b) *RISK ASSESSMENT.*—(1) *Not later than March 15*  
 13          *of each year, the Commandant of the Marine Corps shall*  
 14          *submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate*  
 15          *and House of Representatives an assessment of the risks as-*  
 16          *sociated with amphibious forces, which shall be known as*  
 17          *the ‘Amphibious Forces Risk Assessment of the Com-*  
 18          *mandant’. Each such risk assessment shall include, for the*  
 19          *year covered by the assessment, each of the following:*

20               “(A) *An identification and definition of each*  
 21               *level of risk, including the determination of the Com-*  
 22               *mander of what constitutes ‘significant’ risk.*

23               “(B) *For each category of risk identified, an as-*  
 24               *essment of the extent to which the degree of risk is*  
 25               *expected to increase, decrease, or remain stable as a*

1        *result of budgetary priorities, tradeoffs, and fiscal*  
 2        *constraints or limitations based on the most recent fu-*  
 3        *ture-years defense program under section 221 of this*  
 4        *title.*

5        *“(2) Each risk assessment under this subsection shall*  
 6        *be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classi-*  
 7        *fied annex.”.*

8        *(c) NUMBER OF AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIPS.— Sec-*  
 9        *tion 8062 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

10            *(1) in subsection (b), by striking “31” and in-*  
 11            *serting “33”;*

12            *(2) in subsection (e)(4), by striking “ scheduled*  
 13            *maintenance and repair actions to maintain the min-*  
 14            *imum number of available amphibious warfare ships*  
 15            *to meet operational requirements.” and inserting “the*  
 16            *required number of amphibious war ships to achieve*  
 17            *a 3.0 amphibious ready group/marine expeditionary*  
 18            *unit presence, as determined pursuant to the Global*  
 19            *Force Management Implementation Guidance and the*  
 20            *certification of the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs*  
 21            *of Staff of the marine expeditionary unit presence re-*  
 22            *quirement.”*

23        *(d) MODIFICATION OF AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE*  
 24        *SHIPS.—Section 2244a(b) of title 10, United States Code,*

1 *is amended by adding at the end the following new para-*  
2 *graph:*

3           “(4) *EXCEPTION FOR AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE*  
4           *SHIPS.—The prohibition in subsection (a) does not*  
5           *apply to a modification to an amphibious warfare*  
6           *ship (as such term is defined in section 8062(h) of*  
7           *this title) during any of fiscal years 2027 through*  
8           *2034.”.*

9           (e) *SAN ANTONIO-CLASS MAINTENANCE PLAN.—Not*  
10          *later than September 30, 2027, the Secretary of the Navy*  
11          *shall submit to the congressional defense committees a mid-*  
12          *life maintenance plan for San Antonio-class amphibious*  
13          *transport dock ships class.*

14          (f) *REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than*  
15          *March 1, 2027, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to*  
16          *the congressional defense committees the following reports:*

17               (1) *A report containing an assessment of all*  
18               *LSD-41 and LSD-49 class dock landing ships and,*  
19               *for each such vessel, an identification of options to ex-*  
20               *tend the service life of the vessel.*

21               (2) *A report on options for the comprehensive de-*  
22               *velopment of a modernization program that includes*  
23               *a service-life extension plan for Wasp-class amphib-*  
24               *ious assault ships and a mid-life maintenance plan*  
25               *for San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock*

1       *ships. Such report shall include, for each such option,*  
 2       *an assessment of—*

3               *(A) the overall timing of the application of*  
 4       *such option each Wasp-class amphibious assault*  
 5       *ship and San Antonio-class amphibious trans-*  
 6       *port dock ship and whether such timing coin-*  
 7       *cides with the optimal service life extension op-*  
 8       *tion for the ship;*

9               *(B) specific modernization program objec-*  
 10       *tives for each class of ship;*

11               *(C) the amount of funding required to carry*  
 12       *out the modernization program; and*

13               *(D) the capability of the defense industrial*  
 14       *base to support the modernization program.*

15   **SEC. 1015. ARMAMENT OF NAVAL AUXILIARY VESSELS.**

16       *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 863 of title 10, United*  
 17       *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*  
 18       *new section:*

19   **“§ 8699. Armament of naval auxiliary vessels**

20       *“(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Except as provided under*  
 21       *paragraph (2), the Secretary of the Navy shall ensure, to*  
 22       *the maximum extent practicable, that each naval auxiliary*  
 23       *vessel operated by the Military Sealift Command and des-*  
 24       *ignated as a United States Naval Ship is equipped with*  
 25       *defensive armament sufficient to provide for the self-defense*

1 *of the vessel against air, surface, and asymmetric threats*  
2 *in contested environments.*

3 “(2) *The requirement under paragraph (1) does not*  
4 *apply to a vessel that is designated as a hospital ship and*  
5 *is protected from attack or capture under the Convention*  
6 *(II) for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick*  
7 *and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea done at*  
8 *Geneva August 12, 1949.*

9 “(b) *MINIMUM CAPABILITIES.—Armament provided*  
10 *pursuant to subsection (a) may include, at the discretion*  
11 *of the Secretary, any of the following:*

12 “(1) *Close-in weapon systems or equivalent*  
13 *point-defense systems.*

14 “(2) *Crew-served weapons and stabilized naval*  
15 *gun systems.*

16 “(3) *Counter-unmanned aerial system capabili-*  
17 *ties.*

18 “(4) *Electronic warfare and decoy systems.*

19 “(5) *Modular or containerized weapon systems*  
20 *capable of rapid installation and scaling across class-*  
21 *es of vessels.*

22 “(c) *MANNING AND TRAINING.—The Secretary shall*  
23 *ensure that each vessel equipped pursuant to subsection (a)*  
24 *is—*

1           “(1) *provided with adequately trained personnel*  
2           *to operate and maintain the armament provided to*  
3           *the vessel; and*

4           “(2) *integrated, as appropriate, with Navy re-*  
5           *serve or other augmentation forces for wartime oper-*  
6           *ations.”.*

7           ***(b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary***  
8           *shall—*

9                 *(1) begin implementation of section 8699 of title*  
10            *10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a),*  
11            *by not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-*  
12            *ment of this Act; and*

13                 *(2) in implementing such section, prioritize ves-*  
14            *sels supporting forward-deployed or contested logistics*  
15            *operations.*

16           ***(c) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date***  
17            *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall*  
18            *submit to the congressional defense committees a report that*  
19            *includes—*

20                 *(1) a prioritized list of naval auxiliary vessels to*  
21            *be equipped with armament pursuant to section 8699*  
22            *of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection*  
23            *(a);*

24                 *(2) recommended weapon systems for each class*  
25            *of vessel;*



1           (3) *cost estimates and installation timelines for*  
2           *providing such armament;*

3           (4) *manning and training requirements for each*  
4           *such vessel pursuant to subsection (c) of such section;*  
5           *and*

6           (5) *any legislative or regulatory barriers to the*  
7           *implementation of such section.*

8   **SEC. 1016. ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR NAVY STRATEGY**  
9                           **FOR INVESTMENT IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE**  
10                          **MARITIME INDUSTRIAL BASE.**

11       *Section 1019 of the National Defense Authorization*  
12   *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.*  
13   *1032; 10 U.S.C. 8661 note) is amended—*

14           (1) *in subsection (a), by striking “programs”*  
15           *and inserting “and sustainment”; and*

16           (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
17           *section:*

18       “(d) *ADDITIONAL MEASURES.—Not later than 180*  
19   *days after the date of the National Defense Authorization*  
20   *Act for Fiscal Year 2027, the Secretary shall include each*  
21   *of the following measures in the strategy required under*  
22   *subsection (a):*

23           “(1) *Measures to determine a total cost and*  
24           *schedule for investments needed to enhance the per-*  
25           *formance of the submarine industrial base to the ex-*

1        *tent to which it can support the production of one Co-*  
2        *lumbia class submarine and two Virginia class sub-*  
3        *marines each year and improve in-service submarine*  
4        *maintenance to achieve the goals of the Navy for oper-*  
5        *ational availability.*

6                *“(2) Measures to determine a total cost and*  
7        *schedule for investments needed to enhance the per-*  
8        *formance of the surface ship industrial base to the ex-*  
9        *tent to which it can support the goals of the Navy for*  
10       *surface ship construction and sustainment.*

11               *“(3) Measures to identify roles, responsibilities,*  
12       *and mechanism for coordination and data sharing be-*  
13       *tween all entities within the Department of Defense*  
14       *involved in investing in and supporting the maritime*  
15       *industrial base.*

16               *“(4) Measures to conduct an analysis of the ca-*  
17       *capacity of the Department of Defense to effectively plan*  
18       *for, award, and oversee investments in the maritime*  
19       *industrial base and, if relevant offices do not have*  
20       *sufficient capacity, determine how to increase capac-*  
21       *ity.”.*

1 **SEC. 1017. INCLUSION OF NAVY SURFACE COMBAT SHIP**  
 2 **MAINTENANCE AS A SEPARATE LINE ITEM IN**  
 3 **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The budget of the President sub-*  
 5 *mitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United*  
 6 *States Code, for fiscal year 2028 and each subsequent fiscal*  
 7 *year, shall display Navy surface combat ship maintenance*  
 8 *as one or more separate line items under each subactivity*  
 9 *within operation and maintenance, Navy.*

10 (b) *SURFACE COMBAT SHIP DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*  
 11 *tion, the term “surface combat ship”—*

12 (1) *means a surface ship that—*

13 (A) *is designed primarily to engage in at-*  
 14 *tacks against airborne, surface, subsurface, and*  
 15 *shore targets; and*

16 (B) *uses a propulsion system that is not nu-*  
 17 *clear-based; and*

18 (2) *includes any—*

19 (A) *guided missile cruiser;*

20 (B) *guided missile destroyer;*

21 (C) *guided missile frigate; and*

22 (D) *littoral combat ship.*

23 **SEC. 1018. CONTRACTING REFORM FOR SURFACE SHIP**  
 24 **MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND OVERHAUL.**

25 (a) *INDEFINITE DELIVERY-INDEFINITE QUANTITY*  
 26 *CONTRACT.*—

1           (1) *REQUIREMENT.*—*The Secretary of the Navy*  
2           *shall enter into an indefinite delivery-indefinite*  
3           *quantity contract for the maintenance, repair, and*  
4           *overhaul of covered vessels, and shall issue task orders*  
5           *under such contract for the performance of such ac-*  
6           *tivities, across availability periods, by private ship-*  
7           *yards, with a separate task order for each category of*  
8           *covered vessel determined by the Secretary consistent*  
9           *with subsection (c).*

10          (2) *RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTORS.*—*Each*  
11          *task order issued under the contract required under*  
12          *paragraph (1) shall require the private shipyard per-*  
13          *forming work under the task order for a category of*  
14          *covered vessels to be responsible for any routine,*  
15          *scheduled, or corrective life-cycle maintenance or re-*  
16          *pair activity of such vessels assigned to such shipyard*  
17          *under such task order.*

18          (3) *MINIMUM TERM DURATION.*—*The Secretary*  
19          *shall ensure that the term for any contractor that is*  
20          *a party to the indefinite delivery-indefinite quantity*  
21          *contract required under paragraph (1) is not less*  
22          *than five years after the date on which such contract*  
23          *is entered into.*

24          (b) *PRE-CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.*—*Prior to enter-*  
25          *ing into the contract required under subsection (a)(1) or*

1 *issuing any task order under such contract, but not later*  
2 *than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
3 *the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
4 *mittees a report containing the following information:*

5           *(1) A determination by the Secretary of the cat-*  
6 *egories of covered vessels to be used for purposes of*  
7 *such contract, consistent with subsection (c), includ-*  
8 *ing the number, classes, and anticipated availability*  
9 *schedules of vessels the maintenance, repair, and over-*  
10 *haul of which is to be addressed by each task order*  
11 *issued under such contract.*

12           *(2) For each such category, an identification of*  
13 *the availability of parts and supply chain capacity,*  
14 *forecasting, and planning necessary to support the*  
15 *maintenance, repair, and overhaul of covered vessels*  
16 *across availability periods.*

17           *(3) An identification of standardized work-item*  
18 *sequencing, bundling, and planning requirements to*  
19 *enable predictable maintenance, repair, and overhaul*  
20 *of covered vessels across availability periods.*

21           *(4) An assessment of the adequacy of facilities*  
22 *for such maintenance, repair, and overhaul, including*  
23 *with respect to workforce capacity, dry dock and pier*  
24 *availability, and long-term infrastructure necessary*  
25 *to sustain workload requirements under such contract.*

1           (5) *A cost baseline for such maintenance, repair,*  
 2           *and overhaul, and a methodology for evaluating po-*  
 3           *tential savings or financial risks associated with such*  
 4           *contract.*

5           (6) *An identification of risks to such mainte-*  
 6           *nance, repair, and overhaul associated with schedule*  
 7           *disruptions, supply chain delays, or industrial base*  
 8           *shortfalls, and a description of mitigation strategies*  
 9           *and contingency planning for such risks.*

10          (c) *CONSIDERATIONS FOR CATEGORY DETERMINA-*  
 11          *TION.—In determining categories of covered vessels for pur-*  
 12          *poses of the contract required under subsection (a)(1), the*  
 13          *Secretary shall consider—*

14               (1) *the facilities, capabilities, and industrial ca-*  
 15               *capacity required to carry out maintenance, repair, and*  
 16               *overhaul activities for covered vessels;*

17               (2) *the need to ensure adequate competition, and*  
 18               *prevent the over-concentration of workload, among*  
 19               *private shipyards; and*

20               (3) *options for task orders issued under such con-*  
 21               *tract to incorporate multiple covered vessels.*

22          (d) *NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT TERMINATION.—Not*  
 23          *later than 30 days after any date on which the Secretary*  
 24          *terminates the contract required under subsection (a)(1), or*  
 25          *any task order under such contract, the Secretary shall sub-*

1 *mit to the congressional defense committees a notice of such*  
 2 *termination, including a justification for such termination.*

3 *(e) APPLICABILITY OF FOREIGN SHIPYARD RESTRIC-*  
 4 *TIONS.—The limitations under section 8680 of title 10,*  
 5 *United States Code, shall apply with respect to the mainte-*  
 6 *nance, repair, and overhaul of covered vessels pursuant to*  
 7 *any task order issued under the contract required under*  
 8 *subsection (a)(1).*

9 *(f) METRICS AND MECHANISMS FOR OVERSIGHT.—In*  
 10 *carrying out this section, the Secretary shall establish*  
 11 *metrics and oversight mechanisms for—*

12 *(1) contractor performance;*

13 *(2) schedule adherence;*

14 *(3) cost performance relative to the established*  
 15 *baseline cost;*

16 *(4) effects on the industrial base and workforce*  
 17 *sustainment; and*

18 *(5) effects on fleet readiness and operational*  
 19 *availability.*

20 *(g) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after*  
 21 *the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-*  
 22 *after for 5 years, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-*  
 23 *sional defense committees a report that contains, at a min-*  
 24 *imum, the following:*

25 *(1) A description of—*

3                    (B) the categories of covered vessels deter-  
4                    mined by the Secretary for purposes of such con-  
5                    tract, and the rationale behind such determina-  
6                    tion;

7 (C) projected cost savings, schedule improve-  
8 ments, and effects on the industrial base result-  
9 ing from such contract; and

10                    (D) any risk identified with respect to such  
11                    contract and as applicable, the measures adopted  
12                    to mitigate any such risk.

(2) *Recommendations for legislative and regulatory changes to improve the authority for, or implementation of, indefinite delivery-indefinite quantity contracts entered into by the Secretary.*

(h) COVERED VESSEL DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered vessel” means a surface combatant vessel, as such term is defined in section 8227(e) of title 10, United States Code.

21 *SEC. 1019. REALIGNMENT OF CONTRACT MANAGEMENT FOR*  
22 *POLAR SECURITY CUTTER PROGRAM.*

(a) *CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ALIGNMENT.*—The Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Commandant of the Coast Guard, shall take such steps as are necessary



1 *to ensure that the Commandant of the Coast Guard is solely*  
 2 *responsible for the contract management responsibilities for*  
 3 *the Polar Security Cutter program.*

4 (b) *LIMITATION ON NAVY CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES.*—  
 5 *Beginning on the date that is 180 days after the date of*  
 6 *the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy may*  
 7 *not maintain a separate contracting office for the Polar Se-*  
 8 *curity Cutter program except as required to provide advi-*  
 9 *sory support requested by the Commandant of the Coast*  
 10 *Guard.*

11 (c) *BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.*—*Not later than 90 days*  
 12 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
 13 *of the Navy shall provide to the congressional defense com-*  
 14 *mittees a briefing describing the implementation of this sec-*  
 15 *tion.*

16 **SEC. 1020. DOMESTIC SOURCING OF BULK FUEL TO SUP-**  
 17 **PORT TANKER SECURITY PROGRAM.**

18 (a) *DOMESTIC SOURCING.*—*Beginning not later than*  
 19 *180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
 20 *Director of the Defense Logistics Agency shall seek to pro-*  
 21 *cure at least 10 percent of covered bulk fuel from domestic*  
 22 *refineries with excess production capacity.*

23 (b) *USE OF TANKER SECURITY FLEET VESSELS.*—*The*  
 24 *delivery of covered bulk fuel procured from a domestic refin-*  
 25 *ery pursuant to subsection (a) shall be transported for deliv-*

1 *ery to locations outside of the United States on partici-*  
2 *pating fleet vessels.*

3       (c) *COORDINATION.*—*In carrying out this section, the*  
4 *Director of the Defense Logistics Agency shall coordinate*  
5 *with the Administrator of the Maritime Administration to*  
6 *align procurement and delivery planning for covered bulk*  
7 *fuel in accordance with subsection (a) with the Tanker Se-*  
8 *curity Program, including by identifying opportunities to*  
9 *increase the use of participating fleet vessels consistent with*  
10 *subsection (b).*

11       (d) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 270 days after the date*  
12 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
13 *submit to the congressional defense committees a report that*  
14 *includes—*

15               (1) *an assessment of the extent to which partici-*  
16 *pating fleet vessels are expected to be used pursuant*  
17 *to subsection (b);*

18               (2) *a description of opportunities to increase the*  
19 *delivery of covered bulk fuel procured from a domestic*  
20 *refinery pursuant to subsection (a) in support of the*  
21 *Tanker Security Program, including opportunities to*  
22 *establish recurring shipments of such fuel to fuel de-*  
23 *pots of the Department located outside of the United*  
24 *States;*

1           (3) *an assessment of how such increase would*  
2           *support the availability of United States mariners*  
3           *and long-range fuel supply chains necessary to sus-*  
4           *tain military operations in contested environments;*  
5           *and*

6           (4) *any legislation, policy, or contract authority*  
7           *that the Secretary determines necessary to implement*  
8           *this section.*

9           (e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

10           (1) *The term “covered bulk fuel” means aviation*  
11           *turbine fuel, marine diesel, or any other refined petro-*  
12           *leum product procured by the Secretary of Defense for*  
13           *delivery to locations outside of the United States in*  
14           *support of military operations or fuel depots of the*  
15           *Department of Defense.*

16           (2) *The term “excess production capacity”, with*  
17           *respect to a refinery, means a production capacity of*  
18           *the refinery that the Secretary of Defense, in coordi-*  
19           *nation with the Secretary of Energy, determines is in*  
20           *excess of domestic consumption requirements.*

21           (3) *The term “participating fleet vessel” has the*  
22           *meaning given such term in section 53401 of title 46,*  
23           *United States Code.*

1 **SEC. 1021. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO UNMANNED SUR-**  
2 **FACE VESSELS.**

3 (a) *LIMITATION.*—*The Secretary of the Navy may not*  
4 *accept or take delivery of an unmanned surface vessel before*  
5 *the date on which the Secretary submits to the congressional*  
6 *defense committees certification in writing that the Chief*  
7 *of Naval Operations or the Commandant of the Marine*  
8 *Corps has developed both concepts of operation and concepts*  
9 *of employment for at least one of the following combat func-*  
10 *tions:*

- 11 (1) *Anti-submarine warfare.*  
12 (2) *Maritime strike.*  
13 (3) *Logistics.*  
14 (4) *Electronic warfare.*  
15 (5) *Command and control.*  
16 (6) *Intelligence.*  
17 (7) *Surveillance.*  
18 (8) *Reconnaissance.*  
19 (9) *Targeting.*  
20 (10) *Systems designed to counter any of the*  
21 *functions described in paragraphs (1) through (9).*  
22 (11) *Any other combat function designated by*  
23 *the Chief of Naval Operations or the Commandant of*  
24 *the Marine Corps.*

25 (b) *STRATEGY REQUIRED.*—*Not later than 180 days*  
26 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*

1 *of the Navy shall develop and implement a strategy for the*  
2 *integration of unmanned surface vessels into naval force de-*  
3 *sign and joint maritime operations. Such strategy shall in-*  
4 *clude each of the following:*

5           (1) *A description of the role of unmanned surface*  
6           *vessels in the future force design for the Department*  
7           *of the Navy.*

8           (2) *The process and timelines associated with the*  
9           *integration of unmanned surface vessels into joint*  
10          *maritime operations.*

11          (3) *An identification of the operational authori-*  
12          *ties currently governing the use of unmanned surface*  
13          *vessels.*

14          (4) *An acquisition strategy for unmanned sur-*  
15          *face vessels.*

16          (5) *An identification of the manpower, training,*  
17          *and infrastructure requirements for the integration of*  
18          *unmanned surface vessels into naval force design and*  
19          *joint maritime operations.*

20          (6) *A description of different ownership or oper-*  
21          *ating models for unmanned surface vessels, including*  
22          *ownership and operation by the Government and by*  
23          *contractors, and how each such model would affect—*

24                (A) *manpower and infrastructure require-*  
25                *ments;*

1                   (B) sustainment planning; and

2                   (C) competition and industrial base con-  
3                   cerns.

4                   (7) An identification of access and basing re-  
5                   quirements for unmanned surface vessels.

6                   (c) *REPORT*.—Not later than 210 days after the date  
7                   of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall  
8                   submit to the congressional defense committees a report on  
9                   the strategy required under subsection (b).

10                  (d) *ANNUAL BRIEFING*.—Not later than 90 days after  
11                  the date of the submission of the report required under sub-  
12                  section (c), and biannually thereafter, the Portfolio Acquisi-  
13                  tion Executive established under section 1732 of title 10,  
14                  United States Code, shall provide a briefing to the Commit-  
15                  tees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and  
16                  the Senate. Each such briefing shall include each of the fol-  
17                  lowing:

18                   (1) A description of any changes or refinements  
19                   made to the strategy required under subsection (b)  
20                   during the period by the briefing.

21                   (2) A description of any planning, scenarios, or  
22                   simulations carried out by the Navy during the pe-  
23                   riod by the briefing that model the use of unmanned  
24                   surface vessels in defined environments for specific  
25                   missions and tasks.

1           (3) *A description of any operational gaps identi-*  
 2           *fied during the period by the briefing that unmanned*  
 3           *surface vessel capabilities could address.*

4           (4) *A description of any validated and emerging*  
 5           *requirements of the combatant commands identified*  
 6           *during the period by the briefing for unmanned sur-*  
 7           *face vessels and unmanned underwater vessels, and*  
 8           *the criteria used to validate such requirements.*

9           (5) *Any gaps in operational authority or re-*  
 10          *quired changes with respect to unmanned surface ves-*  
 11          *sels and unmanned underwater vessels identified dur-*  
 12          *ing the period by the briefing.*

13 **SEC. 1022. ENHANCEMENT OF NAVY SUBMARINE RESCUE**  
 14                                   **CAPABILITIES.**

15          (a) *DIVERSIFICATION.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
 16          *the date of the enactment of this Act, in order to ensure*  
 17          *operational readiness in the event of a prolonged unavail-*  
 18          *ability of any single system, to the extent practicable, the*  
 19          *Secretary of the Navy shall develop and maintain multiple,*  
 20          *redundant submarine rescue capabilities, including—*

21               (1) *Navy-owned rescue systems; and*

22               (2) *commercially-classified or contract-operated*  
 23          *rescue systems certified under internationally recog-*  
 24          *nized classification standards.*

1       (b) *TECHNOLOGICAL MODERNIZATION.—To the extent*  
2 *practicable, the Secretary shall—*

3           (1) *integrate emerging technologies, including*  
4 *unmanned and autonomous underwater vehicles, into*  
5 *submarine rescue operations to improve—*

6                   (A) *search and location of distressed sub-*  
7 *marines;*

8                   (B) *mission situational awareness; and*

9                   (C) *risk mitigation for human rescue per-*  
10 *sonnel; and*

11          (2) *evaluate and, where feasible, develop new*  
12 *deep submarine escape and survival technologies to*  
13 *extend safe crew survivability beyond current oper-*  
14 *ational depth limits.*

15       (c) *TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL READINESS.—To the*  
16 *extent practicable, the Secretary shall—*

17           (1) *ensure the conduct of frequent, realistic*  
18 *training exercises for submarine crews and rescue*  
19 *teams, simulating disabled submarine scenarios under*  
20 *operationally relevant conditions; and*

21           (2) *integrate advanced modeling and simulation*  
22 *tools to optimize rescue search and response planning*  
23 *under uncertain environmental conditions.*

24       (d) *INTERNATIONAL INTEROPERABILITY.—To the ex-*  
25 *tent practicable, the Secretary shall—*



1           (1) *expand cooperation and interoperability with*  
2           *allied submarine-operating nations, including*  
3           *through—*

4                   (A) *participation in multinational exer-*  
5                   *cises, such as Pacific Reach and NATO Dynamic*  
6                   *Monarch; and*

7                   (B) *engagement with the International Sub-*  
8                   *marine Escape and Rescue Liaison Office and*  
9                   *other relevant international bodies; and*

10           (2) *develop agreements, standard operating pro-*  
11           *cedures, and shared protocols to enable coordinated,*  
12           *multinational response to submarine distress inci-*  
13           *dents.*

14           (e) *OVERSIGHT, SAFETY, AND RISK REDUCTION.—To*  
15           *the extent practicable, the Secretary shall—*

16                   (1) *ensure independent classification, inspection,*  
17                   *and certification of all rescue systems, both Navy-*  
18                   *owned and commercially operated, to maintain the*  
19                   *highest safety and operational standards; and*

20                   (2) *continue programs that reduce the likelihood*  
21                   *of submarine accidents, including submarine safety*  
22                   *and quality assurance initiatives, to complement res-*  
23                   *cue capabilities.*

24           (f) *REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
25           *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to*

1 *the congressional defense committees a report on the imple-*  
2 *mentation of this section.*

3 **SEC. 1023. NAVY-COAST GUARD MARITIME WORKFORCE**  
4 **AND CAPACITY COORDINATION PLAN.**

5 *(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after*  
6 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the*  
7 *Navy and the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall estab-*  
8 *lish a recurring coordination mechanism to align maritime*  
9 *industrial workforce requirements and capacity planning*  
10 *activities.*

11 *(b) QUARTERLY COORDINATION.—In carrying out sub-*  
12 *section (a), the Secretary of the Navy and the Commandant*  
13 *of the Coast Guard shall convene meetings not less fre-*  
14 *quently than once each quarter to—*

15 *(1) identify projected workforce requirements and*  
16 *capacity needs associated with shipbuilding, ship re-*  
17 *pair, maintenance, sustainment, and related mari-*  
18 *time industrial activities;*

19 *(2) identify areas of overlap, competition, or re-*  
20 *source constraints that may adversely affect the abil-*  
21 *ity of either service to meet workforce and industrial*  
22 *base requirements;*

23 *(3) assess opportunities to coordinate workforce*  
24 *development activities, training pipelines, and indus-*  
25 *trial base investments; and*

1           (4) *identify actions necessary to reduce duplica-*  
2           *tion and improve coordination across shared indus-*  
3           *trial sectors.*

4           (c) *10-YEAR MARITIME WORKFORCE AND CAPACITY*  
5           *PLAN.—*

6           (1) *REPORT.—Not later than one year after the*  
7           *date of the enactment of this Act, and every two years*  
8           *thereafter, the Secretary of the Navy and the Com-*  
9           *mandant of the Coast Guard shall jointly submit to*  
10          *the appropriate congressional committees a report*  
11          *containing a 10-year maritime workforce and capac-*  
12          *ity plan. Each such plan shall include, for the period*  
13          *covered by the plan—*

14                (A) *projected workforce requirements across*  
15                *shipbuilding, ship repair, maintenance,*  
16                *sustainment, and critical supplier sectors;*

17                (B) *projected demand signals and antici-*  
18                *ipated requirements for public and private ship-*  
19                *yards and related industrial base participants;*

20                (C) *an assessment of workforce gaps, short-*  
21                *ages, and associated risks to the execution of*  
22                *shipbuilding and sustainment requirements;*

23                (D) *the identification of areas in which*  
24                *Navy and Coast Guard requirements may create*

1           *competing demands for labor, infrastructure, or*  
2           *supplier capacity;*

3           *(E) recommendations for mitigating identi-*  
4           *fied constraints and improving coordination be-*  
5           *tween the Navy and the Coast Guard; and*

6           *(F) an assessment of actions necessary to*  
7           *provide industry with greater predictability re-*  
8           *garding future workforce and capacity require-*  
9           *ments.*

10          (2) *BRIEFING.*—*Not later than 30 days after the*  
11          *date on which a report is submitted under paragraph*  
12          *(1), the Secretary of the Navy and the Commandant*  
13          *of the Coast Guard shall provide to the appropriate*  
14          *congressional committees a briefing on the plan con-*  
15          *tained in the report.*

16          (3) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-*  
17          *TEES.*—*In this subsection, the term “appropriate con-*  
18          *gressional committees” means—*

19                 *(A) the Committee on Armed Services and*  
20                 *the Committee on Commerce, Science, and*  
21                 *Transportation of the Senate; and*

22                 *(B) the Committee on Armed Services and*  
23                 *the Committee on Transportation and Infra-*  
24                 *structure of the House of Representatives.*

1 **SEC. 1024. PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF ADDITIVE AND AD-**  
2 **VANCED MANUFACTURING TO SUPPORT**  
3 **NAVAL SHIPBUILDING.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary of the Navy shall*  
5 *conduct a pilot program through which the Secretary shall*  
6 *expand the use of additive manufacturing and advanced*  
7 *manufacturing technologies to address supply chain con-*  
8 *straints, production delays, and part shortages affecting*  
9 *naval shipbuilding and ship repair.*

10 (b) *DESIGN OF PILOT.*—*The Secretary shall design the*  
11 *pilot program to—*

12 (1) *identify shipbuilding components, replace-*  
13 *ment parts, tooling, fixtures, and other items that are*  
14 *constrained by limited suppliers, long lead times, ob-*  
15 *solete production methods, or foreign dependence;*

16 (2) *evaluate the use of additive manufacturing*  
17 *and advanced manufacturing to produce such items*  
18 *in a manner that meets applicable Navy technical,*  
19 *safety, cybersecurity, quality assurance, and certifi-*  
20 *cation requirements;*

21 (3) *reduce schedule delays in ship construction,*  
22 *maintenance, and repair caused by shortages of parts*  
23 *or production capacity;*

24 (4) *strengthen domestic manufacturing capacity*  
25 *for naval shipbuilding; and*

1           (5) *support the development of qualification*  
2           *standards and repeatable certification pathways for*  
3           *additive manufactured shipbuilding components.*

4           (c) *IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out the pilot pro-*  
5           *gram, the Secretary shall—*

6           (1) *select not fewer than three classes of naval*  
7           *vessels for participation in the pilot program;*

8           (2) *prioritize components and parts that have*  
9           *demonstrated supply chain constraints, production*  
10          *bottlenecks, or recurring availability issues;*

11          (3) *partner with public shipyards, private ship-*  
12          *builders, suppliers, and other entities within the do-*  
13          *mestic shipbuilding industrial base;*

14          (4) *support University Affiliated Research Cen-*  
15          *ters, federally funded research and development cen-*  
16          *ters, and other qualified technical organizations with*  
17          *expertise in additive manufacturing, advanced manu-*  
18          *facturing, materials science, and industrial base mod-*  
19          *ernization;*

20          (5) *establish procedures for testing, qualification,*  
21          *and certification of additive manufactured parts for*  
22          *naval use; and*

23          (6) *ensure that any technical data, digital mod-*  
24          *els, or manufacturing processes developed under the*

1        *pilot program are managed to support long-term*  
2        *Navy sustainment and avoid vendor lock-in.*

3        *(d) UARC SUPPORT.—The Secretary may enter into*  
4        *agreements with University Affiliated Research Centers to*  
5        *provide technical support for the pilot program, including*  
6        *support for—*

7                *(1) identifying candidate parts and components*  
8                *suitable for additive or advanced manufacturing;*

9                *(2) developing manufacturing processes and*  
10               *qualification standards;*

11               *(3) conducting materials testing and perform-*  
12               *ance validation;*

13               *(4) assessing cybersecurity risks associated with*  
14               *digital manufacturing files and production systems;*

15               *(5) supporting workforce development and train-*  
16               *ing for additive manufacturing in the naval ship-*  
17               *building industrial base; and*

18               *(6) advising the Navy on how to scale successful*  
19               *technologies across shipbuilding and ship repair pro-*  
20               *grams.*

21        *(e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date*  
22        *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to*  
23        *the congressional defense committees a report on the imple-*  
24        *mentation of the pilot program, including—*

1           (1) *the ship classes, shipyards, and industrial*  
 2           *base partners participating in the pilot program;*

3           (2) *the categories of parts or components selected*  
 4           *for additive manufacturing or advanced manufac-*  
 5           *turing;*

6           (3) *the extent to which the pilot program has re-*  
 7           *duced lead times, production delays, costs, or supplier*  
 8           *constraints;*

9           (4) *any barriers to qualification, certification,*  
 10          *cybersecurity, intellectual property, or technical data*  
 11          *rights;*

12          (5) *the role of University Affiliated Research*  
 13          *Centers and other technical organizations in sup-*  
 14          *porting the pilot program; and*

15          (6) *recommendations for expanding the use of*  
 16          *additive and advanced manufacturing across naval*  
 17          *shipbuilding and ship repair.*

18          (f) *DURATION.*—*The authority under this section shall*  
 19          *terminate on December 31, 2032.*

20          **SEC. 1025. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PROCURE-**  
 21          **MENT OF A BATTLE FORCE SHIP.**

22          (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*None of the funds authorized to be*  
 23          *appropriated by this Act for fiscal year 2027 for the De-*  
 24          *partment of the Navy may be obligated or expended to enter*  
 25          *into a contract for the procurement of a battle force ship*



1 *to be built a foreign shipyard that is to be commissioned*  
 2 *a United States Ship (USS) warship.*

3 *(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

4 *(1) The term “battle force ship” has the meaning*  
 5 *given in Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5030.8C.*

6 *(2) The term “foreign shipyard” means any*  
 7 *shipbuilding facility located outside of the United*  
 8 *States, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern*  
 9 *Mariana Islands.*

10 **SEC. 1026. STRATEGY FOR DISTRIBUTED SHIPBUILDING.**

11 *(a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
 12 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall*  
 13 *develop and implement a strategy to increase distributed*  
 14 *shipbuilding.*

15 *(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 270 days after the date*  
 16 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to*  
 17 *the congressional defense committees a briefing on the strat-*  
 18 *egy required under subsection (a).*

19 *(c) DISTRIBUTED SHIPBUILDING DEFINED.—In this*  
 20 *section, the term “distributed shipbuilding” means, with re-*  
 21 *spect to a vessel, the construction of modules of the vessel—*

22 *(1) by one or more entities that are independent*  
 23 *from the operators of the shipyard at which the final*  
 24 *assembly of the vessel occurs; and*

1           (2) *at a facility that is located separately from,*  
 2           *or that is located within but is not operated by, the*  
 3           *shipyard at which the final assembly of the vessel oc-*  
 4           *curs.*

5   **SEC. 1027. STRATEGY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RELAT-**  
 6                   **ING TO SMALL UNCREWED SURFACE VES-**  
 7                   **SELS.**

8           (a) *STRATEGY.*—Not later than 270 days after the date  
 9           *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in*  
 10          *consultation with the Secretary of the Navy and the Direc-*  
 11          *tor of the Defense Autonomous Warfare Group, shall develop*  
 12          *and implement a strategy for the acquisition, sustainment,*  
 13          *and operational employment of, and the development of the*  
 14          *industrial base for, small uncrewed surface vessels.*

15          (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The strategy required under sub-  
 16          section (a) shall include the following elements:

17               (1) *A statement of the operational concept for the*  
 18               *employment of small uncrewed surface vessels by the*  
 19               *naval forces of the United States, including a descrip-*  
 20               *tion of the following:*

21                   (A) *The missions for which such vessels are*  
 22                   *intended to be employed.*

23                   (B) *The role of such vessels in distributed*  
 24                   *maritime operations and the integration of such*  
 25                   *vessels with crewed naval vessels.*

1           (C) *The integration of such vessels with*  
2           *command and control, intelligence, surveillance,*  
3           *and reconnaissance, and logistics structures of*  
4           *the naval forces.*

5           (2) *A plan for the acquisition of small uncrewed*  
6           *surface vessels that includes the following:*

7                   (A) *An identification of the role of the port-*  
8                   *folio acquisition executive for robotic and auton-*  
9                   *omous systems of the Department of the Navy in*  
10                  *acquiring such vessels.*

11                  (B) *Rules for the use of competitive procure-*  
12                  *ment methods that maximize participation by*  
13                  *domestic shipyards, including small shipyards*  
14                  *and nontraditional defense contractors.*

15                  (C) *Measures to address the protection of*  
16                  *designer technical data and intellectual property*  
17                  *in a manner consistent with sustained competi-*  
18                  *tion for the manufacture and sustainment of*  
19                  *such vessels.*

20                  (D) *Objectives relating to performance, cost,*  
21                  *and schedule, for each class of small uncrewed*  
22                  *surface vessel.*

23           (3) *A plan for the development of the industrial*  
24           *base for small uncrewed surface vessels, including the*  
25           *following:*

1           (A) *An identification of the production ca-*  
2           *capacity, supplier base, and workforce required to*  
3           *meet the acquisition plan under paragraph (2)*  
4           *through fiscal year 2032.*

5           (B) *Measures to expand domestic manufac-*  
6           *turing capacity for such vessels and to ensure*  
7           *critical elements of the supply chain are avail-*  
8           *able for the construction of such vessels.*

9           (C) *An identification of, and measures to*  
10          *address, risks of single-source dependency, for-*  
11          *foreign content, and supply chain disruption.*

12          (D) *Mechanisms for engagement with the*  
13          *maritime industrial base, including small ship-*  
14          *yards, to align industrial investment with the*  
15          *demand of the Department of Defense.*

16          (4) *A plan for the sustainment of small*  
17          *uncrewed surface vessels, including the following:*

18               (A) *An identification of the sustainment ca-*  
19               *capacity of the Department of Defense and contrac-*  
20               *tors of the Department required to support the*  
21               *operational employment of such vessels.*

22               (B) *Measures to address the licensing, own-*  
23               *ership, and accessibility of technical data nec-*  
24               *essary to enable the competitive sustainment of*  
25               *such vessels.*

1           (C) *Measures to mitigate the risk of a lack*  
2           *of competition for the sustainment of such vessels*  
3           *resulting from proprietary information or re-*  
4           *stricted technical data relating to such vessels or*  
5           *components or systems thereof.*

6           (c) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.*—*Not later than 30*  
7           *days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense com-*  
8           *pletes the strategy required under subsection (a), the Sec-*  
9           *retary shall submit to the congressional defense committees*  
10          *such strategy.*

11          (d) *ANNUAL REPORTS.*—

12           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
13           *the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually*  
14           *thereafter until September 30, 2030, the Secretary of*  
15           *the Navy, in coordination with the portfolio acquisi-*  
16           *tion executive for robotic and autonomous systems of*  
17           *the Department of the Navy, shall submit to the con-*  
18           *gressional defense committees a report on the develop-*  
19           *ment of the industrial base for, and the acquisition of,*  
20           *small uncrewed surface vessels.*

21           (2) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each report submitted under*  
22           *paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

23           (A) *An inventory, as of the date of the re-*  
24           *port, of each small uncrewed surface vessel ac-*  
25           *quired by the Department of the Navy,*

1        *disaggregated by program, class, fiscal year of*  
2        *procurement, quantity procured, and unit cost.*

3                *(B) The acquisition plan for small*  
4        *uncrewed surface vessels for each fiscal year of*  
5        *the most recent future-years defense program*  
6        *submitted to Congress under section 221 of title*  
7        *10, United States Code, including the planned*  
8        *quantities and classes of such vessels to be ac-*  
9        *quired, and the costs of such acquisition.*

10               *(C) An assessment of the capacity of the do-*  
11        *mestic industrial base to meet such plan, includ-*  
12        *ing—*

13                    *(i) an identification of shipyards and*  
14        *prime manufacturers engaged in the pro-*  
15        *duction of such vessels;*

16                    *(ii) an identification of critical compo-*  
17        *nent and system suppliers, including sup-*  
18        *pliers of propulsion, autonomy, communica-*  
19        *tions, and command and control systems for*  
20        *such vessels; and*

21                    *(iii) an identification of any bottle-*  
22        *neck, capacity shortfall, or other constraint*  
23        *that may impede the execution of such plan.*

24                *(D) A comparison of the current and pro-*  
25        *jected rates of the production of small uncrewed*

1        *surface vessels, versus the quantities of such ves-*  
2        *sels identified as necessary to be maintained*  
3        *pursuant to the strategy required under sub-*  
4        *section (a).*

5                *(E) An assessment of the availability of the*  
6        *workforce, including any skilled trades within*  
7        *such workforce, required to meet the planned*  
8        *production of such vessels, including an identi-*  
9        *fication of any workforce shortfall and any*  
10       *measures being taken to address any such short-*  
11       *fall.*

12               *(F) An assessment of the risks to competi-*  
13       *tion for the sustainment of such vessels arising*  
14       *from such vessels, or components or systems*  
15       *thereof, containing proprietary information or*  
16       *restricted technical data, and a description of*  
17       *any measures being taken to mitigate such risks.*

18               *(G) An assessment of foreign content in*  
19       *small uncrewed surface vessels acquired or*  
20       *planned for acquisition, including an identifica-*  
21       *tion of supply chain vulnerabilities and depend-*  
22       *encies on suppliers from countries of concern.*

23               *(H) Any recommendations for legislative,*  
24       *regulatory, or budgetary action necessary to ad-*  
25       *dress challenges identified in the report relating*

1           to the development of the industrial base for, and  
2           the acquisition of, small uncrewed surface vessels.

3           (e) *FORM.*—The strategy required under subsection (a)  
4 and each report required under subsection (d) shall be sub-  
5 mitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified  
6 annex.

7           (f) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

8           (1) The term “country of concern” means a cov-  
9 ered nation as defined in section 4872(d) of title 10,  
10 United States Code.

11           (2) The term “nontraditional defense contractor”  
12 has the meaning given such term in 3014 of title 10,  
13 United States Code.

14           (3) The term “small shipyard” has the meaning  
15 given such term in section 54101 of title 46, United  
16 States Code.

17           (4) The term “small uncrewed surface vessel”—

18           (A) means—

19           (i) an uncrewed surface vessel with a  
20 full load displacement of not more than 50  
21 metric tons and a length of not more than  
22 50 feet; or

23           (ii) any other uncrewed surface vessel  
24 designated by the Secretary of the Navy as



1                    *a small uncrewed surface vessel for purposes*  
2                    *of this section; and*

3                    *(B) does not include any vessel of the pro-*  
4                    *gram of the Department of the Navy referred to*  
5                    *as the “Medium Unmanned Surface Vessel Pro-*  
6                    *gram”.*

7    **SEC. 1028. ARCTIC-FOCUSED FORECASTING, ICE MODELING,**  
8                    **AND NAVAL READINESS ASSESSMENT.**

9            *(a) REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than one year after the*  
10   *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,*  
11   *in consultation with the Secretary of the Navy and the*  
12   *Commander of Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanog-*  
13   *raphy Center, shall assess options to expand and enhance*  
14   *Arctic-focused meteorological, oceanographic, and ice-mod-*  
15   *eling capabilities to improve naval readiness, operational*  
16   *planning, and force posture in the Arctic region. The Sec-*  
17   *retary shall seek carry out this subsection to—*

18            *(1) strengthen high-resolution Arctic weather*  
19   *forecasting, sea ice analysis, and predictive ice mod-*  
20   *eling in support of naval and joint operations;*

21            *(2) improve the integration of Arctic weather*  
22   *data into operational decision-making, force employ-*  
23   *ment, and logistics planning;*

1           (3) *support safe navigation, domain awareness,*  
 2           *and mission assurance for surface, subsurface, and*  
 3           *aviation forces operating in or transiting the Arctic;*

4           (4) *enhance the ability of the Navy to anticipate*  
 5           *and adapt to long-term effects from weather affecting*  
 6           *Arctic operations; and*

7           (5) *align Department of Defense Arctic capabili-*  
 8           *ties with whole-of-government Arctic strategies and*  
 9           *priorities.*

10       (b) *REPORT ON EFFECTS OF EXTREME WEATHER*  
 11       *CONDITIONS ON NAVAL READINESS.—*

12           (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after*  
 13           *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
 14           *the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense*  
 15           *committees a report that includes an assessment of the*  
 16           *effects of extreme weather conditions on naval readi-*  
 17           *ness and force posture in the Arctic region.*

18           (2) *CONTENTS.—Each such report shall in-*  
 19           *clude—*

20                   (A) *an assessment of observed and projected*  
 21                   *Arctic weather trends affecting naval and ground*  
 22                   *operations;*

23                   (B) *an identification of the implications of*  
 24                   *sea ice variability, permafrost degradation, and*

1           *extreme weather on naval infrastructure, mobil-*  
2           *ity, and sustainment;*

3           *(C) a description of the effects of Arctic*  
4           *weather trends on mission readiness, response*  
5           *timelines, and operational risk;*

6           *(D) an evaluation of how enhanced fore-*  
7           *casting and ice-modeling capabilities are being*  
8           *used to mitigate such risks; and*

9           *(E) recommendations for additional capa-*  
10          *bility development, posture adjustments, or pol-*  
11          *icy actions to strengthen Arctic naval readiness.*

12   **SEC. 1029. RENAMING OF USNS CESAR CHAVEZ.**

13          *The Secretary of the Navy shall rename the USNS*  
14          *Cesar Chavez (T-AKE-14) in keeping with the naming con-*  
15          *ventions for that class of vessels and by naming the vessel*  
16          *after an individual, place, or concept that best reflects the*  
17          *values, ideals, and history of the United States and the*  
18          *Navy.*

19   **SEC. 1030. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF**  
20               **VESSEL FOR BATTLE OF DAI DO.**

21          *It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the*  
22          *Navy should name an amphibious or expeditionary class*  
23          *vessel for the Battle of Dai Do.*

1 **SEC. 1031. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF A**  
2 **VESSEL “USS GUADALCANAL”.**

3 (a) *FINDINGS.*—Congress makes the following findings:

4 (1) *The naval campaign on Guadalcanal during*  
5 *World War II marked a decisive turning point in the*  
6 *Pacific theater and demonstrated extraordinary cour-*  
7 *age, endurance, and joint warfighting skill by mem-*  
8 *bers of the Armed Forces of the United States.*

9 (2) *The name “Guadalcanal” carries enduring*  
10 *historical and operational significance for the United*  
11 *States Navy and Marine Corps, reflecting a campaign*  
12 *that shaped modern amphibious warfare and mari-*  
13 *time power projection.*

14 (3) *The Department of the Navy has previously*  
15 *honored this legacy through ships bearing the name*  
16 *“Guadalcanal”, thereby establishing a lineage con-*  
17 *sistent with longstanding naval naming tradition.*

18 (4) *The continued recognition of historically sig-*  
19 *nificant naval battles in ship naming promotes esprit*  
20 *de corps, preserves institutional memory, and*  
21 *strengthens the connection between the Fleet and the*  
22 *Nation’s naval heritage.*

23 (b) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.*—It is the sense of Congress  
24 that the Secretary of the Navy should give favorable consid-  
25 eration to naming an appropriate future vessel of the  
26 United States Navy “USS Guadalcanal”.

1 **SEC. 1032. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF A**  
2 **NAVAL VESSEL FOR BATTLE OF MIDWAY.**

3 (a) *FINDINGS.*—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) *The Battle of Midway during World War II*  
5 *constituted a decisive turning point in the Pacific*  
6 *theater, demonstrating the skill, courage, and oper-*  
7 *ational excellence of United States naval forces.*

8 (2) *The name “Midway” carries enduring histor-*  
9 *ical and strategic significance for the United States*  
10 *Navy, reflecting a battle that fundamentally altered*  
11 *the course of the war and validated the importance of*  
12 *naval aviation and maritime power.*

13 (3) *The Department of the Navy has previously*  
14 *honored this legacy through vessels bearing the name*  
15 *“Midway,” thereby establishing a distinguished lin-*  
16 *age consistent with longstanding naval naming tra-*  
17 *ditions.*

18 (4) *Recognizing historically significant naval*  
19 *battles through ship naming promotes esprit de corps,*  
20 *reinforces warfighting heritage, and strengthens the*  
21 *connection between the fleet of the United States Navy*  
22 *and the American people.*

23 (b) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.*—It is the sense of Congress  
24 *that the Secretary of the Navy should give favorable consid-*  
25 *eration to naming an appropriate future vessel of the*  
26 *United States Navy the “USS Midway”.*

1 **SEC. 1033. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF A**  
2 **NAVAL VESSEL IN HONOR OF CASIMIR PU-**  
3 **LASKI.**

4 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:*

5 *(1) Casimir Pulaski volunteered to support the*  
6 *cause of American independence during the American*  
7 *Revolutionary War and rendered distinguished service*  
8 *to the Continental Army.*

9 *(2) Casimir Pulaski is widely recognized as the*  
10 *“Father of the American Cavalry” for his contribu-*  
11 *tions to the development of cavalry tactics and oper-*  
12 *ations in the United States.*

13 *(3) Casimir Pulaski died from wounds sustained*  
14 *while leading forces during the Siege of Savannah in*  
15 *1779 in support of American independence.*

16 *(4) The United States Navy previously honored*  
17 *Casimir Pulaski through the naming of the USS*  
18 *Casimir Pulaski (SSBN-633), a ballistic missile sub-*  
19 *marine that served the United States during the Cold*  
20 *War.*

21 *(5) The Republic of Poland remains one of the*  
22 *United States strongest allies in Europe and a crit-*  
23 *ical member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-*  
24 *tion.*

25 *(6) The United States and Poland maintain*  
26 *close military, economic, and diplomatic ties founded*

1       upon shared democratic values, mutual security inter-  
2       ests, and enduring people-to-people relationships.

3       (b) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.*—*It is the sense of Congress*  
4 *that the Secretary of the Navy should name an appropriate*  
5 *vessel of the United States Navy as the “USS Casimir Pu-*  
6 *laski” in honor of the service and sacrifice of Casimir Pu-*  
7 *laski on behalf of the United States and to commemorate*  
8 *the enduring alliance and strategic partnership between the*  
9 *United States and the Republic of Poland.*

10 ***SEC. 1034. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF***  
11 ***VESSEL FOR REAR ADMIRAL ALENE DUERK.***

12       (a) *FINDINGS.*—*Congress finds the following:*

13           (1) *Following Rear Admiral Duerk’s birth in*  
14 *Defiance, Ohio, and graduation from the Toledo Hos-*  
15 *pital School of Nursing, she received a commission on*  
16 *January 23, 1943, and was appointed as an ensign*  
17 *in the Nurse Corps of the Naval Reserve.*

18           (2) *During World War II, Rear Admiral Duerk*  
19 *was assigned as a Ward Nurse at the Naval Medical*  
20 *Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia, and at the*  
21 *Naval Hospital, Bethesda Maryland where she cared*  
22 *for wounded members of the Armed Forces.*

23           (3) *In 1945, Rear Admiral Duerk was stationed*  
24 *on the U.S.S. Benevolence in the Pacific Theater*

1       (AH-13) where she treated casualties from Third  
2       Fleet operations until the end of World War II.

3           (4) After World War II, Rear Admiral Duerk  
4       progressed in rank and served in positions of increas-  
5       ing responsibility in both active duty and in the  
6       Naval Reserves, including posts in Michigan, Vir-  
7       ginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, the Philippines, Japan,  
8       California, and Washington, D.C.

9           (5) The dedication and inspirational service of  
10      Rear Admiral Durek culminated with her historic se-  
11      lection for the rank of Rear Admiral on April 16,  
12      1972, as the first woman to become a flag officer.

13          (6) Rear Admiral Duerk was awarded the Naval  
14      Reserve Medal, American Campaign Medal, the Asi-  
15      atic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, the  
16      World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Occupation  
17      Service Medal, Asia Clasp, and the National Defense  
18      Service Medal with Bronze Star.

19          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress  
20      that the Secretary of the Navy should consider naming a  
21      vessel of the United States Navy the “U.S.S. Rear Admiral  
22      Alene Duerk” in honor of Rear Admiral Alene Duerk.



1       ***Subtitle C—Counterterrorism***

2       ***SEC. 1041. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS***  
3                   ***FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS***  
4                   ***DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL STA-***  
5                   ***TION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO THE***  
6                   ***UNITED STATES.***

7       *Section 1033 of the John S. McCain National Defense*  
8       *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–*  
9       *232; 132 Stat. 1953) is amended by striking “December 31,*  
10       *2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.*

11       ***SEC. 1042. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS***  
12                   ***TO CONSTRUCT OR MODIFY FACILITIES IN***  
13                   ***THE UNITED STATES TO HOUSE DETAINEES***  
14                   ***TRANSFERRED FROM UNITED STATES NAVAL***  
15                   ***STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.***

16       *Section 1034(a) of the John S. McCain National De-*  
17       *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law*  
18       *115–232; 132 Stat. 1954) is amended by striking “Decem-*  
19       *ber 31, 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.*

1 **SEC. 1043. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**  
 2 **FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS**  
 3 **DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL STA-**  
 4 **TION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO CERTAIN**  
 5 **COUNTRIES.**

6 *Section 1035 of the John S. McCain National Defense*  
 7 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–*  
 8 *232; 132 Stat. 1954) is amended by striking “December 31,*  
 9 *2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.*

10 **SEC. 1044. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**  
 11 **TO CLOSE OR RELINQUISH CONTROL OF**  
 12 **UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTA-**  
 13 **NAMO BAY, CUBA.**

14 *Section 1036 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 15 *Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat.*  
 16 *1551) is amended by striking “fiscal years 2018 through*  
 17 *2026” and inserting “fiscal years 2018 through 2027”.*

18 ***Subtitle D—Miscellaneous***  
 19 ***Authorities and Limitations***

20 **SEC. 1051. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECRETARIES OF DE-**  
 21 **FENSE HISTORICAL SERIES AND PRIORITY**  
 22 **DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY.**

23 *Chapter 4 of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
 24 *by adding at the end the following new section:*

1   **“§ 150. Publication of historical series**

2           “(a) *REQUIREMENT.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*  
3 *prepare and publish, on an ongoing basis, a thorough, accu-*  
4 *rate, and reliable documentary historical record of major*  
5 *United States national security and defense policy decisions*  
6 *and significant diplomatic and military activities of the*  
7 *Department of Defense. Such historical record shall be*  
8 *known as the ‘Secretaries of Defense Historical Series’ (in*  
9 *this section referred to as the ‘Series’), and shall—*

10           “(1) *consist of a comprehensive, multi-volume*  
11 *documentary and narrative history organized, to the*  
12 *extent practicable, by Presidential administration;*

13           “(2) *be based on all relevant records, including*  
14 *classified records;*

15           “(3) *present a thorough, objective, and scholarly*  
16 *historical record; and*

17           “(4) *include appropriate annotation, citations,*  
18 *and indexing to facilitate public and academic re-*  
19 *search.*

20           “(b) *TIMELINESS REQUIREMENT.*—*The Secretary shall*  
21 *ensure that each volume of the Series is published not later*  
22 *than 30 years after the events documented, to the maximum*  
23 *extent practicable.*

24           “(c) *DECLASSIFICATION PRIORITY.*—*The Secretary*  
25 *shall—*

1           “(1) ensure that records required for the prepa-  
2           ration and publication of the Series receive priority  
3           for declassification review;

4           “(2) coordinate with the heads of other depart-  
5           ments and agencies to ensure timely declassification  
6           of equities contained in such records; and

7           “(3) establish expedited procedures for inter-  
8           agency review of records associated with the Series.

9           “(d) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY*.—(1) Volumes of the Series  
10          shall be published in unclassified form to the greatest extent  
11          possible.

12          “(2) The Secretary shall make such volumes available  
13          to the public through—

14                 “(A) the Government Publishing Office; and

15                 “(B) a publicly accessible Department of Defense  
16          website.

17          “(e) *RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER HISTORICAL ACTIVI-*  
18          *TIES*.—The Series shall serve as the flagship historical pub-  
19          lication of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Historical  
20          Office and shall complement other official Department of  
21          Defense historical programs.

22          “(f) *RESOURCING*.—The Secretary shall ensure that  
23          the Office of the Secretary of Defense Historical Office is  
24          adequately resourced to carry out this section, including  
25          personnel dedicated to—

1           “(1) *historical research and writing; and*  
 2           “(2) *declassification review and coordination.*”.

3   **SEC. 1052. INCLUSION OF NATIONAL GUARD RELIEF FOUN-**  
 4                   **DATION AS A MILITARY WELFARE SOCIETY**  
 5                   **FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.**

6           (a) *PROVISION OF SPACE AND SERVICES.*—Section  
 7   2566(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
 8   adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

9                   “(E) *The National Guard Relief Founda-*  
 10                  *tion.*”.

11          (b) *NON-FEDERAL ENTITIES AUTHORIZED FOR PUR-*  
 12          *POSES OF CERTAIN PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THE*  
 13          *ARMED FORCES.*—Section 1033(b)(2) of title 10, United  
 14          States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following  
 15          new subparagraph:

16                  “(E) *National Guard Relief Foundation.*”.

17   **SEC. 1053. JOINT EXPERIMENTATION AND TRAINING**  
 18                   **RANGE INNOVATION OFFICE.**

19          Chapter 307 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
 20          ed by adding at the end the following new section:

21   **“§4176. Joint Experimentation and Training Range**  
 22                   **Innovation Office**

23          “(a) *AUTHORITY.*—The Secretary of Defense shall es-  
 24          tablish within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense  
 25          for Research and Engineering a Joint Experimentation

1 *and Training Range Innovation Office (in this section re-*  
2 *ferred to as the ‘Office’).*

3       “(b) *DIRECTOR.*—*The Office shall be headed by a Di-*  
4 *rector who shall report directly to the Under Secretary of*  
5 *Defense for Research and Engineering. The Director shall*  
6 *be subject to the supervision of the Under Secretary without*  
7 *the interposition of any other supervising official.*

8       “(c) *RESPONSIBILITIES.*—*The Office shall be respon-*  
9 *sible for the following:*

10           “(1) *Centralizing efforts relating to advocacy,*  
11 *budgeting, operations, and sustainment of joint ex-*  
12 *perimentation and training ranges (and capabilities*  
13 *supporting such ranges) that are not facilities or re-*  
14 *sources of the Major Range and Test Facility Base.*

15           “(2) *Accelerating modernization and integration*  
16 *across such joint experimentation and training*  
17 *ranges.*

18           “(3) *Serving as the primary authority for the*  
19 *oversight, coordination, and conduct of activities of*  
20 *the Eastern Range Regional Complex, including such*  
21 *activities carried out in territories of the United*  
22 *States located in the Caribbean region.*

23           “(4) *Fostering and accelerating innovation in*  
24 *technologies that enable realistic experimentation and*  
25 *training for multi-domain operations (including inte-*

1 *grated cyber, electronic warfare, and spectrum oper-*  
2 *ations) in contested and other environments, includ-*  
3 *ing with respect to—*

4 *“(A) artificial intelligence, machine learn-*  
5 *ing, and autonomous systems;*

6 *“(B) advanced modeling, digital twins, and*  
7 *other simulations;*

8 *“(C) hypersonic systems, directed energy ca-*  
9 *pabilities, and other next-generation weapons;*  
10 *and*

11 *“(D) integrated systems relating to com-*  
12 *mand, control, computing, communications,*  
13 *cyber, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance,*  
14 *and targeting.*

15 *“(5) Establishing and deploying regionally*  
16 *aligned support teams that provide to the Department*  
17 *of Defense remote and on-site technical assistance for*  
18 *joint multi-domain experimentation and training ex-*  
19 *ercises, prototype integration, and related resource-*  
20 *sharing mechanisms, with a particular emphasis on*  
21 *the provision of such support with respect to the East-*  
22 *ern Range Regional Complex.*

23 *“(6) Conducting objective, independent risk as-*  
24 *sessments and other evaluations of the training pro-*  
25 *grams, technologies and other capabilities, and acqui-*

1        *sition initiatives, of the joint forces, for the purpose*  
2        *of informing the decision-making of senior officers of*  
3        *the Department of Defense and reducing such risks.*

4                *“(7) Developing and regularly updating the stra-*  
5        *tegic plan under subsection (d).*

6        *“(d) STRATEGIC PLAN.—(1) Not less frequently than*  
7        *once every two fiscal years, the Director of the Office (in*  
8        *coordination with the Secretaries of the military depart-*  
9        *ments, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and*  
10       *Readiness, the Director of the Joint Staff, the Director of*  
11       *Operational Test and Evaluation, the Director of the Test*  
12       *Resource Management Center, and the heads of such other*  
13       *Defense Agencies as the Director of the Office may deter-*  
14       *mine relevant) shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a*  
15       *strategic plan addressing the needs of the Department for*  
16       *joint experimentation and training facilities and resources.*

17                *“(2) Each strategic plan under paragraph (1) shall in-*  
18       *clude the following:*

19                *“(A) An assessment of the feasibility of, and rec-*  
20       *ommendations for, the conduct of a biennial joint*  
21       *multi-domain experimentation and training exercise*  
22       *across multiple States and ranges within the Eastern*  
23       *Range Regional Complex to validate and inform sub-*  
24       *sequent strategic plans.*



1           “(B) *An assessment of requirements for joint ex-*  
2           *perimentation and training (including requirements*  
3           *relating to information technology, network infra-*  
4           *structure, and multi-level security) for the period cov-*  
5           *ered by the plan.*

6           “(C) *An assessment of the facilities and re-*  
7           *sources, including advanced threat environments, live-*  
8           *virtual constructive simulation capabilities, inter-*  
9           *operability standards, networks, and data-sharing*  
10          *mechanisms, of the Eastern Regional Range Complex,*  
11          *including a summary of modernization priorities for*  
12          *such matters during the subsequent two-year period.*

13          “(D) *An itemization, disaggregated by location,*  
14          *of improvements to joint experimentation and train-*  
15          *ing ranges necessary to directly support the accelera-*  
16          *tion of experimentation and training involving*  
17          *robotic and autonomous systems and the integration*  
18          *of unmanned systems into joint multi-domain oper-*  
19          *ations.*

20          “(E) *An assessment of the effectiveness of the Of-*  
21          *fice with respect to—*

22                  “(i) *carrying out the responsibilities under*  
23                  *subsection (c);*

24                  “(ii) *increasing regional access to, and fre-*  
25                  *quency of, joint multi-domain experimentation*

1           *and training exercises consistent with such re-*  
2           *sponsibilities;*

3                   “(iii) enhancing military readiness; and

4                   “(iv) strengthening the defense industrial  
5           *base.*

6           “(F) With respect to the exercises specified in  
7           *subparagraph (E)(ii)—*

8                   “(i) an identification of the number of such  
9           *exercises carried out during the period covered*  
10          *by the plan;*

11                  “(ii) an assessment of the extent to which  
12          *such exercises incorporated actors within private*  
13          *industry and academia; and*

14                  “(iii) a description of lessons learned as a  
15          *result of such exercises, including any resulting*  
16          *updates to risk assessments.*

17          “(G) An executive summary of any joint multi-  
18          *domain experimentation and training exercise*  
19          *planned to be carried out within the Eastern Range*  
20          *Regional Complex during the subsequent two-year pe-*  
21          *riod.*

22          “(3) Not later than 90 days after the date on which  
23          *the Secretary of Defense receives a strategic plan under*  
24          *paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the congres-*

1 sional defense committees a copy of such plan and any com-  
2 ments of the Secretary regarding such plan.

3 “(e) *COORDINATION.*—In addition to the coordination  
4 required under subsection (d)(1), the Director of the Office  
5 shall coordinate with the Secretaries of the military depart-  
6 ments, the Joint Staff, the Under Secretary of Defense for  
7 Personnel and Readiness, and the commanders of relevant  
8 combatant commands, with respect to requirements for joint  
9 experimentation and training ranges and plans for joint  
10 multi-domain experimentation and training exercises  
11 under this section.

12 “(f) *ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.*—The Secretary of De-  
13 fense shall provide to the Director of the Office administra-  
14 tive support sufficient to carry out the responsibilities  
15 under this section. Such support shall be provided from  
16 headquarters activities of the Department or from other ac-  
17 tivities the Secretary determines appropriate.

18 “(g) *FUNDING.*—The Secretary of Defense may use  
19 funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made  
20 available for the Joint Electronic Advanced Technology pro-  
21 gram (or any successor program) for the implementation  
22 of this section.

23 “(h) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Nothing in this sec-  
24 tion shall be construed to limit or otherwise modify the au-  
25 thorities or responsibilities of the Director of the Test Re-

1 *source Management Center or the Director of Operational*  
 2 *Test and Evaluation.*

3 “(i) *MAJOR RANGE AND TEST FACILITY BASE DE-*  
 4 *FINED.*—*In this section, the term ‘Major Range and Test*  
 5 *Facility Base’ has the meaning given such term under sec-*  
 6 *tion 4173 of this title.”.*

7 **SEC. 1054. ESTABLISHMENT OF ARMY INFORMATION OPER-**  
 8 **ATIONS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

9 (a) *FINDINGS.*—*Congress finds the following:*

10 (1) *The information environment has emerged as*  
 11 *a decisive domain of strategic competition in which*  
 12 *adversaries of the United States operate continuously*  
 13 *and below the threshold of armed conflict.*

14 (2) *Components of Army information operations,*  
 15 *including military information support operations,*  
 16 *electronic warfare, public affairs, and cyberspace op-*  
 17 *erations, remain organizationally fragmented, hin-*  
 18 *dering the translation of national-level strategy into*  
 19 *synchronized operational and tactical action.*

20 (3) *Following the inactivation of the 1st Infor-*  
 21 *mation Operations Command of the Army, the De-*  
 22 *partment of the Army is undertaking a significant re-*  
 23 *organization of its information operations enterprise,*  
 24 *including the establishment of region-specific Theater*

11 (b) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Chapter 703 of title 10, United  
12 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 7024 the  
13 following new section:

14 ***“§ 7025. Army Information Operations Center of Excel-***  
15 ***lence***

23 “(b) *PURPOSE.*—The Center shall be used to—

1           “(1) Coordinate and synchronize Army informa-  
2           tion operations objectives across the geographic and  
3           functional combatant commands.

4           “(2) Provide training and operational planning  
5           support for information operations campaigns at the  
6           operational level.

7           “(3) Develop, revise, and disseminate doctrine  
8           for Army information operations, ensuring that doc-  
9           trine evolves in step with on-the-ground developments  
10          and emerging threats.

11          “(4) Assess the efficacy of ongoing Army infor-  
12          mation operations activities and inform resourcing  
13          recommendations to senior Army leadership.

14          “(5) Advocate for the resourcing of critical infor-  
15          mation operations requirements within the planning,  
16          programming, budgeting, and execution process of the  
17          Army.

18          “(6) Integrate the activities of the components of  
19          Army information operations, including military in-  
20          formation support operations, electronic warfare, pub-  
21          lic affairs, and cyberspace operations, to ensure that  
22          such components operate in a coordinated, mutually  
23          reinforcing manner rather than in fragmentation.

24          “(7) Serve as the principal liaison of the Army  
25          to comparable centers and commands of the other

1       armed forces, including the Navy Information Oper-  
2       ations Command, and to the information operations  
3       staff of the combatant commands.

4               “(9) Perform such other functions as the Sec-  
5       retary of the Army may specify.

6       “(c) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—The Secretary of the Army  
7       shall submit to the congressional defense committees, and  
8       make publicly available on an appropriate website of the  
9       Department, an annual report on the activities of the Cen-  
10      ter.”.

11       (c) *IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.*—Not later than 180 days  
12      after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
13      of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
14      mittees a plan for the establishment of the Center of Excel-  
15      lence established under section 7025 of title 10, United  
16      States Code, as added by subsection (b), including—

17               (1) the proposed organizational structure, loca-  
18      tion, and reporting chain of the Center;

19               (2) the resources, personnel, and authorities re-  
20      quired to establish and sustain the Center;

21               (3) a description of how the Center will integrate  
22      with the Theater Information Advantage Detach-  
23      ments, Multi-Domain Task Forces, and the broader  
24      reorganization of Army information operations;

- 1           (4) *milestones for initial operating capability*  
 2           *and full operating capability; and*  
 3           (5) *metrics by which the Secretary will evaluate*  
 4           *the effectiveness of the Center.*

5   **SEC. 1055. EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OR**  
 6           **DIVESTMENT OF EA-18G AIRCRAFT.**

7           *Section 8062(f)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code,*  
 8           *is amended by striking “September 30, 2027” and inserting*  
 9           *“September 30, 2032”.*

10   **SEC. 1056. AUTHORITY FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WAIV-**  
 11           **ER RELATING TO CERTAIN TRAINING.**

12           *Section 1050 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 13           *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C.*  
 14           *4172 note) is amended—*

15           (1) *by striking “Beginning on” and inserting the*  
 16           *following:*

17           *“(a) PROHIBITION.—Beginning on”; and*

18           (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
 19           *section:*

20           *“(b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive*  
 21           *the prohibition under subsection (a) with respect to the spe-*  
 22           *cial operations forces (as identified in section 167(j) of title*  
 23           *10, United States Code) if the Secretary determines such*  
 24           *prohibition, including the requirement for the use of alter-*  
 25           *nate methods under paragraph (2) of such subsection, would*



1 *degrade the readiness of special operations forces medics*  
 2 *with respect to the ability to manage the lethal effects of*  
 3 *blast injuries.”.*

4 **SEC. 1057. EXPANSION OF PROHIBITION ON DESTRUCTION**  
 5 **OR SCRAPPING OF WORLD WAR II-ERA AIR-**  
 6 **CRAFT.**

7 *Section 1051 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 8 *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C.*  
 9 *2572 note) is amended—*

10 *(1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “or the De-*  
 11 *partment of the Navy” after “Air Force”;*

12 *(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “or the De-*  
 13 *partment of the Navy” after “Air Force”;*

14 *(3) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “, the De-*  
 15 *partment of the Navy,” after “Air Force”; and*

16 *(4) in subsection (d)(2), by inserting “, the Na-*  
 17 *tional Naval Aviation Museum, the National Museum*  
 18 *of the Marine Corps,” after “Air Force”.*

19 **SEC. 1058. PROHIBITION ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
 20 **CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED**  
 21 **ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES.**

22 *Section 854 of the National Defense Authorization Act*  
 23 *for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4651*  
 24 *note prec.) is amended—*

1           (1) *by striking “The Secretary” and inserting*  
 2           *“(a) IN GENERAL—The Secretary”;*

3           (2) *by striking “the People’s Republic of China”*  
 4           *and inserting “a country of concern”; and*

5           (3) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
 6           *section:*

7           “(b) *COUNTRY OF CONCERN DEFINED.—In this sec-*  
 8           *tion, the term ‘country of concern’ means any of the fol-*  
 9           *lowing:*

10           “(1) *China.*

11           “(2) *Russia.*

12           “(3) *Iran.*

13           “(4) *North Korea.”.*

14   **SEC. 1059. PROHIBITION ON DISPLAY OF UNAPPROVED**  
 15           **FLAGS.**

16           *Section 1052(d)(1) of the National Defense Authoriza-*  
 17           *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 2661 note) is*  
 18           *amended—*

19           (1) *by redesignating subparagraphs (H) through*  
 20           *(N) as subparagraphs (I) through (O), respectively;*  
 21           *and*

22           (2) *by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-*  
 23           *lowing new subparagraph:*

24           “(H) *The Honor and Remember flag.”.*

1 **SEC. 1060. PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING ACTIVITIES WITH**  
 2 **RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
 3 **BY CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE ARMED**  
 4 **FORCES AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE**  
 5 **DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING SEPARATION**  
 6 **FROM MILITARY SERVICE OR EMPLOYMENT**  
 7 **WITH THE DEPARTMENT.**

8 *Section 1045 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 9 *Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 10 U.S.C.*  
 10 *note prec. 971) is amended—*

11 *(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “two-year”*  
 12 *and inserting “five-year”; and*

13 *(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “one-year”*  
 14 *and inserting “three-year”.*

15 **SEC. 1061. INTEGRATION OF SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**  
 16 **SYSTEMS AND COUNTER-UNMANNED AIR-**  
 17 **CRAFT SYSTEMS TRAINING INTO INITIAL, OF-**  
 18 **FICER, AND JOINT COLLECTIVE TRAINING.**

19 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The relevant service secretary shall*  
 20 *integrate foundational small unmanned aircraft systems*  
 21 *(sUAS) operation and counter-UAS (C-UAS) recognition*  
 22 *and defeat protocols into the program of instruction for all*  
 23 *initial entry and officer ascension training pipelines. To*  
 24 *ensure institutional integration, sUAS and C-UAS train-*  
 25 *ing shall follow the historic, tiered progression of established*  
 26 *combat marksmanship training.*

1       (b) *JOINT INTEGRATION IN SERVICE-LEVEL AND*  
2 *LARGE-SCALE COMBAT EXERCISES.*—*The Secretary of De-*  
3 *fense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military*  
4 *departments, shall ensure that no service-level training ex-*  
5 *ercise or Joint-Force large-scale combat simulation may be*  
6 *certified as combat-ready or complete unless the exercise in-*  
7 *corporates realistic, adversarial UAS threat simulation.*

8       (c) *APPLICABILITY.*—*The requirements under section*  
9 *(a) and (b) shall apply to the below military department*  
10 *training maneuvers:*

11           (1) *United States Marine Corps Marine Air-*  
12 *Ground Task Force Warfighting Exercises and Inte-*  
13 *grated Training Exercises conducted at Marine Corps*  
14 *Air-Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Cali-*  
15 *fornia.*

16           (2) *United States Army exercises at the National*  
17 *Training Center and the Joint Readiness Training*  
18 *Center.*

19           (3) *United States Air Force and United States*  
20 *Navy Red Flag and large-scale Fleet Exercises.*

21       (d) *ESTABLISHMENT OF A MATRIXED SKILL LINE.*—  
22 *The Secretary of the Defense shall designate basic sUAS op-*  
23 *eration and C-UAS tactical defense as Core Warrior Tasks.*

1 **SEC. 1062. EASTERN REGIONAL RANGE COMPLEX DEM-**  
2 **ONSTRATION PROJECT.**

3 (a) *DEMONSTRATION PROJECT REQUIRED.*—Con-  
4 sistent with section 1048 of the National Defense Authoriza-  
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10  
6 U.S.C. note prec. 4171), the Secretary of Defense shall carry  
7 out a demonstration project under which the Secretary  
8 shall—

9 (1) *integrate with respect to the Eastern Re-*  
10 *gional Range Complex common network solutions*  
11 *identified with respect to the Western Regional Range*  
12 *Complex;*

13 (2) *interconnect training ranges and experimen-*  
14 *tation sites located in the Eastern Regional Range*  
15 *Complex region;*

16 (3) *use such interconnected ranges and sites for*  
17 *the conduct of joint, multi-domain, kinetic and non-*  
18 *kinetic training and experimentation, including with-*  
19 *in live, virtual, and constructive environments, across*  
20 *the military departments; and*

21 (4) *enhance such experimentation and training*  
22 *by integrating the combined operations of other Fed-*  
23 *eral departments and agencies with respect to such*  
24 *experimentation and training.*

25 (b) *USE OF EXISTING RANGES AND CAPABILITIES.*—  
26 *In carrying out the demonstration project under subsection*

1 (a), the Secretary shall use training ranges, experimen-  
2 tation sites, and related capabilities that are available as  
3 of the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (c) *TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF INITIAL DEM-*  
5 *ONSTRATION.*—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary  
6 shall complete an initial demonstration, interconnecting  
7 two or more training ranges located in the region described  
8 in subsection (a)(1) or the experimentation sites of two or  
9 more military departments located in such region, not later  
10 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (d) *REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after the date  
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting  
13 through the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and  
14 Engineering, shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
15 mittees a report that includes the following:

16 (1) A phased implementation plan and design  
17 for the interconnection of training ranges and experi-  
18 mentation sites required under subsection (a), includ-  
19 ing the initial demonstration required under sub-  
20 section (c).

21 (2) An analysis of how the design of such plan  
22 aligns with recommendations of the most recent Elec-  
23 tromagnetic Spectrum Superiority Strategy of the De-  
24 partment of Defense.

1           (3) *An analysis of how such design architecture*  
2           *is expected to support high-periodicity training, test-*  
3           *ing, research, and development, including to inform*  
4           *future network designs and architectures capable of*  
5           *interconnecting and supporting future, advanced,*  
6           *joint, live, virtual, and constructive environments.*

7           (4) *An analysis of the number and types of an-*  
8           *nually recurring and non-recurring training and ex-*  
9           *perimentation activities conducted at training ranges*  
10          *and experimentation sites of the military departments*  
11          *located in the Eastern Regional Range Complex re-*  
12          *gion.*

13          (5) *An identification of any shortfalls in the net-*  
14          *works, facilities, or equipment of such ranges or sites.*

15          (6) *An analysis of any statutory or intergovern-*  
16          *mental policy barriers to the use of the Eastern Re-*  
17          *gional Range Complex, and any recommended*  
18          *changes to accelerate such use.*

19          (7) *An analysis of the capacity of the Eastern*  
20          *Regional Range Complex to be used for additional*  
21          *testing and evaluation activities.*

22          (8) *An analysis of the possibility of using train-*  
23          *ing ranges and experimentation sites located in the*  
24          *Eastern Regional Range Complex region as threat-rel-*  
25          *evant environments for the workforce and technology*

1        *development activities of other Federal department*  
2        *agencies and private sector entities in the United*  
3        *States.*

4            (9) *An analysis of the capacity of such ranges*  
5        *and sites to be used for realistic advanced cyber, elec-*  
6        *tronic warfare, and information operations training*  
7        *in live, virtual, or constructive environments.*

8            (10) *An analysis of electronic warfare training*  
9        *shortfalls at military installations located in the*  
10       *United States, including with respect to the ability to*  
11       *perform full spectrum electronic warfare training in*  
12       *environments considered unobservable.*

13           (11) *An analysis of the feasibility and advis-*  
14        *ability of establishing, or expanding, dedicated train-*  
15        *ing areas for electronic warfare capabilities in the*  
16        *United States and territories of the United States lo-*  
17        *cated in the Caribbean region (including in the im-*  
18        *mediate vicinity of such locations).*

19        (e) *EASTERN REGIONAL RANGE COMPLEX REGION DE-*  
20       *FINED.—In this section, the term “Eastern Regional Range*  
21       *Complex region” means the region encompassing the terri-*  
22       *ories specified in 1048(b) of the National Defense Author-*  
23       *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10*  
24       *U.S.C. note prec. 4171).*



1       (f) *TERMINATION.*—*This section shall terminate on*  
2 *September 30, 2029.*

3 **SEC. 1063. PILOT PROGRAM ON TOTAL REPLACEMENT**  
4 **VALUE FOR AIR FORCE TEST CENTER**  
5 **GROUND TEST INFRASTRUCTURE.**

6       (a) *PILOT PROGRAM.*—*Not later than one year after*  
7 *the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of*  
8 *the Air Force shall carry out a pilot program to adopt Total*  
9 *Replacement Value as the standard methodology for calcu-*  
10 *lating cost for ground test infrastructure assets of the Air*  
11 *Force Test Center.*

12       (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The pilot program shall include—*

13               (1) *a calculation of the Total Replacement Value*  
14 *for each ground test infrastructure asset of the Air*  
15 *Force Test Center, including separate calculations of*  
16 *Plant Replacement Value and Equipment Replace-*  
17 *ment Value; and*

18               (2) *an association of non-real property installed*  
19 *test equipment with Real Property Unique Identifiers*  
20 *(or a similar identifier for real property or other as-*  
21 *sets authorized by the Secretary of Defense) in the De-*  
22 *fense Property Accountability System, or a successor*  
23 *system, to enable ongoing tracking of Equipment Re-*  
24 *placement Value.*

1       (c) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*The Secretary of the Air Force*  
2 *shall—*

3           (1) *beginning in fiscal year 2028, include in the*  
4 *budget justification materials submitted annually to*  
5 *Congress the Total Replacement Value for all ground*  
6 *test infrastructure assets of the Air Force Test Center,*  
7 *the amount requested for sustainment of such ground*  
8 *test infrastructure assets as a percentage of such Total*  
9 *Replacement Value, and, if that percentage is less*  
10 *than two percent, an explanation of the shortfall and*  
11 *the projected impact on infrastructure readiness; and*

12          (2) *submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
13 *tees, not later than one year after the date of the en-*  
14 *actment of this section, a plan to achieve a funding*  
15 *level for sustainment of such ground test infrastruc-*  
16 *ture assets of not less than two percent of the Total*  
17 *Replacement Value for such assets for a fiscal year,*  
18 *including projected milestones to maintain such fund-*  
19 *ing level for a five-year period.*

20       (d) *REPORT.*—*Not later than three years after the date*  
21 *of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of the Air*  
22 *Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees*  
23 *a report on the pilot program that includes—*

24           (1) *an assessment of the use of Total Replace-*  
25 *ment Value as a methodology as the standard method-*

1       ology for calculating costs for ground test infrastruc-  
2       ture assets of the Air Force Test Center;

3           (2) an assessment of funding levels for ground  
4       test infrastructure assets of the Air Force Test Center  
5       compared to the Total Replacement Value calculated  
6       during the pilot program; and

7           (3) a recommendation on whether and how to ex-  
8       pand the use of the Total Replacement Value method-  
9       ology to all ground test infrastructure assets of the  
10      Major Range and Test Facility Base (as defined in  
11      section 4173(j) of title 10, United States Code).

12      (e) *RECOMMENDATION*.—Not later than one year after  
13      the date of the submission of the report required under sub-  
14      section (d), the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and  
15      Engineering shall review the recommendation described in  
16      subsection (d)(4) and determine whether to use the Total  
17      Replacement Value methodology for all ground test infra-  
18      structure assets of the Major Range and Test Facility Base.

19      (f) *TERMINATION*.—The pilot program shall terminate  
20      on the earlier of—

21           (1) the date on which the Under Secretary of De-  
22      fense of Research and Engineering begins use of the  
23      Total Replacement Value methodology for all ground  
24      test infrastructure assets of the Major Range and Test  
25      Facility Base; or

1           (2) *the date that is five years after the date of*  
 2           *the enactment of this section.*

3           (g) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

4           (1) *The term “Equipment Replacement Value”*  
 5           *means the estimated cost to replace the non-real prop-*  
 6           *erty installed test equipment within a ground test in-*  
 7           *frastructure asset, calculated using the same method-*  
 8           *ology as Plant Replacement Value is calculated.*

9           (2) *The term “Plant Replacement Value” means*  
 10          *the estimated cost to replace the physical structure of*  
 11          *a ground test infrastructure asset.*

12          (3) *The term “Total Replacement Value” means*  
 13          *the sum of Plant Replacement Value and Equipment*  
 14          *Replacement Value.*

15   **SEC. 1064. PILOT PROGRAM FOR BLOCKCHAIN-ENABLED IN-**  
 16                           **VENTORY MANAGEMENT.**

17          (a) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
 18          *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense*  
 19          *may establish a pilot program under which the Department*  
 20          *of Defense shall use commercially available distributed ledg-*  
 21          *er technology to seek to improve inventory management*  
 22          *within the Department of Defense.*

23          (b) *OBJECTIVES.—Under the pilot program established*  
 24          *under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—*

1           (1) *assess the feasibility and effectiveness of*  
2           *using distributed ledger technology in improving in-*  
3           *ventory management;*

4           (2) *assess the cost savings resulting from the use*  
5           *of distributed ledger technology in inventory manage-*  
6           *ment;*

7           (3) *assess whether the use of distributed ledger*  
8           *technology in inventory management improves the*  
9           *traceability of inventory;*

10          (4) *assess whether the use of distributed ledger*  
11          *technology in inventory management reduces the risk*  
12          *of waste, fraud, and abuse; and*

13          (5) *identify and mitigate potential challenges*  
14          *and risks associated with the integration of distrib-*  
15          *uted ledger technology for inventory management, in-*  
16          *cluding cybersecurity concerns.*

17          (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after the date*  
18          *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
19          *submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House*  
20          *of Representatives and the Senate a report on the activities*  
21          *performed under the pilot program established under sub-*  
22          *section (a).*

23          (d) *TERMINATION.*—*The authority to carry out a pilot*  
24          *program under subsection (a) shall terminate on January*  
25          *1, 2029.*

1 (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

2 (1) *The term “distributed ledger” means a ledger*  
 3 *that—*

4 (A) *is shared across a set of distributed*  
 5 *nodes, which are devices or processes, that par-*  
 6 *ticipate in a network and store a complete or*  
 7 *partial replica of the ledger;*

8 (B) *is synchronized between the nodes; and*

9 (C) *has data appended to it by following a*  
 10 *specified consensus mechanism.*

11 (2) *The term “distributed ledger technology”*  
 12 *means technology that enables the operation and use*  
 13 *of distributed ledgers.*

14 **SEC. 1065. EXTENDED DEADLINE TO REASSESS NECESSITY**  
 15 **OF USE OF IMMEDIATE RESPONSE AUTHOR-**  
 16 **ITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

17 (a) *EXTENDED DEADLINE.*—*Not later than July 1,*  
 18 *2027, the Secretary of Defense shall—*

19 (1) *issue an updated version of Department of*  
 20 *Defense Instruction 3025.18, titled “Defense Support*  
 21 *of Civil Authorities (DSCA)” with a revision to re-*  
 22 *quire that each reassessment as to whether there re-*  
 23 *mains a necessity for the use of an immediate re-*  
 24 *sponse authority pursuant to a request for assistance*

1        *is completed by not later than one week after the date*  
 2        *on which such request is received; and*

3            *(2) submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
 4        *tees a notification of such issuance.*

5        *(b) IMMEDIATE RESPONSE AUTHORITY DEFINED.—In*  
 6        *this section, the term “immediate response authority” has*  
 7        *the meaning given such term in Department of Defense In-*  
 8        *struction 3025.18, titled “Defense Support of Civil Authori-*  
 9        *ties (DSCA)”.*

10    **SEC. 1066. RECONSTITUTION OF A-10 DEMONSTRATION**  
 11            **TEAM.**

12        *(a) RECONSTITUTION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of*  
 13        *the Air Force may reconstitute and operate an A-10 dem-*  
 14        *onstration team to support public outreach, recruiting, her-*  
 15        *itage, and official commemorative events associated with the*  
 16        *250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.*

17        *(b) PURPOSE.—A demonstration team reconstituted*  
 18        *and operated under subsection (a) shall—*

19            *(1) honor the combat legacy and service history*  
 20        *of the A-10 Thunderbolt II;*

21            *(2) promote pride in American airpower and the*  
 22        *service of the men and women of the United States*  
 23        *Air Force;*

24            *(3) support appropriate public events, airshows,*  
 25        *military ceremonies, and official anniversary observ-*

1        *ances connected to the 250th anniversary of the*  
2        *founding of the United States; and*

3                *(4) preserve and showcase the heritage of the A–*  
4        *10 community and the A–10 mission set.*

5        *(c) TEAM COMPOSITION.—In carrying out this section,*  
6        *the Secretary may designate such aircraft, aircrew, main-*  
7        *tainers, support personnel, and associated equipment as the*  
8        *Secretary determines necessary to establish and operate the*  
9        *demonstration team.*

10        *(d) LIMITATION.—Aircraft designated for the dem-*  
11        *onstration team under this section—*

12                *(1) shall be drawn from A–10 aircraft otherwise*  
13        *retained in the inventory of the Air Force; and*

14                *(2) may not be retired, divested, or transferred*  
15        *solely on the basis of designation for demonstration*  
16        *purposes during the period in which the team oper-*  
17        *ates.*

18        *(e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days after the date*  
19        *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force*  
20        *shall provide to the congressional defense committees a*  
21        *briefing on whether the Secretary plans to exercise the au-*  
22        *thority under this section, and if so, the plan to implement*  
23        *this section. If the Secretary does plan to exercise the au-*  
24        *thority under this section, the briefing shall include—*



1           (1) *the number of aircraft to be assigned to the*  
 2       *demonstration team;*

3           (2) *the expected cost and source of funds for such*  
 4       *team;*

5           (3) *the anticipated schedule of appearances and*  
 6       *commemorative events;*

7           (4) *the basing location of the team;*

8           (5) *any safety, maintenance, and sustainment*  
 9       *requirements associated with operation of the team;*  
 10      *and*

11          (6) *an assessment of the feasibility and advis-*  
 12      *ability of rebasing the demonstration team at Davis-*  
 13      *Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.*

14      (f) *TERMINATION.*—*The authority to operate a dem-*  
 15      *onstration team under this section shall terminate on Sep-*  
 16      *tember 30, 2033.*

17      **SEC. 1067. IMPLEMENTATION OF COGNITIVE PERFORM-**  
 18                              **ANCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR SPE-**  
 19                              **CIAL OPERATIONS FORCES.**

20      (a) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—*Not later than 90 days after*  
 21      *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of*  
 22      *the United States Special Operations Command shall im-*  
 23      *plement a cognitive performance enhancement program to*  
 24      *enhance cognitive performance metrics across the special*  
 25      *operations forces. The program shall be known as the “Cog-*

1 *nitive Performance Enhancement Program*”, and the Com-  
2 *mander shall include the program in the strategy titled*  
3 *“Comprehensive Strategy for Special Operations*  
4 *Warfighter Brain Health”.*

5 (b) *OBJECTIVES.—The Commander shall ensure that*  
6 *the Cognitive Performance Enhancement Program—*

7 (1) *improves readiness, resilience, and recovery,*  
8 *using evidence-based holistic and proactive high-per-*  
9 *formance brain training that has a validated ability*  
10 *to scale cost-effectively across the special operations*  
11 *forces enterprise;*

12 (2) *clearly distinguishes cognitive performance*  
13 *enhancement from brain decline and injuries, includ-*  
14 *ing with respect to traumatic brain injury, chronic*  
15 *traumatic encephalopathy, and mental health, includ-*  
16 *ing post-traumatic stress disorder;*

17 (3) *increases awareness of cognitive performance*  
18 *as a critical differentiator that can help ensure spe-*  
19 *cial operations forces remains the most lethal, decisive*  
20 *irregular warfare force of the United States; and*

21 (4) *ensures baseline cognitive performance assess-*  
22 *ments, training, and enhancement are included as an*  
23 *essential element of training and assessment through-*  
24 *out the career of a member of the Armed Forces in*

1        *the special operations forces in a similar manner to*  
 2        *other physical training and performance metrics.*

3        *(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the date*  
 4        *on which the Commander commences the implementation*  
 5        *of the Cognitive Performance Enhancement Program, the*  
 6        *Commander shall provide to the Committees on Armed*  
 7        *Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a*  
 8        *briefing that includes—*

9                *(1) an assessment of cognitive performance en-*  
 10        *hancement tools used under the Program and whether*  
 11        *the tools qualitatively improved readiness, resilience,*  
 12        *and recovery for members of the Armed Forces in the*  
 13        *special operations forces;*

14                *(2) an assessment of how enhanced cognitive per-*  
 15        *formance contributes to operational advantages to the*  
 16        *special operations forces; and*

17                *(3) any recommendations with respect to the fea-*  
 18        *sibility of implementing cognitive enhancement as-*  
 19        *essment and training programs across the conven-*  
 20        *tional force.*

21        **SEC. 1068. SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE GREATEST GENERA-**  
 22        **TION EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

23        *(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of*  
 24        *Defense shall establish and carry out a comprehensive edu-*  
 25        *cational program to increase public awareness and under-*

1 *standing of the achievements, sacrifices, and enduring les-*  
2 *sons of the Greatest Generation in winning World War II.*

3 *The Secretary shall design the program to—*

4 *(1) teach the lessons of yesterday to unite the*  
5 *generations of tomorrow, strengthening the bonds be-*  
6 *tween young and old people of the United States;*

7 *(2) instill patriotism and pride in the young*  
8 *people of the United States by sharing the stories of*  
9 *courage, sacrifice, resilience, and unity demonstrated*  
10 *during World War II; and*

11 *(3) offer hope for the future by demonstrating*  
12 *how the people of the United States, when unified in*  
13 *purpose, can overcome the greatest challenges.*

14 *(b) GRANTS.—Under the program established by sub-*  
15 *section (a), the Secretary may make grants to State and*  
16 *local governments, subject to the limitation under subsection*  
17 *(c), and nonprofit organizations. A recipient of such a*  
18 *grant shall use the grant to carry out educational activities*  
19 *for the general public anywhere in the United States that*  
20 *are designed to—*

21 *(1) honor and thank World War II veterans, in-*  
22 *cluding those who were prisoners of war or listed as*  
23 *missing in action, and their families, for their service*  
24 *and sacrifice;*

1           (2) *educate the public about the service and con-*  
2           *tributions of the United States Armed Forces during*  
3           *World War II, as well as the efforts of Federal agen-*  
4           *cies, allied nations, and nongovernmental organiza-*  
5           *tions;*

6           (3) *promote awareness of the vital role of the*  
7           *home front in the United States during World War*  
8           *II, including the contributions of workers, families,*  
9           *and communities;*

10          (4) *remember the Holocaust and honor the mem-*  
11          *ory of its victims, as well as recognizing the Allied*  
12          *forces who liberated Nazi concentration camps;*

13          (5) *support programs that engage students and*  
14          *young people of the United States in learning about*  
15          *World War II, fostering civic pride, historical under-*  
16          *standing, and national unity; and*

17          (6) *support programming and events held at na-*  
18          *tionally significant sites of remembrance, such as the*  
19          *National World War II Memorial, to reinforce public*  
20          *awareness and provide immersive educational experi-*  
21          *ences that honor the legacy of the Greatest Generation.*

22          (c) *LIMITATION.*—A State government that receives a  
23          *grant under this section may only use the grant for a new*  
24          *initiative and may not use the grant to provide program-*

1 *ming that is part of a secondary education program pro-*  
 2 *vided by the State.*

3 (d) *NAMES AND SYMBOLS.—The Secretary of Defense*  
 4 *shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the name “Sen-*  
 5 *ator Robert J. Dole Greatest Generation Education Pro-*  
 6 *gram”, as well as any associated seal, emblem, or badge.*  
 7 *Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to supersede*  
 8 *any rights lawfully established prior to the date of enact-*  
 9 *ment of this Act.*

10 (e) *NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—The term*  
 11 *“nonprofit organization” means an organization described*  
 12 *in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986*  
 13 *and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such*  
 14 *Code.*

15 **SEC. 1069. RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR WORKING DOGS.**

16 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of*  
 17 *Defense shall establish a program to recognize working dogs*  
 18 *for actions that contribute to mission success, including ac-*  
 19 *tions that—*

20 (1) *enhance force protection;*  
 21 (2) *support lifesaving efforts; or*  
 22 (3) *otherwise demonstrate exceptional service in*  
 23 *the performance of assigned duties.*

24 (b) *RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER HONORS.—Recognition*  
 25 *of a working dog under this section may not be considered*

1 *equivalent to, or otherwise diminish, an honor, award, or*  
2 *sacrifice of a member of the Armed Forces or a veteran.*

3 (c) *PRESENTATION.—Recognition of a working dog*  
4 *under this section may occur during an official military*  
5 *event in a manner that clearly distinguishes such recogni-*  
6 *tion from an honor or award of a member of the Armed*  
7 *Forces or a veteran.*

8 (d) *RECORDS.—Recognition of a working dog under*  
9 *this section may be recorded in the official service docu-*  
10 *mentation maintained for such working dog.*

11 **SEC. 1070. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
12 **CLOSURE OF ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL MU-**  
13 **SEUM.**

14 *None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this*  
15 *Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the*  
16 *Army may be obligated or expended to close the Rock Island*  
17 *Arsenal Museum located in Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois.*

18 **SEC. 1071. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
19 **DEACTIVATION OF EXPEDITIONARY COMBAT**  
20 **AVIATION BRIGADES.**

21 (a) *LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to be*  
22 *appropriated or otherwise made available for any of fiscal*  
23 *years 2027 through 2031 for the Army may be obligated*  
24 *or expended to retire, deactivate, schedule to deactivate, or*  
25 *proceed with any other action that would reduce the capa-*

1 *bilities, resources, training, aircraft, or personnel available,*  
2 *as of the date of the enactment of this Act, for the Expedi-*  
3 *tionary Combat Aviation Brigades unless the Secretary of*  
4 *the Army submits to the congressional defense committees—*

5       *(1) a certification that the Secretary of the Army*  
6       *plans to recapitalize any such aircraft for the Expedi-*  
7       *tionary Combat Aviation Brigades and to otherwise*  
8       *restore any such capabilities, resources, training, or*  
9       *personnel levels reduced to the levels preceding such*  
10       *retirement, deactivation, or reduction;*

11       *(2) the plan of the Secretary of the Army for the*  
12       *actions specified in paragraph (1); and*

13       *(3) a report containing—*

14               *(A) an assessment of any planned reduction*  
15               *of capability to Army aviation within the Army*  
16               *Reserve, including reductions by platform and*  
17               *end strength and all changes under the trans-*  
18               *formation initiative;*

19               *(B) an assessment of the effect of such re-*  
20               *duction on operational risk, readiness, and mis-*  
21               *sion capability, taking into consideration the*  
22               *operational tempo and missions conducted by the*  
23               *Army during the five-year period preceding the*  
24               *date of the report;*



1           (C) an identification of any military con-  
2           struction projects delayed, modified, or canceled  
3           as a result of such reductions;

4           (D) an assessment of the remaining Army  
5           Reserve rotary-wing and fixed-wing aviation ca-  
6           pacity, by platform, relative to validated mission  
7           requirements.

8           (E) the scale of the divestment of the Expe-  
9           ditionary Combat Aviation Brigades as of the  
10          date of the enactment of this Act and the effect  
11          of such divestment on Army Reserve aviation ca-  
12          pabilities, including the number of remaining  
13          rotary wing aircraft, by platform, required to  
14          meet mission requirements;

15          (F) a detailed breakdown of options avail-  
16          able to the members of the Armed Forces and ci-  
17          vilian employees affected by such divestment of  
18          the Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades to  
19          continue service in the Armed Forces or Depart-  
20          ment of Defense, as applicable, including an  
21          identification of the number of affected members  
22          and employees by specialty;

23          (G) an evaluation of the effect on State and  
24          local communities of divesting the Expeditionary

1           *Combat Aviation Brigades, including economic*  
2           *and workforce effects; and*

3                   *(H) a description of any strategic or sce-*  
4           *nario-based analysis or modeling used for mak-*  
5           *ing decisions to divest the Expeditionary Combat*  
6           *Aviation Brigades.*

7           *(b) REQUIREMENT TO RESTORE.—*

8                   *(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year*  
9           *after the date of the enactment of this Act, for any*  
10          *Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade that, prior*  
11          *to such date of enactment, the Secretary of the Army*  
12          *retired or deactivated (or carried out any other activ-*  
13          *ity to reduce the capabilities, resources, requisite indi-*  
14          *vidual or unit proficiency or qualification training,*  
15          *aircraft, or personnel thereof), the Secretary of the*  
16          *Army shall reinstate or reactivate such brigade, or*  
17          *otherwise restore such brigade to the levels preceding*  
18          *such reduction, as the case may be.*

19                  *(2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the*  
20          *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the*  
21          *Army shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
22          *mittees a report on the implementation of this sub-*  
23          *section.*

24                  *(c) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after*  
25          *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the*

1 *Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees*  
2 *a plan to sustain and modernize the aircraft, readiness gen-*  
3 *eration capacity, maintenance infrastructure, and requisite*  
4 *individual and unit training associated with the Expedi-*  
5 *tionary Combat Aviation Brigades.*

6 **SEC. 1072. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
7 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE**  
8 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

9 *Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act*  
10 *or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for oper-*  
11 *ation and maintenance, defense-wide, and available for the*  
12 *Office of the Secretary of Defense for travel expenses, not*  
13 *more than 75 percent may be obligated or expended until*  
14 *the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense*  
15 *committees a certification that the Department of Defense*  
16 *is compliant with the requirements of section 1067 of the*  
17 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025*  
18 *(Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2066), including—*

19 *(1) a written statement that a copy of each exe-*  
20 *cute order required to be submitted to the congres-*  
21 *sional defense committees under subsection (c) of such*  
22 *section has been so submitted; and*

23 *(2) a description of the mechanism established to*  
24 *facilitate the provision to the congressional defense*  
25 *committees of all future briefings required under sub-*

1        *section (a) of such section, and the compliance with*  
 2        *the disclosure and notice requirements under sub-*  
 3        *section (c) of such section, within the timeframes re-*  
 4        *quired by such section.*

5        **SEC. 1073. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
 6                                **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF OFFICE OF THE SEC-**  
 7                                **RETARY OF DEFENSE UNTIL SUBMISSION**  
 8                                **CERTAIN ASSESSMENT.**

9        *Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act*  
 10        *for fiscal year 2027 for operation and maintenance, De-*  
 11        *fense-wide, and available for the Office of the Secretary of*  
 12        *Defense for travel expenses, not more than 95 percent may*  
 13        *be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense sub-*  
 14        *mits the assessment required by section 835(a)(1) of the Na-*  
 15        *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Pub-*  
 16        *lic Law 118-31; 137 Stat. 338).*

17        ***Subtitle E—Studies and Reports***

18        **SEC. 1081. REPEAL OF OBSOLETE REPORTING REQUIRE-**  
 19                                **MENTS.**

20        *(a) JOINT SAFETY COUNCIL BRIEFINGS.—Section 185*  
 21        *of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking sub-*  
 22        *section (l).*

23        *(b) BRIEFINGS ON BASIC HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR*  
 24        *MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS WHEN HOME PORT*  
 25        *CHANGE WOULD FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGE MEMBER.—*

1 *Section 403(p)(2) of title 37, United States Code, is amend-*  
 2 *ed by striking subparagraph (C).*

3 *(c) COSTS OF FORWARD- DEPLOYING NUCLEAR WEAP-*  
 4 *ONS IN EUROPE BRIEFING.—The National Defense Author-*  
 5 *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92) is*  
 6 *amended by striking section 1656.*

7 *(d) LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP REPORT.—Section 123 of*  
 8 *the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 9 *2014 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2030) is amended—*

10 *(1) by striking subsection (a); and*

11 *(2) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e)*  
 12 *as subsections (a) through (d), respectively.*

13 *(e) ANNUAL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL FUND-*  
 14 *ING DOCUMENTS.—Section 343 of the National Defense Au-*  
 15 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328;*  
 16 *130 Stat. 2082; 10 U.S.C. 2701 note) is amended—*

17 *(1) by striking subsection (b); and*

18 *(2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e)*  
 19 *as subsections (b) through (d), respectively.*

20 *(f) REPORT ON MILITARY ACTION OF SAUDI ARABIA*  
 21 *AND ITS COALITION PARTNERS IN YEMEN.—The National*  
 22 *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public*  
 23 *Law 115–91) is amended by striking section 1265.*

24 *(g) CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTS ON UNITED STATES*  
 25 *ARMED FORCES, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AND CONTRACTORS*

1 *DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RE-*  
 2 *SOLVE, OPERATION FREEDOM’S SENTINEL, AND ASSOCI-*  
 3 *ATED AND SUCCESSOR OPERATIONS.*—Section 1267 of the  
 4 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018*  
 5 *(Public Law 115–91) is amended—*

6           (1) *by striking subsection (a) through (d);*

7           (2) *by striking “(f) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED*  
 8 *PROVISION.—”; and*

9           (3) *by amending the section heading to read as*  
 10 *follows:*

11 **“SEC. 1267. REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED PROVISION.”.**

12       (h) *STRATEGY TO COUNTER DESTABILIZING ACTIVI-*  
 13 *TIES OF IRAN.*—The *John S. McCain National Defense Au-*  
 14 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232)*  
 15 *is amended by striking section 1237.*

16       (i) *STUDY ON EMERGING BIOTECHNOLOGIES.*—The  
 17 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020*  
 18 *(Public Law 116–92) is amended by striking section 263.*

19       (j) *ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARD DEPOT*  
 20 *INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT.*—Section 359 of the *Na-*  
 21 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Pub-*  
 22 *lic Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 1323; 10 U.S.C. 2476 note) is*  
 23 *amended by striking subsection (c).*

24       (k) *ANNUAL REPORT OF DEFENSE ADVISORY COM-*  
 25 *MITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.*—

1 *Section 550B of the National Defense Authorization Act for*  
 2 *Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1381; 10*  
 3 *U.S.C. 1561 note) is amended by striking subsection (d).*

4       *(l) ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRAMS TO FACILITATE*  
 5 *AWARD OF PRIVATE PILOT’S CERTIFICATES.—Section*  
 6 *560B of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
 7 *Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1393; 10 U.S.C.*  
 8 *2015 note).*

9       *(m) REPORT ON LEGAL INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY*  
 10 *BUILDING INITIATIVE.—Section 1210 of the National De-*  
 11 *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law*  
 12 *116–92) is amended—*

13               *(1) by striking subsection (d); and*

14               *(2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as*  
 15 *subsections (d) and (e), respectively.*

16       *(n) REPORT ON UPDATED STRATEGY.—Section 1239*  
 17 *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 18 *2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1655) is amended by*  
 19 *striking subsection (c).*

20       *(o) STUDY ON COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES WITH RE-*  
 21 *SPECT TO CHINA.—Section 1253 of the National Defense*  
 22 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–*  
 23 *92; 133 Stat. 1669) is amended by striking subsection (c).*

24       *(p) REPORT ON LAY-DOWN OF MARINES IN INDO-PA-*  
 25 *CIFIC.—The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*

1 Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) is amended by striking sec-  
2 tion 1260K.

3 (q) *REPORT ON SAUDI-LED COALITION STRIKES IN*  
4 *YEMEN.*—*The National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-*  
5 *cal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) is amended by striking*  
6 *section 1274.*

7 (r) *REPORTS ON EXPENSES INCURRED FOR IN-FLIGHT*  
8 *REFUELING OF SAUDI COALITION AIRCRAFT.*—*The Na-*  
9 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Pub-*  
10 *lic Law 116–92) is amended by striking section 1275.*

11 (s) *REPORT ON COST IMPOSITION STRATEGY.*—*The*  
12 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020*  
13 *(Public Law 116–92) is amended by striking section 1280*

14 (t) *ANNUAL MILITARY CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS RE-*  
15 *PORT.*—*The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
16 *Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) is amended by striking sec-*  
17 *tion 1644.*

18 (u) *INDEPENDENT STUDY ON POLICY OF NO-FIRST-*  
19 *USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.*—*The National Defense Au-*  
20 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92)*  
21 *is amended by striking section 1673.*

22 (v) *INDEPENDENT STUDY ON RISKS OF NUCLEAR TER-*  
23 *RORISM AND NUCLEAR WAR.*—*The National Defense Au-*  
24 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92)*  
25 *is amended by striking section 1674.*



1       (w) *REPORT ON MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DIALOGUE TO*  
 2 *REDUCE RISKS OF MISCALCULATION LEADING TO NU-*  
 3 *CLEAR WAR.*—*The National Defense Authorization Act for*  
 4 *Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) is amended by strik-*  
 5 *ing section 1675.*

6       (x) *REPORT ON TRANSFERS OF EQUIPMENT TO PRO-*  
 7 *HIBITED ENTITIES.*—*The National Defense Authorization*  
 8 *Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) is amended*  
 9 *by striking section 1722.*

10       (y) *PILOT PROGRAM ON SELF-DIRECTED TRAINING IN*  
 11 *ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES.*—*The William M. (Mac)*  
 12 *Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
 13 *Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is amended by striking*  
 14 *section 248.*

15       (z) *REPORT ON TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF AVAIL-*  
 16 *ABILITY OF ENHANCED CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE CREDIT IN*  
 17 *A PARTICULAR CAREER FIELD UPON ORIGINAL APPOINT-*  
 18 *MENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER.*—*Section 503 of the*  
 19 *William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-*  
 20 *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134*  
 21 *Stat. 3564; 10 U.S.C. 533 note) is amended by striking sub-*  
 22 *section (c).*

23       (aa) *BRIEFING ON USE OF EXISTING EXCHANGE PRO-*  
 24 *GRAM AUTHORITY.*—*Section 1102 of the William M. (Mac)*  
 25 *Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*

1 Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3885) is amend-  
 2 ed by striking subsection (e).

3 (bb) *REPORT ON ENHANCING SECURITY PARTNER-*  
 4 *SHIPS BETWEEN THE US AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES.*—*The*  
 5 *William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-*  
 6 *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is*  
 7 *amended by striking section 1293.*

8 (cc) *REPORT ON PROGRESS WITH RESPECT TO DENY-*  
 9 *ING STRATEGIC GOALS OF COMPETITORS AGAINST DE-*  
 10 *FENSE PARTNERS.*—*The William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-*  
 11 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub-*  
 12 *lic Law 116–283) is amended by striking section 1299G.*

13 (dd) *QUARTERLY REPORTS ON EQUIPMENT DISPOSI-*  
 14 *TION.*—*Section 1521(c) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-*  
 15 *berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 16 *2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 4035) is amended*  
 17 *by striking paragraph (5).*

18 (ee) *IMPLEMENTATION OF GAO RECOMMENDATIONS*  
 19 *ON PREVENTING TACTICAL VEHICLE TRAINING ACCI-*  
 20 *DENTS.*—*The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
 21 *Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) is amended by striking sec-*  
 22 *tion 377.*

23 (ff) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF CERTAIN RE-*  
 24 *SEARCH AND ANALYSIS RELATING TO RETENTION OF FE-*  
 25 *MALE SURFACE WARFARE OFFICERS.*—*Section 505(c) of*

1 *the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 2 *2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1680) is amended—*

3 *(1) by striking paragraph (2);*

4 *(2) by striking “(1) IN GENERAL.—”; and*

5 *(3) by adjusting the text beginning with “Not*  
 6 *later than” and ending with “subsection (a).” to ap-*  
 7 *pear immediately following and in line with “(c) RE-*  
 8 *PORTS.—”.*

9 *(gg) ANNUAL REPORT ON HIGHEST AND LOWEST PER-*  
 10 *FORMING ACQUISITION PROGRAMS.—The National Defense*  
 11 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–*  
 12 *81) is amended by striking section 806.*

13 *(hh) REPORT ON RUSSIAN INFLUENCE OPERATIONS*  
 14 *TARGETING US ALLIANCES.—The National Defense Au-*  
 15 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81)*  
 16 *is amended by striking section 1235.*

17 *(ii) FEASIBILITY BRIEFING ON COOPERATION BE-*  
 18 *TWEEN THE NATIONAL GUARD AND TAIWAN.—The Na-*  
 19 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Pub-*  
 20 *lic Law 117–81) is amended by striking section 1249.*

21 *(jj) NOTIFICATION RELATING TO OVERSEAS HUMANI-*  
 22 *TARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIL AID FUNDS OBLIGATED IN*  
 23 *SUPPORT OF OPERATION ALLIES WELCOME.—The Na-*  
 24 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Pub-*  
 25 *lic Law 117–81) is amended by striking section 1324.*

1       (kk) *ANNUAL STATUS UPDATES ON CHILD CARE*  
2 *AVAILABILITY.*—*Section 2816 of the National Defense Au-*  
3 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81;*  
4 *135 Stat. 2194; 10 U.S.C. 1971 note) is amended—*

5               (1) *by striking subsection (d); and*  
6               (2) *by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection*  
7       *(d).*

8       (ll) *STRATEGY AND PLAN FOR FOSTERING AND*  
9 *STRENGTHENING DEFENSE INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM.*—  
10 *Section 236 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Au-*  
11 *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263;*  
12 *136 Stat. 2491) is amended—*

13               (1) *by striking subsections (d) through (f); and*  
14               (2) *by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection*  
15       *(d).*

16       (mm) *PLAN FOR INVESTMENTS TO SUPPORT DEVEL-*  
17 *OPMENT OF NOVEL PROCESSING APPROACHES.*—*The James*  
18 *M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
19 *Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by striking*  
20 *section 233.*

21       (nn) *STRATEGY FOR INCREASING COMPETITIVE OP-*  
22 *PORTUNITIES FOR CERTAIN CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES.*—  
23 *The James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act*  
24 *for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by*  
25 *striking section 861.*

1       (oo) *BRIEFINGS ON UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARDEN*  
 2 *PROGRAMS.*—*The National Defense Authorization Act for*  
 3 *Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is amended by strik-*  
 4 *ing section 587.*

5       (pp) *REPORT ON RESOURCING OF ARCTIC STRAT-*  
 6 *EGY.*—*Section 1071 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 7 *Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.*  
 8 *2070) is amended—*

9               (1) *by striking subsection (c); and*

10              (2) *by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as*  
 11 *subsections (c) and (d), respectively.*

12 **SEC. 1082. EXTENSION OF BRIEFING REQUIREMENT RE-**  
 13 **GARDING CIVIL AUTHORITIES AT THE SOUTH-**  
 14 **WEST BORDER.**

15       *Section 1070 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense*  
 16 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–*  
 17 *263; 136 Stat. 2791), as most recently amended by section*  
 18 *1064 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
 19 *Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1046), is further*  
 20 *amended by striking “through December 31, 2026” and in-*  
 21 *serting “through December 31, 2027”.*

1 **SEC. 1083. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL**  
2 **BRIEFINGS ON NATIONAL BIODEFENSE**  
3 **STRATEGY.**

4 *Section 1086(d) of the National Defense Authorization*  
5 *Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 6 U.S.C.*  
6 *104(d)) is amended by striking “March 1, 2025” and in-*  
7 *serting “March 1, 2031”.*

8 **SEC. 1084. ANNUAL REPORT AND BRIEFING ON IMPLEMEN-**  
9 **TATION OF ARMY TRANSFORMATION INITIA-**  
10 **TIVE.**

11 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 15, 2027,*  
12 *and annually thereafter through February 15, 2032, the*  
13 *Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional de-*  
14 *fense committees a report detailing the programmatic*  
15 *choices made to implement the Army Continuous Trans-*  
16 *formation initiative, the Army Transformation Initiative,*  
17 *and the Transformation in Contact initiative, including*  
18 *both new developmental and fielded capabilities, as well as*  
19 *capabilities and capacity divested to accelerate implemen-*  
20 *tation of the Army Continuous Transformation initiative.*

21 *(b) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than March*  
22 *15, 2027, and annually thereafter through March 15, 2032,*  
23 *the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the congressional*  
24 *defense committees a briefing on the elements described*  
25 *under subsection (c).*

1       (c) *ELEMENTS.*—Each report required under sub-  
2 section (a), and each briefing required under subsection (b),  
3 shall include the following elements:

4           (1) *An assessment of changes in the national de-*  
5 *fense strategy, the Defense Planning Guidance, the*  
6 *Joint Warfighting Concept (and associated concept*  
7 *required capabilities), and any other planning proc-*  
8 *ess of the Department of Defense that informed the*  
9 *initiatives specified in subsection (a).*

10          (2) *An inventory and assessment of the exercises*  
11 *and experimentation relating to the Army Continuous*  
12 *Transformation initiative, beginning in fiscal year*  
13 *2023, including an identification of the capabilities*  
14 *involved and the extent to which such exercises and*  
15 *experimentation validated or militated against pro-*  
16 *posed capability investments.*

17          (3) *An inventory of divestments of capabilities or*  
18 *capacity, whether force structure and equipment, be-*  
19 *ginning in fiscal year 2023, including the following*  
20 *information:*

21               (A) *A timeline of the progress of each such*  
22 *divestment.*

23               (B) *The type of force structure or equipment*  
24 *divested or reduced.*

1           (C) *The percentage of force structure or*  
2           *equipment divested or reduced, including any*  
3           *equipment entered into inventory management*  
4           *or another form of storage.*

5           (D) *The rationale and context behind such*  
6           *divestment.*

7           (E) *An identification of whether such di-*  
8           *vestment affects the ability of the Army to meet*  
9           *the requirements of the Global Force Manage-*  
10          *ment process and operational plans, including*  
11          *an explanation of how the Army plans to miti-*  
12          *gate the loss of such capability or capacity if the*  
13          *divestment affects the ability of the Army to meet*  
14          *the requirements of the Global Force Manage-*  
15          *ment process and operational plans, including*  
16          *through new investments, additional joint plan-*  
17          *ning and training, or other methods.*

18          (F) *An assessment of the actual and pro-*  
19          *jected recruitment and retention percentages for*  
20          *the Army, beginning in fiscal year 2023.*

21          (4) *An inventory of extant or planned invest-*  
22          *ments in capabilities as a part of the Army Contin-*  
23          *uous Transformation initiative, disaggregated by*  
24          *combat vehicles, rotary aircraft, munitions, and re-*



1       *connaissance and counter-reconnaissance forces, in-*  
 2       *cluding—*

3               *(A) capability name;*

4               *(B) capability purpose and context;*

5               *(C) capability being replaced (or not appli-*  
 6       *cable);*

7               *(D) date of initial operation capability;*

8               *(E) date of full operational capability;*

9               *(F) deliveries of units by year; and*

10              *(G) approved acquisition objective or simi-*  
 11       *lar inventory objective.*

12              *(5) An assessment of how the investments de-*  
 13       *scribed in paragraph (4) contribute to joint force effi-*  
 14       *cacy in new ways, including through the support of*  
 15       *other Armed Forces.*

16   **SEC. 1085. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON EFFECTS OF UN-**  
 17               **PLANNED GLOBAL TASKINGS ON OPER-**  
 18               **ATIONS, DETERRENCE, AND READINESS IN**  
 19               **THE AREA OF OPERATIONS OF UNITED**  
 20               **STATES INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND.**

21       *(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*  
 22       *that, in line with the most recent national defense strategy*  
 23       *under section 113(g) of title 10, United States Code, and*  
 24       *national security strategy report of the President under sec-*  
 25       *tion 108 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.*

1 3043), deterring China and maintaining a favorable bal-  
2 ance of military power in the Indo-Pacific region is a stra-  
3 tegic priority of the United States.

4 (b) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days  
5 after the last day of each fiscal quarter, the Director of the  
6 Joint Staff, in coordination with the Commander of the  
7 United States Indo-Pacific Command, shall submit to the  
8 congressional defense committees a report on the effects of  
9 unplanned global taskings, contingency deployments, and  
10 diverted assets on operations, deterrence, and readiness  
11 within the area of operations of the United States Indo-  
12 Pacific Command. Each such report shall include, for the  
13 quarter covered by the report, each of the following:

14 (1) A description of specific effects on current  
15 and planned operations, exercises, and training  
16 events.

17 (2) An assessment of the effects on the ability of  
18 the United States Indo-Pacific Command to maintain  
19 required levels of deterrence against adversaries.

20 (3) An assessment of the overall effects on theater  
21 readiness, including any identified capability gaps or  
22 elevated operational risks.

23 (4) An assessment of effects on munitions inven-  
24 tories, shortfalls, and projected resupply timelines  
25 within the United States Indo-Pacific Command.

1           (5) *An assessment of the anticipated effects on*  
2           *force generation and sourcing, including for each of*  
3           *the four fiscal quarters following the quarter covered*  
4           *by the report.*

5           (6) *A description of mitigation measures*  
6           *planned or underway to address identified oper-*  
7           *ational, deterrence, and readiness effects.*

8           (c) *FORM.—Each report required under subsection (b)*  
9           *shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include*  
10          *a classified annex.*

11          (d) *TERMINATION.—The requirement to submit a re-*  
12          *port under subsection (b) shall terminate on September 30,*  
13          *2029.*

14   **SEC. 1086. BIENNIAL REPORTS ON OPERATIONAL ADAPTA-**  
15                           **TION AND FIELDING OF DEFENSE AUTONO-**  
16                           **MOUS WARFARE GROUP.**

17          (a) *REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days*  
18          *after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180*  
19          *days thereafter until the date that is two years after the*  
20          *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,*  
21          *in coordination with the Commander of United States Spe-*  
22          *cial Operations Command, shall submit to the congressional*  
23          *defense committees a report on the adaptation cycles of the*  
24          *Defense Autonomous Warfare Group and associated autono-*

1 mous warfare programs. Each such report shall include, for  
2 the period covered by the report, each of the following:

3 (1) A summary of operational lessons identified  
4 during such period regarding the employment, main-  
5 tenance, and integration of autonomous and remotely  
6 piloted systems, including lessons derived from com-  
7 bat observations, electronic warfare and cyber threat  
8 environments, and joint exercises.

9 (2) A description of the specific actions taken to  
10 incorporate the lessons identified under paragraph (1)  
11 into joint and service-level military doctrine, includ-  
12 ing the timeline from the identification of a lesson to  
13 the formal update of doctrinal publications.

14 (3) A description of modifications made to train-  
15 ing pipelines, leader development programs, and per-  
16 sonnel policies to reflect operational lessons.

17 (4) An analysis of how operational feedback has  
18 influenced current and future procurement strategies,  
19 including—

20 (A) changes made to existing contracts or  
21 performance requirements;

22 (B) the speed at which technical feedback  
23 from operators was translated into hardware or  
24 software updates;

1           (C) an analysis of the reliance on non-do-  
2           mestic supply chains for components altered dur-  
3           ing adaptation cycles; and

4           (D) a list of any procurement programs  
5           under which existing contractual requirements  
6           hindered the rapid adoption of operational les-  
7           sons.

8           (5) A summary of the broad allocation of funds  
9           across major capability lines and the general dis-  
10          tribution profile of resulting autonomous assets across  
11          the military departments and combatant commands.

12          (6) An assessment of the adaptation cycle speed  
13          for autonomous systems, defined as the duration be-  
14          tween the identification of an operational deficiency  
15          or opportunity and the implementation of a cor-  
16          responding change in doctrine, training, or procure-  
17          ment, including an assessment of the average time re-  
18          quired to develop, test, and deploy software patches or  
19          technical countermeasures to fielded autonomous sys-  
20          tems.

21          (7) To the extent practicable, a comparison of  
22          the adaptation cycle speed of the Department of De-  
23          fense relative to the observed adaptation cycles of  
24          near-peer competitors in the field of autonomous war-  
25          fare.

1       (b) *FORM OF REPORT.*—The report required under  
2 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
3 may include a classified annex.

4 **SEC. 1087. SERVICE-WIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIES FOR**  
5 **HUMAN PERFORMANCE.**

6       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary of a mili-  
8 tary department shall establish a strategy for human per-  
9 formance for that military department. Each such strategy  
10 shall include each of the following elements:

11           (1) *Requirements and policies applicable to that*  
12 *military department that are designed to optimize the*  
13 *use and acquisition of human performance technology*  
14 *and services.*

15           (2) *The identification of a program of primary*  
16 *responsibility for human performance within that*  
17 *military department, which will be responsible for the*  
18 *integration, synchronization, and optimization of*  
19 *human performance technology and services across the*  
20 *military department.*

21           (3) *Requirements for the procurement of human*  
22 *performance technology and services.*

23           (4) *Security requirements, including the identi-*  
24 *fication of risks associated with wearable technology*  
25 *devices for which the hardware is assembled in China.*

1           (5) *A timeline and estimated funding for imple-*  
2           *mentation of the strategy, including acquisition*  
3           *plans, for the period covering fiscal years 2027*  
4           *through 2031.*

5           (6) *Metrics and performance indicators for as-*  
6           *sessing the effectiveness and value of the human per-*  
7           *formance enterprise solution.*

8           (7) *An identification of opportunities to leverage*  
9           *existing Department-wide and military department-*  
10          *level enterprise data, analytics, and readiness plat-*  
11          *forms, and establish interoperability requirements to*  
12          *optimize technology investments and accelerate imple-*  
13          *mentation.*

14          (b) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 270 days after the date*  
15          *of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary of a military*  
16          *department shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
17          *mittees a report containing a description of the strategy*  
18          *required under subsection (a) for that military department.*

19          (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

20               (1) *The term “human performance” means the*  
21               *optimization of physical and mental health (such as*  
22               *physical readiness, mental readiness, sleep readiness,*  
23               *nutritional readiness, spiritual readiness) required*  
24               *for optimal performance and improved readiness.*

1           (2) *The term “human performance technology*  
2           *and services” means wearable technology devices and*  
3           *data management platforms that support human per-*  
4           *formance.*

5   **SEC. 1088. MOBILITY CAPABILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN.**

6           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than January 1, 2027,*  
7           *the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the*  
8           *Commander of the United States Transportation Command*  
9           *and in consultation with the commanders of each of the geo-*  
10          *graphic combatant commands, shall submit to the Commit-*  
11          *tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-*  
12          *resentatives a report that includes a comprehensive and de-*  
13          *tailed strategic plan for the development, acquisition, mod-*  
14          *ernization, and integration of mobility capabilities of the*  
15          *Department of Defense through fiscal year 2047.*

16          (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The plan required by subsection (a)*  
17          *shall include each of the following:*

18                 (1) *An operational environment assessment of—*

19                         (A) *contested operations across all domains*  
20                         *over great distances;*

21                         (B) *contested lines of communication ex-*  
22                         *tending from the United States to operational*  
23                         *theaters;*



1           (C) adversary capabilities designed to target  
2           United States mobility forces, mobility infra-  
3           structure, and logistics networks; and

4           (D) the requirement for mobility forces to  
5           operate in degraded, contested, and highly con-  
6           tested environments including austere locations,  
7           battle-damaged airfields, degraded runways,  
8           ramps, taxiways, and other runway agnostic op-  
9           erating environments.

10          (2) An assessment of current mobility force, in-  
11          cluding—

12               (A) the ability of Air Mobility Command to  
13               support the requirements of all of the Armed  
14               Forces in competition, crisis, and conflict;

15               (B) the ability of Air Mobility Command to  
16               support agility concepts for all of the Armed  
17               Forces simultaneously in conflict, including agile  
18               combat employment, multi-domain task force op-  
19               erations, expeditionary advanced base oper-  
20               ations, and distributed maritime operations;

21               (C) the vulnerability of mobility forces, mo-  
22               bility infrastructure, and global logistics net-  
23               works in contested environments; and

24               (D) the degree to which existing mobility  
25               capability and capacity meet homeland defense

1            *priorities, nuclear mission obligations, and si-*  
2            *multaneous global operational demands.*

3            *(3) An identification of the attributes required of*  
4            *future mobility forces, including—*

5                    *(A) secure beyond line-of-sight connectivity*  
6            *with—*

7                            *(i) service and joint data links;*

8                            *(ii) service and joint battle manage-*  
9                            *ment networks; and*

10                          *(iii) service and joint command and*  
11                          *control network;*

12                          *(B) automation and autonomous aviation*  
13            *capabilities;*

14                          *(C) the ability to operate across the full*  
15            *spectrum of threat environments;*

16                          *(D) flexibility across the full scale of mobil-*  
17            *ity missions, including small and distributed*  
18            *missions, tactical, operational, and strategic*  
19            *missions, and oversized and large-volume move-*  
20            *ments;*

21                          *(E) the ability to operate from runway-ag-*  
22            *nostic and degraded operating locations;*

23                          *(F) fuel-resilient aviation concepts, includ-*  
24            *ing aircraft capable of operating on traditional*

1        *fuels and emerging propulsion systems, such as*  
2        *electric, hybrid-electric, and hydrogen;*

3                *(G) consideration of aircraft designed with*  
4        *open architecture enabling rapid integration of*  
5        *mission systems including palletized effects, elec-*  
6        *tronic warfare, battle management, and intel-*  
7        *ligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capa-*  
8        *bilities; and*

9                *(H) signature management capabilities that*  
10       *enable mobility aircraft to operate globally while*  
11       *maintaining operational security, including the*  
12       *ability to comply with international aviation*  
13       *safety requirements while limiting exposure of*  
14       *aircraft identity, position, and mission informa-*  
15       *tion through publicly accessible tracking systems*  
16       *or other unclassified means.*

17        *(4) An evaluation of future tanker capabilities,*  
18       *including—*

19                *(A) collaborative tanker aircraft supporting*  
20       *collaborative, distant, and distributed refueling*  
21       *operation in contested environments;*

22                *(B) penetrating stealth tanker aircraft ca-*  
23       *pable of operating in highly contested environ-*  
24       *ments;*

1           (C) low-signature tanker concepts, including  
2           blended-wing body tanker aircraft;

3           (D) tactical tanker aircraft capable of sup-  
4           porting distributed tanker and airlift operations;

5           (E) modernization of legacy tanker aircraft  
6           through connectivity and full automation;

7           (F) tanker aircraft designed with open ar-  
8           chitecture and multi-role capability, enabling  
9           complementary missions including electronic  
10          warfare, battle management, and intelligence,  
11          surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities;

12          (G) opportunities to expand tanker capacity  
13          through commercial tanker constructs including  
14          Government owned, contractor operated; and

15          (H) the establishment of a Civil Reserve Air  
16          Fleet tanker capability that would enable the  
17          commercial operation of tanker aircraft to pro-  
18          vide immediate and dependable augmentation of  
19          United States tanker capacity.

20          (5) An evaluation of future airlift capabilities  
21          across mission scales, including—

22               (A) autonomous airlift platforms sup-  
23               porting small and tactical missions;

24               (B) the establishment of a distributed ma-  
25               neuver pool composed of autonomous and highly

1        *automated mobility platforms capable of sup-*  
2        *porting maneuvering units and distributed oper-*  
3        *ations, with mobility capabilities owned or con-*  
4        *trolled by lower-echelon multi-service operational*  
5        *units and integrated into the broader mobility*  
6        *enterprise;*

7                *(C) improved and automated tactical and*  
8        *operational airlift capabilities supporting ma-*  
9        *neuver and distributed operations;*

10               *(D) new and improved strategic airlift ca-*  
11        *pabilities supporting global force flow and the-*  
12        *ater reinforcement, including the development of*  
13        *a next-generation strategic airlifter to augment*  
14        *or replace the C-17 aircraft and establishing a*  
15        *new standard for military airlift through im-*  
16        *proved capability, capacity, survivability,*  
17        *connectivity, automation, and operational flexi-*  
18        *bility;*

19               *(E) oversized and large-volume airlift sys-*  
20        *tems;*

21               *(F) vertical takeoff and landing and short-*  
22        *field takeoff and landing airlift platforms sup-*  
23        *porting multi-service agility and distributed op-*  
24        *erations;*

1           (G) *delivery systems, including automated*  
2           *airdrop, glider, towable, and hybrid aircraft lo-*  
3           *gistics platforms; and*

4           (H) *opportunities to expand airlift capacity*  
5           *through commercial operation of strategic airlift*  
6           *aircraft, Civil Reserve Air Fleet participation,*  
7           *and service-based acquisition models such as ef-*  
8           *fects-as-a-service.*

9           (6) *An assessment of command and control ar-*  
10          *chitecture required to support mobility operations in*  
11          *contested environments, including—*

12           (A) *the use of maneuver battle management*  
13           *using technologies such as artificial intelligence,*  
14           *algorithmic allocation systems, and advanced*  
15           *data architectures to integrate logistics, maneu-*  
16           *ver, and mobility operations across the Joint*  
17           *Force; and*

18           (B) *integration of distributed traditional*  
19           *air battle management capabilities within mobil-*  
20           *ity forces.*

21          (7) *An assessment of opportunities to expand*  
22          *mobility capability and capacity through commercial*  
23          *aviation capabilities, including—*

24           (A) *the expansion of the Civil Reserve Air*  
25          *Fleet;*

1                   (B) the establishment of the Civil Reserve  
2                   Air Fleet tanker capability;

3                   (C) the commercial operation of excess,  
4                   transitioned, or Government-owned strategic air-  
5                   lift and tanker aircraft;

6                   (D) the use of service-based acquisition  
7                   models such as mobility-as-a-service or effects-as-  
8                   a-service; and

9                   (E) the role of nonprime aviation compa-  
10                  nies in enabling the building of the future mobil-  
11                  ity enterprise.

12               (c) *FORM.*—The report required under subsection (a)  
13               shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include  
14               a classified annex.

15   **SEC. 1089. REQUIRED DOCTRINE ON USE OF UNMANNED**  
16                   **AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS AND AUTONOMOUS**  
17                   **FORMATIONS.**

18               Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment  
19               of this Act, the Defense Autonomous Warfare Group shall  
20               develop a military doctrine for the deployment of un-  
21               manned autonomous systems and formations composed of  
22               such unmanned autonomous systems. Such doctrine shall  
23               address the following:

24                   (1) Concepts for the operational use of such sys-  
25                   tems and formations.

1           (2) *Tactics, techniques, and procedures for such*  
2       *use.*

3           (3) *Force structure requirements relating to such*  
4       *systems and formations.*

5           (4) *Plans for the sustainment and maintenance*  
6       *of such systems and formations.*

7           (5) *Compliance with safety and legal require-*  
8       *ments with respect to the use of such systems and for-*  
9       *mations.*

10          (6) *Such other matters as the Defense Autono-*  
11       *mous Warfare Group may determine relevant.*

12   **SEC. 1089A. STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINMENT OF CERTAIN UN-**  
13                           **MANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

14          (a) *STRATEGY.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
15       *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in*  
16       *coordination with the Secretaries of the military depart-*  
17       *ments, shall develop a strategy for the sustainment of cov-*  
18       *ered unmanned aircraft systems. Such strategy shall ad-*  
19       *dress, and differentiate between, stockpiled covered un-*  
20       *manned aircraft systems and covered unmanned aircraft*  
21       *systems in use on a more frequent basis.*

22          (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The strategy under subsection (a)*  
23       *shall include the following:*

24               (1) *A plan to ensure continuous software updates*  
25       *for fielded covered unmanned aircraft systems across*



1       *the military departments, including any such updates*  
2       *relating to—*

3               *(A) operating systems;*

4               *(B) autonomy and other capabilities en-*  
5               *abled by artificial intelligence and machine*  
6               *learning; or*

7               *(C) automatic target recognition.*

8               *(2) A plan to ensure the batteries of fielded cov-*  
9               *ered unmanned aircraft systems are fully functional*  
10              *and charged, including a strategy for charging such*  
11              *batteries in extreme and austere environments.*

12              *(3) Metrics to assess the readiness of fielded cov-*  
13              *ered unmanned aircraft systems and associated com-*  
14              *ponents.*

15              *(4) An identification of the command level, unit*  
16              *level, or other organizational level responsible for en-*  
17              *sureing such readiness.*

18              *(5) A plan to ensure standardized training for*  
19              *the use of covered unmanned aircraft systems and the*  
20              *sustainment of such systems across the military de-*  
21              *partments.*

22              *(6) A strategy for the repair of fielded covered*  
23              *unmanned aircraft systems, including for field-level*  
24              *maintenance, as appropriate.*

1       (c) *UPDATES.*—On a basis that is not less frequent  
 2 than once every two years, the Secretary of Defense shall  
 3 update the strategy under subsection (a).

4       (d) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than 30  
 5 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense com-  
 6 pletes the strategy under subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
 7 submit to the congressional defense committees such strat-  
 8 egy.

9       (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

10           (1) The term “covered unmanned aircraft”  
 11 means any unmanned aircraft categorized as Group  
 12 1, Group 2, or Group 3 pursuant to the Joint Publi-  
 13 cation 3–30 of the Department of Defense, titled  
 14 “Joint Air Operations” and dated July 25, 2019, or  
 15 such successor publication.

16           (2) The terms “unmanned aircraft” and “un-  
 17 manned aircraft system” have the meanings given  
 18 such terms in section 130i of title 10, United States  
 19 Code.

20 **SEC. 1089B. STRATEGY FOR USE OF LOW-COST AND**  
 21 **ATTRITABLE GROUP 4 AND 5 UNMANNED AIR-**  
 22 **CRAFT SYSTEMS IN CONTESTED LOGISTICS**  
 23 **OPERATIONS.**

24       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
 25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,

1 *in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-*  
2 *search and Engineering and the Under Secretary of Defense*  
3 *for Acquisition and Sustainment, shall develop a strategy*  
4 *for the use of low-cost and attritable Group 4 and 5 un-*  
5 *manned aircraft systems in contested logistics operations.*

6 (b) *REQUIREMENTS FOR STRATEGY.—The strategy*  
7 *under subsection (a) shall include each of the following:*

8 (1) *An assessment of current and projected lift*  
9 *capabilities required for contested logistics operations,*  
10 *specifically focusing on identifying—*

11 (A) *the limitations of existing platforms;*

12 *and*

13 (B) *mission sets for which the use of Group*  
14 *4 and 5 unmanned aircraft systems would re-*  
15 *duce risk.*

16 (2) *An assessment of the challenges presented by*  
17 *communications degradation in contested logistics op-*  
18 *erations and how unmanned aircraft systems could be*  
19 *integrated into mission sets identified under para-*  
20 *graph (1)(B) to solve capability gaps.*

21 (3) *A review of performance specifications, in-*  
22 *cluding payload capacity and range, that are re-*  
23 *quired to complete the mission sets identified under*  
24 *paragraph (1)(B).*

1           (4) *An evaluation of acceptable loss rates, re-*  
2           *placement speed, scale of employment, and integra-*  
3           *tion timelines for unmanned aircraft systems.*

4           (5) *A plan for coordinating among, and drafting*  
5           *requirements for, each of the military departments*  
6           *and combatant commands with respect to the use of*  
7           *low-cost and attritable unmanned aircraft systems for*  
8           *contested logistics, as appropriate.*

9           (6) *A plan to synchronize research, development,*  
10          *prototyping, and acquisition activities related to such*  
11          *systems.*

12          (7) *A transition plan for the operational fielding*  
13          *by the joint force of Group 4 and 5 unmanned air-*  
14          *craft systems for contested logistics operations.*

15          (8) *An evaluation of commercially available in-*  
16          *novative solutions that could be used to enhance the*  
17          *effectiveness of the Armed Forces and the response of*  
18          *the Department of Defense to emerging threats.*

19          (c) *PREFERENCE FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS.—In*  
20          *developing the strategy under subsection (a), the Secretary*  
21          *shall leverage commercially available solutions to the max-*  
22          *imum extent practicable.*

23          (d) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days*  
24          *after the development of the strategy required by subsection*

1 *(a), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense*  
2 *committees a report on the strategy.*

3 **SEC. 1089C. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON TACTICAL INFORMA-**  
4 **TION OPERATIONS COMMAND AUTHORITY.**

5 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:*

6 *(1) Information operations must be ongoing,*  
7 *iterative, and responsive to rapidly evolving condi-*  
8 *tions in the information environment. Narratives and*  
9 *messaging that are effective at one point in time can*  
10 *quickly become outdated or counterproductive as the*  
11 *information environment changes.*

12 *(2) Department of Defense Directive 3600.01,*  
13 *“Information Operations”, currently designates Com-*  
14 *batant Commanders at the four-star and flag officer*  
15 *level as the principal authorities for integrating, syn-*  
16 *chronizing, employing, and adapting information-re-*  
17 *lated capabilities and for developing, planning, pro-*  
18 *gramming, and assessing information operations.*

19 *(3) The concentration of tactical information op-*  
20 *erations approval authority at the Combatant Com-*  
21 *mander level creates operational bottlenecks, as those*  
22 *officers bear responsibility for the full range of joint*  
23 *force activities and may be unable to respond to tac-*  
24 *tical information operations requirements with the*  
25 *speed demanded by the information environment.*

1           (4) *In other operational domains, commanders*  
2           *at the O–6 level and below routinely exercise author-*  
3           *ity to execute tactical actions within strategic frame-*  
4           *works approved by higher-level commanders. A simi-*  
5           *lar model may be feasible and beneficial for tactical*  
6           *information operations.*

7           (5) *At the same time, information operations*  
8           *carry unique risks, including potential foreign policy,*  
9           *legal, and escalatory implications, that may counsel*  
10          *retaining significant oversight at senior command*  
11          *levels. Any delegation of authority must be carefully*  
12          *calibrated to preserve appropriate oversight while re-*  
13          *ducing operational bottlenecks.*

14          (6) *Before directing any revision to Department*  
15          *of Defense Directive 3600.01, Congress should have the*  
16          *benefit of a thorough and expert assessment of the fea-*  
17          *sibility, benefits, risks, and implementation require-*  
18          *ments of delegating tactical information operations*  
19          *authority to lower-level commanders.*

20          (b) *REPORT REQUIRED.—*

21               (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*  
22               *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
23               *Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
24               *mittees a report on the feasibility of revising Depart-*  
25               *ment of Defense Directive 3600.01 to delegate author-*

1        *ity to approve and execute tactical information oper-*  
2        *ations to commanders below the level of the combatant*  
3        *commander.*

4            (2) *CONTENTS OF REPORT.*—*The report required*  
5        *in paragraph (1) shall include—*

6            (A) *an assessment of the current command*  
7        *authority structure under Department of Defense*  
8        *Directive 3600.01 as it applies to the planning,*  
9        *approval, and execution of tactical information*  
10       *operations, including an assessment of existing*  
11       *operational bottlenecks and their impact on the*  
12       *speed and effectiveness of information operations;*

13          (B) *an evaluation of the feasibility of dele-*  
14       *gating authority to approve and execute tactical*  
15       *information operations to commanders at speci-*  
16       *fied rank levels below combatant commander, in-*  
17       *cluding the O–6 (colonel or Navy captain) level,*  
18       *or other appropriate levels as determined by the*  
19       *Secretary of Defense;*

20          (C) *For each delegation option evaluated*  
21       *under subparagraph (B), an assessment of—*

22            (i) *the potential benefits, including im-*  
23        *provements in operational speed, respon-*  
24        *siveness, and effectiveness;*

1           (ii) the potential risks, including risks  
2           related to escalation, foreign policy implica-  
3           tions, legal compliance, consistency with  
4           strategic narratives, and unintended con-  
5           sequences;

6           (iii) the mechanisms and safeguards  
7           that would be necessary to ensure that tac-  
8           tical information operations executed by  
9           lower-level commanders remain consistent  
10          with higher-level strategic objectives and  
11          narratives established by Combatant Com-  
12          manders and the Secretary of Defense;

13          (iv) the training, education, and per-  
14          sonnel requirements necessary to prepare  
15          lower-level commanders to exercise informa-  
16          tion operations authority effectively and re-  
17          sponsibly;

18          (v) the legal authorities and any statu-  
19          tory or regulatory changes that would be re-  
20          quired to implement the delegation;

21          (vi) the oversight mechanisms that  
22          would be required to maintain the visibility  
23          of the combatant commander and Secretary  
24          of Defense into tactical information oper-



1                    *ations conducted pursuant to delegated au-*  
2                    *thority; and*

3                    *(vii) the estimated costs and resource*  
4                    *implications of implementing the delega-*  
5                    *tion;*

6                    *(D) an examination of analogous delegation*  
7                    *models in other operational domains, including*  
8                    *fire support, electronic warfare, and cyber oper-*  
9                    *ations, to identify lessons learned and best prac-*  
10                   *tices applicable to information operations;*

11                   *(E) an assessment of the experiences of al-*  
12                   *lied and partner nations that have implemented*  
13                   *delegation of tactical information operations au-*  
14                   *thority to lower-level commanders, to the extent*  
15                   *practicable;*

16                   *(F) an evaluation of whether the current*  
17                   *bottleneck in tactical information operations ap-*  
18                   *proval could be addressed through means other*  
19                   *than formal authority delegation, including—*

20                   *(i) dedicated information operations*  
21                   *staff augmentation at the level of the com-*  
22                   *batant commander;*

23                   *(ii) predelegated authorities for spe-*  
24                   *cific, preapproved categories of tactical in-*  
25                   *formation operations activities;*

1                   (iii) streamlined approval processes  
2                   and standing execution orders; and

3                   (iv) improved interoperability and  
4                   communication systems to reduce approval  
5                   timelines;

6                   (G) an identification and assessment of any  
7                   legal, policy, or operational constraints that  
8                   would prevent or limit the feasibility of dele-  
9                   gating tactical information operations authority;  
10                  and

11                  (H) the assessment of Secretary of Defense  
12                  of whether revision of Department of Defense Di-  
13                  rective 3600.01 to delegate tactical information  
14                  operations authority to lower-level commanders  
15                  is feasible, advisable, and in the interest of the  
16                  Department of Defense.

17                  (3) FORM.—The report required in paragraph  
18                  (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may  
19                  include an classified annex.

20 **SEC. 1089D. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF FINDINGS OF INSPEC-**  
21 **TOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN**  
22 **TARGETING OPERATIONS.**

23                  Not later than 90 days after completion of the Evalua-  
24                  tion of United States Southern Command Joint Targeting  
25                  Cycle initiated by the Inspector General of the Department

1 of Defense concerning targeting operations in the area of  
 2 operations of United States Southern Command, the Sec-  
 3 retary of Defense shall make publicly available an unclassi-  
 4 fied summary of the findings of the evaluation, including  
 5 findings with respect to—

6 (1) whether the Joint Targeting Cycle was fol-  
 7 lowed; and

8 (2) recommendations for corrective actions.

9 **SEC. 1089E. REPORT ON COST OF UNITED STATES MILITARY**

10 **OPERATIONS IN IRAN.**

11 (a) *REPORT REQUIRED.*—

12 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than April 1, 2027,  
 13 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congres-  
 14 sional defense committees a report that includes the  
 15 total financial cost to the United States of the mili-  
 16 tary operations carried out in Iran during the period  
 17 beginning on February 28, 2026, and ending on the  
 18 date that is 30 days before the date of the submission  
 19 of the report. Such total financial cost shall include  
 20 the costs associated with damaged or destroyed infra-  
 21 structure of the United States. The report shall in-  
 22 clude the following:

23 (A) A full inventory and replacement valu-  
 24 ation of all United States military aircraft,  
 25 naval vessels, drones, and other significant

1        *equipment damaged or destroyed during such*  
2        *military operations.*

3            *(B) The total cost and quantity of all weap-*  
4        *ons, missiles, and munitions expended during*  
5        *such military operations and replacement costs.*

6            *(C) A comprehensive assessment of the costs*  
7        *associated with repairing or rebuilding United*  
8        *States military bases and facilities damaged or*  
9        *destroyed during such military operations and*  
10       *the extent to which infrastructure was damaged*  
11       *or destroyed during such military operations.*

12           *(D) For any military base or facility or in-*  
13        *frastructure identified under subparagraph (C),*  
14        *the location of the base, facility, or infrastruc-*  
15        *ture.*

16           *(E) An assessment of the overall effects that*  
17        *damage to infrastructure during such military*  
18        *operations has had on theater readiness, includ-*  
19        *ing any plans to not repair or rebuild United*  
20        *States infrastructure in the region.*

21           *(F) All costs related to the unplanned de-*  
22        *ployments and mobilizations of additional mem-*  
23        *bers of a covered Armed Force and military as-*  
24        *sets for such military operations and the costs*

1           *associated with the enforcement of the maritime*  
2           *blockade in the Strait of Hormuz.*

3           (2) *FORM.*—*The report required under para-*  
4           *graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but*  
5           *may include a classified annex. The Secretary shall*  
6           *post the unclassified report on a publicly available*  
7           *and appropriate website of the Department of De-*  
8           *fense.*

9           (b) *COVERED ARMED FORCE DEFINED.*—*The term*  
10          *“covered Armed Force” means the Army, Navy, Marine*  
11          *Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.*

12          ***SEC. 1089F. REPORT ON OPERATION SOUTHERN SPEAR.***

13          (a) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 90 days after the date*  
14          *of the enactment of this section, and quarterly thereafter*  
15          *until 180 days after the conclusion of Operation Southern*  
16          *Spear (or any successor operation), the Secretary of Defense*  
17          *shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-*  
18          *port that includes the total financial cost (as described in*  
19          *subsection (b)) of the military operations carried out under*  
20          *Operation Southern Spear. The initial report shall include*  
21          *the period beginning on January 20, 2025, and ending on*  
22          *the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment*  
23          *of this section.*

24          (b) *TOTAL FINANCIAL COST.*—*In this section, the total*  
25          *financial cost shall include any funds of the Department*

1 of Defense obligated or expended for the operation, includ-  
2 ing the following:

3 (1) A full inventory and replacement value of all  
4 United States military aircraft, naval vessels, drones,  
5 and other significant equipment damaged or de-  
6 stroyed during such military operations.

7 (2) The total cost and quantity of all weapons,  
8 missiles, and munitions expended during such mili-  
9 tary operations and replacement costs.

10 (3) A comprehensive assessment of the costs asso-  
11 ciated with repairing or rebuilding United States  
12 military installations, facilities, and infrastructure  
13 damaged or destroyed during such military oper-  
14 ations.

15 (4) An assessment of the overall effects that dam-  
16 age to infrastructure during such military operations  
17 has had on theater readiness, including any plans to  
18 not repair or rebuild United States infrastructure in  
19 the region in which such military operations were  
20 conducted.

21 (5) All costs related to the unplanned deploy-  
22 ments and mobilizations of additional members of the  
23 Armed Forces and military assets for such military  
24 operations.

1       (c) *FORM.*—*The report required under this section*  
 2 *shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include*  
 3 *a classified annex. The Secretary shall make the unclassi-*  
 4 *fied report publicly available on an appropriate website of*  
 5 *the Department of Defense.*

6 **SEC. 1089G. REPORT ON CIVILIAN HARM INVESTIGATION**  
 7 **RELATING TO SHAJAREH TAYYEBEH ELEMEN-**  
 8 **TARY SCHOOL.**

9       (a) *REPORT REQUIRED.*—*Not later than 30 days after*  
 10 *the completion of the civilian harm investigation of the De-*  
 11 *partment of Defense with respect to the strike on Minab,*  
 12 *Iran, that occurred on February 28, 2026, the Secretary*  
 13 *of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
 14 *tees a report on the results of such investigation.*

15       (b) *FORM.*—*The report required under subsection (a)*  
 16 *shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain*  
 17 *a classified annex.*

18       (c) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.*—*The Secretary of Defense*  
 19 *shall make publicly available the unclassified portion of the*  
 20 *report required under subsection (a).*

21 **SEC. 1089H. REPORT ON PORT SHUAIBA INVESTIGATION.**

22       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Upon the conclusion of the Depart-*  
 23 *ment of Defense investigation into the attack on Port*  
 24 *Shuaiba, Kuwait, that occurred on March 1, 2026, the Sec-*

1 *retary of Defense shall transmit to the congressional defense*  
 2 *committees the following information:*

3 *(1) All findings of the investigation.*

4 *(2) Any remedial actions taken as a result of the*  
 5 *findings.*

6 *(3) A detailed description of the conduct of the*  
 7 *investigation.*

8 *(b) FORM OF SUBMISSION; AVAILABILITY.—The infor-*  
 9 *mation required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in*  
 10 *unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex. The*  
 11 *Secretary shall make the unclassified version of the findings*  
 12 *publicly available on an appropriate website of the Depart-*  
 13 *ment.*

## 14 ***Subtitle F—Other Matters***

### 15 ***SEC. 1091. DEEMING REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF*** 16 ***DEFENSE AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AS*** 17 ***REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR*** 18 ***AND SECRETARY OF WAR.***

19 *Chapter 1 of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
 20 *by adding at the end the following new section:*

#### 21 ***“§ 103. References to the Secretary of Defense and the*** 22 ***Department of Defense***

23 *“Any reference to the Secretary of Defense or Depart-*  
 24 *ment of Defense in any law, regulation, map, document,*  
 25 *record, or other paper of the United States shall be deemed*



1 *to be a reference to the Secretary of War or Department*  
 2 *of War, respectively.”.*

3 **SEC. 1092. DEFINITION OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS ACTIVI-**  
 4 **TIES.**

5 *Section 167(k)(6) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 6 *amended by striking “Military information support oper-*  
 7 *ations” and inserting “Psychological and cognitive war-*  
 8 *fare”.*

9 **SEC. 1093. DEFINITION OF COUNTER-SUAS SYSTEM FOR**  
 10 **PURPOSES OF JOINT INTERAGENCY TASK**  
 11 **FORCE 401.**

12 *Section 199(h)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 13 *amended by inserting “detecting, identifying, monitoring,*  
 14 *tracking,” after “lawfully and safely”.*

15 **SEC. 1094. INCREASE IN CAP FOR SUPPORT OF SMALL**  
 16 **SCALE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF FOR-**  
 17 **EIGN PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF**  
 18 **COUNTERDRUG ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVITIES**  
 19 **TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED**  
 20 **CRIME.**

21 *(a) INCREASE IN CAP.—Subsection (i)(3) of section*  
 22 *284 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking*  
 23 *“\$1,000,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”.*

24 *(b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATING TO CONGRES-*  
 25 *SIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Subsection*

1 *(h)(1)(B) of such section is amended by inserting “minor*  
 2 *military construction or” after “any”.*

3 **SEC. 1095. MODIFICATION TO FUNDING LIMITATION FOR**  
 4 **PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR CERTAIN**  
 5 **DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG**  
 6 **ACTIVITIES.**

7 *Section 112(a)(3) of title 32, United States Code, is*  
 8 *amended by striking “\$15,000” and inserting “\$25,000”.*

9 **SEC. 1096. NATIONAL GUARD ATTORNEY LICENSE PORT-**  
 10 **ABILITY.**

11 *Chapter 3 of title 32, United States Code, is amended*  
 12 *by inserting after section 329 the following new section:*

13 **“§ 330. Attorney license portability**

14 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any law regard-*  
 15 *ing the licensure of attorneys, a judge advocate or techni-*  
 16 *cian attorney performing duties under this title may pro-*  
 17 *vide legal services in any jurisdiction in support of Na-*  
 18 *tional Guard training or operations, subject to such regula-*  
 19 *tions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army*  
 20 *or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be.*

21 *“(b) AUTHORIZED LEGAL SERVICES.—Such legal serv-*  
 22 *ices—*

23 *“(1) may be provided only by a judge advocate*  
 24 *or a technician attorney who is a member of the bar*

1       of a Federal court or of the highest court of a State,  
2       and

3               “(2) must be within the scope of authorized du-  
4       ties as prescribed by the Secretary concerned.”.

5   **SEC. 1097. OVERSIGHT AND DIRECTION OF IRREGULAR**  
6               **WARFARE EXERCISE LABORATORY.**

7       Section 1094 of the National Defense Authorization  
8   Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
9   1066; 10 U.S.C. 127d note) is amended—

10           (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection  
11       (d); and

12           (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following  
13       new subsection (c):

14       “(c) **OVERSIGHT AND DIRECTION.**—If the Secretary es-  
15   tablishes an Irregular Warfare Exercise Laboratory under  
16   subsection (a)—

17           “(1) such laboratory shall operate under the stra-  
18       tegic oversight and policy coordination of the Irreg-  
19       ular Warfare Center of the Department of Defense;  
20       and

21           “(2) the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Spe-  
22       cial Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, acting  
23       through the Director of the Irregular Warfare Center,  
24       shall exercise authority, direction, and control over  
25       such laboratory to—

1           “(A) provide policy guidance and integra-  
2           tion direction for all activities of the laboratory;

3           “(B) ensure the alignment of laboratory ini-  
4           tiatives with Department-wide irregular warfare  
5           strategy and campaigning objectives; and

6           “(C) prioritize the development of labora-  
7           tory capabilities in accordance with the most re-  
8           cent national defense strategy under section  
9           113(g) of title 10, United States Code.”.

10 **SEC. 1098. UBIQUITOUS TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE AND**  
11 **DIGITAL FORCE PROTECTION.**

12       (a) **UBIQUITOUS TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE FUNC-**  
13 **TIONS.—**

14           (1) **RESPONSIBILITY.**—Not later than April 1,  
15       2027, the Secretary of Defense shall designate the  
16       head of an organization of the Department of Defense  
17       who shall be responsible for—

18           (A) coordinating and directing the identi-  
19           fication of vulnerabilities with respect to ubiq-  
20           uitous technical surveillance;

21           (B) developing a plan and strategy for re-  
22           search, development, and procurement of secure  
23           communications and obfuscation technologies;  
24           and

1                   (C) *developing ubiquitous technical surveil-*  
2                   *lance training and techniques to enhance digital*  
3                   *force protection.*

4                   (2) *PROGRAM OF RECORD.*—*Not later than one*  
5                   *year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
6                   *Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional*  
7                   *defense committees a plan to establish a program of*  
8                   *record to meet counter-ubiquitous technical surveil-*  
9                   *lance and digital force protection needs across the De-*  
10                  *partment of Defense.*

11                  (b) *REPORT.*—*Not later than December 1, 2027, the*  
12                  *Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-*  
13                  *fense committees a report that includes—*

14                         (1) *the plan and strategy developed pursuant to*  
15                         *subsection (a)(1)(B); and*

16                         (2) *the identification of the organization of the*  
17                         *Department of Defense that has been designated under*  
18                         *subsection (a)(1).*

19                   (c) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

20                         (1) *The term “digital force protection” means the*  
21                         *policies, tools, and practices used to protect military*  
22                         *personnel, operations, and critical assets from adver-*  
23                         *sarial exploitation of the commercial digital surveil-*  
24                         *lance economy, associated commercial data, and dig-*  
25                         *ital footprints.*

1           (2) *The term “ubiquitous technical surveillance”*  
 2           *means persistent, networked, or commercially-enabled*  
 3           *technical means used to detect, identify, track, exploit,*  
 4           *or monitor personnel, operations, equipment, or dig-*  
 5           *ital activities.*

6   **SEC. 1099. POTENTIAL DESIGNATION OF INFORMATION AS**  
 7           **A DOMAIN OF WARFARE.**

8           (a) *DETERMINATION REQUIRED.*—*Not later than 180*  
 9           *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
 10          *retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense*  
 11          *committees a determination as to whether to designate in-*  
 12          *formation as a domain of warfare of the Department of De-*  
 13          *fense.*

14          (b) *EFFECT OF POSITIVE DETERMINATION.*—*If the*  
 15          *Secretary of Defense determines to make the designation*  
 16          *specified under subsection (b), the Secretary shall—*

17               (1) *revise any applicable guidance, directive, in-*  
 18               *struction, publication, or doctrine of the Department*  
 19               *to reflect such designation, including by directing the*  
 20               *Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to revise the*  
 21               *Joint Concept for Operating in the Information En-*  
 22               *vironment and other relevant joint doctrine and pub-*  
 23               *lications, to reflect such designation;*

24               (2) *ensure that planning, programming, budg-*  
 25               *eting, and execution processes treat information as a*

1 mission-essential consideration in operational plan-  
2 ning, rather than solely as a supporting effect;

3 (3) establish or strengthen career fields, profes-  
4 sional military education, and training pipelines for  
5 personnel assigned to information domain functions,  
6 including with respect to—

7 (A) military information support oper-  
8 ations;

9 (B) electronic warfare;

10 (C) public affairs;

11 (D) intelligence support to information op-  
12 erations; and

13 (E) cyber operations functions that con-  
14 tribute to information effects; and

15 (4) improve the integration of cyber operations,  
16 electronic warfare, intelligence, and psychological op-  
17 erations capabilities in support of information-do-  
18 main objectives and reduce redundancy across such  
19 operations.

20 (c) *REPORT.*—

21 (1) *SUBMISSION.*—Not later than 180 days after  
22 the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits  
23 the determination required under subsection (a), the  
24 Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
25 Services of the House of Representatives and the Sen-

1        *ate a report on the implementation of this section.*

2        *Such report shall include the following:*

3                *(A) An assessment of the effect of such deter-*  
 4                *mination, including with respect to personnel,*  
 5                *training, and resourcing.*

6                *(B) A description of any revisions to mate-*  
 7                *rials made pursuant to subsection (b)(2).*

8                *(2) FORM.—The report required under para-*  
 9                *graph (1) shall be submitted in an unclassified form*  
 10                *but may contain a classified annex.*

## 11        ***TITLE XI—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL***

### 12        ***SEC. 1101. LIMITATION ON OUTSIDE INCOME FOR INDIVID-*** 13                ***UALS IN OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DE-*** 14                ***FENSE.***

15        *Section 131 of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
 16        *by adding at the end the following:*

17                *“(e)(1) Any covered employee who is employed by, or*  
 18                *detailed or otherwise assigned to, the Office of the Secretary*  
 19                *of Defense may not receive any outside earned income dur-*  
 20                *ing the period such individual is so employed, detailed, or*  
 21                *assigned unless the individual notifies the relevant des-*  
 22                *ignated agency ethics official and such official reviews such*  
 23                *income and issues a determination (in writing) that—*



1           “(A) *the outside earned income received is unre-*  
2           *lated to the duties the individual has performed or is*  
3           *expected to perform for the United States; and*

4           “(B) *the individual—*

5                 “(i) *does not have official business in front*  
6                 *of the Department of Defense; and*

7                 “(ii) *the individual is not working on be-*  
8                 *half of, or representing, a foreign agent or gov-*  
9                 *ernment.*

10          “(2) *Any determination under paragraph (1) shall be*  
11          *published on the public website of the Office of Government*  
12          *Ethics not later than 15 days after such determination is*  
13          *made.*

14          “(3) *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a*  
15          *covered employee who receives outside earned income shall*  
16          *file a public financial disclosure report pursuant section*  
17          *13103(a) of title 5 not later than 30 days after receiving*  
18          *such income.*

19          “(4) *In this subsection—*

20                 “(A) *the term ‘covered employee’ means—*

21                         “(i) *any special Government employee (as*  
22                         *that term is defined in section 202 of title 18);*

23                         “(ii) *an officer or employee who is serving*  
24                         *without compensation; and*

1           “(iii) any member of a reserve component of  
2           the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or  
3           Space Force;

4           “(B) the term ‘designated agency ethics official’  
5           has the meaning given that term in section 13101 of  
6           title 5; and

7           “(C) the term ‘outside earned income’—

8           “(i) means wages, salaries, honoraria, com-  
9           missions, professional fees and any other form of  
10          compensation for services other than salary, ben-  
11          efits, and allowances paid by the United States  
12          Government; and

13          “(ii) does not include the following:

14               “(I) Items that may be accepted under  
15               applicable standards of conduct gift regula-  
16               tions if they were offered by a prohibited  
17               source.

18               “(II) Income attributable to service  
19               with the military reserves or national  
20               guard.

21               “(III) Income from pensions and other  
22               continuing benefits attributable to previous  
23               employment or services.

24               “(IV) Income from investment activi-  
25               ties where the individual’s services are not

1           *a material factor in the production of in-*  
2           *come.*

3           “(V) *Copyright royalties, fees, and*  
4           *their functional equivalent, from the use or*  
5           *sale of copyright, patent and similar forms*  
6           *of intellectual property rights, when re-*  
7           *ceived from established users or purchasers*  
8           *of those rights.*

9           “(VI) *Actual and necessary expenses*  
10          *incurred by the employee in connection with*  
11          *an outside activity. Where such expenses are*  
12          *paid or reimbursed by another person, the*  
13          *amount of any such payment shall not be*  
14          *counted as compensation or outside earned*  
15          *income. Where such expenses are not paid*  
16          *or reimbursed, the amount of compensation*  
17          *or earned income shall be determined by*  
18          *subtracting the actual and necessary ex-*  
19          *penses incurred by the employee from any*  
20          *payment received for the activity.*

21          “(5) *Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-*  
22          *actment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-*  
23          *cal Year 2027, the Secretary of Defense, in concurrence with*  
24          *the Office of Government Ethics, shall issue such regulations*

1 *as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out this sub-*  
 2 *section.”.*

3 **SEC. 1102. SKILLS-BASED HIRING FOR DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
 4 **FENSE CIVILIAN POSITIONS.**

5 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 10, United*  
 6 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*  
 7 *new section:*

8 **“§ 1599k. Skills-based hiring for civilian positions**

9 *“(a) FRAMEWORK FOR SKILLS-BASED HIRING.—*

10 *“(1) The Secretary of Defense shall establish and*  
 11 *implement a skills-based hiring framework for ap-*  
 12 *pointment to a position in the competitive service or*  
 13 *the excepted service that—*

14 *“(A) prioritizes the evaluation of applicants*  
 15 *based on demonstrated competencies, skills, and*  
 16 *relevant experience and validated assessments;*  
 17 *and*

18 *“(B) permits applicants to qualify for posi-*  
 19 *tions through one or more pathways based on ex-*  
 20 *perience, training, apprenticeships, certifi-*  
 21 *cations, licenses, education, or other alternative*  
 22 *credentials, as appropriate to the duties of the*  
 23 *position.*

24 *“(2) Qualification standards for a position shall*  
 25 *be based on a job analysis that identifies the com-*

1        *petencies, knowledge, skills, abilities, and education, if*  
2        *applicable, necessary to perform the essential duties of*  
3        *the position.*

4        “(b) *USE OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.*—

5                “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as provided in sub-*  
6        *section (c), and consistent with paragraph (2) of this*  
7        *subsection, the Secretary may waive or remove a min-*  
8        *imum education requirement as a mandatory quali-*  
9        *fication standard for appointment to a position based*  
10       *on a determination that the competencies required for*  
11       *the position may be demonstrated through relevant*  
12       *experience, apprenticeships, certifications, validated*  
13       *assessments, or other alternative qualifications.*

14               “(2) *SUNSET.*—*The authority to waive or remove*  
15       *a minimum education requirement under paragraph*  
16       *(1) shall expire on the date that is five years after the*  
17       *date of the enactment of the National Defense Author-*  
18       *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2027.*

19        “(c) *EXCEPTIONS.*—*Subsection (b) shall not apply to*  
20       *a position—*

21               “(1) *for which a minimum education require-*  
22       *ment is established by Federal statute;*

23               “(2) *in a recognized profession for which a min-*  
24       *imum education requirement is necessary for profes-*  
25       *sional licensure, certification, or accreditation by a*

1        *recognized accrediting body, including positions in*  
2        *the fields of medicine, law, engineering, accounting,*  
3        *and other professions as determined by the Secretary;*  
4        *or*

5                *“(3) classified in a scientific or technical occupa-*  
6        *tional series for which the Office of Personnel Man-*  
7        *agement has established a positive education require-*  
8        *ment that the Secretary determines is directly and*  
9        *specifically necessary for satisfactory performance of*  
10       *the duties of the position.*

11        *“(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

12                *“(1) EDUCATION.—The term ‘education’ means*  
13        *any form of formal learning, including a high school*  
14        *diploma or its equivalent, a credential from a quali-*  
15        *fying career or technical education program, an asso-*  
16        *ciate, baccalaureate, graduate, or professional degree,*  
17        *or industry-recognized certifications and apprentice-*  
18        *ships.*

19                *“(2) EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.—The term ‘edu-*  
20        *cation requirement’ includes a requirement that can*  
21        *be met through—*

22                        *“(A) education alone; or*

23                        *“(B) a combination of education and expe-*  
24        *rience.”.*

1       (b) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—The  
2   *table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended*  
3   *by adding at the end the following new item:*

      “1599k. *Skills-based hiring for civilian positions.*”.

4       (c) *IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.*—Not later than 180 days  
5   *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
6   *of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
7   *tees a plan for implementing this section, including—*

8           (1) *a timeline for implementation of this section;*

9           (2) *a strategy for training hiring managers and*  
10   *human resources professionals on skills-based assess-*  
11   *ment methods;*

12          (3) *a description of validated assessment tools*  
13   *the Department plans to develop or adopt; and*

14          (4) *metrics for evaluating the impacts of this sec-*  
15   *tion on time-to-hire, quality of hire, and retention*  
16   *rates.*

17       (d) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after  
18   *the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter*  
19   *for five years, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report*  
20   *on the authority under section 1599k(b) of title 10, United*  
21   *States Code, as added by this Act. The report shall include*  
22   *the following:*

23           (1) *Identification of any occupational series or*  
24   *position for which the authority under such section is*  
25   *exercised.*

1           (2) *The service, agency, or component to which*  
 2           *such position is assigned.*

3           (3) *The justification for exercising such section*  
 4           *for each such occupational series or position.*

5           (e) *APPLICABILITY.*—Section 1599k of title 10, United  
 6 States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with  
 7 respect to job opportunity announcements issued on or after  
 8 the date that is 18 months after the date of the enactment  
 9 of this Act.

10 **SEC. 1103. ESTABLISHMENT OF A STUDENT INTERNSHIP**  
 11 **PROGRAM FOR MILITARY CHILD AND YOUTH**  
 12 **PROGRAMS.**

13           Subchapter II of chapter 88 of title 10, United States  
 14 Code, is amended by inserting after section 1792 the fol-  
 15 lowing new section:

16 **“§1792a. Internship program for military child and**  
 17 **youth programs**

18           “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than one year after  
 19 the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authoriza-  
 20 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall  
 21 establish and carry out an internship program through  
 22 which an individual described in subsection (b) may per-  
 23 form duties as an intern in a military child and youth  
 24 program to prepare the individual for possible future em-  
 25 ployment in a military child and youth program.



1       “(b) *ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.*—*An individual eligible*  
2 *to be an intern participating in the internship program*  
3 *under this section is an individual who—*

4               “(1) *is a student in good standing at an institu-*  
5 *tion of higher education; and*

6               “(2) *the Secretary determines—*

7                       “(A) *to be qualified and talented; and*

8                       “(B) *has passed appropriate screening and*  
9 *background checks.*

10       “(c) *PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.*—*Requirements of the*  
11 *internship program shall include the following:*

12               “(1) *An intern may perform duties only in a*  
13 *military child development center under the super-*  
14 *vision of a child care employee.*

15               “(2) *Pursuant to section 1588(a)(3)(B) of this*  
16 *title, a student intern shall perform their duties on a*  
17 *voluntary basis.*

18               “(3) *A student intern may not work more than*  
19 *eight hours a day or a total of 40 hours per week.*

20       “(d) *AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN EXPENSES.*—*The*  
21 *Secretary may pay the following expenses incurred in the*  
22 *course of an intern’s participation in the internship pro-*  
23 *gram:*

24               “(1) *Lodging expenses.*

25               “(2) *Subsistence expenses.*

1           “(3) *Incidental expenses.*

2           “(4) *Transportation expenses for transportation*  
3           *between the residence of the intern and the military*  
4           *installation where the intern performs duties under*  
5           *the internship program.*

6           “(e) *AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into*  
7           *agreements with one or more institutions of higher edu-*  
8           *cation so an intern may receive appropriate levels credit*  
9           *towards a graduate or undergraduate degree for duties per-*  
10          *formed under the internship program.*

11          “(f) *DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-*  
12          *CATION.—In this section, the term ‘institution of higher*  
13          *education’ has the meaning given that term in section 102*  
14          *of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).’.*

15          **SEC. 1104. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL PRO-**  
16                               **GRAMS UNDER THE SMART DEFENSE EDU-**  
17                               **CATION PROGRAM.**

18          “(a) *ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.—Section*  
19          *4093(b)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
20          *by striking “is pursuing an associates degree, under-*  
21          *graduate degree, or advanced degree in a critical skill or*  
22          *discipline described in subsection (a) at an accredited insti-*  
23          *tution of higher education” and inserting “is pursuing an*  
24          *associates degree, undergraduate degree, or advanced degree*  
25          *in a critical skill or discipline described in subsection (a)*

1 *at an accredited institution of higher education or career*  
 2 *and technical education, vocational education, apprentice-*  
 3 *ship preparation, or workforce credentialing program”.*

4 (b) *SERVICE AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS.*—Section  
 5 4093(c)(1)(B)(ii)(I) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 6 amended by striking “and” and inserting “or”.

7 **SEC. 1105. MILITARY TECHNICIAN (DUAL STATUS): ELIMI-**  
 8 **NATION OF TITLE 32 AUTHORITY; CONVER-**  
 9 **SIONS OF EXISTING POSITIONS.**

10 (a) *TERMINATION OF TITLE 32 AUTHORITY.*—

11 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 709 of title 32,  
 12 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
 13 the following subsection:

14 “(k) This section shall cease to be effective on October  
 15 1, 2038.”.

16 (2) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-*  
 17 *MENTS.*—

18 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—Effective October 1,  
 19 2038—

20 (i) section 115(d) of title 10, United  
 21 States Code, is amended by striking “each  
 22 reserve component of the Army and Air  
 23 Force” and inserting “the Army Reserve  
 24 and the Air Force Reserve”; and

1                   (ii) section 10216(a)(1)(A) of title 10,  
2                   United States Code, is amended by striking  
3                   “or section 709(b) of title 32”.

4                   (B) NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PER-  
5                   SONNEL.—Section 10508(b)(1) of title 10, United  
6                   States Code, is amended by inserting “sections  
7                   1601 and 1762 of title 10,” before “or section  
8                   328 of title 32,”.

9                   (C) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR DUTIES.—  
10                  Section 328(b) of title 32, United States Code, is  
11                  amended by inserting “maintaining and repair-  
12                  ing supplies issued to the National Guard or the  
13                  Armed Forces,” before “and training the reserve  
14                  components”.

15               (b) CONVERSION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of De-  
16               fense may convert a military technician (dual status) posi-  
17               tion filled by an individual employed under section 709 of  
18               title 32, United States Code, to either of the following:

19               (1) A position filled by an individual employed  
20               under—

21                   (A) section 3101 of title 5, United States  
22                   Code; or

23                   (B) section 1601, 1762, or 10508 of title 10,  
24                   United States Code.

1           (2) *A position filled by an individual who is*  
2           *performing Active Guard and Reserve duty under sec-*  
3           *tion 328 of title 32, United States Code, unless such*  
4           *duty is performed as a general or flag officer.*

5           (c) *TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—In addition to the con-*  
6           *version authority under subsection (b), the Secretary of De-*  
7           *fense may, with the consent of the Governor of the State*  
8           *concerned, for the purpose of reducing the number of Na-*  
9           *tional Guard military technician (dual status) positions,*  
10          *provide a State with funding for a non-Federal position*  
11          *for an individual employed in such position. Any such*  
12          *funding shall be provided through a cooperative agreement*  
13          *entered into with the State Governor under section 6305*  
14          *of title 31, United States Code.*

15          (d) *CONSENT OF EMPLOYEE TO CONVERSION OR*  
16          *TRANSFER.—The Secretary of Defense may convert, pursu-*  
17          *ant to subsection (b), or transfer, pursuant to subsection*  
18          *(c), a filled position only with the written consent of the*  
19          *individual filling such position.*

20          (e) *REEMPLOYMENT.—An individual filling a mili-*  
21          *tary technician (dual status) position that is converted to*  
22          *Active Guard and Reserve duty pursuant to subsection*  
23          *(b)(2), waives any reemployment entitlement under section*  
24          *4314 of title 38, United States Code, to another military*  
25          *technician (dual status) position but may assert reemploy-*

1 *ment rights to a civilian position employed under section*  
2 *3101 of title 5, United States Code, or section 1601, 1762,*  
3 *or 10508 of title 10, United States Code if a similar posi-*  
4 *tion is reasonably available.*

5 *(f) AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT TO END STRENGTH RE-*  
6 *QUIREMENTS.—Whenever a military technician (dual sta-*  
7 *tus) position is converted pursuant to subsection (b)(2)—*

8 *(1) the applicable statutory annual end strength*  
9 *limitation for Active Guard and Reserve personnel*  
10 *within the Army and Air National Guards of the*  
11 *United States, in accordance with section 115 of title*  
12 *10, United States Code, shall be increased accord-*  
13 *ingly.*

14 *(2) the applicable statutory annual minimum*  
15 *end strength required for National Guard military*  
16 *technician (dual status) within the Army and Air*  
17 *National Guards of the United States, in accordance*  
18 *with section 115 of title 10, United States Code, shall*  
19 *be decreased accordingly.*

20 *(g) HIRING FREEZE.—Beginning on October 1, 2028,*  
21 *no individual may be newly hired or employed, or rehired*  
22 *or reemployed, as a military technician (dual status) under*  
23 *section 709 of title 32, United States Code.*

24 *(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—*

1           (1) the term “military technician (dual status)”  
2           has the meaning given such term in section 10216 of  
3           title 10, United States Code; and

4           (2) the term “State” has the meaning given such  
5           term in section 901 of title 32, United States Code.

6 **SEC. 1106. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO WAIVE**  
7                               **ANNUAL LIMITATION ON PREMIUM PAY AND**  
8                               **AGGREGATE LIMITATION ON PAY FOR FED-**  
9                               **ERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WORKING OVER-**  
10                              **SEAS.**

11          Subsection (a) of section 1101 of the Duncan Hunter  
12          National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009  
13          (Public Law 110–417), as most recently amended by section  
14          1105 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
15          Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1074), is further  
16          amended by striking “through 2026” and inserting  
17          “through 2027”.

18 **SEC. 1107. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY AUTHOR-**  
19                              **ITY TO GRANT ALLOWANCES, BENEFITS, AND**  
20                              **GRATUITIES TO CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ON OF-**  
21                              **FICIAL DUTY IN A COMBAT ZONE.**

22          Paragraph (2) of section 1603(a) of the Emergency  
23          Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global  
24          War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law  
25          109–234; 120 Stat. 443), as added by section 1102 of the

1 *Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for*  
 2 *Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4616)*  
 3 *and as most recently amended by section 1106 of the Na-*  
 4 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Pub-*  
 5 *lic Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1074), is further amended by*  
 6 *striking “2027” and inserting “2028”.*

7 **SEC. 1108. LIVING QUARTER ALLOWANCE FOR DEPART-**  
 8 **MENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**  
 9 **WITH PERMANENT DUTY STATION IN GUAM.**

10 *Section 1102 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 11 *Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is amend-*  
 12 *ed—*

13 *(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “rent” and*  
 14 *inserting “rent or mortgage payments”;*

15 *(2) by striking subsection (d) (relating to sunset*  
 16 *date 3 years after the date of the enactment of the Na-*  
 17 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 18 *2026); and*

19 *(3) by redesignating subsection (c) (relating to*  
 20 *sunset date of January 1, 2034) at the end as sub-*  
 21 *section (d).*

22 **SEC. 1109. PILOT PROGRAM ON INTEGRATION OF UNITED**  
 23 **STATES TECH FORCE WITH SKILLS-BASED**  
 24 **HIRING AUTHORITIES.**

25 *(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—*



1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*  
2           *carry out a pilot program to integrate the United*  
3           *States Tech Force into the implementation of the hir-*  
4           *ing and promotion reforms authorized under the Na-*  
5           *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026*  
6           *(Public Law 119–60).*

7           (2) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of the pilot is to use*  
8           *the United States Tech Force to develop, validate, and*  
9           *deploy the skills-based assessments required to mod-*  
10          *ernize the defense workforce.*

11          (b) *USE OF COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGY FOR SKILLS*  
12          *VERIFICATION.*—*In carrying out the pilot program, the*  
13          *Secretary of Defense shall use commercially available, inter-*  
14          *operable technology platforms to—*

15               (1) *create a “Digital Skills Passport” for mem-*  
16               *bers of the United States Tech Force and Department*  
17               *of Defense civilian employees, documenting verified*  
18               *competencies rather than solely degrees or tenure;*

19               (2) *automatically map the skills possessed by*  
20               *United States Tech Force participants to gaps identi-*  
21               *fied in the Department of Defense cyber and digital*  
22               *workforce; and*

23               (3) *track the mobility of talent across the De-*  
24               *partment based on skills proficiency, consistent with*  
25               *the removal of time-in-grade restrictions.*

1       (c) *REPORTING.*—Not later than 1 year after the date  
 2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall  
 3 submit to the congressional defense committees a report on  
 4 the effectiveness of using commercial skills-based platforms  
 5 to integrate the United States Tech Force with Department  
 6 of Defense hiring authorities.

7       (d) *SUNSET.*—The authority to carry out the pilot pro-  
 8 gram under this section shall expire on the date that is five  
 9 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 1110. ENHANCED HIRING AUTHORITY FOR INSTRU-**  
 11 **TOR PILOTS AND CIVILIAN SIMULATOR IN-**  
 12 **STRUCTORS.**

13       (a) *DIRECT HIRE.*—The Secretary of Defense may ap-  
 14 point, without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of  
 15 chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, (other than sec-  
 16 tions 3303, 3307, and 3328 of such chapter), qualified can-  
 17 didates to instructor pilot positions and civilian simulator  
 18 instructor positions.

19       (b) *RATES OF PAY.*—The Secretary may set annual  
 20 rates of pay for such positions without regard to the provi-  
 21 sions chapters 51 and 53 (relating to classification and pay  
 22 rates) of such title 5. Such rates shall be equal to the annual  
 23 rate of pay for positions in private industry comparable  
 24 to instructor pilot positions and civilian simulator instruc-  
 25 tor positions, as determined by the Secretary.

1       (c) *RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AUTHORITY.*—The  
2       Secretary may use the authority provided under sections  
3       5373 and section of title 5, United States Code, for the pay-  
4       ment of recruitment, relocation, and retention incentives to  
5       instructor pilots and civilian simulator instructors or ap-  
6       plicants to such positions.

7       (d) *STUDY AND REPORT.*—Not later than 1 year after  
8       the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
9       conduct a study on the hiring authorities issued under this  
10      section and submit a report on such study to the congres-  
11      sional defense committees. Such study shall include infor-  
12      mation with respect to the following:

13               (1) *How the authority under this section is being*  
14      *used, including—*

15                       (A) *how many instances such authority has*  
16      *been used and where the authority is being used;*

17                       (B) *time to hire; and*

18                       (C) *the hiring incentives, recruitment bo-*  
19      *nuses, and special pay authorities used under*  
20      *this section*

21               (2) *The total number of—*

22                       (A) *vacant instructor pilot positions and ci-*  
23      *vilian simulator instructor positions filled using*  
24      *such authority; and*

1                   (B) vacant instructor pilot positions and ci-  
 2                   vilian simulator instructor positions remaining.

3                   (3) Any additional authorities necessary to en-  
 4                   sure the Secretary is able to hire and retain instruc-  
 5                   tor pilots and civilian simulator instructors.

6                   (e) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall  
 7                   terminate on the date that is five years after the date of  
 8                   the enactment of this Act.

9   **SEC. 1111. PILOT PROGRAM ON TECH TALENT COMPETI-**  
 10                   **TIVENESS.**

11                  (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after  
 12                  the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
 13                  fense shall establish a pilot program that expedites and  
 14                  scales the sourcing and placement of early-career talent  
 15                  across the Department of Defense in the areas of science,  
 16                  technology, engineering, and math and functional areas of  
 17                  artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, biotechnology, mate-  
 18                  rials and manufacturing, and business process innovation.  
 19                  In carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense  
 20                  shall—

21                       (1) use the authorities under section 213.3102(r)  
 22                       of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, to appoint in-  
 23                       dividuals in support of establishing fellowships;

1           (2) *develop and implement a process for identi-*  
2           *fying, sourcing, and training a pool of qualified can-*  
3           *didates;*

4           (3) *establish a professional development structure*  
5           *for pilot program participants; and*

6           (4) *partner with a nonprofit intermediary orga-*  
7           *nization that have a proven track record in delivering*  
8           *efficient recruitment and screening processes and have*  
9           *demonstrated expertise in navigating the Federal se-*  
10          *curity clearance procedures to support the develop-*  
11          *ment of qualified talent pools with the necessary skills*  
12          *and expertise.*

13          (b) *ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.*—*Not later than 180 days*  
14          *after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually*  
15          *thereafter until the pilot program sunsets, the Secretary of*  
16          *Defense shall provide an assessment to the congressional de-*  
17          *fense committees on the effectiveness of the pilot program.*  
18          *Each such assessment shall include—*

19               (1) *an evaluation of the efficacy in matching the*  
20               *pre-vetted pools of candidates to the requirements of*  
21               *the Department of Defense; and*

22               (2) *the effectiveness of partnering with inter-*  
23               *mediary organizations for the purposes of carrying*  
24               *out activities in support of developing qualified pools*

1       of talent with the skills and expertise necessary to  
2       meet the purposes of the pilot program.

3       (c) *PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.*—For the purposes of  
4 carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense may—

5           (1) waive any requirement for a permanent bil-  
6 let to be required to support hiring of talent;

7           (2) make selections based on needs and available  
8 budget; and

9           (3) direct legal counsel of the Department to pro-  
10 vide guidance that—

11           (A) enables post-employment opportunities  
12 by avoiding government assignments that pre-  
13 clude hiring outside the Federal Government fol-  
14 lowing the term appointment; and

15           (B) requires ethics officials to provide guid-  
16 ance that aligns with the temporary nature of  
17 the appointment and design protocols to mini-  
18 mize post-employment restrictions.

19       (d) *SUNSET.*—The pilot program shall terminate on  
20 the date that is 3 years after the date such program is estab-  
21 lished.

22       (e) *INTERMEDIARY ORGANIZATION DEFINED.*—In this  
23 section, the term “intermediary organization” means—

24           (1) a nonprofit registered under section 501(c)(3)  
25 of title 26, United States Code; and

1           (2) *an organization having demonstrated exper-*  
 2       *tise in—*

3                   (A) *streamlining recruitment and pre-*  
 4       *screening for early-career tech talent;*

5                   (B) *carrying out public-private talent ex-*  
 6       *changes through a proven track record, including*  
 7       *managing rotations between private and public*  
 8       *sector entities and reducing governmental ad-*  
 9       *ministrative burden in the process;*

10                  (C) *skills development and mentorship pro-*  
 11       *gramming that ensures program participants re-*  
 12       *main on the cutting edge of their technical and*  
 13       *management skills; and*

14   **SEC. 1112. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE AND CONTRACTOR FINAN-**  
 15                   **CIAL MANAGEMENT WORKFORCE WITHIN THE**  
 16                   **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

17       (a) *IN GENERAL.—The planning policies and associ-*  
 18       *ated processes, practices, and activities of the financial*  
 19       *management civilian workforce within the Department of*  
 20       *Defense shall be consistent with the following principles:*

21                   (1) *Involving top management, staff members,*  
 22       *and other stakeholders in developing, communicating,*  
 23       *and implementing the strategic workforce plan.*

24                   (2) *Supporting workforce planning strategies*  
 25       *that use existing human capital flexibilities.*

1           (3) *Monitoring and evaluating progress toward*  
2           *human capital goals.*

3           (4) *Determining needed critical skills.*

4           (5) *Developing strategies to address gaps in crit-*  
5           *ical skills.*

6           (b) *FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SKILLS ASSESSMENT IN-*  
7           *TEGRATED PRODUCT TEAM.—*

8           (1) *ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days*  
9           *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
10          *retary of Defense, in coordination with the Under*  
11          *Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), shall establish a*  
12          *Financial Management Skills Assessment Integrated*  
13          *Product Team (in this subsection referred to as the*  
14          *“Team”) to develop a strategy to identify functions*  
15          *performed by civilian employees and contractors sup-*  
16          *porting financial management within the Depart-*  
17          *ment.*

18          (2) *PROCESS.—The Team shall establish and im-*  
19          *plement a repeatable process for timely reporting on*  
20          *financial management functions performed by civil-*  
21          *ian employees and contractors across the Department.*

22          (3) *BRIEFING.—The Secretary shall provide a*  
23          *briefing to the congressional defense committees on the*  
24          *Team, a description of how the Team tracks financial*  
25          *management functions performed by civilian employ-*



1       ees and contractors, and the Department's audit read-  
2       iness.

3       **SEC. 1113. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BEST PRACTICES**  
4       **GUIDE FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.**

5       (a) *DEPARTMENT-WIDE FAMILY CHILD CARE GUIDE*  
6       *REQUIRED.*—Not later than one year after the date of en-  
7       actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall publish  
8       a Department-wide best practices guide for individuals  
9       seeking to establish and operate a Family Child Care home  
10      on a military installation.

11      (b) *CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.*—In developing the  
12      guide required under subsection (a), the Secretary of De-  
13      fense shall consult with military departments, military in-  
14      stallations, Family Child Care program administrators,  
15      and established Family Child Care providers operating  
16      under successful Family Child Care programs across the  
17      Department of Defense to identify and incorporate best  
18      practices, lessons learned, and approaches that have dem-  
19      onstrated success in expanding participation and reducing  
20      barriers to establishing and operating Family Child Care  
21      homes.

22      (c) *REQUIRED ELEMENTS.*—The guide required under  
23      subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum—

24              (1) an overview of the process for becoming a  
25      certified Family Child Care provider;

1           (2) *standardized information regarding training,*  
2           *inspections, background checks, licensing, and certifi-*  
3           *cation requirements;*

4           (3) *guidance regarding available financial as-*  
5           *sistance, startup support, subsidies, grants, and reim-*  
6           *bursement opportunities;*

7           (4) *information on liability coverage, safety*  
8           *standards, and emergency preparedness requirements;*

9           (5) *recommendations for reducing administrative*  
10          *barriers to establishing Family Child Care homes;*  
11          *and*

12          (6) *any additional information the Secretary de-*  
13          *termines appropriate to support prospective Family*  
14          *Child Care providers.*

15          (d) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.*—*The Secretary shall make*  
16          *the guide required under subsection (a) publicly available*  
17          *on an internet website of the Department of Defense in a*  
18          *searchable and accessible format for military families.*

19          (e) *SERVICE-SPECIFIC APPENDICES.*—

20               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*  
21          *encourage the Secretaries of the military departments*  
22          *to publish and maintain service-specific appendices*  
23          *accompanying the guide required under subsection*  
24          *(a).*

1           (2) *CONTENTS.*—A service-specific appendix  
2     under paragraph (1) may include—

3                     (A) service-specific policies or procedures;

4                     (B) installation-level best practices;

5                     (C) information regarding unique oper-  
6     ational requirements or child care demands  
7     within the military department concerned;

8                     (D) guidance regarding military housing  
9     considerations related to Family Child Care  
10    homes; and

11                    (E) points of contact and resources specific  
12    to the military department concerned.

13       (f) *BRIEFING.*—Not later than 18 months after the date  
14    of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall pro-  
15    vide a briefing to the congressional defense committees re-  
16    garding—

17                    (1) actions taken to implement this section;

18                    (2) efforts to improve awareness of Family Child  
19    Care opportunities among military spouses and fami-  
20    lies;

21                    (3) barriers identified in the establishment of  
22    Family Child Care homes; and

23                    (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-  
24    trative action to improve military child care capac-  
25    ity.

1 **SEC. 1114. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR CORRECTIVE**  
2 **ACTION FOR NONAPPROPRIATED FUND EM-**  
3 **PLOYEES IN CASES OF COMPLAINT OF RE-**  
4 **PRISAL.**

5 *Section 1587(d) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
6 *amended by striking the second sentence.*

7 **SEC. 1115. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO LIMIT COL-**  
8 **LECTIVE BARGAINING.**

9 *None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this*  
10 *Act or otherwise made available for the Department of De-*  
11 *fense for fiscal year 2027 may be used to implement Execu-*  
12 *tive Order 14251, issued on March 27, 2025, relating to*  
13 *Exclusions from Federal labor management relations pro-*  
14 *grams, or any following policy or guidance.*

15 **SEC. 1116. HIRING FREEZE EXCEPTIONS.**

16 *None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this*  
17 *Act or otherwise made available for the Department of De-*  
18 *fense for fiscal year 2027 may be used to implement a hir-*  
19 *ing freeze on the following categories:*

20 *(1) Positions essential to immigration enforce-*  
21 *ment, national security, or public safety.*

22 *(2) Positions funded by nonappropriated funds*  
23 *in Department of Defense NAF instrumentalities.*

24 *(3) Civilian Mariner positions.*

25 *(4) Positions at depots, shipyards, arsenals, and*  
26 *maintenance facilities.*

1           (5) *Positions at United States Military Entrance*  
2           *Processing Command.*

3           (6) *Positions at military medical treatment fa-*  
4           *cilities that perform patient care or are essential to*  
5           *hospital operations.*

6           (7) *Child and Youth Programs staff.*

7           (8) *Instructors or facility support staff at De-*  
8           *partment of Defense schools or child care centers.*

9           (9) *Installation positions that support fire, life,*  
10          *and safety functions.*

11 **SEC. 1117. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
12                           **TERMINATION OF DODEA, CHILDCARE, AND**  
13                           **HEALTHCARE WORKERS.**

14          *None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this*  
15          *Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the*  
16          *Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to ter-*  
17          *minate employees of Military Child Development Programs,*  
18          *employees of the Department of Defense 9 Education Activ-*  
19          *ity, or employees of the Defense Health Agencies or the*  
20          *healthcare workforce within the Department regardless of*  
21          *whether such positions are funded by appropriated or non-*  
22          *appropriated funds, unless the employee was documented*  
23          *as not performing or engaging in misconduct.*

1 **SEC. 1118. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT RELATING TO PAY**  
2 **AND PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR EMPLOYEES**  
3 **AT GROUND-BASED INTERCONTINENTAL BAL-**  
4 **LISTIC MISSILE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**  
5 **FACILITIES.**

6 (a) *COMMENCEMENT.*—The Secretary of Defense,  
7 through the Secretary of the Air Force, is authorized to  
8 carry out a demonstration project, the purpose of which is  
9 to determine the feasibility or desirability of one or more  
10 proposals for improving the personnel management policies  
11 or procedures that apply with respect to the maintenance,  
12 modernization, and sustainment of ground-based inter-  
13 continental ballistic missile systems at operational missile  
14 wings, sustainment facilities, and contractor facilities of the  
15 Department of the Air Force.

16 (b) *APPLICATION.*—Section 4703 of title 5, United  
17 States Code, shall apply to the demonstration project under  
18 this section, except that—

19 (1) subsection (d)(1)(A) of such section 4703  
20 shall be applied by substituting “15,000” for “5,000”;  
21 and

22 (2) subsection (d)(1)(B) of such section 4703  
23 shall not apply.

24 (c) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—Except as otherwise  
25 provided in this subsection, any demonstration project de-  
26 scribed in subsection (a) shall include the following:

1           (1) *Pay band structures that provide maximum*  
2           *flexibility to attract and retain employees with crit-*  
3           *ical skills, including into apprentice programs.*

4           (2) *Trades, technical, and leadership career*  
5           *paths that provide advancement opportunities for em-*  
6           *ployees to progress through the bands based on per-*  
7           *formance and contribution to the mission.*

8           (3) *Broad classification authority not otherwise*  
9           *subject to current government classification and job*  
10          *grading standards.*

11          (4) *A performance management system that em-*  
12          *phasizes desired mission outcomes and workforce*  
13          *alignment to Air Force priorities.*

14          (5) *Pay flexibilities that promote opportunities*  
15          *for greater recruitment and retention of employees at*  
16          *intercontinental ballistic missile facilities.*

17          (d) *EFFECT OF REORGANIZATIONS.—The applica-*  
18          *bility of this section to an organization or team shall not*  
19          *terminate as a result of a reorganization, restructuring, re-*  
20          *alignment, consolidation, or other organizational change.*

21          (e) *ASSESSMENTS.—*

22                 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
23                 *designate an independent organization to conduct two*  
24                 *assessments of this demonstration project described in*  
25                 *subsection (a).*

1           (2) *REQUIREMENTS.—Each such assessment*  
2           *shall include the following:*

3                   (A) *A description of the workforce included*  
4                   *in the project.*

5                   (B) *An explanation of the flexibilities used*  
6                   *in the project to appoint individuals to the Air*  
7                   *Force workforce participating in the demonstra-*  
8                   *tion project and whether those appointments are*  
9                   *based on competitive procedures and recognized*  
10                  *veteran's preferences.*

11                  (C) *An explanation of the flexibilities used*  
12                  *in the project to develop a performance appraisal*  
13                  *system that recognizes excellence in performance*  
14                  *and offers opportunities for improvement.*

15                  (D) *The steps taken to ensure that such sys-*  
16                  *tem is fair and transparent for all employees in*  
17                  *the project.*

18                  (E) *An explanation of how the project al-*  
19                  *lows the organization to better meet mission*  
20                  *needs.*

21                  (F) *An analysis of how the flexibilities in*  
22                  *subparagraphs (B) and (C) are used, and what*  
23                  *barriers have been encountered that inhibit their*  
24                  *use.*

25                  (G) *A description of the processes for—*



1                   (i) ensuring ongoing performance feed-  
2                   back and dialogue among supervisors, man-  
3                   agers, and employees throughout the per-  
4                   formance appraisal period; and

5                   (ii) setting timetables for performance  
6                   appraisals.

7                   (H) The project's impact on career progres-  
8                   sion.

9                   (I) The project's appropriateness or inap-  
10                  propriateness in light of the complexities of the  
11                  workforce affected.

12                  (J) The adequacy of the training, policy  
13                  guidelines, and other preparations afforded in  
14                  connection with using the project.

15                  (K) Whether there is a process for ensuring  
16                  employee involvement in the development and  
17                  improvement of the project.

18                  (L) Five year plan.

19                  (3) SCHEDULE.—The first assessment under this  
20                  subsection shall be completed not later than Sep-  
21                  tember 30, 2028. The second and final assessment  
22                  shall be completed not later than 2 years after the  
23                  date the first assessment is completed. The Secretary  
24                  shall submit to the covered congressional committees

1        *a copy of each assessment within 30 days after receiv-*  
2        *ing the assessment.*

3        *(f) COVERED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this*  
4        *section, the term “covered congressional committees”*  
5        *means—*

6                *(1) the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
7        *Senate and the House of Representatives;*

8                *(2) the Committee on Homeland Security and*  
9        *Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and*

10               *(3) the Committee on Oversight and Government*  
11        *Reform of the House of Representatives.*

12        *(g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to*  
13        *conduct a demonstration project under this section shall ter-*  
14        *minate on the date that is 3 years after the date of the en-*  
15        *actment of this Act.*

16        *(h) CONVERSION.—Not later than 6 months after the*  
17        *authority to conduct a demonstration project under this sec-*  
18        *tion is terminated under subsection (g), employees in the*  
19        *project shall convert to the civilian personnel system created*  
20        *pursuant to section 9902 of title 5, United States Code.*

1 **SEC. 1119. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT RELATING TO PAY**  
 2 **AND PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR EMPLOYEES**  
 3 **AT NAVAL SHIPYARDS, NAVY REGIONAL MAIN-**  
 4 **TENANCE CENTERS, AND NAVY TRIDENT**  
 5 **REFIT FACILITIES.**

6 (a) *COMMENCEMENT.*—*The Secretary of Defense,*  
 7 *through the Secretary of the Navy, is authorized to carry*  
 8 *out a demonstration project, the purpose of which is to de-*  
 9 *termine the feasibility or desirability of one or more pro-*  
 10 *posals for improving the personnel management policies or*  
 11 *procedures that apply with respect to the maintenance and*  
 12 *sustainment of ships, submarines, and their associated sys-*  
 13 *tems at shipyards, regional maintenance centers, and tri-*  
 14 *dent refit facilities of the Department of the Navy.*

15 (b) *APPLICATION.*—

16 (1) *TITLE 5.*—*Section 4703 of title 5, United*  
 17 *States Code, shall apply to the demonstration project*  
 18 *under this section, except that—*

19 (A) *subsection (d)(1)(A) of such section*  
 20 *4703 shall be applied by substituting “60,000”*  
 21 *for “5,000”; and*

22 (B) *subsection (d)(1)(B) of such section*  
 23 *4703 shall not apply.*

24 (2) *PREVAILING RATE EMPLOYEES.*—*The dem-*  
 25 *onstration project under this section shall only apply*  
 26 *to prevailing rate employees.*

1       (c) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*Except as otherwise*  
2 *provided in this subsection, any demonstration project de-*  
3 *scribed in subsection (a) shall include the following:*

4           (1) *Pay band structures that provide maximum*  
5 *flexibility to attract and retain employees with crit-*  
6 *ical skills, including into apprentice programs.*

7           (2) *Trades, technical, and leadership career*  
8 *paths that provide advancement opportunities for em-*  
9 *ployees to progress through the bands based on per-*  
10 *formance and contribution to the mission.*

11          (3) *Broad classification authority not otherwise*  
12 *subject to current government classification and job*  
13 *grading standards.*

14          (4) *A performance management system that em-*  
15 *phasizes desired mission outcomes and workforce*  
16 *alignment to Navy priorities.*

17          (5) *Pay flexibilities that promote opportunities*  
18 *for greater recruitment and retention of shipyard em-*  
19 *ployees.*

20       (d) *EFFECT OF REORGANIZATIONS.*—*The applica-*  
21 *bility of this section to an organization or team shall not*  
22 *terminate as a result of a reorganization, restructuring, re-*  
23 *alignment, consolidation, or other organizational change.*

24       (e) *ASSESSMENTS.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*  
2           *designate an independent organization to conduct two*  
3           *assessments of this demonstration project described in*  
4           *subsection (a).*

5           (2) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*Each such assessment*  
6           *shall include the following:*

7                   (A) *A description of the workforce included*  
8                   *in the project.*

9                   (B) *An explanation of the flexibilities used*  
10                  *in the project to appoint individuals to the Navy*  
11                  *workforce participating in the demonstration*  
12                  *project and whether those appointments are*  
13                  *based on competitive procedures and recognized*  
14                  *veteran's preferences.*

15                  (C) *An explanation of the flexibilities used*  
16                  *in the project to develop a performance appraisal*  
17                  *system that recognizes excellence in performance*  
18                  *and offers opportunities for improvement.*

19                  (D) *The steps taken to ensure that such sys-*  
20                  *tem is fair and transparent for all employees in*  
21                  *the project.*

22                  (E) *An explanation of how the project al-*  
23                  *lows the organization to better meet mission*  
24                  *needs.*

1           (F) *An analysis of how the flexibilities in*  
2           *subparagraphs (B) and (C) are used, and what*  
3           *barriers have been encountered that inhibit their*  
4           *use.*

5           (G) *A description of the processes for—*

6                 (i) *ensuring ongoing performance feed-*  
7                 *back and dialogue among supervisors, man-*  
8                 *agers, and employees throughout the per-*  
9                 *formance appraisal period; and*

10               (ii) *setting timetables for performance*  
11               *appraisals.*

12           (H) *The project's impact on career progres-*  
13           *sion.*

14           (I) *The project's appropriateness or inap-*  
15           *propriateness in light of the complexities of the*  
16           *workforce affected.*

17           (J) *The adequacy of the training, policy*  
18           *guidelines, and other preparations afforded in*  
19           *connection with using the project.*

20           (K) *Whether there is a process for ensuring*  
21           *employee involvement in the development and*  
22           *improvement of the project.*

23           (L) *Five year plan.*

24           (3) *SCHEDULE.—The first assessment under this*  
25           *subsection shall be completed not later than Sep-*

1        *tember 30, 2028. The second and final assessment*  
2        *shall be completed not later than September 30, 2033.*  
3        *The Secretary shall submit to the covered congres-*  
4        *sional committees a copy of each assessment within*  
5        *30 days after receiving the assessment.*

6        *(f) COVERED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this*  
7        *section, the term “covered congressional committees”*  
8        *means—*

9                *(1) the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
10        *Senate and the House of Representatives;*

11                *(2) the Committee on Homeland Security and*  
12        *Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and*

13                *(3) the Committee on Oversight and Government*  
14        *Reform of the House of Representatives.*

15        *(g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to*  
16        *conduct a demonstration project under this section shall ter-*  
17        *minate on the date that is 3 years after the date of the en-*  
18        *actment of this Act.*

19        *(h) CONVERSION.—Not later than 6 months after the*  
20        *authority to conduct a demonstration project under this sec-*  
21        *tion is terminated under subsection (g), employees in the*  
22        *project shall convert to the civilian personnel system created*  
23        *pursuant to section 9902 of title 5, United States Code.*

1 **SEC. 1120. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT RELATING TO PAY**  
 2 **AND PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR PREVAILING**  
 3 **RATE EMPLOYEES AT COVERED DEPOTS.**

4 (a) *COMMENCEMENT.*—*The Secretary of Defense,*  
 5 *through the Secretary of the Army, is authorized to carry*  
 6 *out a demonstration project, the purpose of which is to de-*  
 7 *termine the feasibility or desirability of one or more pro-*  
 8 *posals for improving the personnel management policies or*  
 9 *procedures that apply with respect to the maintenance and*  
 10 *sustainment of covered depots (as that term is defined in*  
 11 *section 2476 of title 10, United States Code).*

12 (b) *APPLICATION.*—

13 (1) *TITLE 5.*—*Section 4703 of title 5, United*  
 14 *States Code, shall apply to the demonstration project*  
 15 *under this section, except that—*

16 (A) *subsection (d)(1)(A) of such section*  
 17 *4703 shall be applied by substituting “60,000”*  
 18 *for “5,000”; and*

19 (B) *subsection (d)(1)(B) of such section*  
 20 *4703 shall not apply.*

21 (2) *PREVAILING RATE EMPLOYEES.*—*The dem-*  
 22 *onstration project under this section shall only apply*  
 23 *to prevailing rate employees.*

24 (c) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*Except as otherwise*  
 25 *provided in this subsection, any demonstration project de-*  
 26 *scribed in subsection (a) shall include the following:*



1           (1) *Pay band structures that provide maximum*  
2           *flexibility to attract and retain employees with crit-*  
3           *ical skills, including into apprentice programs.*

4           (2) *Trades, technical, and leadership career*  
5           *paths that provide advancement opportunities for em-*  
6           *ployees to progress through the bands based on per-*  
7           *formance and contribution to the mission.*

8           (3) *Broad classification authority not otherwise*  
9           *subject to current government classification and job*  
10          *grading standards.*

11          (4) *A performance management system that em-*  
12          *phasizes desired mission outcomes and workforce*  
13          *alignment to Department priorities.*

14          (5) *Pay flexibilities that promote opportunities*  
15          *for greater recruitment and retention of covered depot*  
16          *employees.*

17          (d) *EFFECT OF REORGANIZATIONS.—The applica-*  
18          *bility of this section to an organization or team shall not*  
19          *terminate as a result of a reorganization, restructuring, re-*  
20          *alignment, consolidation, or other organizational change.*

21          (e) *ASSESSMENTS.—*

22               (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
23               *designate an independent organization to conduct two*  
24               *assessments of this demonstration project described in*  
25               *subsection (a).*

1           (2) *REQUIREMENTS.—Each such assessment*  
2           *shall include the following:*

3                   (A) *A description of the workforce included*  
4                   *in the project.*

5                   (B) *An explanation of the flexibilities used*  
6                   *in the project to appoint individuals to the work-*  
7                   *force participating in the demonstration project*  
8                   *and whether those appointments are based on*  
9                   *competitive procedures and recognized veteran's*  
10                  *preferences.*

11                  (C) *An explanation of the flexibilities used*  
12                  *in the project to develop a performance appraisal*  
13                  *system that recognizes excellence in performance*  
14                  *and offers opportunities for improvement.*

15                  (D) *The steps taken to ensure that such sys-*  
16                  *tem is fair and transparent for all employees in*  
17                  *the project.*

18                  (E) *An explanation of how the project al-*  
19                  *lows the organization to better meet mission*  
20                  *needs.*

21                  (F) *An analysis of how the flexibilities in*  
22                  *subparagraphs (B) and (C) are used, and what*  
23                  *barriers have been encountered that inhibit their*  
24                  *use.*

25                  (G) *A description of the processes for—*

1                   (i) ensuring ongoing performance feed-  
2                   back and dialogue among supervisors, man-  
3                   agers, and employees throughout the per-  
4                   formance appraisal period; and

5                   (ii) setting timetables for performance  
6                   appraisals.

7                   (H) The project’s impact on career progres-  
8                   sion.

9                   (I) The project’s appropriateness or inap-  
10                  propriateness in light of the complexities of the  
11                  workforce affected.

12               (3) *SCHEDULE.*—The first assessment under this  
13               subsection shall be completed not later than Sep-  
14               tember 30, 2028. The second and final assessment  
15               shall be completed not later than September 30, 2033.  
16               The Secretary shall submit to the covered congres-  
17               sional committees a copy of each assessment within  
18               30 days after receiving the assessment.

19               (f) *COVERED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.*—In this  
20               section, the term “covered congressional committees”  
21               means—

22               (1) the Committees on Armed Services of the  
23               Senate and the House of Representatives;

24               (2) the Committee on Homeland Security and  
25               Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

1           (3) *the Committee on Oversight and Government*  
 2           *Reform of the House of Representatives.*

3           (g) *TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to*  
 4           *conduct a demonstration project under this section shall ter-*  
 5           *minate on December 31, 2032.*

6           (h) *CONVERSION.—Not later than 6 months after the*  
 7           *authority to conduct a demonstration project under this sec-*  
 8           *tion is terminated under subsection (g), employees in the*  
 9           *project shall convert to the civilian personnel system created*  
 10          *pursuant to section 9902 of title 5, United States Code.*

11 **SEC. 1121. PROHIBITION ON CARRYING OUT HIRING**  
 12                           **FREEZE, REDUCTION IN FORCE, OR HIRING**  
 13                           **DELAY WITHOUT CAUSE AT PUBLIC SHIP-**  
 14                           **YARDS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

15          *None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or oth-*  
 16          *erwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the Depart-*  
 17          *ment of Defense may be used to—*

18               (1) *carry out a hiring freeze at a public ship-*  
 19               *yard of the Department;*

20               (2) *carry out a reduction in force at a public*  
 21               *shipyard of the Department; or*

22               (3) *delay without cause the filling of a vacant*  
 23               *Federal civilian employee position at a public ship-*  
 24               *yard of the Department.*

1 ***TITLE XII—MATTERS RELATING***  
 2 ***TO FOREIGN NATIONS***  
 3 ***Subtitle A—Assistance and***  
 4 ***Training***

5 ***SEC. 1201. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR SUPPORT OF***  
 6 ***SPECIAL OPERATIONS FOR IRREGULAR WAR-***  
 7 ***FARE.***

8 *Section 127d(a) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 9 *amended by striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting*  
 10 *“\$50,000,000”.*

11 ***SEC. 1202. AUTHORITY TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR SPACE DO-***  
 12 ***MAIN AWARENESS.***

13 *Section 333(a) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 14 *amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*  
 15 *“(10) Space domain awareness.”.*

16 ***SEC. 1203. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER-PACIFIC AIR FORCES***  
 17 ***ACADEMY.***

18 *Chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
 19 *by inserting after section 352 the following new section:*

20 ***“§ 353. Inter-Pacific Air Forces Academy***

21 *“(a) OPERATION.—The Secretary of the Air Force may*  
 22 *operate the Air Force education and training facility*  
 23 *known as the Inter-Pacific Air Forces Academy (in this sec-*  
 24 *tion referred to as the ‘Academy’).*

1       “(b) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of the Academy shall be*  
2 *to provide military education and training to military per-*  
3 *sonnel of countries that are—*

4               “(1) *within the United States Indo-Pacific Com-*  
5 *mand area of responsibility; and*

6               “(2) *eligible for assistance under chapter 5 of*  
7 *part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22*  
8 *U.S.C. 2347 et seq.).*

9       “(c) *LIMITATIONS.*—

10               “(1) *CONCURRENCE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.*—  
11 *Military personnel of a country may be provided edu-*  
12 *cation and training under this section only with the*  
13 *concurrence of the Secretary of State.*

14               “(2) *ASSISTANCE OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY*  
15 *LAW.*—*Education and training may not be provided*  
16 *under this section to the military personnel of any*  
17 *country that is otherwise prohibited from receiving*  
18 *such type of assistance under any other provision of*  
19 *law.*

20       “(d) *SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING.*—*The Secretary of the*  
21 *Air Force may, under such conditions as the Secretary may*  
22 *prescribe, provide to a person receiving education and*  
23 *training under this section the following:*

24               “(1) *Transportation incident to such education*  
25 *and training.*

1           “(2) *Supplies and equipment to be used during*  
2           *such education and training.*

3           “(3) *Billeting, food, and health services in con-*  
4           *nection with the receipt of such education and train-*  
5           *ing.*

6           “(e) *LIVING ALLOWANCE.—The Secretary of the Air*  
7           *Force may pay to a person receiving education and train-*  
8           *ing under this section a living allowance at a rate to be*  
9           *prescribed by the Secretary, taking into account the rates*  
10          *of living allowances authorized for a member of the Armed*  
11          *Forces under similar circumstances.*

12          “(f) *FUNDING.—Amounts for the operations and main-*  
13          *tenance of the Academy, and for the provision of education*  
14          *and training through the Academy, may be paid from funds*  
15          *available for the Air Force for operation and mainte-*  
16          *nance.”.*

17          **SEC. 1204. REVIEW OF EXECUTION OF PROGRAMS TO BUILD**  
18                                   **PARTNER CAPACITY.**

19          *Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment*  
20          *of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States*  
21          *shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
22          *House of Representatives and the Senate, the Committee on*  
23          *Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the*  
24          *Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report con-*  
25          *taining a review of the execution by the Department of De-*

1 *fense of programs conducted pursuant to section 333 of title*  
 2 *10, United States Code. The review shall include, with re-*  
 3 *spect to such programs, the following information:*

4           (1) *The extent to which the Department of De-*  
 5 *fense has defined measurable timelines and goals with*  
 6 *targets for such programs.*

7           (2) *The extent to which program execution has*  
 8 *been timely and programs have achieved their stated*  
 9 *goals.*

10          (3) *Challenges affecting the outcomes of such pro-*  
 11 *grams.*

12          (4) *Any other matters the Comptroller General of*  
 13 *the United States determines relevant.*

14 **SEC. 1205. ESTABLISHMENT OF PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS**  
 15 **ON MILITARY TRAUMA CARE AND RESEARCH**  
 16 **BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN**  
 17 **COUNTRIES.**

18          (a) *PARTNERSHIPS.*—*The Secretary of Defense, in con-*  
 19 *sultation with the Secretary of State, may establish a joint*  
 20 *education and training program on military trauma care*  
 21 *and research with appropriate personnel of the military*  
 22 *forces of one or more foreign countries.*

23          (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The Secretary may include in each*  
 24 *joint education and training program on military trauma*  
 25 *care and research under subsection (a) the following:*



1           (1) *The sharing of relevant lessons learned in*  
2           *combat casualty care derived from prior conflicts.*

3           (2) *The conduct of joint conferences, symposia,*  
4           *and professional exchange programs involving mili-*  
5           *tary medical professionals from the United States and*  
6           *the foreign countries participating in the program.*

7           (3) *Collaboration through structured knowledge*  
8           *exchanges on matters relating to health policy, health*  
9           *administration, and medical logistics, including with*  
10          *respect to medical supplies and equipment.*

11          (4) *The conduct of joint research and develop-*  
12          *ment initiatives addressing the health effects of new*  
13          *and emerging weapons and methods of warfare.*

14          (5) *Capacity-building programs to support the*  
15          *development, sustainment, and modernization of mili-*  
16          *tary trauma care systems and programs.*

17          (6) *Coordination, through the Joint Trauma*  
18          *System of the Defense Health Agency, of trauma care*  
19          *doctrine, data collection, performance improvement,*  
20          *and clinical best practices with the Armed Forces of*  
21          *the United States and the military medical services*  
22          *of the foreign countries participating in the program.*

23          (7) *The provision of training to the military*  
24          *forces of such foreign countries with respect to—*

25                 (A) *military trauma care;*

1                   (B) combat wound infection; and

2                   (C) post-traumatic stress disorder and sui-  
3                   cide prevention relating to the treatment of mili-  
4                   tary trauma care.

5           (c) *USE OF AUTHORITIES.*—In carrying out the joint  
6 education and training program on military trauma care  
7 and research under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense  
8 may use the authorities under chapter 16 of title 10, United  
9 States Code, and other applicable statutory authorities  
10 available to the Secretary.

11       ***Subtitle B—Matters Relating to the***  
12       ***Near and Middle East***

13       ***SEC. 1211. EXTENSION OF COUNTER-TERRORISM SUPPORT***  
14       ***AUTHORITY.***

15           Section 1226(h) of the National Defense Authorization  
16 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92; 22 U.S.C.  
17 2151 note) is amended by striking “December 31, 2026”  
18 and inserting “December 31, 2027”.

19       ***SEC. 1212. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR REIMBURSE-***  
20       ***MENT OF CERTAIN COALITION NATIONS FOR***  
21       ***SUPPORT PROVIDED TO UNITED STATES***  
22       ***MILITARY OPERATIONS.***

23           (a) *EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.*—Section 1233(a) of  
24 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
25 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 393) is amended by

1 *striking “beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on De-*  
2 *cember 31, 2026” and inserting “beginning on October 1,*  
3 *2026, and ending on December 31, 2027”.*

4       **(b) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.**—*Section*  
5 *1233(d)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for*  
6 *Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 393) is*  
7 *amended by striking “beginning on October 1, 2025, and*  
8 *ending on December 31, 2026” and inserting “beginning*  
9 *on October 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2027”.*

10 **SEC. 1213. DEADLINE FOR AFGHANISTAN WAR COMMISSION**  
11 **FINAL REPORT.**

12       *Section 1094(e)(2)(A)(ii)(I) of the National Defense*  
13 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–*  
14 *81; 135 Stat. 1941) is amended by striking “3 years” and*  
15 *inserting “4 years”.*

16 **SEC. 1214. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT**  
17 **THE TALIBAN.**

18       *None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this*  
19 *Act or otherwise made available to the Department of De-*  
20 *fense may be obligated or expended to provide direct or in-*  
21 *direct assistance or support, including training, equipment,*  
22 *services, or currency, to—*

23               *(1) the Taliban;*

24               *(2) the Government of Afghanistan;*

1           (3) *any subsidiary, agent, instrumentality, or*  
 2           *successor of the Taliban; or*

3           (4) *an entity or foreign country that solicits or*  
 4           *accepts support or assistance from the United States*  
 5           *with the intent to forward or transfer that support or*  
 6           *assistance to the Taliban or the Government of Af-*  
 7           *ghanistan.*

8   **SEC. 1215. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSIST-**  
 9                               **ANCE TO COUNTER THE ISLAMIC STATE OF**  
 10                              **IRAQ AND SYRIA.**

11       *Section 1236 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck”*  
 12   *McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 13   *2015 (Public Law 113- 291; 128 Stat. 3558) is amended—*

14           (1) *in subsection (a), in the matter preceding*  
 15       *paragraph (1), by striking “December 31, 2026” and*  
 16       *inserting “December 31, 2027”; and*

17           (2) *in subsection (n)(6), by striking “December*  
 18       *31, 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.*

19   **SEC. 1216. EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF**  
 20                              **FUNDS FOR THE IRAQI SECURITY FORCES.**

21       (a) *LIMITATION ON OBLIGATION OF FUNDS.—Not*  
 22   *more than 25 percent of the funds authorized to be appro-*  
 23   *priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal*  
 24   *year 2027 for the Iraqi security forces under section 1236*  
 25   *of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National*

1 *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public*  
2 *Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3558) may be obligated or ex-*  
3 *pendent until the date on which the Secretary of Defense*  
4 *submits to the congressional defense committees a certifi-*  
5 *cation that the Government of Iraq has taken credible*  
6 *steps—*

7           (1) *to reduce the operational capacity of Iran-*  
8 *aligned militia groups not integrated into the Iraqi*  
9 *security forces through a publicly verifiable disar-*  
10 *mament, demobilization, and reintegration process;*

11           (2) *to strengthen the authority and operational*  
12 *control of the Prime Minister of Iraq as Commander-*  
13 *in-Chief over the Iraqi security forces; and*

14           (3) *to investigate and hold accountable members*  
15 *of Iran-aligned militia groups or members of the*  
16 *Iraqi security forces operating outside the formal*  
17 *chain of command of the Iraqi security forces who en-*  
18 *gage in attacks on United States or Iraqi personnel*  
19 *or otherwise act in an illegal or destabilizing manner.*

20           (b) *WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the*  
21 *limitation in subsection (a) for a period of not more than*  
22 *180 days if the Secretary determines that such waiver is*  
23 *in the national security interest of the United States. Any*  
24 *such waiver shall be submitted in writing to the congres-*  
25 *sional defense committees not later than 15 days after*

1 *issuance, along with a justification and a description of*  
 2 *the steps being taken to achieve the objectives described in*  
 3 *subsection (a).*

4 *(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section*  
 5 *shall apply to funds authorized to be appropriated for the*  
 6 *Iraqi security forces that are designated for the Kurdish*  
 7 *Peshmerga Forces.*

8 *(d) IRAQI SECURITY FORCES DEFINED.—In this sec-*  
 9 *tion, the term “Iraqi security forces” means the military*  
 10 *and other security forces of or associated with the Govern-*  
 11 *ment of Iraq.*

12 **SEC. 1217. PROHIBITION ON TRANSFERS TO THE BADR OR-**  
 13 **GANIZATION.**

14 *None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this*  
 15 *Act or otherwise made available to the Secretary of Defense*  
 16 *for fiscal year 2027 may be made available to the Badr*  
 17 *Organization or any affiliates or successors of the Badr Or-*  
 18 *ganization.*

19 ***Subtitle C—Matters Relating to***  
 20 ***Israel***

21 **SEC. 1221. EXTENSION OF WAR RESERVE STOCKPILE AU-**  
 22 **THORITY FOR ISRAEL.**

23 *Section 12001(d) of the Department of Defense Appro-*  
 24 *priations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–287; 118 Stat. 1011)*

1 *is amended by striking “January 1, 2027” and inserting*  
 2 *“January 1, 2029”.*

3 **SEC. 1222. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL SUBTERRANEAN CO-**  
 4 **OPERATION.**

5 *Section 1279 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 6 *Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note) is amend-*  
 7 *ed—*

8 *(1) in the section heading, by striking “ANTI-*  
 9 *TUNNEL” and inserting “SUBTERRANEAN”;*

10 *(2) by striking “anti-tunnel” each place it ap-*  
 11 *pears and inserting “subterranean”;*

12 *(3) in subsection (a)—*

13 *(A) in the heading, by striking “ANTI-TUN-*  
 14 *NEL” and inserting “SUBTERRANEAN”; and*

15 *(B) in paragraph (1), strike “underground*  
 16 *tunnels” and insert “or destroy subterranean fa-*  
 17 *cilities, including tunnels, bunkers, and other*  
 18 *underground targets,”;*

19 *(4) in subsection (b)—*

20 *(A) by striking paragraph (4); and*

21 *(B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as*  
 22 *paragraph (4); and*

23 *(5) in subsection (f), by striking “2028” and in-*  
 24 *serting “2029”.*

1 **SEC. 1223. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION TO**  
 2 **COUNTER UNMANNED SYSTEMS IN ALL**  
 3 **WARFIGHTING DOMAINS.**

4 *Section 1278 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 5 *Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note) is amend-*  
 6 *ed—*

7 *(1) in subsection (b)—*

8 *(A) by striking paragraph (4); and*

9 *(B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as*  
 10 *paragraph (4); and*

11 *(2) in subsection (g), by striking “2028” and in-*  
 12 *serting “2029”.*

13 ***Subtitle D—Matters Relating to***  
 14 ***Europe***

15 **SEC. 1231. ARMS SALES AND WEAPONS SYSTEM TRANSFERS**  
 16 **TO NATO COUNTRIES.**

17 *Section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 18 *Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—*

19 *(1) in the heading, by inserting “, AND ARMS*  
 20 *SALES AND WEAPON SYSTEMS TRANSFERS TO,”*  
 21 *after “TRAINING IN”; and*

22 *(2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by*  
 23 *inserting “and decisions related to arms sales and*  
 24 *weapon systems and equipment transfers under sec-*  
 25 *tion 333 of title 10, United States Code, to such mem-*  
 26 *ber countries” after “countries”.*



1 **SEC. 1232. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF OVERSIGHT**  
2 **OF UNITED STATES MILITARY POSTURE IN**  
3 **EUROPE.**

4 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Section 1249 of the National Defense  
5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–  
6 60) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “or fiscal year  
8 2027” after “fiscal year 2026”;

9 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “December 31,  
10 2027” and inserting “December 31, 2028.”; and

11 (3) in subsection (f), by striking “2026” each  
12 place it appears and inserting “2027”.

13 (b) *MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS AND*  
14 *ASSESSMENTS.*—

15 (1) *CERTIFICATIONS.*—Section 1249(b) of the  
16 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
17 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is amended—

18 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
19 by striking “The certification described” and in-  
20 serting following:

21 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Except as provided under  
22 paragraph (2), the certification described”;

23 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and  
24 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;  
25 and

1                   (C) by adding at the end following new  
2                   paragraph:

3                   “(2) *EXCEPTION.*—With respect to a proposed  
4                   action described in paragraph (1) or (3) of subsection  
5                   (a), the certification described in paragraph (1) of  
6                   this subsection shall also include a certification that  
7                   such action is being undertaken only after submission  
8                   of the assessment described in subsection (c)(1)(A)(x)  
9                   which determined it was not feasible to reposition  
10                  members of the Armed Forces or Department of De-  
11                  fense equipment to a member of NATO located on  
12                  NATO’s eastern flank, including Bulgaria, Estonia,  
13                  Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, or Romania.”.

14                  (2) *ASSESSMENTS.*—Section 1249(c)(A) of the  
15                  National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
16                  2026 (Public Law 119–60) is amended by adding at  
17                  the end the following new clause:

18                         “(x) with respect to an assessment  
19                         under this subparagraph relating to a pro-  
20                         posed action described in subsection (a)(1)  
21                         or (a)(3), in cases involving the withdrawal  
22                         of members of the Armed Forces or Depart-  
23                         ment of Defense equipment from countries  
24                         in the area of responsibility of the United  
25                         States European Command, a detailed

1           *analysis of the feasibility of repositioning*  
2           *such personnel or equipment to a member of*  
3           *NATO located on NATO’s eastern flank, in-*  
4           *cluding Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lith-*  
5           *uania, Poland, or Romania, that has dem-*  
6           *onstrated progress toward meeting the de-*  
7           *fense investment commitments agreed to in*  
8           *the Hague Summit Declaration of June 25,*  
9           *2025, and has made substantial investments*  
10          *in infrastructure in support of United*  
11          *States Armed Forces personnel and allied*  
12          *defense objectives, as determined by the*  
13          *Commander of the United States European*  
14          *Command.”.*

15   **SEC. 1233. MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION WITH RE-**  
16                   **SPECT TO OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES**  
17                   **MILITARY POSTURE IN EUROPE.**

18          *Section 1249(b) of the National Defense Authorization*  
19   *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is amend-*  
20   *ed—*

21                   *(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and”;*

22                   *(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at*  
23   *the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

24                   *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

1           “(3) does not undermine United States or allied  
2       deterrence of the Russian Federation; and

3           “(4) does not reduce the readiness of forces as-  
4       signed to or stationed in the United States European  
5       Command to support global contingencies.”.

6 **SEC. 1234. POLAND DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION**  
7                           **PROGRAM.**

8       (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—The Secretary of Defense, in  
9       coordination with the Secretary of State, shall establish a  
10      program to expand cooperation between the defense indus-  
11      trial bases of the United States and Poland to expand co-  
12      production capacity, enhance supply chain resilience, and  
13      support operational readiness for United States and allied  
14      forces. The program shall seek to—

15           (1) enhance bilateral cooperation between the  
16      United States and Poland;

17           (2) reduce barriers to co-production between the  
18      United States and Poland; and

19           (3) strengthen NATO’s deterrence capability, in-  
20      cluding against malign influence from the Russian  
21      Federation and People’s Republic of China.

22      (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The program established pursuant to  
23      subsection (a) may also include the following:

1           (1) *Co-production of munitions, ground combat*  
2           *systems, air combat systems and other critical defense*  
3           *articles.*

4           (2) *The establishment and expansion of forward*  
5           *repair, maintenance, and sustainment capabilities in*  
6           *Poland.*

7           (3) *The identification and authorization of tech-*  
8           *nology transfer necessary to establish co-production of*  
9           *co-sustainment capabilities in Poland that support*  
10          *the Armed Forces in Poland and NATO's deterrence*  
11          *capabilities.*

12          (4) *The development of redundant and resilient*  
13          *supply chains to carry out the objectives described in*  
14          *paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (a).*

15          (5) *Actions to identify and mitigate barriers to*  
16          *defense industrial base cooperation, including barriers*  
17          *relating to export controls, technology transfer, or*  
18          *contracting practices.*

19          (c) *AUTHORITIES.*—*In carrying out the program es-*  
20          *tablished pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary of De-*  
21          *fense shall coordinate with other Federal departments and*  
22          *agencies, including the Department of State and the De-*  
23          *partment of Commerce, in order to—*

1           (1) *enter into contracts, cooperative agreements,*  
2           *and other bilateral agreements (including under sec-*  
3           *tion 4022 of title 10, United States Code); and*

4           (2) *provide technical assistance, training, and*  
5           *equipment relating to defense industrial base coopera-*  
6           *tion.*

7           (d) *INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT.—The Secretary of De-*  
8           *fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall seek*  
9           *to coordinate with appropriate counterparts of Poland to*  
10          *convene an annual industry roundtable consisting of*  
11          *United States and Polish defense companies, with the goal*  
12          *of expanding cooperation and engagement across sectors*  
13          *and between government and industry with respect to ac-*  
14          *tivities to implement the program established pursuant to*  
15          *subsection (a).*

16          (e) *REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordina-*  
17          *tion with the Secretary of State, shall annually for a period*  
18          *of 5 years submit to the Committee on Armed Services and*  
19          *the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and Com-*  
20          *mittee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign*  
21          *Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on—*

22                (1) *any additional legislative authorities re-*  
23                *quired to carry out the program established pursuant*  
24                *to subsection (a) or any of the elements described in*  
25                *subsection (b); and*

1           (2) *any regulatory or policy barriers to achiev-*  
2           *ing the objectives described in paragraphs (1) through*  
3           *(3) of subsection (a).*

4 **SEC. 1235. POLICY ON NATO STANDARDIZATION AND AL-**  
5                   **LIED PRODUCTION FOR NEXT-GENERATION**  
6                   **SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.**

7           (a) *STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy of*  
8           *the Department of Defense that any next-generation small*  
9           *arms ammunition adopted for widespread operational use*  
10          *by the Armed Forces shall, to the maximum extent prac-*  
11          *ticable consistent with operational and survivability re-*  
12          *quirements—*

13               (1) *be aligned with and incorporated into NATO*  
14               *standardization agreements;*

15               (2) *support full interoperability among NATO*  
16               *member countries for logistics, resupply, and coalition*  
17               *operations; and*

18               (3) *be capable of manufacture at scale by mul-*  
19               *tiple producers, including producers located within*  
20               *NATO member countries.*

21           (b) *ENGAGEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-*  
22           *retary of Defense, acting through the Secretary of the Army,*  
23           *shall implement the policy described in subsection (a) by—*

24               (1) *formally engaging appropriate counterparts*  
25               *of NATO member countries, NATO standardization*

1        *bodies, and allied defense ministries to pursue adop-*  
2        *tion of a standardization agreement for 6.8x51mm*  
3        *ammunition, or any successor next-generation small*  
4        *arms ammunition, with the objective of pursuing*  
5        *standardization on a timeline not exceeding, to the*  
6        *extent feasible, five years after the date of enactment*  
7        *of this Act;*

8                *(2) incorporating NATO standardization and al-*  
9        *lied production objectives as mandatory program re-*  
10       *quirements, acquisition strategy elements, and mile-*  
11       *stone decision criteria for 6.8x51mm ammunition;*  
12       *and*

13               *(3) ensuring that domestic ammunition design,*  
14       *performance specifications, and production planning*  
15       *for 6.8x51mm ammunition—*

16                *(A) do not foreclose opportunities for NATO*  
17        *standardization through proprietary or design*  
18        *constraints; and*

19                *(B) otherwise affirmatively enable NATO*  
20        *standardization and interoperability.*

21        *(c) TECHNICAL DATA RIGHTS FOR ALLIED PRODUC-*  
22       *TION.—The Secretary of the Army shall, in implementing*  
23       *an acquisition strategy for 6.8x51mm ammunition con-*  
24       *sistent with subsection (b)—*



1           (1) obtain, consistent with subchapter I of chap-  
2       ter 275 of title 10, United States Code (and data  
3       rights policies issued thereunder), a technical data  
4       package and associated unlimited or government-pur-  
5       pose rights with respect to such ammunition sufficient  
6       to enable competitive procurement and, where appro-  
7       priate, allied production;

8           (2) establish contracting mechanisms to permit  
9       licensed or independent production of such ammuni-  
10      tion by entities within NATO member countries; and

11          (3) minimize, to the greatest extent possible and  
12      consistent with other applicable provisions of law,  
13      proprietary, licensing, or intellectual property restric-  
14      tions that would unreasonably impede allied produc-  
15      tion or coalition interoperability.

16      (d) *REPORT ON INTEROPERABILITY CONSTRAINTS.*—  
17      Not later than March 1, 2027, the Secretary of the Army  
18      shall notify the congressional defense committees of any re-  
19      strictions described in subsection (c)(3) that are not capable  
20      of being eliminated, along with the reasons for such incapa-  
21      bility.

22      (e) *STRATEGY FOR NATO STANDARDIZATION.*—Not  
23      later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
24      the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional  
25      defense committees a strategy that—

1           (1) identifies the specific NATO standardization  
2       bodies, forums, and timelines through which stand-  
3       ardization described in subsection (b)(1) will be pur-  
4       sued;

5           (2) describes the industrial base actions required  
6       to enable allied production of 6.8x51mm ammunition;  
7       and

8           (3) identifies known barriers to NATO standard-  
9       ization, adoption, or commercialization with respect  
10      to such ammunition, whether technical, legal, or con-  
11      tractual, and specific steps and timelines to resolve  
12      each.

13       (f) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than one  
14   year after submission of the strategy required under sub-  
15   section (e), and annually thereafter until the Secretary of  
16   Defense makes an affirmative determination described in  
17   subsection (g), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
18   congressional defense committees a report that—

19           (1) describes progress toward NATO standard-  
20      ization of 6.8x51mm ammunition;

21           (2) identifies actions taken to enable allied pro-  
22      duction of such ammunition;

23           (3) assesses any remaining barriers to achieving  
24      NATO standardization, adoption, or commercializa-  
25      tion and steps planned to address them; and

1           (4) *explains any failure to meet the timelines es-*  
2           *tablished in the strategy submitted pursuant to sub-*  
3           *section (e).*

4           (g) *TERMINATION OF PROGRESS REPORT.*—*The re-*  
5           *quirement under subsection (f) shall terminate on the date*  
6           *the Secretary of Defense determines that—*

7                 (1) *at least one European ally is producing*  
8                 *6.8x51mm ammunition in accordance with the stand-*  
9                 *ardization and interoperability objectives of this sec-*  
10                *tion; or*

11               (2) *no current United States weapons system*  
12               *uses 6.8x51mm ammunition.*

13           (h) *APPLICABILITY.*—*To the maximum extent prac-*  
14           *ticable, the requirements of this section shall be imple-*  
15           *mented through future solicitations, contract modifications*  
16           *by mutual agreement, and new contract awards.*

17           (i) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this section*  
18           *may be construed to require the renegotiation of existing*  
19           *contracts in a manner that would violate applicable pro-*  
20           *curement laws or result in a breach of contract.*

21   **SEC. 1236. REVIEW OF THE ANALYTICAL BASIS FOR UNITED**  
22                   **STATES FORCE POSTURE ADJUSTMENTS IN**  
23                   **EUROPE.**

24           (a) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 90 days after the date*  
25           *of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense*

1 *for Policy, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint*  
2 *Chiefs of Staff, shall submit to the congressional defense*  
3 *committees a report that includes—*

4           (1) *the analytical framework, analysis of alter-*  
5 *natives, war-gaming activities and other operational*  
6 *assessments, intelligence assessments, and operational*  
7 *and strategic risk assessments used by the Department*  
8 *of Defense in conducting the review of global force*  
9 *posture undertaken during development of the na-*  
10 *tional defense strategy most recently prepared pursu-*  
11 *ant to section 113(g) of title 10, United States Code,*  
12 *specifically as it pertained to the area of responsi-*  
13 *bility of the United States European Command; and*

14           (2) *an explanation of how and to what extent the*  
15 *analytical framework, analysis of alternatives, war-*  
16 *gaming activities and other operational assessments,*  
17 *intelligence assessments, and operational and stra-*  
18 *tegic risk assessments described in paragraph (1) in-*  
19 *formed and were consistent with changes to United*  
20 *States force posture in the area of responsibility of the*  
21 *United States European Command implemented after*  
22 *January 20, 2025.*

23           (b) *ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection*  
24 (a) *shall include the following:*

1           (1) *A description of the modeling assumptions*  
2           *and analytic parameters used in the review to evalu-*  
3           *ate United States force posture in the area of respon-*  
4           *sibility of the United States European Command, in-*  
5           *cluding—*

6                   (A) *force-sizing constructs and campaign*  
7                   *planning assumptions;*

8                   (B) *logistics, sustainment, strategic mobil-*  
9                   *ity, contested deployment, and reinforcement as-*  
10                  *sumptions;*

11                  (C) *assumptions relating to United States*  
12                  *and allied force availability, readiness, reinforce-*  
13                  *ment timelines, munitions expenditures,*  
14                  *prepositioned stocks, and strategic lift capacity;*

15                  (D) *adversary force readiness, mobilization*  
16                  *and reinforcement timelines, and operational ob-*  
17                  *jectives; and*

18                  (E) *assumptions relating to simultaneous or*  
19                  *overlapping theater demands.*

20           (2) *A comprehensive description of the force-*  
21           *planning scenarios, tabletop exercises, and war-gam-*  
22           *ing inputs used in the review to evaluate United*  
23           *States force posture in the area of responsibility of the*  
24           *United States European Command.*

1           (3) *An assessment of the alternative force posture*  
2           *options considered during the review and the analyt-*  
3           *ical criteria used to evaluate and compare such op-*  
4           *tions, including cost, host nation and allied burden-*  
5           *sharing contributions, the relative operational effects*  
6           *of rotational and permanently stationed forces, and*  
7           *the operational implications of positioning forces clos-*  
8           *er to potential contingency areas along NATO's east-*  
9           *ern flank.*

10          (4) *The intelligence assessments and threat anal-*  
11          *yses used to inform the Department of Defense's re-*  
12          *view of United States force posture in the area of re-*  
13          *sponsibility of the United States European Com-*  
14          *mand.*

15          (5) *An assessment of capability gaps associated*  
16          *with combatant commander campaign plans and*  
17          *NATO regional plans as well as the associated oper-*  
18          *ational and strategic risks identified by the Depart-*  
19          *ment of Defense in its review of United States force*  
20          *posture in the area of responsibility of the United*  
21          *States European Command.*

22          (6) *A description of how the analytical frame-*  
23          *work, analysis of alternatives, war-gaming activities*  
24          *and other operational assessments, intelligence assess-*  
25          *ments, and operational and strategic risk assessments*

1       used by the Department of Defense in the review eval-  
2       uated the ability of NATO allies and partners to  
3       mitigate identified capability gaps and associated  
4       operational and strategic risks, including projected  
5       timelines for capability development and fielding.

6               (7) A description of the coordination undertaken  
7       during the initial review in the development and ap-  
8       plication of the analytical framework, analysis of al-  
9       ternatives, war-gaming activities and other oper-  
10      ational assessments, intelligence assessments, and  
11      operational and strategic risk assessments described  
12      in paragraphs (1) through (6), with—

13               (A) the Joint Staff, the Military Depart-  
14      ments, and the Commander of United States Eu-  
15      ropean Command;

16               (B) the Department of State;

17               (C) the intelligence community; and

18               (D) NATO military authorities and NATO  
19      allies and partners in Europe and Canada.

20               (8) An assessment of the extent to which the ana-  
21      lytical framework, analysis of alternatives, war-gam-  
22      ing activities and other operational assessments, intel-  
23      ligence assessments, and operational and strategic  
24      risk assessments described in paragraphs (1) through  
25      (6) were consistent with United States force posture

1       *adjustments within the area of responsibility of the*  
2       *United States European Command implemented after*  
3       *January 20, 2025, including—*

4               *(A) an assessment of each such adjustment*  
5               *to United States force posture in Europe during*  
6               *such period;*

7               *(B) an assessment of the operational, stra-*  
8               *tegic, fiscal, and risk-based justification for each*  
9               *such adjustment;*

10              *(C) an identification of any deviations from*  
11              *the initial review's analytical framework, anal-*  
12              *ysis of alternatives, war-gaming activities and*  
13              *other operational assessments, intelligence assess-*  
14              *ments, and operational and strategic risk assess-*  
15              *ments in the analysis underlying such adjust-*  
16              *ments, including the rationale for any such devi-*  
17              *ation;*

18              *(D) an identification of any deviations*  
19              *from military interagency assessments or non-*  
20              *concurrence about such adjustments, including*  
21              *the rationale for any such deviation; and*

22              *(E) an evaluation of the implications of*  
23              *each such adjustment for United States national*  
24              *security interests, NATO's deterrence and defense*



1           *posture, and execution of combatant commander*  
2           *campaign plans and NATO regional plans.*

3           (c) *FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)*  
4           *shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include*  
5           *a classified annex.*

6           (d) *INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT*  
7           *ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.—*

8           (1) *ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than*  
9           *180 days after the submission of the report required*  
10          *under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the*  
11          *United States shall submit to the congressional de-*  
12          *fense committees an independent assessment of—*

13                (A) *the analytical framework, analysis of*  
14                *alternatives, war-gaming activities and other*  
15                *operational assessments, intelligence assessments,*  
16                *and operational and strategic risk assessments*  
17                *used in conducting the review of global force pos-*  
18                *ture undertaken during development of the na-*  
19                *tional defense strategy most recently prepared*  
20                *pursuant to section 113(g) of title 10, United*  
21                *States Code, specifically as it pertained to the*  
22                *area of responsibility of the United States Euro-*  
23                *pean Command;*

24                (B) *the conclusions drawn from such review*  
25                *of global force posture; and*

1           (C) *the extent to which such analytical*  
2           *framework, analysis of alternatives, war-gaming*  
3           *activities and other operational assessments, in-*  
4           *telligence assessments, and operational and stra-*  
5           *tegic risk assessments informed and were con-*  
6           *sistent with changes to United States force pos-*  
7           *ture in the area of responsibility of the United*  
8           *States European Command implemented after*  
9           *January 20, 2025.*

10          (2) *ELEMENTS.—The assessment under para-*  
11          *graph (1) shall include—*

12               (A) *an evaluation of the completeness, rigor,*  
13               *and methodological validity of the analytical*  
14               *framework, assumptions, scenarios, intelligence*  
15               *inputs, and analysis of alternatives;*

16               (B) *an assessment of the consistency be-*  
17               *tween the analytical conclusions and actual pos-*  
18               *ture decisions implemented after January 20,*  
19               *2025;*

20               (C) *a review of the sensitivity of conclusions*  
21               *to key assumptions and variables;*

22               (D) *an identification of any gaps, limita-*  
23               *tions, or sources of analytical risk; and*

24               (E) *an evaluation of the implications of*  
25               *each such adjustment for United States national*

1           *security interests, NATO's deterrence and defense*  
2           *posture, and execution of combatant commander*  
3           *campaign plans and NATO regional plans.*

4           (3) *ACCESS TO INFORMATION.*—*The Secretary of*  
5           *Defense shall provide the Comptroller General with*  
6           *timely access to all data, assumptions, models, brief-*  
7           *ings, analyses, memoranda, recommendations, dis-*  
8           *senting views, decision memoranda, and other infor-*  
9           *mation necessary to carry out the assessment required*  
10          *under this subsection, including classified informa-*  
11          *tion, consistent with applicable law.*

12   **SEC. 1237. NATO DEFENSE PLANNING AND BURDEN SHAR-**  
13                   **ING ACTIVITIES.**

14          (a) *REPORT REQUIRED.*—*Not later than 90 days after*  
15          *the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days*  
16          *thereafter through January 1, 2028, the Commander,*  
17          *United States European Command shall submit to the con-*  
18          *gressional defense committees a report on each of the fol-*  
19          *lowing:*

20               (1) *An evaluation of allied progress on meeting*  
21               *the 5 percent defense investment commitment agreed*  
22               *to at the 2025 Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty*  
23               *Organization (NATO) in The Hague.*

1           (2) *An evaluation of allied progress on imple-*  
2           *menting NATO capability targets and any priority*  
3           *capability shortfalls.*

4           (3) *A list of critical capabilities required to exe-*  
5           *cute NATO's regional plans that are largely or wholly*  
6           *provided by the United States and a description of*  
7           *any European and Canadian allied efforts to develop*  
8           *or procure those or similar capabilities.*

9           (4) *A description of United States forces avail-*  
10          *able to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe under*  
11          *the NATO Force Model.*

12          (5)(A) *In the first report submitted under this*  
13          *subsection, a description of any changes to the United*  
14          *States forces available to the Supreme Allied Com-*  
15          *mander Europe under the NATO Force Model in the*  
16          *previous year.*

17                 (B) *In the subsequent reports submitted*  
18                 *under this subsection, a description of any*  
19                 *changes to the United States forces available to*  
20                 *the Supreme Allied Commander Europe under*  
21                 *the NATO Force Model in the preceding 90-day*  
22                 *period.*

23          (6) *In the case of any changes described pursu-*  
24          *ant to paragraph (5)—*

1           (A) an assessment of whether Europe has  
2           the force structure, readiness levels, and enabling  
3           capabilities to assume responsibility for any de-  
4           creases in United States forces available to the  
5           Supreme Allied Commander Europe under the  
6           NATO Force Model;

7           (B) an assessment of the risk such change  
8           poses to NATO's deterrence and defense posture;  
9           and

10          (C) whether modifications to the NATO De-  
11          fense Planning Process are required, including  
12          whether such changes—

13               (i) alter NATO capability targets or  
14               apportionment decisions; or

15               (ii) require updated NATO political  
16               guidance at the ministerial or summit level.

17          (7) An assessment of NATO's deterrence and de-  
18          fense posture on the alliance's eastern flank, includ-  
19          ing—

20               (A) a description of United States military  
21               force posture in each country on the eastern  
22               flank, including any changes to United States  
23               forces on such flank during the 90-day period  
24               preceding the submission of the report;

1           (B) a description of allied military force  
2 posture in each country on the eastern flank;

3           (C) an evaluation of the capacity of United  
4 States and allied forces to reinforce NATO's east-  
5 ern flank in the event of a conflict;

6           (D) an identification of any obstacles that  
7 could delay such reinforcement, including the  
8 status of prepositioned United States materiel in  
9 Europe; and

10          (E) a description of efforts by the United  
11 States and NATO allies to address the obstacles  
12 identified pursuant to subparagraph (D).

13          (8) An assessment of NATO's deterrence efforts  
14 in Romania, including a description and evaluation  
15 of—

16           (A) United States force posture in Roma-  
17 nia, including any new rotations to Romania  
18 intended to enhance deterrence following the  
19 2025 decision to end the rotational presence of a  
20 United States brigade;

21           (B) consultations with NATO allies regard-  
22 ing efforts to backfill or otherwise mitigate the  
23 capability gap resulting from the end the rota-  
24 tional presence of a United States brigade;

1                   (C) *NATO Forward Land Forces in Roma-*  
2                   *nia;*

3                   (D) *new or expanded bilateral and multi-*  
4                   *lateral training activities and military exercises*  
5                   *conducted to build capacity and improve inter-*  
6                   *operability among United States forces, Roma-*  
7                   *nian forces, and other NATO allies;*

8                   (E) *efforts undertaken by the United States,*  
9                   *Romania, and other NATO allies to improve*  
10                  *critical military infrastructure in Romania, in-*  
11                  *cluding infrastructure necessary to support col-*  
12                  *lective defense obligations of the alliance and to*  
13                  *enable United States contingency operations;*  
14                  *and*

15                  (F) *efforts to support and strengthen the de-*  
16                  *fense industrial base of Romania.*

17               (b) *FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall*  
18               *be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classi-*  
19               *fied annex.*

1    ***Subtitle E—Matters Relating to the***  
2                   ***Indo-Pacific***

3    ***SEC. 1241. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE ALLIANCES***  
4                   ***AND PARTNERSHIPS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC***  
5                   ***REGION.***

6           *It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense*  
7    *should continue efforts that strengthen United States defense*  
8    *alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region so as*  
9    *to further the comparative advantage of the United States*  
10   *in strategic competition with the People’s Republic of*  
11   *China, including by—*

12           (1) *enhancing cooperation with Japan, con-*  
13       *sistent with the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and*  
14       *Security Between the United States of America and*  
15       *Japan, signed at Washington, January 19, 1960, in-*  
16       *cluding by developing advanced military capabilities,*  
17       *upgrading command and control relationships, fos-*  
18       *tering interoperability across all domains, and im-*  
19       *proving sharing of information and intelligence;*

20           (2) *reinforcing the United States alliance with*  
21       *the Republic of Korea, including by maintaining the*  
22       *presence of approximately 28,500 members of the*  
23       *United States Armed Forces deployed to the Republic*  
24       *of Korea, enhancing mutual defense base cooperation,*  
25       *and affirming the United States extended deterrence*



1       *commitment using the full range of United States de-*  
2       *fense capabilities, consistent with the Mutual Defense*  
3       *Treaty Between the United States and the Republic*  
4       *of Korea, signed at Washington, October 1, 1953, in*  
5       *support of the shared objective of a peaceful and stable*  
6       *Korean Peninsula;*

7               *(3) fostering bilateral and multilateral coopera-*  
8       *tion with Australia, consistent with the Security*  
9       *Treaty Between Australia, New Zealand, and the*  
10       *United States of America, signed at San Francisco,*  
11       *September 1, 1951, and through the partnership*  
12       *among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the*  
13       *United States to—*

14               *(A) advance shared security objectives;*

15               *(B) accelerate the fielding of advanced mili-*  
16       *tary capabilities; and*

17               *(C) build the capacity of emerging partners;*

18               *(4) advancing United States alliances with the*  
19       *Philippines and Thailand and United States partner-*  
20       *ships with other partners in the Association of South-*  
21       *east Asian Nations to enhance maritime domain*  
22       *awareness, promote sovereignty and territorial integ-*  
23       *egrity, leverage technology and promote innovation, and*  
24       *support an open, inclusive, and rules-based regional*  
25       *architecture;*

1           (5) broadening United States engagement with  
2       India, including through the Quadrilateral Security  
3       Dialogue to—

4           (A) advance the shared objective of a free  
5       and open Indo-Pacific region through bilateral  
6       and multilateral engagements and participation  
7       in military exercises, expanded defense trade,  
8       and collaboration on humanitarian aid and dis-  
9       aster response; and

10          (B) enable greater cooperation on maritime  
11       security;

12          (6) strengthening the United States partnership  
13       with Taiwan, consistent with the Three Commu-  
14       niques, the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–8;  
15       22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), and the Six Assurances, with  
16       the goal of improving Taiwan’s defensive capabilities  
17       and promoting peaceful cross-strait relations;

18          (7) reinforcing the status of Singapore as a  
19       Major Security Cooperation Partner of the United  
20       States and continuing to strengthen defense and secu-  
21       rity cooperation between the military forces of Singa-  
22       pore and the United States Armed Forces, including  
23       through participation in combined exercises and  
24       training;

1           (8) *engaging with the Federated States of Micro-*  
2           *nesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Palau,*  
3           *and other Pacific island countries, with the goal of*  
4           *strengthening regional security and addressing issues*  
5           *of mutual concern, including protecting fisheries from*  
6           *illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing;*

7           (9) *collaborating with Canada, the United King-*  
8           *dom, France, and other members of the European*  
9           *Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to*  
10          *build connectivity and advance a shared vision for*  
11          *the region that is principled, long-term, and anchored*  
12          *in democratic resilience;*

13          (10) *investing in enhanced military posture and*  
14          *capabilities in the area of responsibility of the United*  
15          *States Indo-Pacific Command and strengthening co-*  
16          *operation in bilateral relationships, multilateral part-*  
17          *nerships, and other international fora to uphold glob-*  
18          *al security and shared principles, with the goal of en-*  
19          *sureing the maintenance of a free and open Indo-Pa-*  
20          *cific region;*

21          (11) *supporting efforts by the Republic of Korea*  
22          *to strengthen deterrence and to deepen bilateral de-*  
23          *fense cooperation between the United States and the*  
24          *Republic of Korea; and*

1           (12) *expanding shipbuilding cooperation with*  
 2           *the Republic of Korea to bolster the shipbuilding ca-*  
 3           *capacity and workforce of the United States and to re-*  
 4           *inforce the defense industrial base of the United*  
 5           *States.*

6 **SEC. 1242. EXTENSION OF PACIFIC DETERRENCE INITIA-**  
 7                                   **TIVE.**

8           (a) *FUNDING.*—Subsection (c) of section 1251 of the  
 9 *William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-*  
 10 *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is*  
 11 *amended—*

12           (1) *by striking “the National Defense Authoriza-*  
 13 *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026” and inserting “the Na-*  
 14 *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 15 *2027”; and*

16           (2) *by striking “fiscal year 2026” and inserting*  
 17 *“fiscal year 2027”.*

18           (b) *REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.*—Subsection (d) of such  
 19 *section is amended—*

20           (1) *in paragraph (1)(A), in the matter preceding*  
 21 *clause (i), by striking “fiscal years 2027 and 2028”*  
 22 *and inserting “fiscal years 2028 and 2029”; and*

23           (2) *in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal years*  
 24 *2027 and 2028” each place it appears and inserting*  
 25 *“fiscal years 2028 and 2029”.*

1       (c) *EXTENSION OF PLAN.*—Subsection (e) of such sec-  
 2       tion is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
 3       by striking “fiscal years 2027 and 2028” and inserting “fis-  
 4       cal years 2028 and 2029”.

5       **SEC. 1243. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC RE-**  
 6                               **PORTING OF CHINESE MILITARY COMPANIES**  
 7                               **OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES.**

8       Section 1260H(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry  
 9       National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
 10      (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended by  
 11      striking “2030” and inserting “2035”.

12      **SEC. 1244. MODIFICATIONS TO PUBLIC REPORTING OF CHI-**  
 13                               **NESE MILITARY COMPANIES OPERATING IN**  
 14                               **THE UNITED STATES.**

15      Section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry  
 16      National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
 17      (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—

18                      (1) in subsection (b)(3)(A), by striking “not less  
 19                      frequently” and all that follows through the end of the  
 20                      sentence and inserting “as determined appropriate by  
 21                      the Secretary based on the latest information avail-  
 22                      able.”;

23                      (2) by amending subsection (b)(4) to read as fol-  
 24                      lows:

1           “(4) *LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT.*—*The Secretary*  
2           *shall publish the list in English. The Secretary may*  
3           *include Mandarin Chinese or other foreign-language*  
4           *identifiers as appropriate for entity identification*  
5           *purposes.*”;

6           (3) *by striking subsection (e) and inserting the*  
7           *following:*

8           “(e) *REGULATIONS.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*  
9           *prescribe regulations as necessary to implement this sec-*  
10          *tion.*”; and

11          (4) *in subsection (g), by adding at the end the*  
12          *following:*

13          “(6) *ASSISTANCE.*—*The term ‘assistance’ means*  
14          *benefits provided by the Government of China, includ-*  
15          *ing grants, loans, subsidies, tax benefits, real or per-*  
16          *sonal property, sponsored research, or any other pref-*  
17          *erential treatment.*

18          “(7) *FORMAL ASSOCIATION.*—*The term ‘formal*  
19          *association’ includes joint ventures, partnerships, con-*  
20          *sortiums, task forces, or research collaborations with*  
21          *an entity identified under subsection (g)(2)(B)(i).*

22          “(8) *INFORMAL ASSOCIATION.*—*The term ‘infor-*  
23          *mal association’ includes participation in exhibitions,*  
24          *competitions, demonstrations, or other temporary ac-*

1        *tivities with an entity identified under subsection*  
 2        *(g)(2)(B)(i).”.*

3    **SEC. 1245. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF ANNUAL RE-**  
 4                    **PORT ON MILITARY AND SECURITY DEVELOP-**  
 5                    **MENTS INVOLVING THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC**  
 6                    **OF CHINA.**

7        *Section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 8    *Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—*  
 9                *(1) in subsection (a), by striking “2027” and in-*  
 10        *serting “2030”; and*

11                *(2) in subsection (b)—*  
 12                    *(A) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking the pe-*  
 13                    *riod at the end and inserting “, including nu-*  
 14                    *clear, missile, air defense, submarine quieting,*  
 15                    *and drone development cooperation.”;*

16                    *(B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-*  
 17        *lowing:*

18                *“(6) Complicity, involvement, and degree of asso-*  
 19        *ciation of the People’s Liberation Army in the use of*  
 20        *forced labor by and the violation of other human*  
 21        *rights of Uyghurs in Xinjiang.”;*

22                    *(C) in paragraph (8)(A)—*

23                    *(i) by inserting a comma after “infra-*  
 24        *structure)”;* and

1           (ii) by striking the period at the end  
2           and inserting “, and the likely role of Chi-  
3           nese cyber capabilities in a conflict with the  
4           United States, including against allied and  
5           partner nations in the First and Second Is-  
6           land Chain and the United States home-  
7           land.”;

8           (D) in paragraph (9)—

9           (i) in subparagraph (A)(i), by insert-  
10          ing “including the United States,” after  
11          “any other country,”; and

12          (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

13               (I) by inserting “biotechnology,”  
14               after “space,”; and

15               (II) by inserting “and emerging”  
16               after “other advanced”;

17          (E) in paragraph (10)—

18               (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
19               “and” at the end;

20               (ii) by redesignating subparagraph (B)  
21               as subparagraph (D); and

22               (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
23               (A) the following:

24                       “(B) how delays in delivery of American  
25                       defense articles to Taiwan affect the Chinese



1           *Communist Party’s assessments of the balance of*  
2           *power in the Strait;*

3           “(C) *the likely strategic intent of Chinese*  
4           *forces in a conflict over Taiwan, how they will*  
5           *conduct a cyber enabled economic warfare cam-*  
6           *paign, a cross-strait invasion campaign, or a*  
7           *blockade campaign and how Russia may be as-*  
8           *sisting China in preparation for such activities;*  
9           *and”;*

10           (F) *by redesignating paragraph (14) as*  
11           *paragraph (16); and*

12           (G) *by inserting after paragraph (13) the*  
13           *following:*

14           “(14) *An assessment of the character, extent, tra-*  
15           *jectory, and consequences of security cooperation be-*  
16           *tween the People’s Republic of China and the Russian*  
17           *Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and North*  
18           *Korea, including how China provides dual-use sup-*  
19           *port to the defense industrial bases of these countries.*

20           “(15) *An assessment of the effects that popu-*  
21           *lation trends and forecasts of the People’s Republic of*  
22           *China have on the force structure and size of the Peo-*  
23           *ple’s Liberation Army.”.*

1 **SEC. 1246. MODIFICATION OF TAIWAN SECURITY COOPERA-**  
2 **TION INITIATIVE.**

3 *Subsection (d) of section 1323 of the Servicemember*  
4 *Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Author-*  
5 *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is*  
6 *amended by adding at the end the following:*

7 “(3) *FISCAL YEAR 2027.—Of the amounts author-*  
8 *ized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the*  
9 *Department of Defense, not more than \$1,000,000,000*  
10 *may be made available for the purposes of subsection*  
11 *(a).”.*

12 **SEC. 1247. OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY POS-**  
13 **TURE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.**

14 *Section 1268 of the National Defense Authorization*  
15 *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is amended*  
16 *by striking “Amounts authorized to be appropriated by this*  
17 *Act may not be obligated or expended” and inserting “None*  
18 *of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act*  
19 *or otherwise made available for fiscal years 2026 or 2027*  
20 *may be obligated or expended”.*

***Subtitle F—Reports***

***SEC. 1251. OVERSIGHT OF MILITARY-TO-MILITARY EX-  
CHANGES AND CONTACTS BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERA-  
TION.***

*(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report detailing any instance of bilateral military-to-military exchange or contact between the Department of Defense and the Government of the Russian Federation.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required in subsection (a) shall include—*

*(1) a list of each instance of military-to-military exchange or contact between the Department of Defense and the Government of the Russian Federation;*

*(2) a description of the purpose of each such instance of military-to-military exchange or contact;*

*(3) a detailed description of the benefits the Government of the Russian Federation expects to gain from such military-to-military exchanges and contacts; and*

1           (4) *a detailed assessment of the benefits the De-*  
2           *partment of Defense expects to gain from such mili-*  
3           *tary-to-military exchanges and contacts.*

4           (c) *SUNSET.*—*This section shall cease to be effective on*  
5           *December 31, 2029.*

6   **SEC. 1252. REPORT ON RUSSIA’S TARGETING OF RELIGIOUS**  
7                           **INFRASTRUCTURE IN UKRAINE.**

8           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*  
9           *date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter*  
10          *for 3 years, the Secretary of Defense shall coordinate with*  
11          *the Director of National Intelligence to ensure the prepara-*  
12          *tion of this report does not diminish national intelligence*  
13          *activities, and in coordination with the Secretary of State,*  
14          *shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a*  
15          *report that includes—*

16               (1) *a detailed description of the Russian Armed*  
17               *Forces and their affiliated, quasi-state, or occupation-*  
18               *era activities that damage, destroy, seize, repurpose,*  
19               *or otherwise directly or indirectly engage in or facili-*  
20               *tate serious harm to churches, synagogues, mosques,*  
21               *and other religious facilities, and their respective reli-*  
22               *gious organizations, in Russian-occupied territories of*  
23               *Ukraine, including a description of the weapons sys-*  
24               *tems, units, and, where ascertainable, the com-*

1        *manders responsible for ordering or conducting such*  
2        *strikes;*

3            (2) *an identification of churches, synagogues,*  
4        *mosques, and other religious facilities, including*  
5        *Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and other minority reli-*  
6        *gious institutions, that have been destroyed, damaged,*  
7        *seized, repurposed, or otherwise appropriated directly*  
8        *or indirectly by persons operating for or on behalf of*  
9        *the Russian Armed Forces or the Government of the*  
10       *Russian Federation in occupied territories of*  
11       *Ukraine;*

12            (3) *an assessment of—*

13            (A) *the number of Christians, Jews, Mus-*  
14        *lims (including Crimean Tatars), and other reli-*  
15        *gious minorities not affiliated with the Russian*  
16        *Orthodox Church who have been subjected to per-*  
17        *secution, imprisonment, or forced displacement*  
18        *in occupied territories of Ukraine as a result of*  
19        *Russian military operations or occupation-era*  
20        *policies;*

21            (B) *restrictions imposed on Christian, Jew-*  
22        *ish, Muslim, and other religions not affiliated*  
23        *with the Russian Orthodox Church's religious*  
24        *practices, worship services, or religious education*  
25        *in occupied territories, insofar as such restric-*

1        *tions are imposed or enforced by Russian mili-*  
2        *tary or security forces;*

3                *(C) efforts by the Government of Russia, by*  
4        *authorities exercising de facto governmental con-*  
5        *trol in occupied territory, or by entities or per-*  
6        *sons otherwise affiliated with Russia, to compel*  
7        *Christian organizations to affiliate with Moscow-*  
8        *based religious institutions or to suppress Chris-*  
9        *tian, Jewish, Muslim, or any other denomina-*  
10       *tions not aligned with Russian state interests,*  
11       *where such efforts are carried out by or in co-*  
12       *ordination with Russian military forces; and*

13               *(D) the overall impact of Russia's invasion*  
14       *of Ukraine, and its occupation of Ukrainian ter-*  
15       *ritory, on religious freedom and the physical in-*  
16       *tegrity of religious infrastructure in occupied*  
17       *territories of Ukraine, including Crimea and Se-*  
18       *vastopol; and*

19               *(4) a list of individuals and entities affiliated*  
20       *with the Government of Russia, the Russian Armed*  
21       *Forces, or exercising de facto authority in occupied*  
22       *territory, that—*

23               *(A) are responsible for ordering, directing,*  
24       *or conducting strikes or occupation-era activities*  
25       *that damaged or destroyed religious infrastruc-*

1           *ture, or that persecute, suppress, or discriminate*  
 2           *against Christians, Jews, or Muslims in Ukraine*  
 3           *and in the occupied territories of Ukraine; or*

4           *(B) have otherwise engaged in or attempted*  
 5           *to engage in any of the conduct described in this*  
 6           *subsection.*

7           *(b) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)*  
 8           *shall be submitted in an unclassified form but may include*  
 9           *a classified annex.*

10          *(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-*  
 11          *FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-*  
 12          *sional committees” means—*

13               *(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Com-*  
 14               *mittee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Select*  
 15               *Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-*  
 16               *tives; and*

17               *(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Com-*  
 18               *mittee on Foreign Relations, and the Select Com-*  
 19               *mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.*

20          **SEC. 1253. STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF UNITED STATES-**  
 21               **SOMALIA POLICY.**

22           *(a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of*  
 23           *enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall seek*  
 24           *to enter into a contract or other agreement with a federally*

1 *funded research and development center under which the*  
2 *center shall—*

3           (1) *conduct a study to assess the effectiveness of*  
4 *the past 20 years of United States policy in Somalia,*  
5 *including through United States security cooperation*  
6 *and security assistance, military operations, and*  
7 *other forms of assistance provided to and in Somalia,*  
8 *with respect to—*

9                   (A) *addressing and reducing the threat of*  
10 *violence posed by Al Shabaab and ISIS-Somalia;*  
11 *and*

12                   (B) *achieving other United States objectives*  
13 *with respect to Somalia; and*

14           (2) *develop evidence-based options and rec-*  
15 *ommendations for United States policy in Somalia to*  
16 *reduce or resolve the threat of violence posed by Al*  
17 *Shabaab and ISIS-Somalia.*

18           (b) *ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection (a)*  
19 *shall also discuss the following with respect to Somalia:*

20                   (1) *Factors leading to initial United States in-*  
21 *volvement in the conflict.*

22                   (2) *The legal opinions that interpreted the 2001*  
23 *Authorization to Use Military Force to apply to Al*  
24 *Shabaab.*



1           (3) *A description of the threats posed by Al*  
2           *Shabaab and ISIS-Somalia to the United States*  
3           *homeland.*

4           (4) *The amount of funds spent on security, devel-*  
5           *opment and humanitarian assistance, including the*  
6           *estimated costs of Department of Defense operations.*

7           (5) *An assessment of the policy objectives identi-*  
8           *fied by the United States with respect to such assist-*  
9           *ance and operations and any United States Govern-*  
10          *ment efforts to assess whether those objectives were*  
11          *met.*

12          (6) *A description of any efforts to push for a po-*  
13          *litical solution for the war, including internal United*  
14          *States Government discussions and outcomes, con-*  
15          *cerning whether or not to support dialogue with Al*  
16          *Shabaab.*

17          (7) *A description of all significant changes in*  
18          *United States policy, practice, or other factors that*  
19          *have contributed to an increase in the number of*  
20          *United States airstrikes in Somalia since January*  
21          *2025.*

22          (8) *A description of past and planned efforts to*  
23          *engage with the Somali armed forces on civilian*  
24          *harm mitigation and response issues.*

1           (9) *United States Government benchmarks for*  
2           *disengaging from military operations in Somalia*  
3           *over the course of United States military operations*  
4           *in the country.*

5           (c) *REPORT TO SECRETARY.*—*The federally funded re-*  
6           *search and development center that carries out the study*  
7           *and analysis under subsection (a) shall submit to the Sec-*  
8           *retary of Defense a report containing the results of such*  
9           *study.*

10          (d) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—*Not later than 30 days*  
11          *after receiving the report required by subsection (c), the Sec-*  
12          *retary of Defense shall submit an unaltered copy of the re-*  
13          *port to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate*  
14          *and House of Representatives.*

15          (e) *FORM; PUBLICATION.*—*The submission required by*  
16          *subsection (d) shall be in unclassified form and may include*  
17          *a classified annex. The unclassified portion of the report*  
18          *shall concurrently be made publicly available.*

1                   ***Subtitle G—Other Matters***

2   ***SEC. 1261. REPEAL OF TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO PRO-***  
 3                   ***VIDE TRAINING TO MILITARY FORCES OR NA-***  
 4                   ***TIONAL SECURITY FORCES OF COSTA RICA***  
 5                   ***AND PANAMA.***

6           *Section 1209 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 7   *Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C.*  
 8   *321 note) is repealed.*

9                   ***TITLE XIV—OTHER***  
 10                  ***AUTHORIZATIONS***

*Subtitle A—Military Programs*

*Sec. 1401. Working capital funds.*  
*Sec. 1402. Chemical agents and munitions destruction, defense.*  
*Sec. 1403. Drug interdiction and counter-drug activities, defense-wide.*  
*Sec. 1404. Defense Inspector General.*  
*Sec. 1405. Defense Health Program.*  
*Sec. 1406. Cable security fleet expansion.*

*Subtitle B—Other Matters*

*Sec. 1411. Extension of authorities for funding and management of joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund for Captain James A. Lovell Health Care Center, Illinois.*  
*Sec. 1412. Authorization of appropriations for Armed Forces Retirement Home.*  
*Sec. 1413. Critical minerals traceability pilot program.*

11                  ***Subtitle A—Military Programs***

12   ***SEC. 1401. WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS.***

13           *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-*  
 14   *cal year 2027 for the use of the Armed Forces and other*  
 15   *activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for*  
 16   *providing capital for working capital and revolving funds,*  
 17   *as specified in the funding table in section 4501.*

1 **SEC. 1402. CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUC-**  
2 **TION, DEFENSE.**

3 (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are*  
4 *hereby authorized to be appropriated for the Department*  
5 *of Defense for fiscal year 2027 for expenses, not otherwise*  
6 *provided for, for Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruc-*  
7 *tion, Defense, as specified in the funding table in section*  
8 *4501.*

9 (b) *USE.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated*  
10 *under subsection (a) are authorized for the destruction of*  
11 *lethal chemical agents and munitions in accordance with*  
12 *section 1412 of the Department of Defense Authorization*  
13 *Act, 1986 (50 U.S.C. 1521).*

14 **SEC. 1403. DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG AC-**  
15 **TIVITIES, DEFENSE-WIDE.**

16 *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the*  
17 *Department of Defense for fiscal year 2027 for expenses, not*  
18 *otherwise provided for, for Drug Interdiction and Counter-*  
19 *Drug Activities, Defense-wide, as specified in the funding*  
20 *table in section 4501.*

21 **SEC. 1404. DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

22 *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the*  
23 *Department of Defense for fiscal year 2027 for expenses, not*  
24 *otherwise provided for, for the Office of the Inspector Gen-*  
25 *eral of the Department of Defense, as specified in the fund-*  
26 *ing table in section 4501.*

1 **SEC. 1405. DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM.**

2 *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-*  
 3 *cal year 2027 for the Defense Health Program for use of*  
 4 *the Armed Forces and other activities and agencies of the*  
 5 *Department of Defense for providing for the health of eligi-*  
 6 *ble beneficiaries, as specified in the funding table in section*  
 7 *4501.*

8 **SEC. 1406. CABLE SECURITY FLEET EXPANSION.**

9 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CABLE SECURITY*  
 10 *FLEET.*—Section 53202(a)(2) of title 46, United States  
 11 Code, is amended by striking “two” and inserting “not less  
 12 than 6”.

13 (b) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section  
 14 53209 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
 15 ing “\$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2021 through  
 16 2035” and inserting “\$30,000,000 for each of the fiscal  
 17 years 2027 through 2040”.

18 ***Subtitle B—Other Matters***

19 **SEC. 1411. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES FOR FUNDING AND**  
 20 **MANAGEMENT OF JOINT DEPARTMENT OF**  
 21 **DEFENSE-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**  
 22 **FAIRS MEDICAL FACILITY DEMONSTRATION**  
 23 **FUND FOR CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL**  
 24 **HEALTH CARE CENTER, ILLINOIS.**

25 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 1704(e) of the National De-  
 26 *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law*

1 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), as most recently amended by sec-  
2 tion 1421(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
3 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2129),  
4 is amended by striking “September 30, 2027” and inserting  
5 “September 30, 2028”.

6 (b) *AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS.*—Of the  
7 funds authorized to be appropriated for section 1405 and  
8 available for the Defense Health Program for operation and  
9 maintenance, \$174,000,000 may be transferred by the Sec-  
10 retary of Defense to the Joint Department of Defense–De-  
11 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstra-  
12 tion Fund established by subsection (a)(1) of section 1704  
13 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
14 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571). For purposes  
15 of subsection (a)(2) of such section 1704, any funds so  
16 transferred shall be treated as amounts authorized and ap-  
17 propriated specifically for the purpose of such a transfer.

18 (c) *USE OF TRANSFERRED FUNDS.*—For the purposes  
19 of subsection (b) of such section 1704, facility operations  
20 for which funds transferred under subsection (a) may be  
21 used are operations of the Captain James A. Lovell Federal  
22 Health Care Center, consisting of the North Chicago Vet-  
23 erans Affairs Medical Center, the Navy Ambulatory Care  
24 Center, and supporting facilities designated as a combined  
25 Federal medical facility under an operational agreement

1 *covered by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National De-*  
 2 *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law*  
 3 *110–417; 122 Stat. 4500).*

4 **SEC. 1412. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**  
 5 **ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME.**

6 *There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal*  
 7 *year 2027 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust*  
 8 *Fund the sum of \$77,000,000 for the operation of the Armed*  
 9 *Forces Retirement Home.*

10 **SEC. 1413. CRITICAL MINERALS TRACEABILITY PILOT PRO-**  
 11 **GRAM.**

12 *(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after*  
 13 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
 14 *fense shall establish a pilot program within the Defense Lo-*  
 15 *gistics Agency to develop and evaluate traceability systems*  
 16 *for essential materials managed by the Agency, including*  
 17 *materials held in or acquired for the National Defense*  
 18 *Stockpile. In carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary*  
 19 *of Defense shall seek to—*

- 20 *(1) improve the ability of the Department of De-*  
 21 *fense to rapidly mobilize and allocate materials dur-*  
 22 *ing national emergencies or contingencies; and*  
 23 *(2) inform potential future Department-wide im-*  
 24 *plementation of traceability requirements for defense-*  
 25 *critical supply chains.*

1       (b) *CONTRACTS.*—*In carrying out the pilot program,*  
2 *the Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into contracts*  
3 *with appropriate entities to provide traceability systems in*  
4 *accordance with this section.*

5       (c) *TRACEABILITY PROVIDERS.*—

6           (1) *REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS.*—*The Sec-*  
7 *retary of Defense shall require that any entity that*  
8 *enters into a contract under this section—*

9               (A) *be organized under the laws of the*  
10 *United States;*

11               (B) *be owned and controlled by a United*  
12 *States person; and*

13               (C) *not be subject to foreign ownership or*  
14 *control or influence by any foreign government.*

15       (2) *CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.*—*Any contract*  
16 *entered into under this section shall require that the*  
17 *entity operate exclusively as a noncustodial digital*  
18 *traceability and verification service and shall not—*

19               (A) *extract, process, refine, transport, store,*  
20 *broker, finance, or take title to any covered mate-*  
21 *rial; or*

22               (B) *exercise physical control, custody, or*  
23 *possession of any covered material.*

24       (d) *TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.*—



1           (1) *COVERED MATERIALS.*—Any contract entered  
2           into under this section shall require that the  
3           traceability system provided under such contract  
4           traces the following materials:

5                     (A) *Titanium and titanium alloys.*

6                     (B) *Cobalt.*

7                     (C) *Rare earth elements and permanent*  
8                     *magnet materials.*

9                     (D) *Lithium and battery-grade materials.*

10                    (E) *Such other strategic and critical mate-*  
11                    *rials as the Secretary of Defense determines are*  
12                    *necessary to support defense production and*  
13                    *surge requirements.*

14           (2) *TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS.*—Any contract  
15           entered into under this section shall require that the  
16           traceability system provided under such contract—

17                     (A) *provides end-to-end visibility of covered*  
18                     *materials from point of extraction through proc-*  
19                     *essing, transportation, and end use in defense*  
20                     *articles or defense services;*

21                     (B) *verifies the origin, chain of custody,*  
22                     *mass balance, purity, and processing history of*  
23                     *covered materials;*

24                     (C) *maintains tamper-resistant, immutable,*  
25                     *and time-stamped records of custody events,*

1           *transformation events, and compliance status for*  
2           *covered materials;*

3                     *(D) employs cryptographic mechanisms to*  
4           *protect sensitive commercial and national secu-*  
5           *rity data while enabling verification by author-*  
6           *ized security personnel;*

7                     *(E) enables continuous auditing, anomaly*  
8           *detection, and identification and assessment of*  
9           *supply chain threats; and*

10                    *(F) integrates with existing Department of*  
11           *Defense procurement, intelligence monitoring,*  
12           *and risk assessment frameworks, including sup-*  
13           *port compliance audits conducted under section*  
14           *252.225-7052 of the Defense Federal Acquisition*  
15           *Regulation, or successor regulations.*

16           *(e) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary of Defense may en-*  
17           *force compliance with the requirements of this section*  
18           *through—*

19                     *(1) suspension or termination of contracts with*  
20           *entities that fail to comply with traceability system*  
21           *requirements under this section;*

22                     *(2) withholding of payments for contractors or*  
23           *subcontractors that fail to provide required*  
24           *traceability documentation; and*

1           (3) *exclusion from future defense contracts of en-*  
2           *tities that repeatedly fail to meet traceability system*  
3           *requirements under this section.*

4           (f) *PHASED EXPANSION.*—

5           (1) *PHASE I.*—*During the period beginning on*  
6           *the date the pilot program is established under sub-*  
7           *section (a) and ending on September 30, 2028, the*  
8           *Secretary of Defense shall implement a traceability*  
9           *system for materials managed by the Defense Logis-*  
10          *tics Agency, with priority given to covered materials*  
11          *designated as critical to weapons systems production.*

12          (2) *PHASE II.*—*Subject to the results of the re-*  
13          *port required under subsection (h), the Secretary of*  
14          *Defense may expand the traceability system to covered*  
15          *materials procured under defense contracts subject to*  
16          *the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supple-*  
17          *ment, beginning not earlier than October 1, 2029.*

18          (g) *BRIEFING.*—*Not later than one year after the date*  
19          *on which the Secretary of Defense establishes the pilot pro-*  
20          *gram under subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide a*  
21          *briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House*  
22          *of Representatives. Such briefing shall include—*

23               (1) *a description of each traceability system*  
24               *being evaluated under the pilot program, including*

1        *an assessment of how such system satisfied the tech-*  
2        *nical requirements under subsection (d);*

3            *(2) the criteria and process used to select a*  
4        *traceability service provider for the pilot program, in-*  
5        *cluding how provider eligibility requirements under*  
6        *subsection (c) were assessed and enforced;*

7            *(3) the timeline and status of pilot program im-*  
8        *plementation milestones; and*

9            *(4) any challenges or resource requirements en-*  
10       *countered in establishing the pilot programs.*

11        *(h) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date*  
12       *on which the Secretary of Defense establishes the pilot pro-*  
13       *gram under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to*  
14       *the congressional defense committees a report assessing the*  
15       *results of the pilot program. Such report shall include—*

16            *(1) an assessment of the operational effectiveness*  
17        *of each traceability system evaluated under the pilot*  
18        *program;*

19            *(2) an assessment of the impacts of such system*  
20        *on defense readiness and surge capacity;*

21            *(3) an assessment of the implications of such sys-*  
22        *tem for National Defense Stockpile management and*  
23        *replenishment;*

(4) *an assessment of the cost, scalability, and integration of such system with existing Department of Defense procurement systems; and*

(5) *recommendations for expansion of the pilot program or permanent authorization of a traceability requirement for defense-critical supply chains.*

(i) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

(1) *The term “covered materials” means any material listed in subsection (d)(1).*

(2) *The term “National Defense Stockpile” means the stockpile provided for in section 3 of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act (50 U.S.C. 98b).*

(3) *The term “United States person” has the meaning given such term in section 7701(a)(30) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.*

## ***TITLE XV—CYBERSPACE-RELATED MATTERS***

### ***Subtitle A—Cybersecurity***

#### ***SEC. 1501. DATA RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS AND STRATEGY.***

(a) *DATA RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS.—Chapter 19 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 391b the following new section:*

1 **“§ 391c. Data recovery requirements**

2 “(a) *MANDATORY RECOVERY TIME OBJECTIVES.—(1)*  
 3 *The Secretary of Defense shall, with respect to each element*  
 4 *of the Department of Defense, carry out the following:*

5 “(A) *Identify data that is mission critical or es-*  
 6 *sential to the operation of Department of Defense in-*  
 7 *formation systems and national security systems.*

8 “(B) *Not later than 180 days after the date of*  
 9 *the enactment of this section, establish mandatory re-*  
 10 *covery time objectives for data so identified.*

11 “(2) *Each recovery time objective established under*  
 12 *paragraph (1) shall satisfy the following requirements:*

13 “(A) *Be based upon the type of data to which*  
 14 *such objective applies, including with respect to threat*  
 15 *exposure.*

16 “(B) *Be updated in response to intelligence on*  
 17 *evolving threats.*

18 “(b) *DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘recovery*  
 19 *time objective’ means the maximum allowable time the Sec-*  
 20 *retary of Defense determines necessary to restore critical*  
 21 *functions and data following a cyberattack.”.*

22 (b) *DATA RESILIENCE PILOT PROGRAM.—*

23 (1) *ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days*  
 24 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
 25 *retary of Defense shall establish a pilot program to*  
 26 *assess the feasibility and effectiveness of fielding data*

1 *resilience capabilities for data that is mission critical*  
2 *or essential to the operation of Department of Defense*  
3 *information systems and national security systems,*  
4 *including—*

5 *(A) immutable backups that preserve logi-*  
6 *cally separated copies of data isolated from ex-*  
7 *ternal networks by means of software, firewalls,*  
8 *or other controls; and*

9 *(B) continuous monitoring of backup envi-*  
10 *ronments to detect tampering, insider threats,*  
11 *and malicious corruption.*

12 *(2) SCOPE.—The Secretary shall carry out the*  
13 *pilot program under paragraph (1) across not fewer*  
14 *than three covered systems selected by the Secretary,*  
15 *prioritizing covered systems with the highest con-*  
16 *centration of data that is mission critical or essential*  
17 *to the operation of Department of Defense informa-*  
18 *tion systems and national security systems.*

19 *(3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the*  
20 *establishment of the pilot program under paragraph*  
21 *(1), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional*  
22 *defense committees a report on the pilot program that*  
23 *includes—*

24 *(A) an assessment of the effectiveness of the*  
25 *capabilities fielded under the pilot program in*

1       *supporting recovery time objectives established*  
2       *under section 391c of title 10, United States*  
3       *Code, as added by subsection (a);*

4               *(B) the cost of fielding such capabilities;*  
5       *and*

6               *(C) a recommendation on whether to extend*  
7       *such capabilities Department-wide.*

8       (4) *DEFINITION.*—*In this subsection, the term*  
9       *“covered system” means an information system or na-*  
10       *tional security system of the Department of Defense*  
11       *that stores or processes data that is mission critical,*  
12       *as identified pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(A) of such*  
13       *section 391c.*

14       (c) *DATA RECOVERY STRATEGY.*—

15               (1) *SUBMISSION TO COMMITTEES.*—*Not later*  
16       *than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this*  
17       *Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-*  
18       *gressional defense committees a data recovery strategy*  
19       *for the Department of Defense that includes informa-*  
20       *tion relating to the following:*

21                       (A) *Recovery time objectives for such*  
22                       *strategy.*

23                       (B) *The approach to accomplish such*  
24                       *objectives.*



1                   (C) Oversight processes with respect to  
2 such strategy.

3                   (D) The funds necessary to carry out  
4 such strategy.

5                   (E) The approach to fielding data re-  
6 silience capabilities for data that is mission  
7 critical or essential to the operation of De-  
8 partment of Defense information systems  
9 and national security systems, including  
10 immutable backups that preserve logically  
11 separated copies isolated from external net-  
12 works, and continuous monitoring of  
13 backup environments to detect tampering,  
14 insider threats, and malicious corruption.

15                   (2) FORM.—The strategy under paragraph  
16 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
17 may contain a classified annex.

18                   (3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the  
19 term “recovery time objective” means the max-  
20 imum allowable time the Secretary of Defense  
21 determines necessary to restore critical functions  
22 and data following a cyberattack.

1 **SEC. 1502. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AI INCIDENT AND**  
2 **VULNERABILITY REPORTING PROGRAM.**

3 Chapter 131 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
4 ed by inserting after section 2224a the following new sec-  
5 tion:

6 **“§2224b. Artificial intelligence incident and vulner-**  
7 **ability reporting program**

8 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Defense shall es-  
9 tablish a centralized Department-wide program for the re-  
10 porting, tracking, analysis, and remediation of covered AI  
11 incidents and covered AI vulnerabilities arising from the  
12 development, testing, procurement, fielding, or operation of  
13 artificial intelligence systems within the Department of De-  
14 fense.

15 “(b) *PURPOSE.*—The purpose of the program estab-  
16 lished under subsection (a) shall be to—

17 “(1) identify recurring risks, failure modes,  
18 vulnerabilities, and systemic weaknesses in artificial  
19 intelligence systems, including risks or failure modes  
20 arising from human-machine teaming;

21 “(2) support mitigation of significant risks; and

22 “(3) inform testing, procurement, cybersecurity,  
23 and deployment decisions to improve the safety, secu-  
24 rity, reliability, and operational effectiveness of such  
25 systems.

1       “(c) *REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM.*—*The program*  
2 *shall—*

3               “(1) *be designed using practices drawn from es-*  
4 *tablished safety incident reporting programs, vulner-*  
5 *ability disclosure programs, and programs to identify*  
6 *and develop lessons learned;*

7               “(2) *emphasize non-punitive reporting, protec-*  
8 *tion of sensitive and proprietary information, and*  
9 *dissemination of lessons learned, as appropriate; and*

10              “(3) *include a mechanism to enable timely access*  
11 *to and sharing of relevant logs, system data, and*  
12 *model information as necessary to support analysis*  
13 *and response.*

14       “(d) *DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL.*—*The Secretary shall*  
15 *designate an appropriate official for the reporting, track-*  
16 *ing, analysis, and remediation of covered AI incidents and*  
17 *covered AI vulnerabilities under this section. The Secretary,*  
18 *acting through such official, shall receive and standardize*  
19 *reports, conduct trend analysis, identify recurring risks and*  
20 *failure modes, and issue guidance, alerts, and recommenda-*  
21 *tions, as appropriate.*

22       “(e) *REPORTING AND CATEGORIZATION.*—(1) *The Sec-*  
23 *retary shall require prompt reporting to the official des-*  
24 *ignated under subsection (d) of—*

25              “(A) *any covered AI incident; and*

1           “(B) any covered AI vulnerability.

2           “(2) The Secretary, acting through the official, shall  
3 categorize each incident or vulnerability reported to the offi-  
4 cial according to whether the incident or vulnerability re-  
5 quires—

6           “(A) a Department-wide response;

7           “(B) a response at the program level; or

8           “(C) a response at a local level.

9           “(f) DEPARTMENT-WIDE AND PROGRAM-LEVEL MAT-  
10 TERS.—(1) In the case of any incident or vulnerability cat-  
11 egorized under subsection (e)(2)(A) or (B), the Secretary,  
12 acting through the official designated under subsection (d),  
13 shall coordinate any responses that the Secretary considers  
14 appropriate, such as remediation, retesting, mitigation  
15 measures, or deployment restrictions.

16           “(2) In addition, in the case of any incident or vulner-  
17 ability described in subsection (e)(2)(A), the Secretary, act-  
18 ing through the official, shall require—

19           “(A) a documented corrective action plan; and

20           “(B) validation that the mitigation measures, if  
21 any, in such plan have been implemented before con-  
22 tinued operational use.

23           “(g) PROTECTION OF REPORTS.—(1) The Secretary  
24 shall establish a protected disclosure process, informed by  
25 established vulnerability disclosure practices, through which

1 *members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees, contrac-*  
2 *tors, and subcontractors at any tier may report covered AI*  
3 *incidents and covered AI vulnerabilities in good faith.*

4       “(2) *The Secretary shall ensure that a person making*  
5 *a report in good faith under paragraph (1) is not, on the*  
6 *basis of that report alone, subject to adverse contract action,*  
7 *subject to adverse personnel action, or otherwise retaliated*  
8 *against by the Department.*

9       “(h) *PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary*  
10 *shall establish procedures to protect sensitive, proprietary,*  
11 *and classified information submitted through the protected*  
12 *disclosure process under subsection (g).*

13       “(i) *ANNUAL REPORT.—(1) In each of years 2027*  
14 *through 2031, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-*  
15 *sional defense committees an annual report on the program.*  
16 *The report shall include—*

17               “(A) *the number of reports made of incidents*  
18 *and vulnerabilities and the categorizations of such re-*  
19 *ports;*

20               “(B) *a summary of significant trends, recurring*  
21 *risks, systemic issues, and corrective actions taken in*  
22 *response;*

23               “(C) *in the case of any covered AI incident re-*  
24 *sulting in the loss of life of, or in bodily harm to, a*

1       *member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force,*  
2       *or Space Force—*

3               “(i) *a description of the incident, including*  
4               *the system or systems involved and the oper-*  
5               *ational context;*

6               “(ii) *the date and time the incident oc-*  
7               *curred;*

8               “(iii) *an assessment of the cause and oper-*  
9               *ational consequence of the incident; and*

10              “(iv) *any corrective actions taken; and*

11              “(D) *any recommendations for changes to test-*  
12              *ing, procurement, cybersecurity, or deployment poli-*  
13              *cies relating to artificial intelligence systems.*

14              “(2) *Each report under this subsection shall be sub-*  
15              *mitted in unclassified form but may include a classified*  
16              *annex.*

17              “(j) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

18                      “(1) *The term ‘artificial intelligence’ has the*  
19                      *meaning given such term in section 5002 of the Na-*  
20                      *tional Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020*  
21                      *(15 U.S.C. 9401).*

22                      “(2) *The term ‘covered AI incident’ means an*  
23                      *event in which an artificial intelligence system—*

24                              “(A) *causes unintended operational, safety,*  
25                              *or security harm;*

1           “(B) operates outside authorized parameters  
2           or approved safety, legal, or mission guardrails;

3           “(C) materially degrades mission perform-  
4           ance or reliability in a real-world or operation-  
5           ally representative environment;

6           “(D) fails to respond to an operator dis-  
7           engage command;

8           “(E) operates in a manner that, under rea-  
9           sonably foreseeable circumstances, could have re-  
10          sulted in significant unintended operational,  
11          safety, or security harm; or

12          “(F) operates in a manner that raises con-  
13          cerns regarding system control and autonomy.

14          “(3) The term ‘covered AI vulnerability’ means  
15          an exploitable weakness, vulnerability, or systemic  
16          issue in an artificial intelligence system or related  
17          component that could materially affect mission per-  
18          formance, compromise system integrity, create safety  
19          risk, or result in unauthorized or unintended behav-  
20          ior.”.

21   **SEC. 1503. REVIEW AND REALIGNMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF**  
22                   **DEFENSE   CYBERSECURITY   RESPONSIBIL-**  
23                   **ITIES.**

24          (a) *REVIEW AND REALIGNMENT.*—

1           (1) *REVIEW REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of De-*  
2 *fense shall conduct a comprehensive review of the*  
3 *roles, responsibilities, relationships, authorities, and*  
4 *governance structures relating to cybersecurity, infor-*  
5 *mation technology, network defense, and defensive*  
6 *cyber operations within the Department of Defense in*  
7 *order to achieve the following goals:*

8                   (A) *Establish clear accountability for the*  
9 *cybersecurity of Department of Defense informa-*  
10 *tion networks, including identification of one of-*  
11 *ficial designated as the single accountable official*  
12 *responsible for the cybersecurity of Department*  
13 *of Defense information networks.*

14                   (B) *Improve the operational effectiveness,*  
15 *responsiveness, and unity of effort of Depart-*  
16 *ment-wide cybersecurity, information technology,*  
17 *network defense, and defensive cyber operations.*

18                   (C) *Eliminate structural overlap, duplica-*  
19 *tion, and fragmentation across organizations re-*  
20 *sponsible for cybersecurity, information tech-*  
21 *nology, network defense, and defensive cyber op-*  
22 *erations.*

23                   (D) *Reduce overlapping responsibilities and*  
24 *ensure alignment of policy, strategy, budgetary*  
25 *oversight, and operational support necessary for*



1           *the cybersecurity of Department of Defense infor-*  
2           *mation networks in an evolving threat environ-*  
3           *ment.*

4           (2) *SCOPE.*—*The review conducted under this*  
5           *subsection shall include an assessment of the roles, re-*  
6           *sponsibilities, relationships, and authorities among—*

7                   (A) *the Chief Information Officer of the De-*  
8                   *partment of Defense;*

9                   (B) *the Assistant Secretary of Defense for*  
10                  *Cyber Policy;*

11                  (C) *the Principal Cyber Advisor to the Sec-*  
12                  *retary of Defense;*

13                  (D) *the Commander of the United States*  
14                  *Cyber Command;*

15                  (E) *the Department of Defense Cyber De-*  
16                  *fense Command; and*

17                  (F) *such other offices, elements, or organiza-*  
18                  *tions as the Secretary determines appropriate.*

19           (3) *REALIGNMENT.*—*As a result of the review,*  
20           *and in order to achieve the goals specified in para-*  
21           *graph (1), the Secretary may, consistent with appli-*  
22           *cable law—*

23                   (A) *realign, consolidate, or modify the roles,*  
24                   *responsibilities, relationships, and authorities of*

1           *the officials, offices, elements, and organizations*  
2           *specified in paragraph (2);*

3                   *(B) reassign functions, personnel, and re-*  
4           *sources among such officials, offices, elements,*  
5           *and organizations;*

6                   *(C) eliminate duplicative functions; and*

7                   *(D) clarify or revise reporting relationships*  
8           *and lines of authority.*

9           *(b) PRESERVATION OF FUNCTIONS.—In carrying out*  
10   *subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that all functions*  
11   *necessary for the governance, defense, and operation of De-*  
12   *partment of Defense information networks are maintained,*  
13   *regardless of the organizational structure to which such*  
14   *functions are assigned.*

15           *(c) LIMITATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW OFFICE*  
16   *OR ORGANIZATION.—The Secretary may not establish a*  
17   *new office or organization for the purpose of carrying out*  
18   *this section unless the Secretary determines that such estab-*  
19   *lishment is necessary to achieve the goals specified in sub-*  
20   *section (a)(1) and consistent with applicable law.*

21           *(d) LIMITATION ON REASSIGNMENT OR ELIMINATION*  
22   *OF FUNCTION.—The Secretary may not reassign or elimi-*  
23   *nate a function associated with an official, office, element,*  
24   *or organization for the purpose of carrying out this section*  
25   *unless the Secretary submits to the congressional defense*

1 committees a notification of the reassignment or elimi-  
2 nation of the function and a period of 15 days has elapsed  
3 after the date on which the notification was submitted.

4 (e) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Nothing in this section  
5 shall be construed to authorize the Secretary of Defense to  
6 modify, transfer, eliminate, or otherwise alter any role, re-  
7 sponsibility, relationship, authority, function, or any other  
8 matter expressly required by law.

9 (f) *REPORT.*—

10 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 90 days after  
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
12 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
13 mittees a report on the results of the review conducted  
14 under subsection (a).

15 (2) *ELEMENTS.*—The report shall include—

16 (A) identification of the official designated  
17 as the single accountable official responsible for  
18 the cybersecurity of Department of Defense infor-  
19 mation networks, as specified in subsection  
20 (a)(1)(A);

21 (B) a description of any realignment, con-  
22 solidation, or modification made, or to be made,  
23 to the roles, responsibilities, relationships, and  
24 authorities of the officials, offices, elements, and

1        *organizations reviewed, as specified in subsection*  
2        *(a)(3)(A);*

3                *(C) a description of any reassignment of*  
4        *functions, personnel, and resources made, or to*  
5        *be made, among the officials, offices, elements,*  
6        *and organizations reviewed, as specified in sub-*  
7        *section (a)(3)(B);*

8                *(D) a description of any duplicative func-*  
9        *tions eliminated, or to be eliminated, as set forth*  
10       *in subsection (a)(3)(C);*

11               *(E) a description of any clarification or re-*  
12       *vision made, or to be made, to reporting rela-*  
13       *tionships and lines of authority, as set forth in*  
14       *subsection (a)(3)(D);*

15               *(F) a mapping of the responsibilities and*  
16       *authorities assigned as of the date of the enact-*  
17       *ment of this Act to each respective official, office,*  
18       *element, or organization reviewed (including an*  
19       *identification of whether the responsibility or au-*  
20       *thority is required by law to be assigned to such*  
21       *official, office, element, or organization, and an*  
22       *mapping of the responsibilities and authorities*  
23       *as they will be assigned after completion of the*  
24       *activities specified in subsection (a)(3);*

1           (G) a timeline for implementation of the ac-  
 2           tivities specified in subsection (a)(3), under  
 3           which all such activities shall be implemented  
 4           not later than one year after the date of the en-  
 5           actment of this Act;

6           (H) identification of any legislative rec-  
 7           ommendations, including any provisions of law  
 8           requiring amendment, to fully implement the  
 9           goals specified in subsection (a)(1) and the ac-  
 10          tivities specified in subsection (a)(3); and

11          (I) a justification for the new structure, in-  
 12          cluding an explanation for how the new struc-  
 13          ture better achieves the goals specified in sub-  
 14          section (a)(1) than the current structure.

15          (g) *BRIEFING*.—Not later than 45 days after the date  
 16          of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide a  
 17          briefing to the congressional defense committees on prelimi-  
 18          nary findings of the review.

19   **SEC. 1504. INCLUSION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND**  
 20           **OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SECURITY IN**  
 21           **COMBATANT COMMAND PLANNING AND**  
 22           **READINESS EXERCISES.**

23          (a) *REQUIREMENT*.—The Secretary of Defense shall di-  
 24          rect the commanders of the combatant commands, consistent  
 25          with the authorities provided under sections 164 and 167b

1 *of title 10, United States Code, to incorporate critical infra-*  
2 *structure security and operational technology security con-*  
3 *siderations into—*

4           (1) *planning activities conducted to execute na-*  
5 *tional defense strategies; and*

6           (2) *joint and combined planning, training, and*  
7 *readiness exercises.*

8       (b) *SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES.*—*The activities described in*  
9 *subsection (a) shall, at a minimum, include—*

10           (1) *assessment of vulnerabilities and resilience of*  
11 *critical infrastructure and operational technology sys-*  
12 *tems that support military operations, defense sup-*  
13 *port to civil authorities, and homeland defense mis-*  
14 *sions;*

15           (2) *coordination with relevant Federal depart-*  
16 *ments and agencies, State, local, Tribal, and terri-*  
17 *torial authorities, and private sector owners and op-*  
18 *erators, as appropriate; and*

19           (3) *integration of cyber, operational technology,*  
20 *and physical effects relevant to disruption, degrada-*  
21 *tion, or compromise of such systems.*

1 **SEC. 1505. PILOT PROGRAM FOR AUTONOMOUS MISSION IN-**  
2 **TEGRATION OF UNMANNED SURFACE VEHI-**  
3 **CLES.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary of the Navy, in*  
5 *consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-*  
6 *search and Engineering, shall establish a pilot program, to*  
7 *be known as the Autonomous Mission Pre-Integration Pilot*  
8 *Program, to assess industry-led approaches for pre-integra-*  
9 *tion of autonomy services and multi-mission payloads on*  
10 *medium unmanned surface vehicles, utilizing a common,*  
11 *cybersecure operating system to enable cross-platform col-*  
12 *laboration.*

13 (b) *OBJECTIVES.*—*The pilot program shall develop*  
14 *and validate rapidly composable, multi-mission capabili-*  
15 *ties to support distributed maritime operations in contested*  
16 *environments, including pre-integration of—*

- 17 (1) *autonomy services and mission software;*  
18 (2) *kinetic and non-kinetic systems;*  
19 (3) *advanced sensors and communications; and*  
20 (4) *edge-based collaborative artificial intel-*  
21 *ligence.*

22 (c) *MODULAR OPEN SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE.*—*The*  
23 *pilot program shall employ modular open systems architec-*  
24 *ture standards and open interfaces to ensure interoper-*  
25 *ability, portability, and cybersecurity across platforms. The*  
26 *Secretary shall leverage lessons from prior autonomy and*

1 *control system efforts while avoiding approaches that limit*  
2 *competition, inhibit innovation, or place primary integra-*  
3 *tion responsibility on the Government where industry solu-*  
4 *tions are available.*

5 *(d) BRIEFINGS.—*

6 *(1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days*  
7 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
8 *retary, in consultation with the Under Secretary,*  
9 *shall brief the congressional defense committees on the*  
10 *implementation of the pilot program, including—*

11 *(A) coordination between and among pro-*  
12 *gram offices, the Under Secretary, the com-*  
13 *manders of the combatant commands, the oper-*  
14 *ational component, and industry;*

15 *(B) methods to reduce technical risk and*  
16 *promote competition, including shifting integra-*  
17 *tion risk to industry through pre-integration and*  
18 *demonstration; and*

19 *(C) plans to accelerate prototyping, inde-*  
20 *pendent assessment, and operational integration.*

21 *(2) FOLLOW-ON BRIEFING.—Not later than one*  
22 *year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
23 *Secretary shall brief the congressional defense commit-*  
24 *tees with an update on the implementation of the*



1        *pilot program, including findings, data, and mission*  
2        *outcomes.*

3        **SEC. 1506. CIVILIAN CYBERSECURITY RESERVE CORPS**  
4        **PILOT PROGRAM.**

5        (a) *PROGRAM REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of Defense*  
6        *shall carry out a pilot program to further evaluate the feasi-*  
7        *bility and advisability of creating and maintaining a civil-*  
8        *ian cybersecurity reserve corps to enable the Department*  
9        *of Defense and military services to provide qualified civil-*  
10       *ian manpower to the Department of Defense to effectively*  
11       *respond to significant cyber incidents or to assist in solving*  
12       *other exceptionally difficult cyber workforce-related chal-*  
13       *lenges.*

14       (b) *CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR REPORT.*—*In con-*  
15       *ducting the pilot program required by subsection (a), the*  
16       *Secretary shall take into consideration the findings and rec-*  
17       *ommendations of the report required by section 1540 of the*  
18       *James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for*  
19       *Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2914)*  
20       *(titled “Independent Assessment of Civilian Cybersecurity*  
21       *Reserve for Department of Defense” and dated October*  
22       *2025).*

23       (c) *PLANNING.*—

24                (1) *PLAN.*—*Prior to carrying out the pilot pro-*  
25       *gram required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall*

1       create a detailed written plan for the program, which  
2       shall include—

3               (A) a concept of operations for the civilian  
4       cybersecurity reserve corps;

5               (B) an assessment of the necessary legal and  
6       contractual requirements;

7               (C) recruitment, assessment, and selection  
8       criteria and methodologies;

9               (D) talent management processes and sys-  
10      tem prototypes;

11              (E) defining the initial mission set and or-  
12      ganization structure of the civilian cybersecurity  
13      reserve corps;

14              (F) metrics with respect to cost and benefits  
15      that will be used to inform the Secretary's eval-  
16      uation of the pilot program; and

17              (G) any other matters that the Secretary  
18      considers appropriate.

19              (2) *REPORT AND BRIEFING.*—Not later than the  
20      date that is six months after the date of the enactment  
21      of this Act, the Secretary shall provide the congres-  
22      sional defense committees with a report and briefing  
23      on the plan created under paragraph (1). The Sec-  
24      retary shall not carry out the pilot program until

1       *after the Secretary has provided the report and brief-*  
 2       *ing.*

3       (d) *SCOPE.*—*In carrying out the pilot program, the*  
 4       *Secretary shall establish an initial cohort of not more than*  
 5       *20 members of the civilian cybersecurity reserve corps.*

6       **SEC. 1507. FEDERAL CONTRACTOR VULNERABILITY DISCLO-**  
 7               **SURE POLICY.**

8       (a) *RECOMMENDATIONS.*—

9               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
 10       *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of*  
 11       *the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation*  
 12       *with the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastruc-*  
 13       *ture Security Agency, the National Cyber Director,*  
 14       *the Director of the National Institute of Standards*  
 15       *and Technology, and any other appropriate head of*  
 16       *an Executive department, shall—*

17               (A) *review the Federal Acquisition Regula-*  
 18       *tion contract requirements and language for con-*  
 19       *tractor vulnerability disclosure programs; and*

20               (B) *recommend updates to such require-*  
 21       *ments and language to the Federal Acquisition*  
 22       *Regulation Council.*

23       (2) *CONTENTS.*—*The recommendations required*  
 24       *by paragraph (1) shall include updates to such re-*  
 25       *quirements designed to ensure that covered contractors*

1       *implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent*  
2       *with NIST guidelines for contractors as required*  
3       *under section 5 of the IoT Cybersecurity Improvement*  
4       *Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 278g–3c).*

5       **(b) PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.**—*Not later than*  
6       *180 days after the date on which the recommended contract*  
7       *language developed pursuant to subsection (a) is received,*  
8       *the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council shall review the*  
9       *recommended contract language and update the FAR as*  
10       *necessary to incorporate requirements for covered contrac-*  
11       *tors to receive information about a potential security vul-*  
12       *nerability relating to an information system owned or con-*  
13       *trolled by a contractor, in performance of the contract.*

14       **(c) ELEMENTS.**—*The update to the FAR pursuant to*  
15       *subsection (b) shall—*

16               *(1) to the maximum extent practicable, align*  
17       *with the security vulnerability disclosure process and*  
18       *coordinated disclosure requirements relating to Fed-*  
19       *eral information systems under sections 5 and 6 of*  
20       *the IoT Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2020 (15*  
21       *U.S.C. 278g–3c and 278g–3d); and*

22               *(2) to the maximum extent practicable, be*  
23       *aligned with industry best practices and Standards*  
24       *29147 and 30111 of the International Standards Or-*

1        *ganization (or any successor standard) or any other*  
2        *appropriate, relevant, and widely used standard.*

3        (d) *WAIVER.—The head of an agency may waive the*  
4        *security vulnerability disclosure policy requirement under*  
5        *subsection (b) if—*

6                (1) *the agency Chief Information Officer deter-*  
7        *mines that the waiver is necessary in the interest of*  
8        *national security or research purposes; and*

9                (2) *if, not later than 30 days after granting a*  
10        *waiver, such head submits a notification and jus-*  
11        *tification (including information about the duration*  
12        *of the waiver) to the Committee on Oversight and*  
13        *Government Reform of the House of Representatives*  
14        *and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-*  
15        *ernmental Affairs of the Senate.*

16        (e) *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SUPPLEMENT TO THE*  
17        *FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION.—*

18                (1) *REVIEW.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
19        *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
20        *fense shall review the Department of Defense Supple-*  
21        *ment to the Federal Acquisition Regulation contract*  
22        *requirements and language for contractor vulner-*  
23        *ability disclosure programs and develop updates to*  
24        *such requirements designed to ensure that covered*  
25        *contractors implement a vulnerability disclosure pol-*

1        *icy consistent with NIST guidelines for contractors as*  
2        *required under section 5 of the IoT Cybersecurity Im-*  
3        *provement Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 278g–3c).*

4            (2) *REVISIONS.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
5        *the date on which the review required under sub-*  
6        *section (a) is completed, the Secretary shall revise the*  
7        *DFARS as necessary to incorporate requirements for*  
8        *covered contractors to receive information about a po-*  
9        *tential security vulnerability relating to an informa-*  
10       *tion system owned or controlled by a contractor, in*  
11       *performance of the contract.*

12           (3) *ELEMENTS.*—*The Secretary shall ensure that*  
13       *the revision to the DFARS described in this sub-*  
14       *section is carried out in accordance with the require-*  
15       *ments of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c).*

16           (4) *WAIVER.*—*The Chief Information Officer of*  
17       *the Department of Defense, in consultation with the*  
18       *National Manager for National Security Systems,*  
19       *may waive the security vulnerability disclosure policy*  
20       *requirements under paragraph (2) if the Chief Infor-*  
21       *mation Officer—*

22                (A) *determines that the waiver is necessary*  
23                *in the interest of national security or research*  
24                *purposes; and*

1           (B) not later than 30 days after granting a  
2           waiver, submits a notification and justification  
3           (including information about the duration of the  
4           waiver) to the Committees on Armed Services of  
5           the House of Representatives and the Senate.

6           (f) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

7           (1) The term “agency” has the meaning given  
8           the term in section 3502 of title 44, United States  
9           Code.

10          (2) The term “covered contractor” means a con-  
11          tractor (as defined in section 7101 of title 41, United  
12          States Code)—

13                 (A) whose contract is in an amount the  
14                 same as or greater than the simplified acquisi-  
15                 tion threshold; or

16                 (B) that operates, manages, or maintains a  
17                 Federal information system (as defined by sec-  
18                 tion 11331 of title 40, United States Code) on  
19                 behalf of an agency.

20          (3) The term “DFARS” means the Department  
21          of Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition  
22          Regulation.

23          (4) The term “Executive department” has the  
24          meaning given that term in section 101 of title 5,  
25          United States Code.

1           (5) *The term “FAR” means the Federal Acquisition*  
 2           *Regulation.*

3           (6) *The term “NIST” means the National Insti-*  
 4           *tute of Standards and Technology.*

5           (7) *The term “OMB” means the Office of Man-*  
 6           *agement and Budget.*

7           (8) *The term “security vulnerability” has the*  
 8           *meaning given that term in section 2200 of the*  
 9           *Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).*

10          (9) *The term “simplified acquisition threshold”*  
 11          *has the meaning given that term in section 134 of*  
 12          *title 41, United States Code.*

13       ***Subtitle B—Information Technology***  
 14       ***and Artificial Intelligence***

15       ***SEC. 1521. SOFTWARE PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDG-***  
 16       ***ETING, AND EXECUTION REFORM.***

17          (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 131 of title 10, United  
 18       *States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2220 the*  
 19       *following new section:*

20       ***“§ 2221. Availability of appropriations accounts for***  
 21               ***full lifecycle of software capabilities: reg-***  
 22               ***ulations***

23          “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Defense shall en-  
 24       *sure that the relevant financial management regulations of*  
 25       *the Department provide guidance for the budgeting and exe-*



1 *cution of funds for software capabilities. Such guidance*  
2 *shall—*

3           “(1) *reflect that amounts appropriated for oper-*  
4 *ations and maintenance, procurement, or research,*  
5 *development, test, and evaluation may be used at each*  
6 *stage in the lifecycle of a software capability, con-*  
7 *sistent with applicable law;*

8           “(2) *clarify that such amounts may be used, as*  
9 *appropriate, for all activities at each such stage in*  
10 *the lifecycle of a software capability;*

11           “(3) *provide that, for any program or activity of*  
12 *the Department that requires a new software capa-*  
13 *bility, the appropriations account primarily available*  
14 *for that program or activity shall be available for*  
15 *that new software capability;*

16           “(4) *not impose restrictions on the availability*  
17 *of funds for software capabilities, except as required*  
18 *by law; and*

19           “(5) *maintain consistency, to the maximum ex-*  
20 *tent practicable, with Recommendation 11A of the*  
21 *final report (dated March 2024) of the Commission*  
22 *on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execu-*  
23 *tion Reform, as submitted under section 1004 of the*  
24 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
25 *2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1884).*

1       “(b) *DEFINITION.*—*In this section, the term ‘lifecycle’*  
2 *includes stages such as development, prototyping, testing,*  
3 *fielding, modification, upgrading, licensing, sustainment,*  
4 *and retirement.’.*”

5       (b) *ISSUANCE OF REVISED REGULATIONS.*—

6           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than one year after*  
7 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
8 *Defense shall issue revised regulations to implement*  
9 *section 2221 of title 10, United States Code, as added*  
10 *by this section.*

11          (2) *NOTIFICATION.*—*Not later than 30 days after*  
12 *the Secretary issues the revised regulations under*  
13 *paragraph (1), the Secretary shall notify the congres-*  
14 *sional defense committees of the revisions.*

15       (c) *UPDATES AND REPORT.*—

16           (1) *WRITTEN UPDATES.*—*Not later than 180*  
17 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and*  
18 *every 90 days thereafter until the revised regulations*  
19 *required by subsection (b) are issued, the Secretary*  
20 *shall submit to the congressional defense committees a*  
21 *written update containing—*

22                   (A) *a description of the progress made to-*  
23 *ward completing the revised regulations, along*  
24 *with specific actions taken and remaining mile-*  
25 *stones;*

1           (B) the most up-to-date working draft of the  
2           revised regulations, or an outline of such work-  
3           ing draft in sufficient detail to demonstrate the  
4           manner in which, and the extent to which, the  
5           working draft implements section 2221;

6           (C) a description of any anticipated bar-  
7           riers to full and timely issuance of the revised  
8           regulations and full and timely implementation  
9           of such regulations;

10          (D) any recommendations for legislation to  
11          fully implement such revised regulations; and

12          (E) if the Secretary has not issued such re-  
13          vised regulations within the period described in  
14          subsection (b), an explanation for the delay and  
15          the anticipated timeline for issuing the revised  
16          regulations.

17          (2) *REPORT.*—Not later than one year after the  
18          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
19          submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
20          port containing—

21               (A) the revised regulations required by sub-  
22               section (b); and

23               (B) any remaining barriers to full and  
24               timely implementation of such revised regula-  
25               tions.

1 **SEC. 1522. REQUIREMENT FOR GUIDANCE AND PROHIBI-**  
 2 **TION ON USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
 3 **OF CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COM-**  
 4 **PANIES.**

5 *Section 1532 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 6 *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (10 U.S.C. 2224 note) is amended*  
 7 *in subsection (a)—*

8 *(1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-*  
 9 *lows:*

10 *“(2) GUIDANCE FOR DEPARTMENT SYSTEMS AND*  
 11 *DEVICES.—Not later than 30 days after the date of*  
 12 *the enactment of the National Defense Authorization*  
 13 *Act for Fiscal Year 2027, the Secretary of Defense*  
 14 *shall issue Department of Defense-wide guidance for*  
 15 *the identification of covered artificial intelligence*  
 16 *companies and processes for the exclusion and re-*  
 17 *moval of artificial intelligence developed by such com-*  
 18 *panies from systems and devices of the Department.”;*  
 19 *and*

20 *(2) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “if” and*  
 21 *inserting “on and after the date that is 90 days after*  
 22 *the date on which”.*

23 **SEC. 1523. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE MODEL RAPID DE-**  
 24 **PLOYMENT FRAMEWORK.**

25 *(a) FRAMEWORK REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-*  
 26 *fense, acting through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intel-*

1 *ligence Officer of the Department of Defense, shall establish*  
2 *a framework for the rapid deployment of artificial intel-*  
3 *ligence (“AI”), to be known as the Artificial Intelligence*  
4 *Model Rapid Deployment Framework (in this section re-*  
5 *ferred to as the “Framework”), to enable the evaluation, au-*  
6 *thorization, and deployment of AI systems on Department*  
7 *enterprise AI platforms, as appropriate. The objective of the*  
8 *Framework shall be to enable deployment of such systems*  
9 *on such platforms within 30 days after public availability.*

10 *(b) ELEMENTS.—The Framework shall include the fol-*  
11 *lowing elements:*

12 *(1) VENDOR AND MODEL ONBOARDING PROC-*  
13 *ESS.—Establishment of standardized processes for de-*  
14 *ploying AI systems onto Department enterprise AI*  
15 *platforms, including security reviews, technical as-*  
16 *sessments, and integration with other Department*  
17 *systems and platforms.*

18 *(2) COMMON DEFINITIONS AND CATEGORIES.—*  
19 *Common definitions or categories for AI systems de-*  
20 *ployed on Department enterprise AI platforms, in-*  
21 *cluding systems with agentic capabilities, to support*  
22 *acquisition clarity, testing, authorization, and oper-*  
23 *ational adoption.*

24 *(3) SECURITY TESTING AND EVALUATION.—Es-*  
25 *tablishment of security testing and evaluation capa-*

1        *bilities to support security assessments for AI systems*  
2        *deployed on Department enterprise AI platforms, in-*  
3        *cluding adversarial testing, supply chain risk assess-*  
4        *ments, and other security testing appropriate for AI*  
5        *systems, consistent with existing cybersecurity and*  
6        *test and evaluation policies.*

7            (4) *MULTI-CLASSIFICATION DEPLOYMENT.—Es-*  
8        *tablishment of capability to deploy AI systems on De-*  
9        *partment enterprise AI platforms across multiple*  
10       *classification levels, as appropriate, with appropriate*  
11       *security controls and data isolation.*

12           (5) *STREAMLINED SYSTEM AUTHORIZATION*  
13       *PROCESSES.—In coordination with the Chief Infor-*  
14       *mation Officer of the Department, establishment of*  
15       *streamlined processes for authorization of AI systems*  
16       *deployed on Department enterprise AI platforms, in-*  
17       *cluding reuse of authorization artifacts, common con-*  
18       *trol inheritance, and continuous monitoring capabili-*  
19       *ties.*

20           (6) *REGISTRY AND GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS.—Im-*  
21       *plementation of registry and governance processes to*  
22       *track version history, performance, security status,*  
23       *and compliance for AI systems deployed on Depart-*  
24       *ment enterprise AI platforms.*

1       (c) *INTEGRATION WITH OTHER FRAMEWORKS.*—The  
2       Secretary shall ensure that the rapid deployment of AI sys-  
3       tems under the Framework is achieved in a manner that  
4       maintains security standards through integration with  
5       other relevant frameworks, including—

6               (1) the plans, strategies, and other matters relat-  
7       ing to AI required by section 1544 of the National  
8       Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10  
9       U.S.C. 4001 note);

10              (2) the Defense-wide policy required by section  
11       1512 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
12       Fiscal Year 2026 (10 U.S.C. 394 note); and

13              (3) the framework and other requirements re-  
14       quired by section 1513 of the National Defense Au-  
15       thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (10 U.S.C. 2224  
16       note).

17       (d) *COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS.*—The Sec-  
18       retary shall ensure that the Framework complies with all  
19       applicable requirements for test and evaluation of Depart-  
20       ment systems in accordance with applicable law, policy,  
21       and guidance.

22       (e) *METRICS AND REPORTING.*—The Chief Digital and  
23       Artificial Intelligence Officer shall—

1           (1) *establish metrics to measure the time re-*  
 2           *quired to evaluate, authorize, deploy, and update AI*  
 3           *systems on Department enterprise AI platforms; and*  
 4           (2) *in each of fiscal years 2027, 2028, 2029, and*  
 5           *2030, submit an annual report to the congressional*  
 6           *defense committees on progress toward achieving the*  
 7           *objective stated in subsection (a).*

8           (f) *DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Depart-*  
 9           *ment enterprise AI platform” means a centrally managed*  
 10          *platform that hosts or provides AI services or applications*  
 11          *for use across multiple elements of the Department, rather*  
 12          *than for a single program, system, or mission application.*

13       **SEC. 1524. UPDATE OF POLICY ON AUTONOMOUS AND ARTI-**  
 14               **FICIAL INTELLIGENCE-ENABLED SYSTEMS.**

15          (a) *POLICY UPDATE REQUIRED.—Not later than 1*  
 16          *year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
 17          *retary of Defense shall update policies and guidance of the*  
 18          *Department of Defense, including by revising Department*  
 19          *of Defense Directive 3000.09 (relating to Autonomy in*  
 20          *Weapon Systems) and establishing or revising such addi-*  
 21          *tional Department policies and guidance as may be appro-*  
 22          *priate, governing—*

23               (1) *autonomous and semi-autonomous weapon*  
 24               *systems; and*



1           (2) *artificial intelligence-enabled systems in-*  
2           *tended to support, recommend, or materially influence*  
3           *operational decisions associated with the employment*  
4           *of force, including systems used for operational plan-*  
5           *ning, target development, weaponneering, or engage-*  
6           *ment recommendation.*

7           (b) *REQUIRED POLICY ELEMENTS.—In updating the*  
8           *policies and guidance required by subsection (a), the Sec-*  
9           *retary shall ensure such policies and guidance include—*

10           (1) *criteria for categorizing systems according to*  
11           *such factors as mission context, autonomy, human in-*  
12           *volvement, and operational consequence;*

13           (2) *appropriate and operationally responsive re-*  
14           *quirements for approval, validation, oversight, and*  
15           *authorized operational use applicable to categories of*  
16           *systems identified pursuant to the criteria in para-*  
17           *graph (1);*

18           (3) *realistic and combat-effective requirements*  
19           *for operator intervention, override mechanisms, and*  
20           *operational resilience;*

21           (4) *requirements to preserve existing human*  
22           *command responsibility for the use of force involving*  
23           *autonomous systems or artificial intelligence-enabled*  
24           *systems, including procedures to identify the human*

1        *commanders or operators responsible for authorizing,*  
2        *supervising, and terminating such use of force;*

3            *(5) appropriate requirements for auditability,*  
4        *traceability, and accountability;*

5            *(6) criteria and procedures for rapidly fielding*  
6        *capabilities following material changes to software,*  
7        *models, data, or operational context;*

8            *(7) requirements for appropriate and operation-*  
9        *ally responsive risk mitigation measures and notifica-*  
10       *tions applicable to systems granted conditional or*  
11       *temporary operational use;*

12           *(8) requirements for operational testing, evalua-*  
13       *tion, and human training commensurate with mis-*  
14       *sion risk and operational consequence, including*  
15       *training to promote calibrated reliance on artificial*  
16       *intelligence-enabled systems; and*

17           *(9) processes and timelines for periodic review*  
18       *and reevaluation of approved systems and operational*  
19       *use cases.*

20        *(c) COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.—The Secretary shall en-*  
21       *sure that the policies and guidance required by subsection*  
22       *(a) are consistent with applicable provisions of Federal law,*  
23       *including section 1638 of the National Defense Authoriza-*  
24       *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10*

1 *U.S.C. 491 note), and applicable Department policies and*  
2 *regulations.*

3       (d) *CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS.*—*This section does*  
4 *not require the Secretary to suspend or terminate any ongo-*  
5 *ing operations, activities, or programs pending completion*  
6 *of the updates required by subsection (a).*

7       (e) *INTERIM REPORT.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
8 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall*  
9 *provide a report to the congressional defense committees de-*  
10 *scribing the progress of the Department toward completion*  
11 *of the updates required by subsection (a), including a pre-*  
12 *liminary assessment of the matters described in subsection*  
13 *(b).*

14       (f) *FINAL POLICY BRIEFING.*—*Not later than 30 days*  
15 *after the completion of the updates required by subsection*  
16 *(a), the Secretary shall provide a briefing to the congres-*  
17 *sional defense committees on—*

18               (1) *the updates completed under subsection (a);*

19               (2) *the rationale supporting the updates, includ-*  
20 *ing the assessment of the Secretary with respect to*  
21 *each matter described in subsection (b); and*

22               (3) *any recommendations for authorities, re-*  
23 *sources, or statutory changes.*

24       (g) *SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.*—*Not less frequently than*  
25 *semiannually through December 31, 2032, the Secretary of*

1 *Defense shall provide a report to the congressional defense*  
 2 *committees regarding the implementation of the updates re-*  
 3 *quired by subsection (a), including—*

4 *(1) systems and use cases reviewed under the up-*  
 5 *dates required by subsection (a), including whether*  
 6 *such systems and use cases were approved, restricted,*  
 7 *suspended, or subject to additional review; and*

8 *(2) any significant acquisition, resourcing,*  
 9 *sustainment, or programmatic impacts resulting from*  
 10 *implementation of the updates required by subsection*  
 11 *(a).*

12 **SEC. 1525. EXPANSION OF AI-ENABLED MAINTENANCE IN-**  
 13 **TELLIGENCE PLATFORMS ACROSS AIR EDU-**  
 14 **CATION AND TRAINING COMMAND.**

15 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the*  
 16 *date of the enactment of this Act, and subject to the avail-*  
 17 *ability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Air Force*  
 18 *shall establish a pilot program to operationalize and ex-*  
 19 *pand artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled maintenance data*  
 20 *cleansing and correction capabilities across the Air Force.*  
 21 *This program will prioritize the improvement of aircraft*  
 22 *availability and pilot production capacity by modernizing*  
 23 *maintenance data quality, increasing the effectiveness of*  
 24 *sustainment operations, and maximizing readiness of exist-*

1 *ing training aircraft fleets through enhanced data fidelity*  
2 *and decision support.*

3 (b) *SCOPE.*—*The program under subsection (a) shall*  
4 *apply across the full portfolio of aircraft operating within*  
5 *Air Education and Training Command.*

6 (c) *OBJECTIVES.*—*The objectives of the program are to*  
7 *leverage AI-enabled software solutions to—*

8 (1) *cleanse and correct structured and*  
9 *unstructured maintenance and logistics data;*

10 (2) *establish validated, high-fidelity ground-truth*  
11 *maintenance datasets to improve the performance and*  
12 *reliability of existing Air Force readiness, logistics,*  
13 *and decision-support systems;*

14 (3) *reduce manual data correction burdens and*  
15 *improve interoperability with legacy maintenance in-*  
16 *formation systems;*

17 (4) *enhance sustainment efficiency, sortie genera-*  
18 *tion, and scheduling accuracy through improved*  
19 *maintenance visibility;*

20 (5) *increase situational awareness for tactical-*  
21 *level maintainers and operational leadership;*

22 (6) *establish standardized, reusable maintenance*  
23 *data cleansing, correction, and integration frame-*  
24 *works designed to interoperate with and enhance ex-*

1        *isting Air Force maintenance, logistics, and readiness*  
2        *systems; and*

3                *(7) enable scalable, repeatable integration of AI-*  
4        *enabled maintenance capabilities across the Air*  
5        *Force.*

6        *(d) PARTNERSHIPS.—In carrying out the program*  
7        *under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Air Force may*  
8        *partner with a federally funded research and development*  
9        *center, a University Affiliated Research Center, a center of*  
10       *excellence, a military service laboratory, or one or more pri-*  
11       *vate-sector entities with experience in deploying AI-powered*  
12       *maintenance intelligence capabilities that support data*  
13       *cleansing, parts forecasting, and sustainment moderniza-*  
14       *tion within the Air Force, as well as any other partners*  
15       *the Secretary deems necessary.*

16       *(e) BRIEFING.—At least 30 days before the date on*  
17       *which the authority expires under subsection (f), the Sec-*  
18       *retary of the Air Force shall provide to the congressional*  
19       *defense committees a briefing that includes—*

20                *(1) a description of the data cleansing and cor-*  
21        *rection challenges addressed through the program;*

22                *(2) an assessment of any improvements in data*  
23        *accuracy, aircraft availability, and maintenance effi-*  
24        *ciency resulting from the program; and*

1           (3) *an evaluation of the feasibility and advis-*  
 2           *ability of expanding these capabilities to additional*  
 3           *Air Force units operating the same aircraft types.*

4           (f) *EXPIRATION.*—*The authority to carry out the pro-*  
 5           *gram under subsection (a) shall expire on the date that is*  
 6           *one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

7           ***Subtitle C—Reports and Other***  
 8           ***Matters***

9           ***SEC. 1541. ROADMAP FOR MODERNIZATION OF TOP SECRET***  
 10           ***AND SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM NETWORK***  
 11           ***ARCHITECTURES.***

12           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*  
 13           *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense*  
 14           *shall develop and submit to the congressional defense com-*  
 15           *mittees, and begin implementation of, a roadmap for the*  
 16           *modernization of Department of Defense networks that*  
 17           *process, store, or transmit information that is classified at*  
 18           *the level of top secret or is designated as being within a*  
 19           *special access program.*

20           (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The roadmap required under sub-*  
 21           *section (a) shall include the following elements:*

22                   (1) *An assessment of the current architecture, ca-*  
 23                   *capacity, security posture, and technical limitations of*  
 24                   *such networks, including identification of major capa-*

1        *bility gaps, cybersecurity risks, infrastructure limita-*  
2        *tions, and technical debt.*

3            (2) *Target or reference architectures for modern-*  
4        *ized environments for such networks, including enter-*  
5        *prise-level and component-level networks, as appro-*  
6        *priate.*

7            (3) *Milestones and timelines for transition from*  
8        *current environments to the target or reference archi-*  
9        *tectures.*

10          (4) *Plans to improve resilience, survivability,*  
11        *and operations of such networks in contested, de-*  
12        *graded, or disconnected environments.*

13          (5) *Plans to improve interoperability and data*  
14        *sharing across such networks and relevant mission*  
15        *partner environments, as appropriate.*

16          (6) *An assessment of high-performance com-*  
17        *puting and distributed computing requirements,*  
18        *whether locally or in cloud environments, necessary to*  
19        *support real-time sensor data fusion, advanced ana-*  
20        *lytics, and artificial intelligence capabilities.*

21          (7) *An assessment of the extent to which such*  
22        *networks support the operational requirements of*  
23        *combatant commands, including the ability to enable*  
24        *integration with joint and mission partner environ-*  
25        *ments.*



1           (8) *Identification of governance, roles, and re-*  
2           *sponsibilities for modernization of such networks*  
3           *across the Department.*

4           (9) *Estimated resource requirements necessary to*  
5           *implement the roadmap.*

6           (c) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—*Not later than one year after*  
7           *the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-*  
8           *after for each of the next five years, the Secretary shall sub-*  
9           *mit to the congressional defense committees a report on*  
10          *progress in implementing the roadmap required under sub-*  
11          *section (a).*

12          (d) *REPORT ELEMENTS.*—*Each report submitted*  
13          *under subsection (c) shall include the following:*

14               (1) *Progress made toward roadmap milestones*  
15               *and modernization goals.*

16               (2) *Updates to the roadmap, as appropriate.*

17               (3) *Major risks, delays, or challenges affecting*  
18               *implementation.*

19               (4) *Budgetary resources requested and obligated*  
20               *for modernization of such networks.*

21               (5) *Any recommendations that the Secretary*  
22               *considers appropriate for legislative or funding ac-*  
23               *tions to implement the roadmap.*

24          (e) *FORM OF ROADMAP AND REPORTS.*—*The roadmap*  
25          *required by subsection (a) and the reports required by sub-*

1 *section (c) shall be submitted in classified form, but may*  
2 *include an unclassified summary.*

3 **SEC. 1542. SEMIANNUAL REPORTS ON CYBER OPERATIONAL**  
4 **READINESS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.**

5 *(a) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later*  
6 *than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
7 *and not less frequently than once every 180 days thereafter,*  
8 *the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through the Chief In-*  
9 *formation Officer of the Department of Defense and the*  
10 *Commander of the Department of Defense Cyber Defense*  
11 *Command (DCDC), submit to the congressional defense*  
12 *committees a semiannual report on the implementation of*  
13 *the Cyber Operational Readiness Assessment program of the*  
14 *Department of Defense Cyber Defense Command and the*  
15 *findings from such program.*

16 *(b) CONTENTS.—Each report required under sub-*  
17 *section (a) shall include, for the period covered by the re-*  
18 *port, the following:*

19 *(1) An overview of the implementation status of*  
20 *the Cyber Operational Readiness Assessment pro-*  
21 *gram, including scope, methodology, and assessment*  
22 *cadence across the military departments and the de-*  
23 *fense agencies and Department of Defense field activi-*  
24 *ties.*

1           (2) *Aggregate and component-level findings on*  
2           *cyber operational readiness, including systemic risks,*  
3           *recurring deficiencies, and trends affecting mission*  
4           *assurance.*

5           (3) *An assessment of operational resilience, in-*  
6           *cluding the ability of the Department of Defense to*  
7           *maintain essential functions, contain adversary activ-*  
8           *ity, and recover from cyber incidents during contested*  
9           *operations.*

10          (4) *A description of actions taken or planned to*  
11          *address material risks identified through the program,*  
12          *including timelines, responsible organizations, and*  
13          *any resource constraints.*

14          (5) *An initial plan, and subsequent progress re-*  
15          *ports, for incorporating operational technology (OT)*  
16          *environments into assessments carried out under the*  
17          *program to ensure a comprehensive operational readi-*  
18          *ness evaluation of mission-critical systems, weapon*  
19          *platforms, industrial control systems, and supporting*  
20          *infrastructure.*

21          (6) *An assessment of how assessments under the*  
22          *program will incorporate and operationalize Critical*  
23          *Infrastructure Discovery and Evaluation (CIDE) ac-*  
24          *tivities conducted by the Department of Defense Cyber*  
25          *Defense Command on operational technology net-*

1        *works, including alignment of scope, methodology,*  
 2        *data collection, reporting, and resourcing to ensure*  
 3        *unity of effort and avoid duplication.*

4            *(7) A description of any policy, authority, or*  
 5        *resourcing gaps that inhibit full execution of the pro-*  
 6        *gram as an operational readiness assessment.*

7        *(c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of subsection (a) is to en-*  
 8        *sure that cybersecurity is treated by the Department as an*  
 9        *element of operational readiness across the Department and*  
 10       *to support senior leader decisionmaking, risk acceptance,*  
 11       *and resource prioritization related to the security and resil-*  
 12       *ience of the Department of Defense Information Network*  
 13       *(DoDIN).*

14       *(d) TERMINATION.—The requirements of this section*  
 15       *shall terminate on the date that is three years after the date*  
 16       *of the enactment of this Act.*

17       ***TITLE XVI—SPACE ACTIVITIES,***  
 18       ***STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, AND***  
 19       ***INTELLIGENCE MATTERS***  
 20       ***Subtitle A—Space Activities***

21       ***SEC. 1601. REORGANIZATION OF ACQUISITION RESPON-***  
 22       ***SIBILITIES OF THE SPACE FORCE.***

23       *(a) ELIMINATION OF SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGEN-*  
 24       *CY.—*

1           (1) *REPEAL.*—Section 9087 of title 10, United  
2       *States Code, is repealed.*

3           (2) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

4               (A) *TITLE 10.*—Title 10, United States  
5       *Code, is amended as follows:*

6               (i) *In section 4092—*

7                       (I) *in subsection (a)(8)—*

8                               (aa) *in the heading, by strik-*  
9                               *ing “SDA” and inserting “SPACE*  
10                              *FORCE”;*

11                             (bb) *by striking “The Direc-*  
12                             *tor of the Space Development*  
13                             *Agency” and inserting “The port-*  
14                             *folio acquisition executive of the*  
15                             *Space Force designated under sec-*  
16                             *tion 1732 of this title with respect*  
17                             *to missile warning and tracking”;*  
18                             *and*

19                             (cc) *by striking “the Agen-*  
20                             *cy.” and inserting “the Space*  
21                             *Force.”;*

22                       (II) *in subsection (b)(1)(H)—*

23                             (aa) *by striking “in the case*  
24                             *of the Space Development Agency”*  
25                             *and inserting “in addition to any*

1                   positions appointed under sub-  
 2                   paragraph (A), in the case of the  
 3                   Space Force”; and

4                               (bb) by striking “the Agency”  
 5                   both places it appears and insert-  
 6                   ing “the Space Force”; and

7                               (III) in subsection (c)(2), by strik-  
 8                   ing “, the Space Development Agency”  
 9                   and inserting “, the Space Force”.

10                   (ii) In section 9016(b)(6)(B)—

11                               (I) by striking clauses (iii), (iv),  
 12                   and (v) and inserting the following  
 13                   new clause:

14                               “(iii) Oversee, direct, and synchronize acquisi-  
 15                   tion projects for all space systems and programs of  
 16                   the Department of the Air Force.”;

17                               (II) by redesignating clause (vi)  
 18                   as clause (iv); and

19                               (III) in clause (iv), as so redesign-  
 20                   ated, by striking “Effective as of” and  
 21                   all that follows through “serve” and in-  
 22                   serting “Serve”.

23                               (B) NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION  
 24                   ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.—Section 1608 of the  
 25                   National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

1           Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 2271  
2           note) is repealed.

3           (b) *ELIMINATION OF SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OF-*  
4 *FICE.*—

5           (1) *REPEAL.*—Section 2273a of title 10, United  
6           States Code, is repealed.

7           (2) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 1609(c)  
8           of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
9           Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 2273 note)  
10          is amended by striking “, including the Space Rapid  
11          Capabilities Office”.

12 **SEC. 1602. REORGANIZATION OF OVERSIGHT OF THE DE-**  
13 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE POSITIONING, NAVI-**  
14 **GATION, AND TIMING ENTERPRISE.**

15          (a) *REPEAL.*—Section 2279b of title 10, United States  
16          Code, is repealed.

17          (b) *DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL.*—

18               (1) *REQUIREMENT.*—Chapter 135 of title 10,  
19               United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
20               tion 2279 the following new section:

21 **“§ 2279a. Oversight of the Department of Defense Posi-**  
22 **tioning, Navigation, and Timing Enter-**  
23 **prise**

24               “(a) *DESIGNATION.*—(1) The Secretary of Defense, in  
25               consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,

1 *shall designate a single official of the Department of Defense*  
2 *(other than the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-*  
3 *ment) as the principal official of the Department with re-*  
4 *sponsibility for the oversight of the Department of Defense*  
5 *positioning, navigation, and timing enterprise.*

6 “(2) *The official designated under paragraph (1) shall*  
7 *report directly to the Deputy Secretary of Defense with re-*  
8 *spect to matters concerning the Department of Defense posi-*  
9 *tioning, navigation, and timing enterprise (including alter-*  
10 *native positioning, navigation, and timing efforts of the De-*  
11 *partment).*

12 “(b) *DUTIES.—The Secretary—*

13 “(1) *shall assign to the official designated under*  
14 *subsection (a)(1)—*

15 “(A) *any duty the Secretary determines ap-*  
16 *propriate from among the duties carried out by*  
17 *the former Council on Oversight of the Depart-*  
18 *ment of Defense Positioning, Navigation, and*  
19 *Timing Enterprise as of January 1, 2026; and*

20 “(B) *any other duty the Secretary deter-*  
21 *mines appropriate; and*

22 “(2) *may delegate to other officials of the De-*  
23 *partment any such duty described in paragraph*  
24 *(1)(A) not assigned to the official designated under*  
25 *subsection (a).*



1       “(c) *ANNUAL CERTIFICATIONS; LIMITATION ON AVAIL-*  
2 *ABILITY OF FUNDS.*—(1) *At the same time as the President*  
3 *submits to Congress the annual budget request under section*  
4 *1105 of title 31 for a fiscal year, the official designated*  
5 *under subsection (a)(1) shall submit to the congressional de-*  
6 *fense committees, with respect to each military depart-*  
7 *ment—*

8               “(A) *a certification that such budget request*  
9 *would fully fund the user equipment and ground con-*  
10 *trol systems of the Department of Defense positioning,*  
11 *navigation, and timing enterprise; or*

12              “(B) *a notice that such budget request would not*  
13 *fully fund such user equipment and ground control*  
14 *systems.*

15       “(2) *Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated or*  
16 *otherwise made available for fiscal year 2028 or any fiscal*  
17 *year thereafter for the travel expenses of the Secretary of*  
18 *a military department, not more than 90 percent may be*  
19 *obligated or expended during a fiscal year covered by a*  
20 *budget request for which the official designated under sub-*  
21 *section (a)(1) did not make a certification under paragraph*  
22 *(1)(A).”.*

23              (2) *TIMING.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall des-*  
24 *ignate the official under section 2279a of title 10,*  
25 *United States Code, as added by paragraph (1), by*

1       *not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment*  
2       *of this Act.*

3   **SEC. 1603. SPACE LAUNCH SUPPORT SERVICES AND ALTER-**  
4       **NATIVE LAUNCH PROCUREMENT PROCESS.**

5       (a) *EXTENSION OF TRANSITION LIMITATIONS AND RE-*  
6   *PORTING REQUIREMENTS.*—Section 2276a(e) of title 10,  
7   *United States Code, is amended by striking “fiscal years*  
8   *2024, 2025, and 2026” and inserting “fiscal years 2024*  
9   *through 2031”.*

10      (b) *NOTIFICATION OF USE OF ALTERNATIVE LAUNCH*  
11   *PROCUREMENT.*—Section 1601(c) of the *National Defense*  
12   *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–*  
13   *81; 10 U.S.C. 2276 note) is amended—*

14           (1) *by striking “the Secretary of Defense” both*  
15       *places it appears and inserting “the portfolio acquisi-*  
16       *tion executive of the Space Force”;*

17           (2) *by striking “the Director of the National Re-*  
18       *connaissance Office” and inserting “the Director of*  
19       *the Office of Space Launch of the National Recon-*  
20       *naissance Office”;* and

21           (3) *by striking “the Director of National Intel-*  
22       *ligence” and inserting “the Director of the Office of*  
23       *Space Launch”.*

1 **SEC. 1604. SPACEPORT OF THE FUTURE INITIATIVE.**

2       (a) *PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.*—Section 1608 of the  
3 *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026*  
4 *(Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1177)* is amended by adding  
5 *at the end the following new subsection:*

6       “(c) *PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.*—

7               “(1) *SINGLE PROGRAM.*—The Secretary of the  
8 *Air Force shall carry out the Spaceport of the Future*  
9 *initiative as a single program of the Space Force*  
10 *overseen by the portfolio acquisition executive for*  
11 *space access pursuant to section 1732 of title 10,*  
12 *United States Code.*

13               “(2) *PRIORITIZED INVESTMENTS.*—As a part of  
14 *the defense budget materials (as defined in section 239*  
15 *of title 10, United States Code) for each of fiscal years*  
16 *2027 through 2031, the portfolio acquisition executive*  
17 *for space access shall submit to the congressional de-*  
18 *fense committees a list of prioritized investments re-*  
19 *quired for infrastructure efforts under the Spaceport*  
20 *of the Future initiative.”.*

21       (b) *ANNUAL UPDATES.*—Paragraph (3) of subsection  
22 *(b) of such section is amended to read as follows:*

23               “(3) *ANNUAL UPDATES.*—Not later than March  
24 *31 of each of 2027 through 2031, the Secretary shall*  
25 *submit to the congressional defense committees an up-*

1       *date on the Spaceport of the Future initiative, includ-*  
 2       *ing with respect to—*

3               “(A) *project status;*

4               “(B) *estimated completion dates;*

5               “(C) *total costs;*

6               “(D) *any updated assessments of funding or*  
 7       *infrastructure needs; and*

8               “(E) *the status of any policy recommenda-*  
 9       *tions described in paragraph (2)(D).”.*

10 ***SEC. 1605. PROCUREMENT OF COMMERCIAL SPACE-BASED***  
 11               ***DATA AND TO SUPPORT WILDFIRE RESIL-***  
 12               ***IENCE.***

13       *(a) PROCUREMENT.—Subject to the availability of ap-*  
 14       *propriations for such purpose, the Secretary of the Air*  
 15       *Force, acting through the Commercial Space Office and in*  
 16       *coordination with the FireGuard program of the National*  
 17       *Guard and the Commander of the United States Northern*  
 18       *Command, shall procure space-based commercial data and*  
 19       *end products to support the efforts of the Department of*  
 20       *Defense and the wildfire mission of the United States*  
 21       *Northern Command by delivering timely, effective military*  
 22       *support to the Federal Government and State, local, and*  
 23       *Tribal governments to protect military readiness and in-*  
 24       *stallations, provide emergency military support to civil au-*  
 25       *thorities, and conduct proactive wildland fire management.*

1       (b) *AUTHORIZED SHARING.*—*The Secretary may share*  
2 *space-based commercial data and end products procured*  
3 *under subsection (a) with State, local, and Tribal govern-*  
4 *ments to assist with firefighting efforts.*

5 **SEC. 1606. CONTINUATION OF NEXT-GENERATION OVER-**  
6 **HEAD PERSISTENT INFRARED POLAR PRO-**  
7 **GRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR**  
8 **FORCE.**

9       (a) *REQUIREMENT TO CONTINUE, MAINTAIN, AND*  
10 *EXECUTE PROGRAM.*—*Subject to the availability of appro-*  
11 *priations made in advance for such purpose, the Secretary*  
12 *of the Air Force shall continue, maintain, and execute the*  
13 *Next-Generation Overhead Persistent Infrared Polar pro-*  
14 *gram, including Next Generation OPIR, Block 0 Polar,*  
15 *through launch of space vehicles one and two.*

16       (b) *PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.*—*The Secretary shall*  
17 *manage Next Generation OPIR, Block 0 Polar as an active*  
18 *acquisition program and shall take all actions necessary to*  
19 *preserve program continuity, including maintaining pro-*  
20 *gram office responsibilities, executing planned development*  
21 *and integration activities, supporting contracting actions,*  
22 *preserving schedule, and conducting launch preparation ac-*  
23 *tivities necessary to support the launch of space vehicles one*  
24 *and two.*

1       (c) *LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PUR-*  
2 *POSES.*—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated  
3 or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the De-  
4 partment of Defense may be obligated or expended to—

5           (1) to terminate, close out, materially reduce, re-  
6 structure, delay, or otherwise impede continuation of  
7 the Next-Generation Overhead Persistent Infrared  
8 Polar program, including Next Generation OPIR,  
9 Block 0 Polar, through the launch of space vehicles  
10 one and two; or

11          (2) for any activity not directly supporting Next  
12 Generation OPIR, Block 0 Polar, including closeout  
13 activities, termination activities, or activities solely  
14 supporting other missile warning and missile track-  
15 ing architectures

16       (d) *PROGRAM EXECUTION PLAN.*—Not later than 60  
17 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-  
18 retary, in coordination with the Chief of Space Operations  
19 of the Space Force, shall submit to the congressional defense  
20 committees an execution plan for continuing Next Genera-  
21 tion OPIR, Block 0 Polar through the launch of space vehi-  
22 cles one and two. Such plan shall include planned activi-  
23 ties, schedule, major milestones, contracting actions, launch  
24 preparation activities, program office responsibilities, and

1 *obligation and expenditure plans for the funds authorized*  
 2 *to be appropriated for such program.*

3     ***Subtitle B—Defense Intelligence***  
 4     ***and Intelligence-Related Activities***

5     ***SEC. 1611. EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ACROSS FISCAL YEARS***  
 6                     ***FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTEL-***  
 7                     ***LIGENCE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AC-***  
 8                     ***TIVITIES.***

9     *Section 429a of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 10 *ed—*

11             *(1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsections (b)*  
 12 *and (c)” and inserting “subsections (b) and (d)”;*

13             *(2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (g)*  
 14 *as subsections (d) through (h), respectively;*

15             *(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following*  
 16 *new subsection:*

17             ***“(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS ACROSS***  
 18 ***FISCAL YEARS.—(1) With respect to fiscal year 2027 and***  
 19 ***any subsequent fiscal year, not more than 10 percent of the***  
 20 ***amounts described in paragraph (2) may be used for pro-***  
 21 ***grams under subsection (a) that begin in such fiscal year***  
 22 ***and end not later than the end of the second fiscal year***  
 23 ***thereafter.***

24             ***“(2) The amounts described in this paragraph are***  
 25 ***amounts—***

1           “(A) made available in fiscal year 2027 or any  
2       subsequent fiscal year to carry out the authority in  
3       subsection (a); and

4           “(B) that the Secretary may expend without  
5       making a notification pursuant to the limitation in  
6       subsection (b).”; and

7           (4) in subsection (e), as so redesignated—

8               (A) by striking “Not later” and inserting  
9       “(1) Not later”;

10               (B) by striking “section (c)” and inserting  
11       “subsection (d)”; and

12               (C) by adding at the end the following new  
13       paragraph:

14       “(2) The Secretary shall include in each report under  
15       paragraph (1) a separate portion detailing how the Sec-  
16       retary carried out subsection (c) during the fiscal year cov-  
17       ered by the report with respect to the availability of funds  
18       for programs in more than one fiscal year, including—

19               “(A) an explanation for carrying out such sub-  
20       section for such programs and the purpose of such  
21       programs;

22               “(B) the balance of such funds available for such  
23       programs following the first fiscal year in which  
24       funds were expended, by activity and by fiscal year;  
25       and



1 “(C) the program elements of such programs.”.

2 **SEC. 1612. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY INTEL-**  
 3 **LIGENCE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS PART-**  
 4 **NEERSHIPS.**

5 (a) *PERMANENT AUTHORITY.*—Section 1621 of the Na-  
 6 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Pub-  
 7 lic Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 421 note prec.) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “for four  
 9 years”;

10 (2) by striking subsection (c); and

11 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection  
 12 (c).

13 (b) *TRANSFER.*—Section 1621 of the National Defense  
 14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–  
 15 31; 10 U.S.C. 421 note prec.) is—

16 (1) transferred to chapter 21 of title 10, United  
 17 States Code;

18 (2) inserted after section 421; and

19 (3) redesignated as section 421a.

20 (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—Section 421a of title  
 21 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (b), is  
 22 amended—

23 (1) in the enumerator, by striking “SEC.” and  
 24 inserting “§”;

25 (2) in the section heading—

1 (A) by striking the period at the end; and

2 (B) by conforming the typeface and  
3 typestyle, including capitalization, to the type-  
4 face and typestyle as used in the section heading  
5 of section 421 of such title; and

6 (3) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) by striking each heading that is not a  
8 subsection heading; and

9 (B) by conforming the margins to the mar-  
10 gins used in section 426(a) of such title, includ-  
11 ing with respect to the use of inline paragraphs  
12 and subparagraphs.

13 **SEC. 1613. REPEAL OF CERTAIN REPORTING AND BRIEFING**  
14 **REQUIREMENTS.**

15 (a) *STRATEGY AND PLAN TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN DE-*  
16 *FENSE INTELLIGENCE REFORMS.*—Section 1622 of the Na-  
17 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Pub-  
18 lic Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 421 note prec.) is repealed.

19 (b) *BRIEFING ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PLAN TO*  
20 *DETER AND COUNTER ADVERSARIES IN THE INFORMATION*  
21 *ENVIRONMENT.*—Section 1560 of the James M. Inhofe Na-  
22 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Pub-  
23 lic Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2927) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 1614. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF ARMY COUN-**  
 2 **TERINTELLIGENCE AGENTS TO EXECUTE**  
 3 **WARRANTS AND MAKE ARRESTS.**

4 *Section 7377(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 5 *amended by striking “during the four-year period begin-*  
 6 *ning on the date of the enactment of the National Defense*  
 7 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025,”.*

8 **SEC. 1615. PERIODIC STRATEGY AND ASSESSMENT OF IN-**  
 9 **TELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RECON-**  
 10 **NAISSANCE CAPABILITIES TO MEET INTEL-**  
 11 **LIGENCE COLLECTION PRIORITIES.**

12 *Chapter 21 of title 10, United States Code, is amended*  
 13 *by inserting after section 426 the following new section:*

14 **“§426a. Periodic strategy and assessment of intel-**  
 15 **ligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance**  
 16 **capabilities to meet intelligence collection**  
 17 **priorities**

18 *“(a) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—Not later than December*  
 19 *31, 2027, and every two years thereafter until December*  
 20 *31, 2037, the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence*  
 21 *and Security shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
 22 *mittees and the congressional intelligence committees a re-*  
 23 *port containing—*

24 *“(1) an assessment of the intelligence, surveil-*  
 25 *lance, and reconnaissance capabilities of the Depart-*  
 26 *ment of Defense as of the date of the report; and*

1           “(2) a strategy to improve such capabilities to  
2       support the intelligence requirements of the Depart-  
3       ment.

4           “(b) *MATTERS INCLUDED.*—The Under Secretary of  
5       Defense for Intelligence and Security shall ensure that each  
6       report under subsection (a) includes the following:

7           “(1) With respect to the assessment under para-  
8       graph (1) of such subsection—

9           “(A) a review of all spaceborne, airborne,  
10       surface, and subsurface intelligence, surveillance,  
11       and reconnaissance activities (manned and un-  
12       manned);

13           “(B) an assessment of the capacity and ca-  
14       pability to meet intelligence collection require-  
15       ments, including with respect to the requirements  
16       of the commanders of the geographic combatant  
17       commands;

18           “(C) an assessment of the risk and security  
19       threats caused by inadequate capacity or capa-  
20       bility to meet intelligence collection require-  
21       ments; and

22           “(D) a plan to mitigate such risk.

23           “(2) With respect to the strategy under para-  
24       graph (2) of such subsection—

1           “(A) an assessment of the projected intel-  
2           ligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capa-  
3           bilities and whether such capabilities will meet  
4           future intelligence collection requirements;

5           “(B) recommendations to improve collection  
6           postures in the near-, mid-, and long-term to  
7           meet future intelligence collection requirements;

8           “(C) an assessment of the risk associated  
9           with an inability to meet future intelligence col-  
10          lection requirements; and

11          “(D) a plan to mitigate such risk.

12          “(3) Any other matters the Under Secretary de-  
13          termines necessary.

14          “(c) COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.—The Under  
15          Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security shall de-  
16          velop each report under subsection (a)—

17               “(1) in coordination with the heads of the com-  
18               ponents of the Department of Defense that are ele-  
19               ments of the intelligence community, the commanders  
20               of the geographic combatant commands, and the Com-  
21               mander of the United States Special Operations Com-  
22               mand; and

23               “(2) in consultation with the service acquisition  
24               executives of the military departments.

1       “(d) *FORM.*—Each report under subsection (a) shall  
 2 be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classi-  
 3 fied annex.

4       “(e) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section, the terms ‘congres-  
 5 sional intelligence committees’ and ‘intelligence community’  
 6 have the meanings given those terms in section 3 of the Na-  
 7 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).”.

8       **SEC. 1616. INTEGRATION OF OPEN-SOURCE INTELLIGENCE**  
 9                               **TRAINING AND TRADecraft INTO ALL-**  
 10                              **SOURCE INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS CUR-**  
 11                              **RICULA.**

12       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subchapter I of chapter 21 of title  
 13 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
 14 the following new section:

15       **“§ 430f. Integration of open-source intelligence train-**  
 16                              **ing and tradecraft into all-source intel-**  
 17                              **ligence analysis curricula**

18       “(a) *REQUIREMENT.*—The Secretary of each military  
 19 department shall ensure that training within such military  
 20 department for all-source intelligence analysts includes in-  
 21 struction in open-source intelligence tradecraft.

22       “(b) *GUIDANCE AND STANDARDS.*—The Under Sec-  
 23 retary of Defense for Intelligence and Security shall—

1           “(1) issue guidance to standardize open-source  
2           intelligence training requirements for the military de-  
3           partments; and

4           “(2) establish minimum open-source intelligence  
5           tradecraft standards for use by the military depart-  
6           ments.

7           “(c) *MATTERS COVERED.*—Training required under  
8           subsection (a) shall include instruction in open-source intel-  
9           ligence tradecraft, including—

10           “(1) methods for the discovery, collection, and  
11           analysis of publicly available information, including  
12           commercially available information;

13           “(2) use of open-source intelligence tools, plat-  
14           forms, and data sources;

15           “(3) evaluation of source reliability, data qual-  
16           ity, and analytic validity;

17           “(4) integration of open-source intelligence with  
18           other intelligence disciplines;

19           “(5) legal, policy, and privacy considerations as-  
20           sociated with open-source intelligence activities; and

21           “(6) use of emerging technologies, including arti-  
22           ficial intelligence, to support open-source intelligence  
23           analysis.

24           “(d) *APPLICABILITY.*—The requirements under sub-  
25           section (a) shall apply to initial-entry training programs

1 *for military and civilian all-source intelligence analysts*  
2 *across the military departments.*

3 “(e) *COORDINATION.*—*In issuing guidance and stand-*  
4 *ards under subsection (b), the Under Secretary shall consult*  
5 *with the Director of National Intelligence to ensure consist-*  
6 *ency with standards for open-source intelligence in the in-*  
7 *telligence community.”.*

8 (b) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—*The Secretary of each mili-*  
9 *tary department shall implement the requirements of sec-*  
10 *tion 430f of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-*  
11 *section (a), not later than one year after the date of the*  
12 *enactment of this Act.*

13 **SEC. 1617. OBJECT-BASED GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**  
14 **LIGENCE FOR OPEN-SOURCE INTELLIGENCE.**

15 (a) *ASSESSMENT.*—*The Under Secretary of Defense for*  
16 *Intelligence and Security shall assess the capabilities of the*  
17 *Defense Intelligence Enterprise that support the application*  
18 *of artificial intelligence, including generative artificial in-*  
19 *telligence, to open-source intelligence. Such assessment*  
20 *shall—*

21 (1) *identify efforts to develop, acquire, or use ca-*  
22 *pabilities that support object-based or entity-centric*  
23 *analysis, including the use of knowledge graphs, re-*  
24 *trieval-augmented generation, or similar techniques;*



1           (2) *describe the maturity, scope, and users of*  
2 *such capabilities;*

3           (3) *assess the extent of duplication, fragmenta-*  
4 *tion, or overlap among such efforts;*

5           (4) *identify gaps, limitations, and barriers to*  
6 *scaling such capabilities, including technical, policy,*  
7 *and data access challenges;*

8           (5) *evaluate the extent to which commercial tech-*  
9 *nologies are being used for such capabilities; and*

10          (6) *identify opportunities to consolidate, scale, or*  
11 *designate a capability as a shared or enterprise solu-*  
12 *tion.*

13       (b) *PILOT PROGRAM.—*

14           (1) *ESTABLISHMENT.—The Under Secretary of*  
15 *Defense for Intelligence and Security shall carry out*  
16 *a pilot program to develop, acquire, or use commer-*  
17 *cial and other technologies to develop and support an*  
18 *object-based generative artificial intelligence analytic*  
19 *capability for open-source intelligence activities*  
20 *throughout the Defense Intelligence Enterprise. The*  
21 *Under Secretary shall design such pilot program to*  
22 *improve the discovery, correlation, and analysis of*  
23 *high-interest objects and the associated relationships*  
24 *of such objects, including weapon systems and related*  
25 *entities.*

1           (2) *CAPABILITY DESCRIBED.*—*The object-based*  
2           *generative artificial intelligence analytic capability*  
3           *described in paragraph (1) shall—*

4                     (A) *make use of object-based data models,*  
5                     *knowledge graphs, and retrieval-augmented gen-*  
6                     *eration techniques;*

7                     (B) *enable discovery, contextualization, and*  
8                     *analysis of high-interest objects, including weap-*  
9                     *on systems and associated entities;*

10                    (C) *integrate publicly available information*  
11                    *and commercially available information;*

12                    (D) *produce explainable, evidence-based*  
13                    *analytic outputs; and*

14                    (E) *align with data, analytic, and security*  
15                    *standards of the Department of Defense and the*  
16                    *intelligence community.*

17           (3) *PILOT PROGRAM LEAD.*—

18                    (A) *DESIGNATION.*—*The Under Secretary of*  
19                    *Defense for Intelligence and Security shall des-*  
20                    *ignate the head of a component of the Depart-*  
21                    *ment of Defense to serve as the lead for the pilot*  
22                    *program required by paragraph (1). In making*  
23                    *that designation, the Under Secretary shall take*  
24                    *into consideration analytic capabilities, tech-*

1            *nical expertise, and the ability to scale through-*  
2            *out the Defense Intelligence Enterprise.*

3            *(B) DUTIES.—The head of the component of*  
4            *the Department of Defense designated under sub-*  
5            *paragraph (A) shall—*

6                    *(i) implement and operate the capa-*  
7                    *bility described in paragraph (1); and*

8                    *(ii) support Defense Intelligence Enter-*  
9                    *prise users.*

10          *(c) TRANSITION AND INTEGRATION.—The Under Sec-*  
11          *retary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, in consulta-*  
12          *tion with the Director of National Intelligence, shall evalu-*  
13          *ate the results of the pilot program required by subsection*  
14          *(b) to determine if—*

15                    *(1) the capability developed by such pilot pro-*  
16                    *gram should become an enduring program of the De-*  
17                    *fense Intelligence Enterprise; and*

18                    *(2) the Under Secretary should recommend to the*  
19                    *Director of National Intelligence that such capability*  
20                    *be designated as a service of common concern for the*  
21                    *intelligence community.*

22          *(d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days after the date*  
23          *of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense*  
24          *for Intelligence and Security shall provide to the congres-*  
25          *sional intelligence committees and the Committees on*

1 *Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the*  
 2 *Senate a briefing on—*

3 *(1) the findings of the assessment required by*  
 4 *subsection (a); and*

5 *(2) the plan for implementation fo the pilot pro-*  
 6 *gram required by subsection (b).*

7 *(e) DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE ENTERPRISE DE-*  
 8 *FINED.—In this section, the term “Defense Intelligence En-*  
 9 *terprise” has the meaning given that term in section*  
 10 *426(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code.*

11 **SEC. 1618. REPORT ON PROTECTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF**  
 12 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES UNDER**  
 13 **COVER.**

14 *Not later than November 1, 2027, the Secretary of De-*  
 15 *fense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of*  
 16 *the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on*  
 17 *the efforts of the Department of Defense to update military*  
 18 *personnel systems to protect from unauthorized disclosure—*

19 *(1) intelligence operations of the Department of*  
 20 *Defense;*

21 *(2) the identities of undercover personnel con-*  
 22 *ducting intelligence or intelligence-related activities;*

23 *(3) intelligence sources and methods; and*

24 *(4) cover mechanisms in support of intelligence*  
 25 *or intelligence-related activities.*

1           ***Subtitle C—Nuclear Forces***

2   ***SEC. 1631. MATTERS RELATING TO INTERCONTINENTAL***  
3           ***BALLISTIC MISSILES.***

4           (a) *TRANSFER AUTHORITY.*—Chapter 24 of title 10,  
5   *United States Code*, is amended by adding at the end the  
6   *following new section:*

7   ***“§499d. Transfer authority to support interconti-***  
8           ***mental ballistic missile capabilities***

9           “(a) *TRANSFER AUTHORITY.*—Subject to the author-  
10   *ity, direction and control of the Secretary of Defense, and*  
11   *subject to the limitation under subsection (d), the Secretary*  
12   *of the Air Force may transfer amounts authorized to be ap-*  
13   *propriated for fiscal year 2027 or any fiscal year thereafter*  
14   *under ‘Research, Development, Test and Evaluation’, ‘Air*  
15   *Force; Other Procurement’, ‘Air Force; Missile Procure-*  
16   *ment’, and ‘Air Force, Operation and Maintenance’ for cov-*  
17   *ered programs between such accounts for the purposes of*  
18   *modernizing, mitigating risk relating to, or otherwise en-*  
19   *hancing, the intercontinental ballistic missile capabilities*  
20   *of the United States.*

21           “(b) *TREATMENT OF TRANSFERRED FUNDS.*—  
22   *Amounts transferred under subsection (a) shall be merged*  
23   *with and be available for the same purposes and for the*  
24   *same time period as amounts in the receiving account.*

1       “(c) *ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.*—*The authority under*  
2 *subsection (a) is in addition to any other transfer authority*  
3 *available to the Department of Defense.*

4       “(d) *NOTICE AND WAIT REQUIREMENT.*—*The Sec-*  
5 *retary of the Air Force may not initiate a transfer under*  
6 *subsection (a) until—*

7               “(1) *the Secretary submits to the congressional*  
8 *defense committees a written notification containing*  
9 *a detailed description of the proposed transfer; and*

10              “(2) *a period of 15 days has elapsed following*  
11 *the date of such notification.*

12       “(e) *QUARTERLY REPORT.*—*Not later than 30 days*  
13 *after the end of each fiscal quarter until the date of termi-*  
14 *nation under subsection (g), the Secretary of the Air Force*  
15 *shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-*  
16 *port containing a summary of any transfers carried out*  
17 *during such fiscal quarter under subsection (a).*

18       “(f) *COVERED PROGRAM DEFINED.*—*In this section,*  
19 *the term ‘covered program’ means a program of the Air*  
20 *Force that the Secretary of the Air Force determines sup-*  
21 *ports the following:*

22              “(1) *The LGM–30G Minuteman III interconti-*  
23 *ental ballistic missile.*

24              “(2) *The LGM–35A Sentinel intercontinental*  
25 *ballistic missile.*

1           “(3) *Any reentry vehicle capability for an inter-*  
2           *continental ballistic missile.*

3           “(4) *Any other capability for an intercontinental*  
4           *ballistic missile, as determined by the Secretary.*

5           “(g) *TERMINATION.—The authority under subsection*  
6           *(a) shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the*  
7           *date of the enactment of this section.”.*

8           (b) *EXCEPTION TO LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES*  
9           *FOR MODIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN BELOW-THRESHOLD*  
10           *MODIFICATIONS.—Section 2244a(b) of title 10, United*  
11           *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*  
12           *new paragraph:*

13           “(4) *EXCEPTION FOR BELOW-THRESHOLD STRA-*  
14           *TEGIC DELIVERY SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS.—The pro-*  
15           *hibition in subsection (a) does not apply to a modi-*  
16           *fication of a strategic delivery system (as such term*  
17           *is defined in section 495(e) of this title) for which the*  
18           *cost is less than \$500,000.”.*

19           (c) *ADVANCE PROCUREMENT OF FLIGHT TEST*  
20           *KITS.—*

21           (1) *AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCURE-*  
22           *MENT.—Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United*  
23           *States Code, the Secretary of the Air Force may enter*  
24           *into one or more multiyear contracts, beginning in*  
25           *fiscal year 2027, for the procurement of flight test kits*

1       *in support of the program of the Air Force Global*  
2       *Strike Command for operational test launches of the*  
3       *Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile*

4               (2) *AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—*  
5       *The Secretary of the Air Force may enter into one or*  
6       *more contracts for advance procurement associated*  
7       *with the procurement of the flight test kits for which*  
8       *contracts are authorized under subsection (a), includ-*  
9       *ing procurement of systems and subsystems associated*  
10       *with such flight test kits in economic order quantities*  
11       *when cost savings are achievable.*

12              (3) *CONDITIONS FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-*  
13       *MENTS.—Any contract entered into under subsection*  
14       *(a) shall provide that any obligation of the United*  
15       *States to make a payment under the contract for a*  
16       *fiscal year after fiscal year 2027 is subject to the*  
17       *availability of appropriations for that purpose for*  
18       *such fiscal year.*

19              (4) *TERMINATION.—The authority of the Sec-*  
20       *retary of the Air Force to enter into contracts under*  
21       *subsection (a) shall terminate on September 30, 2030.*

22              (d) *CONTRACT AUTHORITY TO MITIGATE CERTAIN DI-*  
23       *MINISHING SOURCES AND SHORTAGES.—*

24              (1) *CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—Subject to the limi-*  
25       *tation under paragraph (2), the Secretary of the Air*



1       *Force may enter into one or more contracts for the*  
 2       *life-of-program procurement of components necessary*  
 3       *to mitigate diminishing manufacturing sources or*  
 4       *material shortages affecting a covered program.*

5               (2) *NOTICE AND WAIT REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-*  
 6       *retary may not enter into a contract under para-*  
 7       *graph (1) until—*

8                       (A) *the Secretary submits to the congres-*  
 9                       *sional defense committees a written notification*  
 10                      *containing a detailed description of the proposed*  
 11                      *contract; and*

12                     (B) *a period of 15 days has elapsed fol-*  
 13                     *lowing the date of such notification.*

14       (e) *COVERED PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section, the*  
 15       *term “covered program” has the meaning given such term*  
 16       *in section 499d of title 10, United States Code, as added*  
 17       *by subsection (a).*

18       **SEC. 1632. DESIGNATION OF AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE**  
 19                       **COMMAND AS NATIONAL CENTER FOR CON-**  
 20                       **VENTIONAL–NUCLEAR INTEGRATION.**

21       (a) *NATIONAL CENTER FOR CONVENTIONAL–NUCLEAR*  
 22       *INTEGRATION.—Section 9068 of title 10, United States*  
 23       *Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new*  
 24       *subsection:*

1       “(d) *NATIONAL CENTER FOR CONVENTIONAL–NU-*  
2 *CLEAR INTEGRATION.*—(1) *The Air Force Global Strike*  
3 *Command shall serve as the National Center for Conven-*  
4 *tional–Nuclear Integration of the Department of the Air*  
5 *Force.*

6       “(2) *The responsibilities of the National Center for*  
7 *Conventional–Nuclear Integration under paragraph (1)*  
8 *shall include the following:*

9               “(A) *Establishing policies and standards, and*  
10 *issuing guidance, to integrate conventional and nu-*  
11 *clear weapons capabilities across the Air Force in a*  
12 *manner that aligns with the operational requirements*  
13 *of the United States Strategic Command, including*  
14 *with respect to integrated planning, command and*  
15 *control, and mission execution in support of such*  
16 *Command.*

17              “(B) *Establishing a governance and coordination*  
18 *framework to synchronize efforts for such integration*  
19 *across relevant major commands, field commands,*  
20 *and centers of the Air Force.*

21              “(C) *Determining required education, training,*  
22 *and exercise objectives relating to such integration,*  
23 *including by ensuring appropriate operational plans*  
24 *and readiness constructs of the Air Force reflect such*  
25 *integration.*

1           “(D) *Identifying any gaps in capabilities nec-*  
2           *essary for such integration (including with respect to*  
3           *doctrine, interoperability, decision support, and com-*  
4           *mand and control) and establishing resourcing prior-*  
5           *ities to address any such gaps.*”.

6           (b) *DEADLINE FOR DESIGNATION.*—Not later than 90  
7           days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
8           retary of the Air Force shall designate the Air Force Global  
9           Strike Command as the National Center for Conventional–  
10          Nuclear Integration of the Department of the Air Force for  
11          purposes of section 9068(d) of title 10, United States Code,  
12          as added by subsection (a).

13          (c) *IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.*—

14               (1) *PLAN.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
15               date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
16               submit to the congressional defense committees a plan  
17               for the implementation of this section and the amend-  
18               ments made by this section. Such plan shall include  
19               the following:

20                       (A) *A description of the organizational*  
21                       *structure of, and a resourcing strategy for, the*  
22                       *National Center for Conventional–Nuclear Inte-*  
23                       *gration under section 9068(d) of title 10, United*  
24                       *States Code, as added by subsection (a).*

1           (B) Measurable objectives and milestones for  
 2           the implementation of the responsibilities under  
 3           such section 9068(d).

4           (C) An assessment of the extent to which  
 5           such responsibilities advance the responsibilities  
 6           of the Commander of the Air Force Global Strike  
 7           Command specified in section 9068(c) of title 10,  
 8           United States Code, including with respect to  
 9           nuclear and long-range strike missions in sup-  
 10          port of the United States Strategic Command.

11          (2) *FORM.*—The plan under paragraph (1) shall  
 12          be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a  
 13          classified annex.

14 **SEC. 1633. QUADRENNIAL REPORT ON THE PLAN FOR THE**  
 15                   **NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE, NUCLEAR**  
 16                   **WEAPONS COMPLEX, NUCLEAR WEAPONS DE-**  
 17                   **LIVERY SYSTEMS, AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS**  
 18                   **COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM.**

19          Section 492a of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
 20          ed as follows:

21           (1) In the heading, by striking “**Biennial**”  
 22          and inserting “**Quadrennial**”.

23           (2) In subsection (a)—

1           (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2029”  
 2           and inserting “2027, and on a quadrennial basis  
 3           thereafter,”; and

4           (B) in paragraph (2)—

5                 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
 6                 “enhance the safety, security, and reliability  
 7                 of” and inserting “sustain and modernize”;  
 8                 and

9                 (ii) in subparagraph (F)—

10                         (I) by striking “10-year period  
 11                         following the date of the report” and  
 12                         inserting “period covered by the future-  
 13                         years defense program submitted to  
 14                         Congress under section 221 of this  
 15                         title”; and

16                         (II) by striking “such 10-year pe-  
 17                         riod” and inserting “such period”.

18 **SEC. 1634. PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION OF INTERCONTI-**  
 19 **NENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES OF THE UNITED**  
 20 **STATES.**

21           (a) *PROHIBITION.*—*Except as provided in subsection*  
 22 *(b), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this*  
 23 *Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the*  
 24 *Department of Defense may be obligated or expended for*

1 *the following, and the Department may not otherwise take*  
 2 *any action to do the following:*

3           (1) *Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the responsive-*  
 4 *ness or alert level of the intercontinental ballistic mis-*  
 5 *siles of the United States.*

6           (2) *Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the quantity of*  
 7 *deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles of the*  
 8 *United States to a number less than 400.*

9           (b) *EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection (a)*  
 10 *shall not apply with respect to any of the following activi-*  
 11 *ties:*

12           (1) *The maintenance or sustainment of inter-*  
 13 *continental ballistic missiles.*

14           (2) *Ensuring the safety, security, or reliability of*  
 15 *intercontinental ballistic missiles.*

16           (3) *Facilitating the transition from the LGM–*  
 17 *30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile*  
 18 *to the Sentinel LGM–35A intercontinental ballistic*  
 19 *missile.*

20 **SEC. 1635. LIMITATION ON REALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR**  
 21 **RONALD REAGAN SPACE AND MISSILE TEST**  
 22 **RANGE AND UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON**  
 23 **KWAJALEIN ATOLL.**

24           (a) *LIMITATION ON REALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—*  
 25 *Funds authorized to be appropriated for the Department*

1 *of Defense for fiscal year 2027 for activities at the Ronald*  
 2 *Reagan Space and Missile Test Range or the United States*  
 3 *Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll—*

4 *(1) may be obligated or expended only for the*  
 5 *purposes for which such funds are authorized and ap-*  
 6 *propriated; and*

7 *(2) except as expressly authorized by law, may*  
 8 *not be transferred or reprogrammed for a purpose*  
 9 *other than the purposes for which such funds are au-*  
 10 *thorized and appropriated.*

11 *(b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation under subsection*  
 12 *(a)(2) shall not apply with respect to any transfer or re-*  
 13 *programming action that is carried out in accordance with*  
 14 *section 2214 of title 10, United States Code.*

15 **SEC. 1636. FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT FOR POTENTIAL DES-**  
 16 **IGNATION OF JOINT GLOBAL STRIKE OPER-**  
 17 **ATIONS CENTER AS GLOBAL OPERATIONS**  
 18 **CENTER—ALTERNATE.**

19 *(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
 20 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force,*  
 21 *in coordination with the Commander of the United States*  
 22 *Strategic Command and the Commander of the Air Force*  
 23 *Global Strike Command, shall submit to the congressional*  
 24 *defense committees a report that contains an assessment of*  
 25 *the feasibility, strategic benefits, risks, and resource require-*

1 *ments associated with the potential designation of the Joint*  
2 *Global Strike Operations Center at Barksdale Air Force*  
3 *Base, Louisiana, as an alternate command post to the Glob-*  
4 *al Operations Center of the United States Strategic Com-*  
5 *mand, to be known as the “Global Operations Center–Alter-*  
6 *nate”.*

7 *(b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a) shall*  
8 *include the following:*

9 *(1) A proposal setting forth how the Joint Global*  
10 *Strike Operations Center at Barksdale Air Force*  
11 *Base, Louisiana, would assume and sustain respon-*  
12 *sibilities as the Global Operations Center–Alternate*  
13 *in support of nuclear and long-range strike missions*  
14 *of the United States Strategic Command across stages*  
15 *of conflict and crisis response.*

16 *(2) A proposal for the organizational structure of*  
17 *the Global Operations Center–Alternate, including*  
18 *with respect to relevant authorities thereof, the rela-*  
19 *tionship to and required coordination with the United*  
20 *States Strategic Command, the Air Force Global*  
21 *Strike Command, and the Eighth Air Force (and as-*  
22 *sociated operational and command and control struc-*  
23 *tures), and arrangements for the provision and re-*  
24 *ceipt of support with respect to other elements of the*  
25 *Department of the Air Force.*



1           (3) *An assessment of the capabilities for commu-*  
2           *nications and interoperability (including the redun-*  
3           *dancy, resiliency, and survivability of such capabili-*  
4           *ties) necessary to perform the proposed functions of*  
5           *the Global Operations Center–Alternate, including*  
6           *any such capabilities relating to nuclear command,*  
7           *control, and communications systems in support of*  
8           *nuclear and long-range strike missions of the United*  
9           *States Strategic Command.*

10          (4) *An identification of the personnel levels and*  
11          *readiness requirements necessary for the performance*  
12          *of such proposed functions, including any specialized*  
13          *requirements to support such missions.*

14          (5) *An identification of any facilities or other*  
15          *infrastructure the construction or modification of*  
16          *which would be necessary for the performance of such*  
17          *proposed functions, together with cost estimates and a*  
18          *notional timeline for any such required construction*  
19          *or modification.*

20          (6) *An identification of the anticipated funding*  
21          *needs during the period covered by the most recent fu-*  
22          *ture-years defense program submitted to Congress*  
23          *under section 221 of title 10, United States Code, for*  
24          *the establishment, operation, and sustainment of the*  
25          *Global Operations Center–Alternate, and any*

1        *resourcing activities or legislative authorities the Sec-*  
2        *retary determines necessary for such purpose.*

3        *(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date*  
4        *on which the Secretary submits to the congressional defense*  
5        *committees the report under subsection (a), the Secretary*  
6        *shall provide to such committees an unclassified briefing*  
7        *to summarize key findings, recommended actions, and deci-*  
8        *sion points regarding the potential designation of the Joint*  
9        *Global Strike Operations Center at Barksdale Air Force*  
10       *Base, Louisiana, as an alternate command post to the Glob-*  
11       *al Operations Center of the United States Strategic Com-*  
12       *mand.*

13       **SEC. 1637. SPACE LAUNCH COMPLEX 46.**

14       *The Secretary of the Air Force may not take any ac-*  
15       *tion to reduce or modify the exclusive and priority use of*  
16       *Space Launch Complex 46 by the Secretary of the Navy*  
17       *until the date on which the Chief of Naval Operations sub-*  
18       *mits to the congressional defense committees a notification*  
19       *that—*

20                *(1) the test capabilities and infrastructure at*  
21        *Space Launch Complex 51 are equivalent to such ca-*  
22        *pabilities and infrastructure at Space Launch Com-*  
23        *plex 46 with respect to meeting the mission needs of*  
24        *the Secretary of the Navy; and*

1           (2) *the Director of Navy Strategic Systems Pro-*  
 2           *grams has issued a final acceptance and certification*  
 3           *of the facilities at Space Launch Complex 51.*

4 **SEC. 1638. MODIFICATION OF REPORT REQUIREMENT FOR**  
 5                   **CERTAIN DECISIONS RELATING TO NUCLEAR**  
 6                   **WEAPONS EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY OF THE**  
 7                   **UNITED STATES.**

8           *Section 491(c) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 9           *amended by inserting “, or a similar evaluation,” after*  
 10          *“made pursuant to a Nuclear Posture Review Implementa-*  
 11          *tion Study”.*

12 **SEC. 1639. INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF BONE MARROW**  
 13                   **RADIATION SHIELDING FOR NUCLEAR SUR-**  
 14                   **VIVABILITY.**

15          (a) *ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.*—*Not later than 30 days*  
 16          *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant*  
 17          *Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological*  
 18          *Defense, Policy and Programs shall seek to enter into an*  
 19          *agreement with a University Affiliated Research Center af-*  
 20          *filiated with United States Strategic Command to conduct*  
 21          *an independent scientific assessment on whether preserving*  
 22          *the viability of bone marrow using partial body radiation*  
 23          *shielding can improve the survivability of an individual ex-*  
 24          *posed to gamma radiation as compared to an individual*  
 25          *without such protection.*

1       (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The assessment required under sub-*  
 2 *section (a) shall examine peer-reviewed scientific literature,*  
 3 *laboratory studies and relevant experimental data to evalu-*  
 4 *ate the comparative effectiveness of preserving bone marrow*  
 5 *using partial body radiation shielding with respect to—*

6               (1) *the likelihood of developing Acute Radiation*  
 7 *Syndrome;*

8               (2) *the severity of Acute Radiation Syndrome*  
 9 *when it occurs; and*

10              (3) *overall mortality rates following gamma ra-*  
 11 *diation exposure.*

12       (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 150 days after the date*  
 13 *of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall*  
 14 *submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House*  
 15 *of Representatives and the Senate a report on the assess-*  
 16 *ment required under subsection (a) that includes the find-*  
 17 *ings of such assessment.*

## 18                   ***Subtitle D—Missile Defense*** 19                   ***Programs***

### 20       ***SEC. 1651. PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF NAME*** 21                   ***OR SEAL OF THE MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY.***

22       (a) *PROHIBITION.*—*Section 5502 of title 10, United*  
 23 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*  
 24 *new subsection:*

1       “(d) *PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF NAME*  
2 *OR SEAL.*—(1) *Except with the written permission of the*  
3 *Secretary of Defense, no person may knowingly use, in con-*  
4 *nection with any merchandise, retail product, imperson-*  
5 *ation, solicitation, or commercial activity in a manner rea-*  
6 *sonably calculated to convey the impression that such use*  
7 *is approved, endorsed, or authorized by the Secretary, any*  
8 *of the following (or any colorable imitation thereof):*

9               “(A) *The words ‘Missile Defense Agency’.*

10              “(B) *The seal of the Missile Defense Agency.*

11       “(2) *Whenever it appears to the Attorney General that*  
12 *any person is engaged or is about to engage in an act or*  
13 *practice which constitutes or will constitute conduct prohib-*  
14 *ited by paragraph (1), the Attorney General may initiate*  
15 *a civil proceeding in a district court of the United States*  
16 *to enjoin such act or practice. Such court shall proceed as*  
17 *soon as practicable to the hearing and determination of*  
18 *such action and may, at any time before final determina-*  
19 *tion, enter such restraining orders or prohibitions, or take*  
20 *such other actions as is warranted, to prevent injury to the*  
21 *United States or to any person or class of persons for whose*  
22 *protection the action is brought.”.*

23       (b) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.*—*Subsection (c)(3) of*  
24 *such section is amended—*

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “the date of the enactment of this subsection” and inserting “December 27, 2021,”;

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) by striking “the date of the enactment of this subsection” and inserting “December 27, 2021”; and

(B) by striking “the date of such enactment” and inserting “such date”; and

(3) in subparagraph (C), by striking “the date of the enactment of this subsection” and inserting “December 27, 2021,”.

**SEC. 1652. REMOVAL OF DUPLICATIVE MISSILE DEFENSE  
AGENCY TESTING REQUIREMENT.**

Section 5534 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

**SEC. 1653. UPDATED MIDDLE EAST INTEGRATED AIR AND  
MISSILE DEFENSE STRATEGY.**

Section 1658(b) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2951) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) *UPDATE*.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027, the Secretary of De-

1        *fense, in consultation with the Secretary of State,*  
 2        *shall submit to the congressional defense committees,*  
 3        *the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of*  
 4        *Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Rela-*  
 5        *tions of the Senate an update to the strategy under*  
 6        *paragraph (1).”.*

7        **SEC. 1654. NEXT-GENERATION INTEGRATED AIR AND MIS-**  
 8                                **SILE DEFENSE SYSTEM MUNITIONS STRAT-**  
 9                                **EGY.**

10        *(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after*  
 11        *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
 12        *fense shall submit to the congressional defense committees*  
 13        *an alternative plan with respect to procuring munitions for*  
 14        *the next-generation air and missile defense architecture*  
 15        *being developed pursuant to Executive Order 14186 (90*  
 16        *Fed. Reg. 8767).*

17        *(b) ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall*  
 18        *include the following:*

19                *(1) A summary of the munitions and associated*  
 20                *procurement quantities necessary to meet mission ob-*  
 21                *jectives by 2028.*

22                *(2) An assessment of current and near-term*  
 23                *planned production capacity for each munition.*

1           (3) *An overview of alternative munitions with*  
2           *potential air and missile defense capability, including*  
3           *the production capacity of each such munition.*

4           (4) *An evaluation of the feasibility of incor-*  
5           *porating alternative munitions into the next-genera-*  
6           *tion air and missile defense architecture and associ-*  
7           *ated effects on operational performance.*

8   **SEC. 1655. SPACE-BASED INTERCEPTORS.**

9           (a) *INDEPENDENT LIFE-CYCLE COST ESTIMATE.—*

10           (1) *REQUIREMENT.—The Director of Cost Assess-*  
11           *ment and Program Evaluation shall conduct an inde-*  
12           *pendent life-cycle cost estimate of the space-based in-*  
13           *terceptor program.*

14           (2) *AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS.—Following the*  
15           *completion of the independent life-cycle cost estimate*  
16           *under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall*  
17           *ensure that the space-based interceptor program meets*  
18           *affordability controls in accordance with section 4271*  
19           *of title 10, United States Code.*

20           (3) *SUBMISSION.—The Secretary may not award*  
21           *a full-rate production contract for the space-based in-*  
22           *terceptor program unless the Secretary has submitted*  
23           *to the congressional defense committees—*



1           (A) the preliminary findings of the inde-  
2           pendent cost assessment under paragraph (1);  
3           and

4           (B) a notification that the goals under sec-  
5           tion 4271(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,  
6           have been established with respect to such pro-  
7           gram.

8           (b) *FLIGHT TEST*.—In addition to the requirements of  
9           section 4171 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary  
10          may not make any decision regarding full-rate production,  
11          or equivalent, of the space-based interceptor unless the Sec-  
12          retary has—

13           (1) certified to the congressional defense commit-  
14           tees that the Secretary has conducted at least one suc-  
15           cessful operationally relevant flight test of the space-  
16           based interceptor; and

17           (2) provided to such committees a briefing on the  
18           details of such tests, including with respect to the  
19           operational realism of such tests.

20   **SEC. 1656. LOW-COST EXO-ATMOSPHERIC INTERCEPTOR DE-**  
21           **VELOPMENT.**

22           (a) *REQUIREMENT*.—The Secretary of Defense, acting  
23          through the Director of the Missile Defense Agency, shall  
24          carry out a program to develop and demonstrate a low-cost  
25          exo-atmospheric interceptor to provide complementary,

1 *scalable intercept capability to existing interceptors in the*  
 2 *ballistic missile defense architecture.*

3 (b) *BRIEFING.*—Not later than 90 days after the date  
 4 of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Missile De-  
 5 fense Agency shall provide the congressional defense com-  
 6 mittees a briefing on programs and activities carried out  
 7 under this section.

8 (c) *REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after the date  
 9 of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Missile De-  
 10 fense Agency shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
 11 mittees a report on—

12 (1) *the current threat environment necessitating*  
 13 *low-cost and scalable exo-atmospheric intercept capa-*  
 14 *bility; and*

15 (2) *the acquisition strategy for a low-cost and*  
 16 *scalable exo-atmospheric interceptor program.*

## 17 ***Subtitle E—Other Matters***

### 18 ***SEC. 1661. BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS ON CROSS-FUNC-*** 19 ***TIONAL TEAM FOR ANOMALOUS HEALTH IN-*** 20 ***CIDENTS.***

21 (a) *BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS.*—Subsection (e) of sec-  
 22 tion 910 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
 23 cal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 111 note)  
 24 is amended to read as follows:

1       “(e) *UPDATES.*—(1) *The Secretary shall provide to the*  
2 *appropriate congressional committees a briefing containing*  
3 *updates on the activities carried out by the cross-functional*  
4 *team during the period covered by the briefing as follows:*

5               “(A) *On a quarterly basis during the period be-*  
6 *ginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31,*  
7 *2028.*

8               “(B) *On a semiannual basis during the period*  
9 *beginning January 1, 2029, and ending December 31,*  
10 *2030.*

11       “(2) *On an annual basis during the period beginning*  
12 *January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2030, the Sec-*  
13 *retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-*  
14 *mittees a report on the activities carried out by the cross-*  
15 *functional team during the period covered by the report.”.*

16       (b) *TRANSFER.*—*Section 910 of the National Defense*  
17 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–*  
18 *81; 10 U.S.C. 111 note) is—*

19               (1) *transferred to chapter 21 of title 10, United*  
20 *States Code;*

21               (2) *inserted after section 430e; and*

22               (3) *redesignated as section 430f.*

23       (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—*Section 430f of title*  
24 *10, United States Code, as added by subsection (b), is*  
25 *amended—*

1           (1) *in the enumerator, by striking “SEC.” and*  
 2           *inserting “§”;*

3           (2) *in the section heading—*

4                   (A) *by striking the period at the end; and*

5                   (B) *by conforming the typeface and*  
 6                   *typestyle, including capitalization, to the type-*  
 7                   *face and typestyle as used in the section heading*  
 8                   *of section 430e of such title; and*

9           (3) *in subsection (a), by striking “title 10,*  
 10           *United States Code” and inserting “this title”.*

11 **SEC. 1662. COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION FUNDS.**

12           (a) *FUNDING ALLOCATION.—Of the \$221,332,000 au-*  
 13           *thorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense*  
 14           *for fiscal year 2027 in section 301 and made available by*  
 15           *the funding table in division D for the Department of De-*  
 16           *fense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program established*  
 17           *under section 1321 of the Department of Defense Coopera-*  
 18           *tive Threat Reduction Act (50 U.S.C. 3711), the following*  
 19           *amounts may be obligated for the purposes specified:*

20                   (1) *For delivery system threat reduction, \$0.*

21                   (2) *For chemical security and elimination,*  
 22                   *\$23,435,000.*

23                   (3) *For global nuclear security, \$29,950,000.*

24                   (4) *For biological threat reduction, \$66,524,000.*

25                   (5) *For proliferation prevention, \$52,052,000.*

1           (6) *For transportation elimination disposition,*  
2       \$26,414,000.

3           (7) *For activities designated as Other Assess-*  
4       *ments/Administration Costs, \$22,957,000.*

5       (b) *SPECIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUC-*  
6       *TION FUNDS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to the author-*  
7       *ization of appropriations in section 301 and made avail-*  
8       *able by the funding table in division D for the Department*  
9       *of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program shall be*  
10      *available for obligation for fiscal years 2027, 2028, and*  
11      *2029.*

12   **SEC. 1663. SOLID ROCKET MOTOR INDUSTRIAL BASE.**

13       (a) *SOLID ROCKET MOTOR QUALIFICATION WORKING*  
14      *GROUP.—*

15           (1) *ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days*  
16       *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*  
17       *retary of Defense shall establish a working group of*  
18       *the Department of Defense to be known as the “Solid*  
19       *Rocket Motor Qualification Working Group” to expe-*  
20       *dite the qualification of solid rocket motors from a*  
21       *supplier that does not otherwise supply such motors.*

22           (2) *MEMBERSHIP.—The Solid Rocket Motor*  
23       *Qualification Working Group shall consist of a rep-*  
24       *resentative from each of the following:*

25           (A) *The Department of the Army.*

1                   (B) *The Department of the Navy.*

2                   (C) *The Department of the Air Force.*

3                   (D) *The Missile Defense Agency.*

4                   (E) *The Office of the Assistant Secretary of*  
5                   *Defense for Industrial Base Policy.*

6                   (F) *Any other component of the Department*  
7                   *of Defense the Secretary of Defense determines*  
8                   *appropriate.*

9                   (3) *DUTIES.—The Solid Rocket Motor Qualifica-*  
10                  *tion Working Group shall—*

11                  (A) *establish a strategy and implementation*  
12                  *plan for the Department of Defense with respect*  
13                  *to the qualification process for solid rocket mo-*  
14                  *tors from a contractor that does not otherwise*  
15                  *supply such motors; and*

16                  (B) *designate not fewer than three missile*  
17                  *programs for which the Secretary of Defense will*  
18                  *expedite such qualification.*

19                  (4) *REPORTS.—*

20                  (A) *ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than*  
21                  *September 30, 2027, and annually thereafter*  
22                  *through September 30, 2031, the Secretary shall*  
23                  *submit to the congressional defense committees a*  
24                  *report on the actions carried out by the Solid*

1       *Rocket Motor Qualification Working Group, in-*  
2       *cluding—*

3               *(i) the status of qualifying solid rocket*  
4               *motors from a contractor that does not oth-*  
5               *erwise supply such motors;*

6               *(ii) an implementation plan for such*  
7               *qualification; and*

8               *(iii) an estimate of the costs to carry*  
9               *out such plan with respect to each new solid*  
10              *rocket motor or contractor, or both.*

11       *(B) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 90*  
12       *days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
13       *the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-*  
14       *gressional defense committees a report con-*  
15       *taining—*

16              *(i) a certification that the Secretary*  
17              *has established the Solid Rocket Motor*  
18              *Qualification Working Group;*

19              *(ii) an identification of who is leading*  
20              *the Working Group; and*

21              *(iii) the strategy and implementation*  
22              *plan under paragraph (3)(A).*

23       *(C) LIMITATION.—Of the amounts author-*  
24       *ized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise*  
25       *made available for fiscal year 2027 for the travel*

1 *expenses of the Under Secretary of Defense for*  
2 *Acquisition and Sustainment, not more than 75*  
3 *percent may be obligated or expended until the*  
4 *date on which the report under subparagraph*  
5 *(B) is submitted.*

6 *(b) SECOND SOURCING FOR PRODUCTION OF EXISTING*  
7 *CRITICAL MUNITIONS.—*

8 *(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense*  
9 *shall ensure that a prime contractor that provides a*  
10 *covered munition sources solid rocket motors for such*  
11 *munition from more than one supplier.*

12 *(2) ANNUAL CERTIFICATIONS.—*

13 *(A) REQUIREMENT.—Except as provided by*  
14 *subparagraph (B), at the same time as the Presi-*  
15 *dent submits to Congress the annual budget re-*  
16 *quest under section 1105 of title 31, United*  
17 *States Code, for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall*  
18 *submit to the congressional defense committees a*  
19 *certification that, for each covered munition, a*  
20 *second supplier has been identified from which*  
21 *the prime contractor will source solid rocket mo-*  
22 *tors for such munition during the fiscal year*  
23 *covered by that budget.*

24 *(B) INITIAL CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary*  
25 *shall submit the initial certification under sub-*



1 paragraph (A) by not later than September 1,  
2 2027, with respect to fiscal year 2028.

3 (C) *LIMITATION.*—Of the amounts author-  
4 ized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise  
5 made available for fiscal year 2028 and any fis-  
6 cal year thereafter for any office described in  
7 subparagraph (D), not more than 50 percent  
8 may be obligated or expended unless the Sec-  
9 retary has submitted the certification under sub-  
10 paragraph (A) for that fiscal year.

11 (D) *OFFICE DESCRIBED.*—An office de-  
12 scribed in this subparagraph is any of the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 (i) *The Office of the Deputy Secretary*  
15 *of Defense.*

16 (ii) *The Office of the Economic Defense*  
17 *Unit.*

18 (3) *REPORT.*—Not later than 120 days after the  
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
20 submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
21 port on carrying out paragraph (1), including—

22 (A) *a timeline and the costs associated with*  
23 *procuring from a second supplier the munitions*  
24 *covered by such paragraph;*

1                   (B) an identification of each such second  
2                   supplier; and

3                   (C) an assessment on the feasibility and ad-  
4                   visability of the Secretary carrying out a direct  
5                   supply strategy regarding the procurement of  
6                   solid rocket motors by the Department to support  
7                   critical munition production.

8           (c) *PRODUCTION OF NEW MUNITIONS.*—With respect  
9           to a contract or other agreement entered into for a covered  
10           munition on or after October 1, 2027, the Secretary of De-  
11           fense, acting through the Secretaries of the military depart-  
12           ments and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition  
13           and Sustainment, shall ensure that not fewer than two solid  
14           rocket motor suppliers are providing solid rocket motors for  
15           such munition.

16           (d) *COVERED MUNITION.*—In this section, the term  
17           “covered munition” means any of the following:

18                   (1) *Patriot advanced capability-3 missile seg-*  
19                   *ment enhancement.*

20                   (2) *Terminal high altitude area defense intercep-*  
21                   *tors.*

22                   (3) *All standard missile variants (including*  
23                   *standard missile-6, standard missile-3 blocks IB and*  
24                   *IIA).*

25                   (4) *Tomahawk land attack missiles.*

- 1           (5) *Maritime strike Tomahawk missiles.*
- 2           (6) *Advanced medium-range air-to-air missiles.*
- 3           (7) *Precision strike missiles.*
- 4           (8) *Hydra 70 rockets.*
- 5           (9) *Any other munitions the Secretary deter-*
- 6           *mines appropriate.*

## 7       **TITLE XVII—OTHER DEFENSE** 8       **MATTERS**

### 9       **Subtitle A—Miscellaneous** 10      **Authorities and Limitations**

#### 11   **SEC. 1701. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF** 12           **DEFENSE STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.**

13       *Section 341(e)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code,*  
14   *is amended by inserting “, including costs incurred with*  
15   *respect to activities beginning in a fiscal year and ending*  
16   *not later than the end of the first fiscal year thereafter”*  
17   *before the semicolon.*

#### 18   **SEC. 1702. INCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF SPECIAL OPER-** 19           **ATIONS FORCES IN PRESEPARATION COUN-** 20           **SELING.**

21       *Section 1142(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
22   *amended—*

- 23           (1) *by inserting “(including each member of the*  
24       *special operations forces)” after “armed forces”;*
- 25           (2) *by inserting “(A)” before “Within”; and*

1           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 2 paragraph: “(B)”

3           “(B) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that a mem-  
 4 ber described in subparagraph (A) receives preseparation  
 5 counseling in the following amounts:

6           “(i) In the case of a member who has accepted  
 7 an offer of full-time employment, or has enrolled in a  
 8 program of education or vocational training, that  
 9 shall commence after the member separates, retires, or  
 10 is discharged, not fewer than three days.

11           “(ii) In the case of a member other than a mem-  
 12 ber described in clause (i), not fewer than five days.”.

13 **SEC. 1703. COPYRIGHT TO A LITERARY WORK PRODUCED BY**  
 14 **A CIVILIAN FACULTY MEMBER OF A SPACE**  
 15 **FORCE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION**  
 16 **PROGRAM IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT:**  
 17 **FREE USE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

18           (a) *USE BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.*—Subsection  
 19 (d)(2) of section 105 of title 17, United States Code, is  
 20 amended—

21           (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (M) through  
 22 (O) as subparagraphs (O) through (Q); and

23           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (L) the fol-  
 24 lowing new subparagraphs:

1                   “(M) *Space Force Senior Level Education*  
2                   *Program.*

3                   “(N) *Space Force Intermediate Level Edu-*  
4                   *cation Program.*”.

5           (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—*Subsection (c) of*  
6 *such section is amended—*

7                   (1) *in paragraph (1)—*

8                           (A) *by striking “through (L)” and inserting*  
9                           *“through (N)”*; and

10                           (B) *by striking “subparagraph (M)” and*  
11                           *inserting “subparagraph (O)”*;

12                   (2) *in paragraph (2), by striking “subsection*  
13 *(d)(2)(M)” and inserting “subsection (d)(2)(O)”*;

14                           (3) *in paragraph (3), by striking “subsection*  
15 *(d)(2)(N)” and inserting “subsection (d)(2)(P)”*; and

16                           (4) *in paragraph (4), by striking “subsection*  
17 *(d)(2)(O)” and inserting “subsection (d)(2)(Q)”*.

18 **SEC. 1704. INAPPLICABILITY OF DEFENSE BASE ACT TO**  
19 **GUAM.**

20           *Section 1 of the Defense Base Act (42 U.S.C. 1651)*  
21 *is amended—*

22                   (1) *in subsection (b)—*

23                           (A) *in paragraph (4), by striking “and the*  
24 *District of Columbia.” and inserting “, the Dis-*  
25 *trict of Columbia, and Guam;”*;

1                   (B) by adding at the end the following new  
2                   paragraph:

3                   “(5) the term ‘Territory or possession outside the  
4                   continental United States’ does not include Guam.”;  
5                   and

6                   (2) by adding at the end the following:

7                   “(g) *LIMITATION ON APPLICABILITY.*—This section  
8                   shall only apply to Guam during periods in which Guam  
9                   has in effect worker’s compensation regulations that are  
10                  comparable to the laws and regulations of worker’s com-  
11                  pensation regulations in any of the 50 States.”.

12                  **SEC. 1705. EXTENSION OF ADMISSION FOR CERTAIN NON-**  
13                  **IMMIGRANT H-2B WORKERS.**

14                  Section 6(b)(1)(B) of the Joint Resolution entitled “A  
15                  Joint Resolution to approve the ‘Covenant to Establish a  
16                  Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Polit-  
17                  ical Union with the United States of America’, and for  
18                  other purposes”, approved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C.  
19                  1806(b)(1)(B)), is amended, in the matter preceding clause  
20                  (i), by striking “December 31, 2029” and inserting “Decem-  
21                  ber 31, 2035”.

22                  **SEC. 1706. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CYBERSECURITY**  
23                  **ACT OF 2015.**

24                  (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Cybersecurity Act of 2015 (6  
25                  U.S.C. 1501 et seq.; enacted as division N of the Consoli-

1 *dated Appropriations Act, 2016; Public Law 114–113) is*  
 2 *amended—*

3 *(1) in section 102 (6 U.S.C. 1501; relating to*  
 4 *definitions)—*

5 *(A) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5),*  
 6 *(6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14),*  
 7 *(15), (16), (17), and (18) as paragraphs (6), (7),*  
 8 *(8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16),*  
 9 *(17), (18), (19), and (20), respectively; and*

10 *(B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-*  
 11 *lowing new paragraphs:*

12 *“(4) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The term ‘ar-*  
 13 *tificial intelligence’ has the meaning given such term*  
 14 *in section 5002 of the National Artificial Intelligence*  
 15 *Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401).*

16 *“(5) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term*  
 17 *‘critical infrastructure’ has the meaning given such*  
 18 *term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42*  
 19 *U.S.C. 5195c(e)).”;*

20 *(2) in section 103 (6 U.S.C. 1502; relating to*  
 21 *sharing of information by the Federal Government)—*

22 *(A) in subsection (a), in the matter pre-*  
 23 *ceding paragraph (1), by striking “develop and*  
 24 *issue” and inserting “develop, issue, and, as ap-*  
 25 *propriate, update”; and*

1                   *(B) in subsection (b)—*

2                   *(i) in paragraph (1)—*

3                   *(I) in the matter preceding sub-*  
4                   *paragraph (A), by inserting “and, as*  
5                   *appropriate, updated,” after “devel-*  
6                   *oped”;*

7                   *(II) by amending subparagraph*  
8                   *(A) to read as follows:*

9                   *“(A) ensure the Federal Government has*  
10                  *and maintains the capability to share cyber*  
11                  *threat indicators and defensive measures in real-*  
12                  *time consistent with the protection of classified*  
13                  *information, and maintains the capability to*  
14                  *provide technical assistance, on a voluntary*  
15                  *basis, to non-Federal entities in utilizing cyber*  
16                  *threat indicators and defensive measures for cy-*  
17                  *bersecurity purposes;”;*

18                  *(III) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by*  
19                  *striking “and” after the semicolon;*

20                  *(IV) in subparagraph (F), by*  
21                  *striking the period and inserting “;*  
22                  *and”; and*

23                  *(V) by adding at the end the fol-*  
24                  *lowing new subparagraph:*



1           “(G) pursuant to section 2212 of the Home-  
2           land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 662), pro-  
3           vide one-time read-ins, as appropriate, to select  
4           individuals identified by non-Federal entities  
5           that own or operate critical infrastructure or ar-  
6           tificial intelligence;” and

7                       (ii) in paragraph (2)—

8                               (I) by inserting “and, as appro-  
9                               priate, updating,” after “developing”;  
10                              and

11                             (II) by inserting “and defensive  
12                             measures” after “promote the sharing  
13                             of cyber threat indicators”; and

14           (C) in subsection (c)—

15                       (i) by inserting “and not later than 60  
16                       days after any update, as appropriate, of  
17                       procedures required by subsection (a),” after  
18                       “Act,”; and

19                       (ii) by inserting “(or update, as appro-  
20                       priate)” after “procedures”;

21           (3) in section 104 (6 U.S.C. 1503; relating to  
22           authorizations for preventing, detecting, analyzing,  
23           and mitigating cybersecurity threats)—

24                       (A) in paragraph (3) of subsection (c)—

1                   (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
2                   graph (A), by striking “shall be” and in-  
3                   serting “may be”;

4                   (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
5                   “or” after the semicolon;

6                   (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
7                   the period and inserting “; or”; and

8                   (iv) by adding at the end the following  
9                   new subparagraph:

10                  “(C) to preclude the use of artificial intel-  
11                  ligence that is strictly deployed for cybersecurity  
12                  purposes in carrying out the activities author-  
13                  ized under paragraph (1) provided that such de-  
14                  ployment complies with section 105(d)(5).”; and

15                  (B) in subparagraph (B) of subsection  
16                  (d)(2), by inserting “, which may utilize artifi-  
17                  cial intelligence that is strictly deployed for cy-  
18                  bersecurity purposes,” after “technical capa-  
19                  bility”;

20                  (4) in section 105 (6 U.S.C. 1504; relating to  
21                  sharing of cyber threat indicators and defensive meas-  
22                  ures with the Federal Government)—

23                  (A) in subsection (a)—

24                         (i) in paragraph (2), by adding at the  
25                         end the following new sentences: “As appro-

1            *priate, the Attorney General and the Sec-*  
2            *retary of Homeland Security shall, in con-*  
3            *sultation with the heads of the appropriate*  
4            *Federal entities, jointly update such policies*  
5            *and procedures, and issue and make pub-*  
6            *licly available such updated policies and*  
7            *procedures. Such updates shall prioritize*  
8            *rapid dissemination to State, local, Tribal,*  
9            *and territorial governments and owners and*  
10           *operators of non-Federal critical infrastruc-*  
11           *ture or artificial intelligence of relevant and*  
12           *actionable cyber threat indicators and de-*  
13           *fensive measures.”;*

14           *(ii) in paragraph (3), in the matter*  
15           *preceding subparagraph (A), by striking*  
16           *“developed or issued” and inserting “devel-*  
17           *oped, issued, or, as appropriate, updated,”;*  
18           *and*

19           *(iii) in paragraph (4)—*

20           *(I) in subparagraph (A), by add-*  
21           *ing at the end the following new sen-*  
22           *tence: “As appropriate, the Attorney*  
23           *General and the Secretary of Home-*  
24           *land Security shall jointly update and*  
25           *make publicly available such guidance*

1           *to so assist entities and promote such*  
2           *sharing of cyber threat indicators and*  
3           *defensive measures with such Federal*  
4           *entities under this title.”; and*

5                     *(II) in subparagraph (B), in the*  
6                     *matter preceding clause (i), by insert-*  
7                     *ing “and, as appropriate, updated,”*  
8                     *after “developed”;*

9           *(B) in subsection (b)—*

10                    *(i) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting*  
11                    *“, and, as appropriate, update,” after “re-*  
12                    *view”;* and

13                    *(ii) in paragraph (3), in the matter*  
14                    *preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting*  
15                    *“and, as appropriate, updated,” after “re-*  
16                    *quired”;* and

17           *(C) in subsection (c)—*

18                    *(i) in paragraph (1)(D), by inserting*  
19                    *“, including if such capability and process*  
20                    *employs artificial intelligence” before the*  
21                    *semicolon; and*

22                    *(ii) in paragraph (2), by adding at the*  
23                    *end the following new subparagraphs:*

24                    *“(C) OUTREACH.—Not later than 90 days*  
25                    *after the date of the enactment of this subpara-*

1       *graph, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall*  
2       *develop and continuously implement an outreach*  
3       *plan, including targeted engagement, to ensure*  
4       *Federal and non-Federal entities, particularly*  
5       *small or rural owners or operators of critical in-*  
6       *frastructure which often lack dedicated cyberse-*  
7       *curity staff but remain vital to national secu-*  
8       *rity—*

9               *“(i) are aware of the capability and*  
10              *process required by paragraph (1) to share*  
11              *cyber threat indicators and defensive meas-*  
12              *ures, including the benefits real-time infor-*  
13              *mation sharing provides;*

14              *“(ii) understand how to share cyber*  
15              *threat indicators and defensive measures;*

16              *“(iii) understand the obligation to re-*  
17              *move certain personal information in ac-*  
18              *cordance with section 104(d)(7) prior to*  
19              *sharing a cyber threat indicator;*

20              *“(iv) understand how cyber threat in-*  
21              *dicators and defensive measures are re-*  
22              *ceived, processed, used, and protected;*

23              *“(v) understand the protections they*  
24              *are afforded in sharing any cyber threat in-*  
25              *dicators and defensive measures; and*

1           “(vi) can provide feedback to the Sec-  
 2           retary when policies, procedures, and guide-  
 3           lines that are unclear or unintentionally  
 4           prohibitive to sharing cyber threat indica-  
 5           tors and defensive measures.

6           “(D) BRIEFINGS ON OUTREACH.—The Sec-  
 7           retary of Homeland Security shall annually pro-  
 8           vide to the Committee on Homeland Security of  
 9           the House of Representatives and the Committee  
 10          on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-  
 11          fairs of the Senate a briefing on the implementa-  
 12          tion of outreach pursuant to subparagraph (B).”;  
 13          and

14          (D) in subsection (d)—

15               (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 16               “trade secret protection” and inserting “in-  
 17               tellectual property protection”; and

18               (ii) in paragraph (5)(A),

19                       (I) in clause (iv), by striking “or”  
 20                       after the semicolon;

21                       (II) in clause (v)(III), by striking  
 22                       the period and inserting “; or”; and

23                       (III) by adding at the end the fol-  
 24                       lowing new clause:

1                   “(vi) the purpose of rapidly providing  
2                   to other Federal entities awareness of a cy-  
3                   bersecurity threat that may impact the in-  
4                   formation systems of such Agencies.”;

5                   (5) in section 108 (6 U.S.C. 1507; relating to  
6                   construction and preemption)—

7                   (A) in subsection (c)—

8                   (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
9                   (1), by striking “shall be” and inserting  
10                  “may be”;

11                  (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or”  
12                  after the semicolon;

13                  (iii) in paragraph (3), by striking the  
14                  period and inserting “; or”; and

15                  (iv) by adding at the end the following  
16                  new paragraph:

17                  “(4) to preclude the use of artificial intelligence  
18                  that is strictly deployed for cybersecurity purposes in  
19                  carrying out activities authorized by this title.”; and

20                  (B) in subsection (f)(3), by inserting “to  
21                  share cyber threat indicators or defensive meas-  
22                  ures” after “relationship”;

23                  (6) in section 109 (6 U.S.C. 1508; relating to re-  
24                  port on cybersecurity threats)—

25                  (A) in subsection (a)—

1           (i) by inserting “and not later than  
2           September 30 of every two years thereafter,”  
3           after “Act,”;

4           (ii) by inserting “the Secretary of  
5           Homeland Security and” after “in coordi-  
6           nation with”;

7           (iii) by inserting “and the Committee  
8           on Homeland Security and Governmental  
9           Affairs” before “of the Senate”;

10          (iv) by inserting “and the Committee  
11          on Homeland Security” before “of the  
12          House”; and

13          (v) by inserting “prepositioning activi-  
14          ties, ransomware,” after “attacks,”; and  
15          (B) in subsection (b)—

16               (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting  
17               “prepositioning activities, ransomware,”  
18               after “attacks,”;

19               (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting  
20               “prepositioning activity, ransomware,”  
21               after “attack,”;

22               (iii) in paragraph (3), by inserting  
23               “prepositioning activities, ransomware,”  
24               after “attacks,” each place it appears; and



1                   (iv) in paragraph (4), by inserting  
2                   “prepositioning activities, ransomware,”  
3                   after “attacks,”; and

4                   (7) in section 111(a) (6 U.S.C. 1510(a), relating  
5                   to effective period), by striking “2025” and inserting  
6                   “2035”.

7           (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS*.—Section 2200 of the  
8   *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (6 U.S.C. 650; relating to  
9   definitions) is amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (5)—

11                   (A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or  
12                   compromising” after “defeating”;

13                   (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “in-  
14                   cluding a security vulnerability affecting an in-  
15                   formation system or a technology included in the  
16                   critical and emerging technologies list of the Of-  
17                   fice of Science and Technology Policy or suc-  
18                   cessor list, such as artificial intelligence, which  
19                   may be in a Federal entity’s or non-Federal en-  
20                   tity’s software or hardware supply chain,” after  
21                   “security vulnerability,”;

22                   (C) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “or  
23                   compromise” after “defeat”; and

24                   (D) in subparagraph (F), by inserting “or  
25                   compromised” after “exfiltrated”;

(2) in paragraph (14), by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

“(B) includes, in accordance with section 104(d)(2) of the Cybersecurity Sharing Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1503(d)(2)), operational technology, including industrial control systems, such as supervisory control and data acquisition systems, distributed control systems, and programmable logic controllers.”; and

(3) in paragraph (25), by inserting “or compromise” after “defeat”.

**SEC. 1707. UNITED STATES-ABRAHAM ACCORDS DEFENSE COOPERATION INITIATIVE.**

(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—The Secretary of Defense may establish a United States-Abraham Accords Defense Cooperation Initiative (in this section referred to as the “Initiative”) to bolster defense cooperation between the United States and the militaries of Abraham Accords countries.

(b) *RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITIES.*—An Initiative established under subsection (a) shall be carried out pursuant to the authorities provided in title 10, United States Code.

(c) *OBJECTIVES.*—The objectives of the Initiative shall include—

1           (1) *detering aggression by Iran and proxies of*  
2           *Iran in the Middle East;*

3           (2) *coordination with the Comprehensive Secu-*  
4           *urity Integration and Prosperity Agreement; and*

5           (3) *enhancing regional planning and cooperation*  
6           *among the militaries of Abraham Accords countries,*  
7           *particularly with respect to long-term regional*  
8           *projects, such as—*

9                   (A) *counter-unmanned aircraft systems ca-*  
10                  *pabilities;*

11                  (B) *ground-based air defenses;*

12                  (C) *theater ballistic missiles and cruise mis-*  
13                  *siles;*

14                  (D) *intelligence, surveillance, and recon-*  
15                  *naissance and tactical command and control;*

16                  (E) *special operations forces development;*

17                  (F) *joint air or naval military exercises;*

18                  *and*

19                  (G) *any other military capability the Sec-*  
20                  *retary considers appropriate.*

21           (d) *REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date*  
22           *on which the Initiative is established under subsection (a),*  
23           *the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
24           *mittees a report setting forth a strategy for achieving the*  
25           *objectives described in subsection (c).*

1       (e) *ABRAHAM ACCORDS COUNTRY DEFINED.*—*In this*  
 2 *section, the term “Abraham Accords country” means—*

3               (1) *a country that is a signatory of the Abraham*  
 4 *Accords Declaration, done at Washington September*  
 5 *15, 2020; and*

6               (2) *any regional, Arab, or Muslim-majority*  
 7 *country that has sought to normalize relations with*  
 8 *the State of Israel since 2020.*

9   **SEC. 1708. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ATOMIC CIVILIANS**  
 10       **COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE MEDAL.**

11       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall de-*  
 12 *sign and produce a commemorative service medal, to be*  
 13 *known as the “Atomic Civilians Commemorative Service*  
 14 *Medal” (in this section referred to as the “Medal”), to com-*  
 15 *memorate the service and sacrifice of civilian employees and*  
 16 *contractors of the Department of Defense and other Federal*  
 17 *agencies who were instrumental in the development of our*  
 18 *Nation’s atomic and nuclear weapons programs.*

19       (b) *ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.*—

20               (1) *ELIGIBILITY.*—*Current or former civilian*  
 21 *employees, and former employees of any contractor, of*  
 22 *the United States Government shall be eligible for the*  
 23 *Medal if such individual—*

24                       (A) *directly participated in the detonation*  
 25 *of an atomic weapon or device;*

1           (B) directly participated in the cleanup of  
2           radioactive material resulting from any such at-  
3           mospheric detonation;

4           (C) directly participated in the cleanup of  
5           radioactive material resulting from an accident  
6           associated with an atomic weapon; or

7           (D) was exposed to ionizing radiation re-  
8           sulting from the operational use of atomic weap-  
9           ons during World War II.

10          (2) *DOCUMENTATION.*—The Secretary of Defense  
11          may require individuals to submit supporting docu-  
12          mentation for the medal authorized in subsection (a)  
13          to determine eligibility under paragraph (1).

14          (c) *DISTRIBUTION OF MEDAL.*—

15               (1) *ISSUANCE TO RETIRED AND FORMER CIVIL-*  
16               *IAN EMPLOYEES.*—At the request of an eligible indi-  
17               vidual described under subsection (b)(1), the Sec-  
18               retary of Defense shall issue the Medal to such indi-  
19               vidual.

20               (2) *ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.*—In the case of  
21               an individual who is deceased but would otherwise be  
22               eligible for the Medal, the Secretary may provide for  
23               issuance of the Medal to the next-of-kin of such indi-  
24               vidual. If applications for a Medal are filed by more  
25               than one next of kin of such an individual, the Sec-

1        *retary of Defense shall determine which next-of-kin*  
2        *will receive the Medal.*

3            (3) *APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall prepare*  
4        *and disseminate as appropriate an application by*  
5        *which eligible individuals and their next-of-kin may*  
6        *apply to receive the Medal.*

7    **SEC. 1709. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BLAST OVERPRESSURE**  
8                    **TASK FORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
9                    **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

10        (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after*  
11        *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-*  
12        *erans Affairs shall appoint, through the Department of Vet-*  
13        *erans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Executive Com-*  
14        *mittee under section 320 of title 38, United States Code,*  
15        *the Blast Overpressure Task Force of the Department of Vet-*  
16        *erans Affairs (in this section referred to as the “Task*  
17        *Force”).*

18        (b) *MEMBERSHIP.—Each member of the Task Force*  
19        *appointed under subsection (a) shall be a member of the*  
20        *Health Executive Committee under subsection (b)(2) of such*  
21        *section who, at the time of appointment, is involved in re-*  
22        *search regarding the mitigation and treatment of blast over-*  
23        *pressure or blast exposure.*

24        (c) *DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force are the fol-*  
25        *lowing:*

1           (1) *To improve how the Secretary of Veterans Af-*  
2       *fairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense,*  
3       *provides health care and other benefits to veterans or*  
4       *members of the Armed Forces diagnosed with trau-*  
5       *matic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or*  
6       *other symptoms, from blast overpressure or blast expo-*  
7       *sure.*

8           (2) *To align research agendas and acquisition*  
9       *strategies of the Department regarding such health*  
10      *care.*

11          (3) *To establish physiological and cognitive per-*  
12      *formance baselines for such veterans and members.*

13          (4) *To prioritize translational research regard-*  
14      *ing such veterans and members, including research re-*  
15      *garding—*

16              (A) *sleep therapy;*

17              (B) *blast-related gut health;*

18              (C) *mobile diagnostics;*

19              (D) *vestibular dysfunction and balance im-*  
20      *pairment;*

21              (E)     *autonomic       nervous       system*  
22      *dysregulation;*

23              (F) *cumulative mild traumatic brain in-*  
24      *jury;*

1                   (G) *neuroinflammation and glial activa-*  
2                   *tion; and*

3                   (H) *any other issue determined appropriate*  
4                   *by the Secretary.*

5                   (5) *To monitor sensory decline (including with*  
6                   *regards to vision, hearing, and vestibular function)*  
7                   *and stress-related impairments among such veterans*  
8                   *and members.*

9                   (6) *To support continuity of such care by inte-*  
10                  *grating mobile and longitudinal diagnostic tools.*

11                  (d) *REPORTS.—The Task Force shall issue annual re-*  
12                  *ports to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and on Armed*  
13                  *Services of the Senate and House of Representatives. Each*  
14                  *such report shall include the following elements:*

15                   (1) *Details of research initiatives, coordination*  
16                   *outcomes, and clinical advancements of the Task*  
17                   *Force.*

18                   (2) *Recommendations of the Task Force regard-*  
19                   *ing—*

20                           (A) *how claims processors of the Depart-*  
21                           *ment of Veterans Affairs should evaluate evidence*  
22                           *that links such conditions to active military,*  
23                           *naval, air, or space service; and*

24                           (B) *best practices regarding the evaluation*  
25                           *of neurological injuries in examinations for ben-*



1            *efits under chapters 11 or 15 of title 38, United*  
2            *States Code.*

3            *(e) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on Sep-*  
4            *tember 30, 2029.*

5    **SEC. 1710. AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF CERTAIN**  
6            **LAND NEAR DAYTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**  
7            **TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8            *(a) TRANSFER.—Not later than 30 days after the date*  
9            *on which the Montgomery County Land Bank makes an*  
10           *offer to transfer to the Department of Veterans Affairs the*  
11           *parcel of land described in subsection (b), the Secretary of*  
12           *Veterans Affairs shall begin the process of entering into an*  
13           *agreement with the Land Bank to carry out such transfer.*  
14           *Under any such agreement—*

15                    *(1) the Land Bank shall agree to transfer to the*  
16                    *Department all right, title, and interest in such par-*  
17                    *cel at no cost of the land to the Department and for*  
18                    *no consideration; and*

19                    *(2) the Secretary shall agree to accept such*  
20                    *transfer—*

21                            *(A) in order to use such parcel as a na-*  
22                            *tional cemetery; and*

23                            *(B) not later than three years after the date*  
24                            *on which the Land Bank offers to transfer the*  
25                            *parcel.*

1       (b) *PARCEL DESCRIBED.*—*The parcel of land described*  
2 *in this subsection is the approximately 58 acres of land lo-*  
3 *cated in Dayton, Ohio, across from Dayton National Ceme-*  
4 *tery, bound by the intersection of McCall St. and South Get-*  
5 *tysburg Avenue, the intersection of McCall Street and*  
6 *Resaca Avenue, the intersection of South Gettysburg Avenue*  
7 *and U.S. Route 35 of the Interstate Highway System, and*  
8 *depicted on the map titled “Dayton National Cemetery Pro-*  
9 *posed Land Transfer” and dated January 26, 2024, and*  
10 *labeled on the map as “Expansion Area”.*

11       (c) *RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this sec-*  
12 *tion shall be construed to—*

13               (1) *require or encourage the Secretary to acquire*  
14 *any parcel other than the parcel described in sub-*  
15 *section (b); or*

16               (2) *require or encourage the Secretary to enter*  
17 *into any special agreement with an entity other than*  
18 *the Montgomery County Land Bank.*

19       (d) *MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAND BANK DEFINED.*—*In*  
20 *this section, the Montgomery County Land Bank means the*  
21 *land bank located at 130 W. Second Street, Suite 1425,*  
22 *Dayton, Ohio 45402.*

## ***Subtitle B—Other Matters***

### ***SEC. 1721. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.***

*(a) TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—Title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:*

*(1) By redesignating the second section 130g (relating to notification requirements for waivers issued under Department of Defense guidance related to autonomy in weapon systems) as section 130h.*

*(2) In section 130i(m)(4), by striking “‘covered facility or asset—’” and inserting “‘covered facility or asset’—”.*

*(3) In section 179(f)—*

*(A) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking “section 6218” and inserting “section 6128”; and*

*(B) in paragraph (6), by striking “section 231(f)” and inserting “section 231(h)(1)”.*

*(4) In section 222c—*

*(A) in subsection (c) by redesignating the second paragraph (9) (relating to the estimated aggregate demand from United States allies and partners) as paragraph (10);*

*(B) in subsection (f), by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subsection (e)(1)”; and*

1           (C) in subsection (g), by striking “sub-  
2           section (c)(9)” and inserting “subsection  
3           (c)(10)”.

4           (5) In section 345(c)(4)(B), by striking “The”  
5           and inserting “The”.

6           (6) In section 430e(a)(2)(C), by striking “; and”  
7           and inserting a period.

8           (7) In section 500f(b), by inserting “of this title”  
9           after “section 500e”.

10          (8) In section 714(b)(1), by inserting “of sub-  
11          section (a)” after “paragraphs (1) through (7)”.

12          (9) In section 1096(e)—

13               (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “Na-  
14               tional” before “Institute”; and

15               (B) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking  
16               “1621” and inserting “1601”.

17          (10) In section 1142—

18               (A) in subsection (b)(9)(A), by striking “,”  
19               and inserting a comma; and

20               (B) in subsection (c), by redesignating sub-  
21               paragraph (R) as subparagraph (Q).

22          (11) In section 1597(d), by inserting a comma  
23          after “involuntary reduction”.

24          (12) In section 1733(d)—

1           (A) by redesignating the second paragraph  
2           (3) through paragraph (9) as paragraphs (4)  
3           through (10), respectively; and

4           (B) in paragraph (8), as so redesignated, by  
5           inserting “and” before “critical readiness”.

6           (13) In section 2004c(h)(2), by striking “sub-  
7           section (f)” and inserting “subsection (g)”.

8           (14) In section 2200h(b)(2), by inserting “of”  
9           after “renew the appointment”.

10          (15) In section 2866a(g)(2)(B), by striking “sub-  
11          section (d)(1)(E)” and inserting “subsection  
12          (d)(2)(E)”.

13          (16) In section 3702(a)(3)(A)(ii), by striking “..”  
14          and inserting “.”.

15          (17) In section 4324, by redesignating subsection  
16          (d) as subsection (c).

17          (18) In section 4402(e)(1)(B), by striking “the  
18          the” and inserting “the”.

19          (19) In section 9040(b)(4), by inserting a comma  
20          after “Secretary of the Air Force”.

21          (b) TITLE 37, UNITED STATES CODE.—Title 37,  
22          United States Code, is amended as follows:

23               (1) In paragraph (24)(H) of section 101, by  
24               striking “Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service”

1       and inserting “Ready Reserve Corps of the Public  
2       Health Service”.

3               (2) In section 206(d)(2), by striking “Ready Re-  
4       serve or” and inserting “Ready Reserve, or of”.

5               (3) In section 302a(a)(2)(B), by striking “Re-  
6       serve Corps of the Public Health Service” and insert-  
7       ing “Ready Reserve Corps of the Public Health Serv-  
8       ice”.

9               (4) In section 302i(b)(1), by striking “Reserve  
10      Corps of the Public Health Service” and inserting  
11      “Ready Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service”.

12              (5) In section 303(a)(2)(C), by striking “Reserve  
13      Corps of the Public Health Service” and inserting  
14      “Ready Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service”.

15              (6) In section 303a(b), by striking “Reserve  
16      Corps of the Public Health Service” both places it ap-  
17      pears and inserting “Ready Reserve Corps of the Pub-  
18      lic Health Service”.

19              (7) In section 317(b)(2), by striking the period  
20      and inserting “; and”.

21              (8) In section 335(j)(8), by striking “reserve  
22      corps of the Public Health Service” and inserting  
23      “Ready Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service”.

24              (9) In section 351(c)(2)(B)(ii), by striking “of  
25      member” and inserting “of a member”.

1           (10) *In section 356(g), by striking “(a)”.*

2           (11) *In the table of sections at the beginning of*  
 3 *chapter 8, by striking the item relating to section 463*  
 4 *and inserting the following new item:*

*“463. Programs of compliance; electronic processing of travel claims.”.*

5           (12) *In section 437, in the section heading, by*  
 6 *striking “**premiums**” and inserting “**premium**”.*

7           (13) *In section 453(g)(5)(A), by striking “a the”*  
 8 *and inserting “the”.*

9           (14) *In section 501(g), by striking “Reserve*  
 10 *Corps of the Public Health Service” and inserting*  
 11 *“Ready Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service”.*

12           (15) *In section 503(b), by striking “Reserve*  
 13 *Corps of the Public Health Service” and inserting*  
 14 *“Ready Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service”.*

15           (16) *In section 907(d)(1)(K), by striking “section*  
 16 *section” and inserting “section”*

17           (17) *In section 908(a)(3), by striking “Commis-*  
 18 *sioned Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service”*  
 19 *and inserting “Ready Reserve Corps of the Public*  
 20 *Health Service”.*

21           (18) *In section 1011, in the section heading, by*  
 22 *striking “**operation**” and inserting “**oper-***  
 23 ***ations**”.*

24           (c) *COORDINATION WITH OTHER AMENDMENTS MADE*  
 25 *BY THIS ACT.—For purposes of applying amendments*

1 *made by provisions of this Act other than this section, the*  
 2 *amendments made by this section shall be treated as having*  
 3 *been enacted immediately before any such amendments by*  
 4 *other provisions of this Act.*

5 **SEC. 1722. COUNTERING CHINA'S CONTROL OF THE**  
 6 **CAUCASUS.**

7 *(a) REPORT ON RUSSIAN AND CHINESE INTELLIGENCE*  
 8 *ASSETS IN GEORGIA.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
 9 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,*  
 10 *in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence*  
 11 *and the Secretary of State, shall submit to the relevant con-*  
 12 *gressional committees a classified report that—*

13 *(1) is prepared consistent with the protection of*  
 14 *sources and methods;*

15 *(2) examines the penetration of Russian and*  
 16 *Chinese intelligence elements and their assets in Geor-*  
 17 *gia; and*

18 *(3) examines the potential intersection of Rus-*  
 19 *sian and Chinese influence and cooperation in Geor-*  
 20 *gia.*

21 *(b) 5-YEAR UNITED STATES STRATEGY FOR BILAT-*  
 22 *ERAL RELATIONS WITH GEORGIA.—*

23 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*  
 24 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*



1       *State shall submit to the relevant congressional com-*  
2       *mittees a detailed strategy that—*

3               *(A) outlines specific objectives for enhancing*  
4               *bilateral ties which reflect the current domestic*  
5               *political environment in Georgia;*

6               *(B) includes a determination of the tools,*  
7               *resources, and funding that should be available*  
8               *to achieve the objectives outlined pursuant to*  
9               *subparagraph (A) and an assessment of whether*  
10              *Georgia should remain a top recipient of United*  
11              *States funding in the Europe and Eurasia re-*  
12              *gion;*

13              *(C) includes a determination of the extent*  
14              *to which the United States should continue to in-*  
15              *vest in its partnership with Georgia; and*

16              *(D) includes a determination of whether the*  
17              *Government of Georgia remains committed to ex-*  
18              *panding trade ties with the United States and*  
19              *Europe and whether the United States Govern-*  
20              *ment should continue to invest in Georgian*  
21              *projects.*

22              *(2) FORM.—The report required under para-*  
23              *graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,*  
24              *with a classified annex.*

1       (c) *RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-*  
 2 *FINED.*—*In this section, the term “relevant congressional*  
 3 *committees” means—*

4           (1) *the Committee on Foreign Relations of the*  
 5 *Senate;*

6           (2) *the Select Committee on Intelligence of the*  
 7 *Senate;*

8           (3) *the Committee on Armed Services of the Sen-*  
 9 *ate;*

10          (4) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the*  
 11 *House of Representatives;*

12          (5) *the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-*  
 13 *ligence of the House of Representatives; and*

14          (6) *the Committee on Armed Services of the*  
 15 *House of Representatives.*

16 **SEC. 1723. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON**  
 17 **SKILLBRIDGE PROGRAMS.**

18       (a) *STUDY REQUIRED.*—*The Comptroller General of*  
 19 *the United States shall conduct a study of the Skillbridge*  
 20 *programs under section 1143(e) of title 10, United States*  
 21 *Code.*

22       (b) *REPORT.*—*Not later than two years after the date*  
 23 *of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall*  
 24 *submit to the Committees on Armed Services, and the Com-*  
 25 *mittees on Veterans’ Affairs, of the Senate and House of*

1 *Representatives, a report regarding the study required*  
 2 *under subsection (a). Such report shall include observations*  
 3 *and recommendations of the Comptroller regarding, with*  
 4 *respect to members of the Armed Forces and employers who*  
 5 *participate in the Skillbridge program—*

6           (1) *differences in criteria for participation be-*  
 7           *tween the Armed Forces;*

8           (2) *other differences in Skillbridge programs be-*  
 9           *tween the Armed Forces;*

10          (3) *best practices in Skillbridge programs across*  
 11          *the Armed Forces, including—*

12                   (A) *the selection of employers; and*

13                   (B) *the development of contracts; and*

14          (4) *the feasibility of making Skillbridge pro-*  
 15          *grams uniform across the Armed Forces.*

16 ***TITLE XVIII—REVITALIZATION***  
 17 ***OF THE DEFENSE INDUS-***  
 18 ***TRIAL BASE***

19 ***Subtitle A—Provisions to Protect***  
 20 ***and Strengthen Supply Chains***

21 ***SEC. 1801. REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION RELATING***  
 22 ***TO SUPPLY CHAIN RISK.***

23          *Section 3252 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 24 *ed—*

25           (1) *in subsection (b)—*

1                   (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as  
2                   follows:

3                   “(1) consulting with and receiving a written rec-  
4                   ommendation from procurement and other relevant  
5                   officials of the covered agency, including the chief ac-  
6                   quisition officer of the agency (or comparable em-  
7                   ployee);”;

8                   (B) in paragraph (2)—

9                   (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
10                  “, including the conclusions of the risk as-  
11                  sessment upon which this determination  
12                  was made” after “supply chain risk”; and

13                  (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
14                  “risk; and” and inserting “risk, including  
15                  the facts and evidence upon which this de-  
16                  termination was made, the options that  
17                  were considered in making this determina-  
18                  tion, and why such options were not reason-  
19                  ably available to reduce supply chain risk;  
20                  and”; and

21                  (C) by amending paragraph (3) to read as  
22                  follows:

23                  “(3) providing a classified or unclassified notice  
24                  of the determination made under paragraph (2) to the

1       *appropriate congressional committees, which notice*  
2       *shall include—*

3               “(A) *a summary of the risk assessment that*  
4               *serves as the basis for the written determination*  
5               *required by paragraph (2); and*

6               “(B) *the written determination required by*  
7               *paragraph (2).”;*

8               *(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection*  
9       *(h);*

10              *(3) by inserting after subsection (c) the following*  
11       *new subsections:*

12       “(d) *ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS BEFORE CARRYING*  
13       *OUT A COVERED PROCUREMENT ACTION.—(1) The head of*  
14       *a covered agency may carry out a covered procurement ac-*  
15       *tion affecting a domestic source or a non-FOCI entity only*  
16       *after—*

17              “(A) *notifying the domestic source or non-FOCI*  
18              *entity that a covered action is being considered;*

19              “(B) *providing the domestic source or non-FOCI*  
20              *entity, to the extent consistent with the national secu-*  
21              *rity and law enforcement interests, of information*  
22              *that forms the basis for the covered action, in accord-*  
23              *ance with paragraph (3);*

24              “(C) *allowing the domestic source or non-FOCI*  
25              *entity 30 days after receipt of the notice to submit in-*

1        *formation and argument to the head of the covered*  
2        *agency in response to such notification; and*

3                *“(D) submitting notice to the appropriate con-*  
4        *gressional committees that the covered procurement*  
5        *action is not being taken for any purpose described*  
6        *in paragraph (2).*

7        *“(2) The head of a covered agency may not directly*  
8        *or indirectly exclude a domestic source or non-FOCI entity*  
9        *as a source pursuant to subsection (a) for—*

10               *“(A) exercising, declining to waive, or declining*  
11        *to renegotiate any right under, or any term or condi-*  
12        *tion of, a contract, subcontract, agreement, license, or*  
13        *other arrangement with a Federal agency; or*

14               *“(B) for declining to enter into such an arrange-*  
15        *ment on terms proposed by a Federal official.*

16        *“(3) In carrying out a covered procurement action af-*  
17        *fecting a domestic source or a non-FOCI entity under this*  
18        *section, the head of a covered agency may not withhold from*  
19        *the domestic source or non-FOCI entity an unclassified*  
20        *written summary of the determinations required under sub-*  
21        *paragraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (b)(2), stated in suffi-*  
22        *cient detail to notify the entity of the basis for the action*  
23        *and to permit a meaningful opportunity to respond. Spe-*  
24        *cific facts or sources whose disclosure would harm national*  
25        *security or law enforcement interests may be withheld from*

1 *the domestic source or non-FOCI entity, as applicable, and*  
2 *provided to the appropriate congressional committees under*  
3 *the procedures in subsection (g).*

4 “(e) *EXCEPTION FOR IMMINENT NATIONAL SECURITY*  
5 *THREAT.*—*The head of a covered agency may immediately*  
6 *carry out a covered procurement action affecting a non-*  
7 *FOCI entity without first providing the information re-*  
8 *quired under subsection (b)(3) and notifications required*  
9 *under subsection (d)(1) if—*

10 “(1) *such head determines that an imminent na-*  
11 *tional security threat requires immediate action; and*

12 “(2) *not later than three days after carrying out*  
13 *such covered procurement action, such head—*

14 “(A) *provides to the appropriate congres-*  
15 *sional committees—*

16 “(i) *the notice required under sub-*  
17 *section (b)(3) and a written explanation of*  
18 *the imminent national security threat and*  
19 *the reasons such threat required carrying*  
20 *out such action before providing such notice;*  
21 *and*

22 “(ii) *provides to the domestic source or*  
23 *non-FOCI entity the notifications and in-*  
24 *formation required under subsection (d)(1).*

1       “(f) *CLASSIFIED ANNEX PROCEDURES.*—(1) *If infor-*  
2 *mation required to be provided under subsections (b) or (c)*  
3 *includes classified information, the head of the covered*  
4 *agency may transmit such information in a classified*  
5 *annex.*

6       “(2) *A classified annex transmitted under paragraph*  
7 *(1)—*

8               “(A) *shall be provided to members of Congress*  
9 *and congressional staff in accordance with applicable*  
10 *security procedures; and*

11              “(B) *may include intelligence sources and meth-*  
12 *ods, risk assessments, and other national security in-*  
13 *formation necessary to support the determination.*

14       “(3) *To the greatest extent practicable, the agency shall*  
15 *provide an unclassified summary of the information con-*  
16 *tained in the classified annex.”; and*

17              (4) *in subsection (h), as so redesignated—*

18                   (A) *in paragraph (2), by adding at the end*  
19 *the following:*

20                   “(D) *The termination of an existing con-*  
21 *tract, subcontract, agreement, or license for a*  
22 *covered system, in whole or in part, for the pur-*  
23 *pose of reducing supply chain risk.”; and*

24                   (B) *by adding at the end the following:*



1           “(7) *DOMESTIC SOURCE*.—The term ‘domestic  
2           source’ has the meaning in section 702 of the Defense  
3           Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4552).

4           “(8) *NON-FOCI ENTITY*.—The term ‘non-FOCI  
5           entity’ means—

6                   “(A) a domestic source; or

7                   “(B) an entity that has not been identified  
8                   to be operating under foreign ownership, control,  
9                   or influence pursuant to a Defense Counterintel-  
10                  ligence and Security Agency review of such enti-  
11                  ty.”.

12 **SEC. 1802. OVERSIGHT OF SPECIALTY METALS PROCURE-**  
13 **MENTS UNDER EXCEPTION RELATING TO**  
14 **AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.**

15           (a) *LIMITATION ON USE OF EXCEPTION RELATING TO*  
16 *AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS*.—Section  
17 4863 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding  
18 at the end the following new subsection:

19           “(o) *LIMITATION ON PROCUREMENTS UNDER EXCEP-*  
20 *TION RELATING TO AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERN-*  
21 *MENTS*.—(1) For any fiscal year, the total value of specialty  
22 metals acquired, including specialty metals incorporated  
23 into end items, pursuant to the exception under subsection  
24 (d), may not exceed 30 percent of the total value of specialty

1 *metals procured by the Department of Defense during such*  
2 *fiscal year.*

3       “(2) *In calculating the total value under paragraph*  
4 *(1), the Secretary of Defense shall include specialty metals*  
5 *directly procured by the Department and specialty metals*  
6 *incorporated into articles, materials, and supplies fur-*  
7 *nished by contractors and subcontractors to the Depart-*  
8 *ment.*

9       “(3) *Not later than 120 days after the last day of each*  
10 *fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-*  
11 *gressional defense committees a certification described com-*  
12 *pliance of the Secretary with the requirements of this sub-*  
13 *section, including a description of the the methodology used*  
14 *to calculate the total value under paragraph (1).*

15       “(4) *The Secretary of Defense may waive the require-*  
16 *ments of this subsection if the Secretary determines that*  
17 *such waiver is necessary in the interest of national security*  
18 *and submits to the congressional defense committees a writ-*  
19 *ten justification for the waiver not later than 30 days after*  
20 *exercising such authority.”.*

21       **(b) REPORT.—**

22               **(1) IN GENERAL.—***Not later than one year after*  
23 *the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of*  
24 *Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
25 *mittees a report regarding the use of the exception*

1       *under section 4863(d) of title 10, United States Code*  
2       *relating to agreements with foreign governments.*

3           (2) *CONTENT.*—*The report required under para-*  
4       *graph (1) shall include—*

5           (A) *an assessment of the frequency with*  
6       *which the Department of Defense, including*  
7       *prime contractors and subcontractors performing*  
8       *contracts for the Department, utilizes the excep-*  
9       *tion under such subsection (d);*

10          (B) *the total value and percentage of pro-*  
11       *curements to which such exception applied dur-*  
12       *ing each of the five fiscal years preceding the*  
13       *date of the report;*

14          (C) *a list of each foreign country with*  
15       *which the United States has entered into a recip-*  
16       *rocal defense procurement memorandum of un-*  
17       *derstanding or other defense procurement agree-*  
18       *ment for purposes of qualifying for the exception*  
19       *under such subsection (d);*

20          (D) *a supply chain analysis of each country*  
21       *described in subparagraph (C);*

22          (E) *an assessment of the extent to which*  
23       *specialty metals incorporated into articles, mate-*  
24       *rials, or supplies acquired pursuant to the excep-*  
25       *tion in section 4863(d) of title 10, United States*

1           Code, originate from countries that are not par-  
 2           ties to a defense procurement memorandum of  
 3           understanding or other defense procurement  
 4           agreement;

5           (F) an identification of any secondary de-  
 6           pendencies on specialty metals sourced from  
 7           countries that are not parties to a defense pro-  
 8           curement memorandum of understanding or  
 9           other defense procurement agreement; and

10           (G) an assessment of risks to the defense in-  
 11           dustrial base arising from such dependencies.

12 **SEC. 1803. CRITICAL MATERIALS: TIERED SOURCING RE-**  
 13 **STRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.**

14           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 4872 of title 10, United  
 15 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

16 **“§4872. Critical materials: tiered restrictions on**  
 17 **sourcing from covered nations and other**  
 18 **foreign nations; prohibition on sales**

19           “(a) *PROHIBITION ON SOURCING COVERED MATE-*  
 20 *RIALS FROM COVERED NATIONS.*—Except as provided in  
 21 subsections (c), (d), (e), and (g), the Secretary of Defense  
 22 may not procure covered material sourced from, by, or  
 23 through a covered nation, or a covered item that contains  
 24 covered material sourced from, by, or through a covered na-  
 25 tion.

1       “(b) *APPLICABILITY.*—*This section applies to prime*  
2 *contracts and subcontracts at any tier.*

3       “(c) *EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN ITEMS AND MATE-*  
4 *RIAL.*—*Subsection (a) shall not apply to the procurement*  
5 *of a covered item that is—*

6               “(1) *a commercially available off-the-shelf item,*  
7 *other than a covered COTS item or product;*

8               “(2) *an electronic device, unless the Secretary of*  
9 *Defense, upon the recommendation of the Strategic*  
10 *and Critical Materials Board of Directors pursuant*  
11 *to section 10 of the Strategic and Critical Materials*  
12 *Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98h–1), determines that*  
13 *the domestic availability of a particular electronic de-*  
14 *vice is critical to national security;*

15               “(3) *a neodymium-iron-boron magnet or samar-*  
16 *ium-cobalt magnet manufactured from recycled mate-*  
17 *rial if the milling of the recycled material and sinter-*  
18 *ing of the final magnet takes place in the United*  
19 *States; or*

20               “(4) *tantalum, tungsten, niobium, or molyb-*  
21 *denum produced from recycled material, if the con-*  
22 *tractor demonstrates to the Secretary that—*

23                       “(A) *the recycled material was produced*  
24 *outside of any covered nation; and*

1           “(B) the melting of the recycled material  
 2           and any further processing and manufacturing  
 3           of the recycled material takes place in the United  
 4           States or in the country of a qualifying foreign  
 5           government, as defined in section 4863(m)(11) of  
 6           this title.

7           “(d) TIER 1 MATERIALS — PROHIBITION ON  
 8           SOURCING FROM COVERED NATIONS; REQUIREMENT THAT  
 9           A MINIMUM PERCENTAGE BE SOURCED FROM UNITED  
 10          STATES.—(1) The Secretary may not procure Tier 1 mate-  
 11          rial sourced from, by, or through a covered nation, or a  
 12          covered item that contains Tier 1 material sourced from,  
 13          by, or through a covered nation, except as provided in this  
 14          subsection or in subsection (c) or (g).

15          “(2) The Secretary may procure Tier 1 material  
 16          sourced outside covered nations, or covered items that con-  
 17          tain Tier 1 material sourced outside covered nations, but  
 18          only if the percentage of cost of such material, as calculated  
 19          under paragraph (3), that is produced by domestically  
 20          owned entities is at least 50 percent.

21          “(3) The percentage referred to in paragraph (2)—

22                  “(A) shall be calculated as a fraction (and ex-  
 23                  pressed as a percentage), in which—

24                          “(i) the numerator is the total cost of all  
 25                          Tier 1 material in the procurement (including

1           *Tier 1 material contained in any covered item)*  
 2           *that is produced by any domestically owned enti-*  
 3           *ty; and*

4                   “(ii) *the denominator is the total cost of all*  
 5           *Tier 1 material in the procurement (including*  
 6           *Tier 1 material contained in any covered item);*  
 7           *and*

8                   “(B) *shall be calculated without including in ei-*  
 9           *ther the numerator or denominator any Tier 2 mate-*  
 10          *rial contained in a covered item excluded by sub-*  
 11          *section (c).*

12          “(e) *TIER 2 MATERIALS — PROHIBITION ON*  
 13          *SOURCING FROM COVERED NATIONS; EXCEPTIONS FOR*  
 14          *CERTAIN PERIODS.—(1) The Secretary may not procure*  
 15          *Tier 2 material sourced from, by, or through a covered na-*  
 16          *tion, or a covered item that contains Tier 2 material*  
 17          *sourced from, by, or through a covered nation, except as*  
 18          *provided in this subsection or in subsection (c) or (g).*

19               “(2) *For each period specified in paragraph (3), the*  
 20          *Secretary may procure Tier 2 material sourced from, by,*  
 21          *or through a covered nation, or a covered item that contains*  
 22          *Tier 2 material sourced from, by, or through a covered na-*  
 23          *tion, but only if the percentage of cost of such material,*  
 24          *as calculated under paragraph (4), that is produced outside*

1 *covered nations is at least the percentage specified in para-*  
2 *graph (3).*

3       “(3) *The periods referred to in paragraph (2), and the*  
4 *percentages associated with those periods, are as follows:*

5               “(A) *January 1, 2028, to December 31, 2028, 25*  
6 *percent.*

7               “(B) *January 1, 2029, to December 31, 2029, 50*  
8 *percent.*

9               “(C) *January 1, 2030, to December 31, 2030, 75*  
10 *percent.*

11              “(D) *On and after January 1, 2031, 100 per-*  
12 *cent.*

13       “(4) *The percentage of cost referred to in paragraph*  
14 *(2)—*

15              “(A) *shall be calculated separately for each cat-*  
16 *egory of Tier 2 material, with the calculation for a*  
17 *category including all Tier 2 material within that*  
18 *category and excluding all Tier 2 material not within*  
19 *that category;*

20              “(B) *shall be calculated as a fraction (and ex-*  
21 *pressed as a percentage), in which—*

22                      “(i) *the numerator is the total cost of all*  
23 *Tier 2 material in that category (including Tier*  
24 *2 material contained in a covered item) that is*  
25 *sourced outside covered nations; and*



1                   “(ii) the denominator is the total cost of all  
2                   Tier 2 material in that category (including Tier  
3                   2 material contained in a covered item); and

4                   “(C) shall be calculated without including in ei-  
5                   ther the numerator or denominator any Tier 2 mate-  
6                   rial contained in a covered item excluded by sub-  
7                   section (c).

8                   “(5)(A) In addition to the certifications required by  
9                   subsection (h), for any procurement of Tier 2 material (or  
10                  covered item that contains Tier 2 material), for each cat-  
11                  egory of Tier 2 material in the procurement and for each  
12                  period specified in subparagraph (B) during which the  
13                  prime contractor delivers such material to the Department  
14                  under the contract, the Secretary shall require the prime  
15                  contractor to—

16                  “(i) certify that it has entered into a contractual  
17                  agreement, or agreements, to obtain a supply of that  
18                  category of Tier 2 material (or Tier 2 material con-  
19                  tained in a covered item, as applicable) from sources  
20                  outside covered nations in amounts sufficient to en-  
21                  sure that the prime contractor will be able to satisfy  
22                  the percentages specified in paragraph (3); and

23                  “(ii) provide documentation in accordance with  
24                  subsection (h)(4) that not less than the applicable per-  
25                  centage specified in paragraph (3) of that category of

1       Tier 2 material (or Tier 2 material contained in a  
2       covered item, as applicable) was sourced outside cov-  
3       ered nations.

4       “(B) The period referred to in subparagraph (A) shall  
5       be the annual period determined by the contractor’s fiscal  
6       year or, in the case of a contract with a period of perform-  
7       ance of less than one year, the life of the contract. Notwith-  
8       standing the preceding sentence, the Secretary may pre-  
9       scribe a period other than an annual period for a contract  
10      or type of contract if the Secretary determines that it would  
11      be impracticable for the prime contractor to certify and pro-  
12      vide documentation for an annual period.

13      “(C) In making the certification under paragraph  
14      (A)(i), the prime contractor—

15              “(i) shall not be required to determine the coun-  
16              try of origin of Tier 2 material that is not counted  
17              toward compliance with this subsection;

18              “(ii) may use a reasonable, consistently applied  
19              estimation methodology, including grade-based,  
20              weight-based, or industry-standard estimation, pro-  
21              vided the methodology is disclosed in the certifications  
22              required under subsection (h) and supported by avail-  
23              able documentation; and

24              “(iii) may rely in good faith on certifications  
25              and supporting documentation provided by sub-

1        *contractors at any tier in establishing compliance*  
2        *with this subsection and shall not be required to inde-*  
3        *pendently verify a subcontractor certification absent*  
4        *actual knowledge of facts that would cause a reason-*  
5        *able contractor to question the accuracy of the certifi-*  
6        *cation.*

7        “(f) *AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO ADD AND TRANS-*  
8        *FER MATERIALS ON TIER 1 AND TIER 2 LISTS.—(1) Not*  
9        *less frequently than once every 6 months, the Secretary of*  
10       *Defense shall carry out a review of the categories of Tier*  
11       *1 and Tier 2 materials. If the Secretary determines, based*  
12       *on the results of the review, that an addition or transfer*  
13       *described in paragraph (2) is warranted to protect national*  
14       *security, improve supply-chain resilience, reflect industrial*  
15       *base conditions, or account for changes in defense needs or*  
16       *commercial availability, the Secretary may implement the*  
17       *addition or transfer, subject to the requirements of this sub-*  
18       *section.*

19       “(2) *An addition or transfer described in this para-*  
20       *graph is limited to one or more of the following:*

21                “(A) *The addition of a new category of Tier 1*  
22                *or Tier 2 material.*

23                “(B) *The addition of a material that is not a*  
24                *covered material to a new or existing category of Tier*  
25                *1 or Tier 2 material.*

1           “(C) *The transfer of a material from a category*  
2           *of Tier 2 material to a category of Tier 1 material.*

3           “(3) *In carrying out a review under paragraph (1),*  
4           *the Secretary may consider information from the elements*  
5           *and program offices of the Department and private indus-*  
6           *try sources, including prime and sub-tier contractors and*  
7           *critical mineral producers, as well as any other information*  
8           *the Secretary considers appropriate.*

9           “(4) *To implement an addition or transfer under this*  
10          *subsection, the Secretary shall publish the addition or*  
11          *transfer in the Federal Register and on a publicly accessible*  
12          *website of the Department and ensure that the addition or*  
13          *transfer is incorporated, as appropriate, into the Depart-*  
14          *ment of Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Reg-*  
15          *ulation.*

16          “(5) *The addition or transfer shall take effect on the*  
17          *later of the following dates:*

18                 “(A) *The date that is one year after the date on*  
19                 *which it was published in the Federal Register.*

20                 “(B) *The date specified in the Department of De-*  
21                 *fense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regula-*  
22                 *tion.*

23          “(g) *AUTHORITY TO WAIVE TIER 1 OR TIER 2*  
24          *SOURCING REQUIREMENTS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense*  
25          *may waive the application of a requirement in subsection*

1 *(d) or (e), in whole or in part, to a procurement, or to*  
2 *a covered item, or to a Tier 1 or Tier 2 material, or to*  
3 *a supply-chain stage, or to any of the foregoing matters in*  
4 *combination or as a class, if the waiver is made in writing*  
5 *that—*

6           “(A) identifies with specificity the materials and  
7           other circumstances covered by the waiver;

8           “(B) identifies the period during which the waiv-  
9           er applies;

10          “(C) explains the factual basis for the waiver;

11          “(D) includes a determination that the Tier 1  
12          material within the scope of the waiver is not pro-  
13          duced by domestically owned entities, or the Tier 2  
14          material within the scope of the waiver is not pro-  
15          duced outside covered nations, in sufficient quantity,  
16          quality, or form to meet defense needs in a timely  
17          manner and on reasonable terms;

18          “(E) includes a determination (which may be  
19          based on or informed by a national security waiver  
20          issued under section 4863(k) of this title) that, absent  
21          the waiver, there would be a significant adverse effect  
22          on national security, defense production, readiness,  
23          sustainment, or timely contract performance; and

24          “(F) provides a transition plan identifying ac-  
25          tions to reduce reliance by the Department on foreign

1        *nations (in the case of a Tier 1 material) or covered*  
2        *nations (in the case of a Tier 2 material), which shall*  
3        *include—*

4                *“(i) mitigation measures, with quantifiable*  
5                *milestones and associated timelines;*

6                *“(ii) a requirement that, before the end of*  
7                *the period during which the waiver applies, the*  
8                *contractor will enter into one or more binding*  
9                *agreements with suppliers that will result in*  
10               *compliance with this section and obviate the*  
11               *need for a future waiver or renewal; and*

12               *“(iii) any contractual considerations the*  
13               *Secretary determines appropriate, such as per-*  
14               *formance security or an adjustment in perform-*  
15               *ance or price.*

16        *“(2) A waiver under this subsection that applies to an*  
17        *upstream form of material (such as an ore, concentrate,*  
18        *oxide, fluoride, salt, precursor, or intermediate) shall not*  
19        *apply to a downstream form of material (such as a metal,*  
20        *alloy, magnet, mill product, or component) unless the waiv-*  
21        *er expressly so provides.*

22        *“(3) A waiver under this subsection may be effective*  
23        *for a period of up to two years and may be renewed one*  
24        *or more times for another such period upon a new written*  
25        *determination satisfying paragraph (1). There shall be no*

1 *limit on the number of waivers or renewals that may be*  
2 *issued under this subsection.*

3       “(4) *A waiver or renewal under this subsection shall*  
4 *not take effect until the Secretary submits notice of the*  
5 *waiver or renewal to the congressional defense committees*  
6 *and a period of 30 days has elapsed or, if the Secretary*  
7 *certifies that there is an urgent need for the waiver or re-*  
8 *newal, a period of 7 days has elapsed. The notice shall in-*  
9 *clude the matters required by subparagraphs (A), (B), and*  
10 *(C) of paragraph (1) and the principal mitigation measures*  
11 *required by subparagraph (F)(i).*

12       “(5) *A contractor seeking a waiver under this sub-*  
13 *section shall submit, at such time and in such manner as*  
14 *the Secretary may prescribe, reasonably available docu-*  
15 *mentation supporting the waiver.*

16       “(h) *CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION AND RECORDS;*  
17 *SPECIAL RULE FOR PREFERRED DOMESTIC MANUFACTUR-*  
18 *ERS AND PRODUCERS.—(1) For each procurement of cov-*  
19 *ered material or covered items that contain such material,*  
20 *the Secretary shall require the prime contractor to make*  
21 *the certifications described in paragraph (2), obtain the*  
22 *documentation described in paragraph (3), and maintain*  
23 *such certifications and documentation for not less than 10*  
24 *years after the date on which the prime contractor receives*  
25 *final payment. The Secretary shall require each prime con-*

1 tractor to ensure that each subcontractor at any tier that  
2 supplies such material or items also make such certifi-  
3 cations, obtain such documentation, and maintain such cer-  
4 tifications and documentation for not less than 10 years  
5 after the date on which the subcontractor receives final pay-  
6 ment.

7 “(2) The certifications referred to in paragraph (1) are  
8 the following certifications, made in such form as the Sec-  
9 retary may prescribe:

10 “(A) As a condition of award or exercise of op-  
11 tion, that the prime contractor (or subcontractor, as  
12 applicable) has a reasonable basis to expect compli-  
13 ance with this section.

14 “(B) As a condition of payment, that the covered  
15 material and covered items supplied by the prime  
16 contractor (or subcontractor, as applicable) comply  
17 with this section.

18 “(C) That the prime contractor (or subcon-  
19 tractor, as applicable) has obtained and will main-  
20 tain the documentation described in paragraph (3).

21 “(3) The documentation referred to in paragraph (1)  
22 is—

23 “(A) documentation supporting the known prove-  
24 nance of the covered materials and covered items, to-



1        *gether with any certifications and documentation*  
2        *made by subcontractors; or*

3                *“(B) if the prime contractor (or subcontractor,*  
4        *as applicable) is a preferred domestic manufacturer*  
5        *or producer, documentation identifying the supplier*  
6        *of the covered material and covered items, together*  
7        *with the attestation of the prime contractor (or sub-*  
8        *contractor) that such supplier was also a preferred*  
9        *domestic manufacturer or producer and that such*  
10       *supplier made a certification under paragraph (2)(B)*  
11       *that such material and items comply with this sec-*  
12       *tion.*

13        *“(4) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to im-*  
14       *plement this subsection, including uniform standards for*  
15       *the certifications, documentation, and attestations required*  
16       *by this subsection and how those requirements apply to*  
17       *mixed materials, recycled materials, and commingled lots.*

18        *“(i) PREFERRED DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS AND*  
19       *PRODUCERS; DESIGNATION AND BENEFITS.—(1) Under*  
20       *regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the Secretary may*  
21       *designate as a preferred domestic manufacturer or producer*  
22       *any contractor that—*

23                *“(A) is a manufacturer or producer within the*  
24        *United States of covered materials; or*

25                *“(B) is a manufacturer or producer that—*

1           “(i) manufactures or produces, within the  
2           United States, covered items that contain covered  
3           materials;

4           “(ii) manufactures or produces such items  
5           in a manner that complies with the sourcing re-  
6           quirements of subsections (d) and (e); and

7           “(iii) maintains documentation for such  
8           items in a manner that complies with subsection  
9           (h).

10          “(2) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the  
11          Secretary may revoke such a designation.

12          “(3) A prime contractor that is supplied covered mate-  
13          rial, or a covered item that contains covered material, from  
14          a supplier that is designated as a preferred domestic manu-  
15          facturer or producer at the time such material or item is  
16          supplied may reasonably rely on that designation in mak-  
17          ing certifications and obtaining documentation under sub-  
18          section (h). In a case in which the supplier was not, in  
19          fact, a preferred domestic manufacturer or producer at the  
20          time such material or item is supplied (such as because the  
21          designation was revoked), the prime contractor shall not be  
22          accountable for a deficiency in its certifications and docu-  
23          mentation under subsection (h) unless the contractor had  
24          actual knowledge of facts that would have caused a reason-

1 able contractor to question whether the supplier was in fact  
2 a preferred domestic manufacturer or producer.

3 “(4) The fact that a contractor is designated as a pre-  
4 ferred domestic manufacturer or producer may, if appro-  
5 priate and consistent with law, be used by the Department  
6 for other purposes, such as in determining whether to pro-  
7 vide credit in source selection, priority in processing of  
8 qualifications, or opportunity to participate in pilot pro-  
9 grams.

10 “(j) *DELEGATION.*—The authorities in subsections (f),  
11 (g), and (i) may be delegated no lower than the senior ac-  
12 quisition executive of the military department concerned or,  
13 in the case of a Defense Agency, the Under Secretary of  
14 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

15 “(k) *ANNUAL REPORT; PUBLICATION.*—(1) Not later  
16 than March 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to  
17 the congressional defense committees, and publish in accord-  
18 ance with paragraph (3), a report on the implementation  
19 of this section. Each report shall cover the fiscal year that  
20 ended on September 30 of the preceding year and the fiscal  
21 year immediately preceding that fiscal year.

22 “(2) Each report shall include, for each fiscal year cov-  
23 ered by the report, data for each category of covered mate-  
24 rial, including—

25 “(A) sourcing percentages achieved;

1           “(B) waivers granted under subsection (g), identified by category of material and supply-chain stage, including duration and stated basis;

4           “(C) contractors designated as preferred domestic manufacturers and producers;

6           “(D) any findings, whether preliminary or not, of false certification, misconduct, or noncompliance with this section;

9           “(E) actions taken by the Secretary to increase the supply of Tier 1 and Tier 2 materials that meet the requirements of this section, including progress on investments in domestic capacity; and

13           “(F) such other information as the Secretary determines appropriate to describe implementation of this section.

16           “(3) The report shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

18           “(4) To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall publish each report in a machine-readable, standardized format on a publicly accessible website of the Department.

22           “(l) SALE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE MATERIALS.—The Secretary of Defense may not sell any material from the National Defense Stockpile, if the National Defense

1 *Stockpile Manager determines that such a sale is not in*  
2 *the national interests of the United States, to—*

3 “(1) *any covered nation; or*

4 “(2) *any third party that the Secretary reason-*  
5 *ably believes is acting as a broker or agent for a cov-*  
6 *ered nation or an entity in a covered nation.*

7 “(m) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

8 “(1) *The term ‘commercially available off-the-*  
9 *shelf item’ has the meaning given such term in section*  
10 *104 of title 41.*

11 “(2) *The term ‘covered COTS item’ means a*  
12 *commercially available off-the-shelf item—*

13 “(A) *at least 50 percent of which, by weight,*  
14 *is covered material; or*

15 “(B) *that is a mill product, such as bar,*  
16 *billet, slab, wire, cube, sphere, block, blank, plate,*  
17 *powder, or sheet, that has not been incorporated*  
18 *into an end item, subsystem, assembly, or com-*  
19 *ponent.*

20 “(3) *The term ‘covered item’ means an end item*  
21 *(as defined in section 4863 of this title), subsystem,*  
22 *assembly, component, or commercially available off-*  
23 *the-shelf item.*

24 “(4) *The term ‘covered material’ means a Tier 1*  
25 *material or a Tier 2 material.*

1 “(5) *The term ‘covered nation’ means—*

2 “(A) *the Democratic People’s Republic of*  
3 *North Korea;*

4 “(B) *the People’s Republic of China;*

5 “(C) *the Russian Federation; and*

6 “(D) *the Islamic Republic of Iran.*

7 “(6) *The term ‘domestically owned entity’ means*  
8 *an entity organized under the laws of the United*  
9 *States or a State and controlled by United States per-*  
10 *sons.*

11 “(7) *The term ‘preferred domestic manufacturer*  
12 *or producer’ means a contractor designated as a pre-*  
13 *ferred domestic manufacturer or producer under sub-*  
14 *section (i).*

15 “(8) *The term ‘supply-chain stage’ includes*  
16 *stages such as mining, concentration, refining, sepa-*  
17 *ration, reduction, melting, alloying, powder produc-*  
18 *tion, sintering, processing, and manufacturing, and*  
19 *any other stage that the Secretary considers appro-*  
20 *priate.*

21 “(9) *A material is ‘sourced from, by, or through’*  
22 *a nation if any portion of the mining, refining, sepa-*  
23 *ration, melting and pouring, processing, or manufac-*  
24 *turing of the material occurred in the nation or was*  
25 *performed by an entity located in the nation.*

1           “(10) The term ‘sourced outside covered nations’  
2           means, with respect to a material, that the contractor  
3           has established through the certifications and docu-  
4           mentation under this section that the material was  
5           not sourced from, by, or through a covered nation.

6           “(11) Subject to the authority of the Secretary  
7           under subsection (f), the term ‘Tier 1 material’ means  
8           the following material, as set forth in categories (A)  
9           through (G):

10               “(A) Neodymium-iron-boron (NdFeB) and  
11               samarium-cobalt (SmCo) permanent magnets.

12               “(B) Tungsten metal powder, tungsten  
13               heavy alloy, or any finished or semi-finished  
14               component containing tungsten heavy alloy.

15               “(C) Neodymium oxide and metal, praseo-  
16               dymium oxide and metal, and neodymium-pra-  
17               seodymium oxide and metal, and ores and con-  
18               centrates from which these oxides and metals are  
19               sourced.

20               “(D) Tantalum, including tantalum ores  
21               and oxides, concentrates, metal, tantalum pow-  
22               der, and tantalum alloys.

23               “(E) On and after December 18, 2027, mo-  
24               lybdenum metals, powders, and alloys.

1           “(F) *On and after December 18, 2027,*  
2           *gallium and gallium nitride.*

3           “(G) *On and after December 18, 2027, ger-*  
4           *manium.*

5           “(12) *Subject to the authority of the Secretary*  
6           *under subsection (f), and excluding any material that*  
7           *is Tier 1 material, the term ‘Tier 2 material’ means*  
8           *the following material, as set forth in categories (A)*  
9           *through (C):*

10           “(A) *Items comprised in whole or in part of*  
11           *oxides, metals, alloys (and intermediate prod-*  
12           *ucts) of gadolinium, samarium, neodymium,*  
13           *praseodymium, neodymium-praseodymium, and*  
14           *terbium.*

15           “(B) *Items of tungsten, including—*

16           “(i) *precursors, including tungsten ores*  
17           *and concentrates, ammonium*  
18           *paratungstate, ammonium metatungstate,*  
19           *tungstic acid, sodium tungstate, and tung-*  
20           *sten oxides; and*

21           “(ii) *on and after January 1, 2029,*  
22           *tungsten carbide.*

23           “(C) *Items comprised in whole or in part of*  
24           *niobium oxides, metals, and alloys.*

25           “(13) *The term ‘United States person’ means—*



1                   “(A) a citizen of the United States;

2                   “(B) an alien lawfully admitted for perma-  
3                   nent residence; or

4                   “(C) an entity organized under the laws of  
5                   the United States or a jurisdiction within the  
6                   United States if the ultimate beneficial owner-  
7                   ship and control of such entity is with persons  
8                   described in subparagraph (A) or (B).”.

9           (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY; REGULA-*  
10 *TIONS.—*

11                   (1) *EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY.—The*  
12 *amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect*  
13 *on the date (the “effective date”) that is 180 days*  
14 *after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall*  
15 *apply to solicitations issued, and contracts entered*  
16 *into, on or after such effective date, except as provided*  
17 *in paragraph (3).*

18                   (2) *REGULATIONS.—Not later than the effective*  
19 *date specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary of De-*  
20 *fense shall issue regulations to implement section*  
21 *4872 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by*  
22 *subsection (a).*

23                   (3) *APPLICABILITY TO TIER 2 MATERIALS.—Sub-*  
24 *section (e) of section 4872, as amended by subsection*  
25 *(a), shall not apply to solicitations issued or contracts*

1        *awarded before January 1, 2028. Until such date, a*  
2        *solicitation issued or contract awarded for a procure-*  
3        *ment of Tier 2 material (or covered item that con-*  
4        *tains Tier 2 material) shall be administered in ac-*  
5        *cordance with section 4872 as in effect immediately*  
6        *before the effective date specified in paragraph (1).*

7        *(c) NON-EXECUTION INTO CURRENT LAW, AND RE-*  
8        *PEAL, OF AMENDMENT PROHIBITING PROCUREMENT OF*  
9        *MATERIAL MINED, REFINED, OR SEPARATED IN ANY COV-*  
10       *ERED NATION.—*

11            *(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 844 of the National*  
12        *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub-*  
13        *lic Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3766), as amended by sec-*  
14        *tion 848 of the National Defense Authorization Act*  
15        *for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.*  
16        *978), is repealed.*

17            *(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The repeal made by*  
18        *paragraph (1) shall take effect on the earlier of De-*  
19        *cember 31, 2026, or the date of the enactment of this*  
20        *Act.*

21        *(d) EXPEDITED QUALIFICATION OF NEW DOMESTIC*  
22        *AND ALLIED-NATION SOURCES.—*

23            *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall*  
24        *establish an expedited qualification process for new*  
25        *domestic and allied-nation sources of covered material*

1       *(as defined in section 4872 of title 10, United States*  
2       *Code).*

3               *(2) SCOPE.—The process under paragraph (1)*  
4       *shall apply to—*

5                       *(A) source qualification;*

6                       *(B) product qualification; and*

7                       *(C) platform or program qualification.*

8               *(3) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall ensure that,*  
9       *for each entity seeking to be qualified as a domestic*  
10       *or allied-nation source, the qualification process is*  
11       *completed not later than 12 months after the date on*  
12       *which the entity submits a materially complete quali-*  
13       *fication package in the form prescribed by the Sec-*  
14       *retary.*

15               *(4) ACCEPTANCE OF EXISTING TESTING AND*  
16       *QUALIFICATION DATA.—In carrying out this sub-*  
17       *section, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent*  
18       *practicable, accept and rely on—*

19                       *(A) test data, analyses, certifications, or*  
20       *other qualification evidence from a Government*  
21       *laboratory, an accredited independent labora-*  
22       *tory, or an accredited commercial laboratory,*  
23       *whether located in the United States or outside*  
24       *the United States;*

1           (B) qualification results or approvals pre-  
2           viously accepted by a military department, an-  
3           other Federal agency, an original equipment  
4           manufacturer, or another commercial qualifica-  
5           tion regime; and

6           (C) commercial production history, first-ar-  
7           ticle results, lot acceptance data, and comparable  
8           evidence of performance.

9           (5) DEPARTMENT-WIDE RECOGNITION.—The Sec-  
10          retary shall ensure that the result of each qualifica-  
11          tion process completed under this subsection is accept-  
12          ed throughout the Department of Defense for the same  
13          or substantially similar applications to the maximum  
14          extent practicable.

15          (6) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall  
16          maintain a centralized record of the result of each  
17          qualification process completed under this subsection  
18          for use across the military departments and defense  
19          agencies.

20          (7) QUALIFICATION BY PRIME CONTRACTOR.—  
21          The Secretary shall, for the purposes of this sub-  
22          section, establish policy for the acceptance of a deter-  
23          mination by a prime contractor that a domestic sup-  
24          plier of a covered material is capable of providing  
25          such covered material in the form and quality re-

1        *quired by the prime contractor and thus deem the do-*  
 2        *mestic supplier a qualified source.*

3            (8) *DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term*  
 4        *“allied nation” means the United States or any for-*  
 5        *foreign nation (other than a covered nation, as defined*  
 6        *in section 4872 of title 10, United States Code) des-*  
 7        *ignated by the Secretary for purposes of this sub-*  
 8        *section.*

9        **SEC. 1804. CHANGES WITH RESPECT TO THE FEDERAL AC-**  
 10        **QUISITION SECURITY COUNCIL.**

11        (a) *DEFINITION OF SOURCE OF CONCERN, COVERED*  
 12        *SOURCE OF CONCERN, RECOMMENDED ORDER, AND DES-*  
 13        *IGNATED ORDER.—Section 1321 of title 41, United States*  
 14        *Code, is amended—*

15            (1) *by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-*  
 16        *lows:*

17            “(3) *COVERED ARTICLE.—The term ‘covered ar-*  
 18        *ticle’—*

19            *“(A) has the meaning given that term in*  
 20        *section 4713; and*

21            *“(B) includes operational technology (as de-*  
 22        *defined in section 3 of the Internet of Things Cy-*  
 23        *bersecurity Improvement Act of 2020 (Public*  
 24        *Law 116–207; 15 U.S.C. 278g–3a)).”;*

1           (2) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (8)  
2           as paragraphs (7) through (10), respectively;

3           (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(5) *COVERED SOURCE OF CONCERN*.—The term  
6           ‘covered source of concern’ means a source of concern  
7           that sells, produces, or is involved in the development  
8           of a covered article that is designated in section  
9           1328(c) as a statutorily designated covered article.

10          “(6) *DESIGNATED ORDER*.—The term ‘designated  
11          order’ means an order described under section  
12          1323(c)(3).”; and

13          (4) by adding at the end the following:

14          “(11) *RECOMMENDED ORDER*.—The term ‘rec-  
15          ommended order’ means an order recommended under  
16          section 1323(c)(2).

17          “(12) *SOURCE OF CONCERN*.—

18                 “(A) *IN GENERAL*.—The term ‘source of  
19                 concern’ means a source—

20                         “(i) subject to the jurisdiction, direc-  
21                         tion, or control of the government of a for-  
22                         eign adversary, or operates on behalf of the  
23                         government of a foreign adversary; or

24                         “(ii) that poses a risk to the national  
25                         security of the United States based on col-

1           *laboration with, whole or partial ownership*  
 2           *or control by, or being affiliated with a*  
 3           *military, internal security force, or intel-*  
 4           *ligence agency of a foreign adversary.*

5           “(B) *FOREIGN ADVERSARY DEFINED.*—*In*  
 6           *this paragraph, the term ‘foreign adversary’ has*  
 7           *the meaning given the term ‘covered nation’ in*  
 8           *section 4872(d) of title 10.”.*

9           (b) *ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.*—  
 10          *Section 1322 of title 41, United States Code, is amended—*

11           (1) *in subsection (a), by striking “executive*  
 12           *branch” and inserting “Executive Office of the Presi-*  
 13           *dent”;*

14           (2) *in subsection (b)—*

15           (A) *by amending paragraph (1) to read as*  
 16           *follows:*

17           “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The members of the Council*  
 18           *shall be as follows:*

19           (A) *The Administrator for Federal Pro-*  
 20           *curement Policy.*

21           (B) *The Deputy Director for Management*  
 22           *of the Office of Management and Budget.*

23           (C) *The following officials, each of whom*  
 24           *shall occupy a position at the level of Assistant*

1       *Secretary or Deputy Assistant Secretary (or*  
2       *equivalent):*

3               “(i) *Two officials from the Office of the*  
4               *Director of National Intelligence, one of*  
5               *which shall be from the National Counter-*  
6               *intelligence and Security Center.*

7               “(ii) *Two officials from the Depart-*  
8               *ment of Defense, one of which shall be one*  
9               *from the National Security Agency.*

10              “(iii) *Two officials from the Depart-*  
11              *ment of Homeland Security, one of which*  
12              *shall be one from the Cybersecurity and In-*  
13              *frastructure Security Agency.*

14              “(iv) *An official from the General*  
15              *Services Administration.*

16              “(v) *An official from the Office of the*  
17              *National Cyber Director.*

18              “(vi) *Two officials from the Depart-*  
19              *ment of Justice, one of which shall be one*  
20              *from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

21              “(vii) *Two officials from the Depart-*  
22              *ment of Commerce, one of which shall be*  
23              *from the National Institute of Standards*  
24              *and Technology and one of which shall be*  
25              *from the Bureau of Industry and Security.*



1           “(viii) *An official from any executive*  
2           *agency not listed under clauses (i) through*  
3           *(vii) whose temporary or permanent par-*  
4           *ticipation is determined by the Chairperson*  
5           *of the Council to be necessary to carry out*  
6           *the functions of the Council while maintain-*  
7           *ing the intended balance in subject matter*  
8           *expertise.*”; and  
9           *(B) in paragraph (2)—*

10           *(i) in the heading, by striking “LEAD*  
11           *REPRESENTATIVES” and inserting “MEM-*  
12           *BERS”;*

13           *(ii) by amending subparagraph (A)(i)*  
14           *to read as follows:*

15           “(i) *IN GENERAL.—The head of each*  
16           *executive agency listed under paragraph*  
17           *(1)(C) shall designate the official or officials*  
18           *from that agency who shall serve on the*  
19           *Council in accordance with such para-*  
20           *graph.*”;

21           *(iii) by amending subparagraph*  
22           *(A)(ii) to read as follows:*

23           “(ii) *REQUIREMENTS.—To the extent*  
24           *feasible, any official designated under clause*  
25           *(i) shall have expertise in supply chain risk*

1                   *management, acquisitions, law, or informa-*  
2                   *tion and communications technology.”;*

3                   *(iv) by amending subparagraph (B) to*  
4                   *read as follows:*

5                   *“(B) FUNCTIONS.—A member of the Council*  
6                   *shall—*

7                   *“(i) regularly participate in the activi-*  
8                   *ties of the Council;*

9                   *“(ii) ensure that any information re-*  
10                  *quested by the Council from the agency rep-*  
11                  *resented by the member is provided to the*  
12                  *Council; and*

13                  *“(iii) ensure that the head of the agen-*  
14                  *cy represented by the member and other ap-*  
15                  *propriate personnel of the agency are aware*  
16                  *of the activities of the Council.”;*

17                  *(3) in subsection (c)—*

18                  *(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as*  
19                  *follows:*

20                  *“(1) IN GENERAL.—*

21                  *“(A) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 45*  
22                  *days after the date of the enactment of this para-*  
23                  *graph, the President shall a designate a member*  
24                  *of the Council to serve as Chairperson of the*  
25                  *Council.*

1           “(B) *TRANSITION.*—*The Chairperson of the*  
2           *Council on the day before the date of the enact-*  
3           *ment of this paragraph shall remain the Chair-*  
4           *person until the President makes a designation*  
5           *pursuant to subparagraph (A).’; and*

6           *(B) in paragraph (2)—*

7                   *(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “*  
8                   *subsection (b)(1)(H)” and inserting “sub-*  
9                   *section (b)(1)(C)(viii)”;* and

10                   *(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking*  
11                   *“lead representative of each agency rep-*  
12                   *resented on the Council” and inserting*  
13                   *“members of the Council”;* and

14           *(4) in subsection (d)—*

15                   *(A) by striking “The Council” and insert-*  
16                   *ing the following:*

17                   *“(1) COUNCIL MEETINGS.—The Council”;* and

18                   *(B) by adding at the end the following:*

19                   *“(2) OTHER MEETINGS.—The Chairperson of the*  
20           *Council shall meet, not less frequently than semiannu-*  
21           *ally, with—*

22                   *“(A) the Secretary of Homeland Security,*  
23                   *Secretary of Defense, and Director of National*  
24                   *Intelligence; or*

1           “(B) in the case that any of the officials  
2           under subparagraph (A) delegated authority to  
3           an official under section 1323(c)(6)(C), with the  
4           delegated official.”.

5           (c) *FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITIES*.—Section 1323 of  
6   title 41, United States Code, is amended—

7           (1) in subsection (a)—

8                 (A) by striking “supply chain” each place  
9                 it appears and inserting “acquisition security  
10                and supply chain”;

11               (B) in paragraph (1), as amended by sub-  
12               paragraph (A), by striking “, particularly” and  
13               inserting “that arise”;

14               (C) in paragraph (2), as amended by sub-  
15               paragraph (A)—

16                     (i) by striking “sharing information”  
17                     and inserting “exchanging information”;

18                     (ii) by inserting “associated with the  
19                     acquisition and use of covered articles”  
20                     after “risk”;

21                     (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
22                     “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

23                     (iv) by redesignating subparagraph (C)  
24                     as subparagraph (D); and

1                   (v) by inserting after subparagraph  
2                   (B) the following:

3                   “(C) the process for an executive agency to  
4                   submit supply chain risk information to the  
5                   Council in furtherance of identifying, miti-  
6                   gating, or managing its supply chain risk; and”;

7                   (D) in paragraph (6), as amended by sub-  
8                   paragraph (A), by—

9                   (i) striking “posed by” and inserting  
10                  “associated with”; and

11                  (ii) inserting “and use” before “of cov-  
12                  ered articles”;

13                  (E) in paragraph (7), by striking “posed by  
14                  acquisitions” and inserting “associated with the  
15                  acquisition”;

16                  (F) by redesignating paragraph (7) as  
17                  paragraph (12); and

18                  (G) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
19                  lowing:

20                  “(7) Implementing a prioritization scheme for  
21                  evaluating the security risks associated with the ac-  
22                  quisition and use of covered articles sold, produced, or  
23                  developed by a covered source of concern.

24                  “(8) Evaluating each covered source of concern  
25                  to determine whether to issue a designated order with

1       *respect to the covered source of concern or a covered*  
2       *article sold, produced, or developed by the covered*  
3       *source of concern.*

4               “(9) *Evaluating sources of concern to determine*  
5       *whether to issue a recommended order with respect to*  
6       *the source of concern, or any covered article sold, pro-*  
7       *duced, or developed by the source of concern.*

8               “(10) *Monitoring and evaluating compliance by*  
9       *the Secretary of Homeland Security, Secretary of De-*  
10       *fense, and Director of National Intelligence with the*  
11       *requirement to issue designated orders under sub-*  
12       *section (c)(6)(B).*

13               “(11) *Reporting to Congress annually on the se-*  
14       *curity risks associated with the acquisition and use of*  
15       *covered articles sold, produced, or developed by*  
16       *sources of concern.”;*

17               *(2) in subsection (b)—*

18                       *(A) by striking “The Council” and insert-*  
19       *ing the following:*

20                       “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Council*”;

21                       *(B) in paragraph (1), as so redesignated, by*  
22       *striking “a program office and”; and*

23                       *(C) by adding at the end the following:*

24                       “(2) *FEDERAL ACQUISITION SECURITY COUNCIL*  
25       *PROGRAM OFFICE.—*

1           “(A) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later than 45  
2           days after the date of the enactment of this para-  
3           graph, the President shall establish a Federal Ac-  
4           quisition Security Council Program Office (re-  
5           ferred to in this paragraph as the ‘Program Of-  
6           fice’) within the Executive Office of the President  
7           to carry out the duties described under subpara-  
8           graph (B).

9           “(B) *DUTIES.*—The Program Office shall  
10          provide to the Council, including any commit-  
11          tees, working groups, or other constituent bodies  
12          established by the Council under paragraph  
13          (1)—

14               “(i) administrative, legal, and policy  
15               support; and

16               “(ii) analysis and subject matter ex-  
17               pertise on information communications  
18               technology, acquisition security, and supply  
19               chain risk.

20          “(C) *STRUCTURE.*—The head of the Pro-  
21          gram Office shall be designated by the Chair-  
22          person of the Council.

23          “(D) *PROHIBITION.*—The Program Office  
24          may not provide administrative support to the  
25          Council for any activities of the Council carried

1           *out pursuant to a provision of law other than a*  
2           *provision of law under this subchapter.*

3           “(E) *FUNDING AND RESOURCES.*—*The Pro-*  
4           *gram Office may use the staff and resources of*  
5           *the Executive Office of the President or maintain*  
6           *dedicated staff and resources, as appropriate, in*  
7           *the performance of the duties of the Office.*

8           “(F) *SHARED STAFFING AUTHORITY.*—

9           “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Program Of-*  
10          *fice may accept officers or employees of the*  
11          *United States or members of the Armed*  
12          *Forces on a detail from an element of the*  
13          *intelligence community (as such term is de-*  
14          *fined in section 3 of the National Security*  
15          *Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)) or from an-*  
16          *other element of the Federal Government on*  
17          *a nonreimbursable basis, as jointly agreed*  
18          *to by the heads of the receiving and detail-*  
19          *ing elements, for a period not to exceed*  
20          *three years.*

21          “(ii) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Noth-*  
22          *ing in this subparagraph may be construed*  
23          *as imposing any limitation on any other*  
24          *authority for reimbursable or nonreimburs-*  
25          *able details.*



1                   “(iii) *NONREIMBURSABLE DETAIL*.—A  
2                   *nonreimbursable detail made under this*  
3                   *subparagraph shall not be considered an*  
4                   *augmentation of the appropriations of the*  
5                   *receiving element of the Program Office.”;*  
6                   *and*

7                   (3) *in subsection (c)*—

8                   (A) *in paragraph (1)*—

9                   (i) *in the matter preceding subpara-*  
10                  *graph (A), by striking “supply chain risk”*  
11                  *and inserting “acquisition security and*  
12                  *supply chain risk associated with the acqui-*  
13                  *sition of covered articles”;*

14                  (ii) *in subparagraph (A), by inserting*  
15                  *“recommended” before “exclusion orders”;*

16                  (iii) *in subparagraph (B), by inserting*  
17                  *“recommended” before “removal orders”;*

18                  (iv) *in subparagraph (C), by striking*  
19                  *“; and” and inserting a semicolon;*

20                  (v) *in subparagraph (D), by striking*  
21                  *the period at the end and inserting “; and”;*  
22                  *and*

23                  (vi) *by adding at the end the following:*  
24                  *“(E) issuing designated orders.”;*

25                  (B) *in paragraph (2)*—

1           (i) *in the heading, by striking “REC-*  
2           *OMMENDATIONS” and inserting “REC-*  
3           *OMMENDED ORDERS”;*

4           (ii) *by striking “use” and inserting “,*  
5           *using”;*

6           (iii) *by striking “to issue recommenda-*  
7           *tions” and inserting “, recommend orders”;*

8           (iv) *by striking “Such recommenda-*  
9           *tions” and inserting “Any such order rec-*  
10           *ommended”;*

11           (v) *by inserting “to the officials de-*  
12           *scribed under clause (iii) of paragraph*  
13           *(6)(A) for issuance under such paragraph”*  
14           *after “thereof,”;*

15           (vi) *in subparagraph (D), by striking*  
16           *“supply chain risk” and inserting “acquisi-*  
17           *tion security and supply chain risk associ-*  
18           *ated with the acquisition of covered arti-*  
19           *cles”; and*

20           (vii) *in subparagraph (E), by striking*  
21           *“exclusion or removal”;*

22           (C) *by redesignating paragraphs (3)*  
23           *through (7) as paragraphs (4) through (8), re-*  
24           *spectively;*

1                   (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
2                   lowing:

3                   “(3) *DESIGNATED ORDERS.*—

4                   “(A) *EXCLUSION OR REMOVAL OF COVERED*  
5                   *SOURCES OF CONCERN.*—

6                   “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 270  
7                   days after a source of concern is designated  
8                   as a covered source of concern, the Coun-  
9                   cil—

10                   “(I) shall provide to the officials  
11                   described under clause (iii) of para-  
12                   graph (6)(B) for issuance under such  
13                   paragraph orders requiring—

14                   “(aa) the exclusion of the  
15                   covered source of concern from  
16                   any executive agency procurement  
17                   action, including source selection  
18                   and consent for a contractor; or

19                   “(bb) the removal of covered  
20                   articles sold, produced, or devel-  
21                   oped by the covered source of con-  
22                   cern from the information system  
23                   of executive agencies; or

24                   “(II) report to Congress why the  
25                   Council has determined to not issue an

1           *order described under subclause (I)*  
2           *with respect to the covered source of*  
3           *concern or covered articles sold, pro-*  
4           *duced, or developed by the covered*  
5           *source of concern.*

6           “(ii) CONTENTS OF ORDER.—*Any*  
7           *order provided under clause (i) shall in-*  
8           *clude—*

9                     “(I) *information regarding the*  
10                    *scope and applicability of the order,*  
11                    *including any information necessary to*  
12                    *positively identify the covered source of*  
13                    *concern or covered articles sold, pro-*  
14                    *duced, or developed by the covered*  
15                    *source of concern required to be ex-*  
16                    *cluded or removed under the order;*

17                    “(II) *a summary of any risk as-*  
18                    *essment reviewed or conducted in sup-*  
19                    *port of the order;*

20                    “(III) *a summary of the basis for*  
21                    *the order, including a discussion of less*  
22                    *intrusive measures that were consid-*  
23                    *ered and why such measures were not*  
24                    *reasonably available to reduce security*  
25                    *risk;*

1                   “(IV) a description of the actions  
2                   necessary to implement the order; and

3                   “(V) where practicable, in the  
4                   Council’s sole and unreviewable discre-  
5                   tion, a description of mitigation steps  
6                   that could be taken by the covered  
7                   source of concern that may result in  
8                   the Council rescinding the order.

9                   “(B) *EXCLUSION OR REMOVAL OF SECOND*  
10                  *ORDER SOURCES OR COVERED ARTICLES.—*

11                  “(i) *ISSUANCE.—In the case that the*  
12                  *Council provides an order under subpara-*  
13                  *graph (A), the Council may also provide an*  
14                  *order to the officials described under para-*  
15                  *graph (6)(A)(iii) requiring the exclusion of*  
16                  *sources or covered articles from executive*  
17                  *agency procurement actions or removal of*  
18                  *covered articles from executive agency infor-*  
19                  *mation systems if—*

20                  “(I) *such covered articles or such*  
21                  *sources use a covered source of concern*  
22                  *in the performance of a contract with*  
23                  *the executive agency; or*

24                  “(II) *such sources enter into a*  
25                  *contract, the performance of which*

1            *such source knows or has reason to be-*  
2            *lieve will require, in the performance*  
3            *of a contract with the executive agency,*  
4            *the use of a covered source of concern*  
5            *or the use of a covered article sold, pro-*  
6            *duced, or developed by a covered source*  
7            *of concern.*

8            “(ii) *EFFECTIVE DATE CONSIDER-*  
9            *ATIONS.—Any effective date prescribed by*  
10           *the Council for an order issued pursuant to*  
11           *clause (i) shall take into account—*

12           *“(I) the risk posed by the covered*  
13           *source of concern or the covered article*  
14           *sold, produced, or developed by the cov-*  
15           *ered source of concern to the national*  
16           *security of the United States;*

17           *“(II) the likelihood of the covered*  
18           *source of concern or the covered article*  
19           *sold, produced, or developed by the cov-*  
20           *ered source of concern causing immi-*  
21           *nent threat to public health and safety;*

22           *“(III) the availability of an alter-*  
23           *native source or covered article sold,*  
24           *produced, or developed by an alter-*  
25           *native source; and*

1           “(IV) an assessment of the poten-  
2           tial direct or quantifiable costs that  
3           may be incurred by the Federal Gov-  
4           ernment, a State, local, or Tribal gov-  
5           ernment, or by the private sector, as a  
6           result of compliance by the head of an  
7           executive agency with such an exclu-  
8           sion or removal order.”;

9           (E) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

10           (i) in the heading, by striking “OF  
11           RECOMMENDATION AND REVIEW” and in-  
12           serting “AND REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED  
13           AND DESIGNATED ORDERS”;

14           (ii) by striking “the recommendation”  
15           each place it appears, and inserting “the  
16           order”;

17           (iii) in the matter preceding subpara-  
18           graph (A), by striking “A notice of the  
19           Council’s recommendation under paragraph  
20           (2)” and inserting “Before the Council rec-  
21           ommends an order under paragraph (2) or  
22           issues an order under paragraph (3), a no-  
23           tice”;

24           (iv) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
25           “a recommendation has been made” and in-

1           serting “the order will be recommended or  
2           issued”;

3                 (v) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
4           “paragraph (5)” and inserting “paragraph  
5           (6)”; and

6                 (vi) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
7           the “the recommendation” and inserting  
8           “the order”;

9           (F) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated—  
10                 (i) by striking “paragraph (3)” and  
11           inserting “paragraph (4)”;

12                 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
13           “paragraph (5)” and inserting “paragraph  
14           (6)”;

15                 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
16           “paragraph (6)” and inserting “paragraph  
17           (7)”;

18                 (iv) by striking “Any notice” and in-  
19           serting “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any notice”;  
20           and

21                 (v) by inserting at the end the fol-  
22           lowing:

23                 “(B) INFORMATION COLLECTED.—Any in-  
24           formation collected from a source after notice  
25           under paragraph (4) shall be exempt from public



1        *disclosure and disclosure under subsection*  
2        *(b)(3)(B) of section 552 of title 5 (commonly re-*  
3        *ferred to as the ‘Freedom of Information Act’),*  
4        *until an order is issued pursuant to paragraph*  
5        *(6).’; and*

6                *(G) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated—*

7                        *(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to*  
8                *read as follows:*

9                *“(A) ISSUANCE OF RECOMMENDED OR-*  
10                *DETS.—*

11                        *“(i) MODIFICATIONS TO ORDER.—After*  
12                *considering any response properly sub-*  
13                *mitted by a source under paragraph (4) re-*  
14                *lated to an order to be recommended under*  
15                *paragraph (2), the Council shall—*

16                        *“(I) make such modifications to*  
17                *the order as the Council considers ap-*  
18                *propriate; and*

19                        *“(II) provide the order (together*  
20                *with any information submitted by a*  
21                *source under paragraph (4) related to*  
22                *such order) to the officials described*  
23                *under clause (iii).*

1           “(ii) *ORDER.*—Not later than 90 days  
2           after receiving a recommended order, the of-  
3           ficials described under clause (iii) shall—

4                   “(I) *issue the order to the heads of*  
5                   *the applicable agencies; or*

6                   “(II) *submit a notification to the*  
7                   *Council that the order will not be*  
8                   *issued, that includes in the notification*  
9                   *to the Council, all the reasons for why*  
10                  *the order will not be issued.*

11           “(iii) *OFFICIALS.*—The officials de-  
12           scribed in this clause are as follows:

13                   “(I) *The Secretary of Homeland*  
14                   *Security, for exclusion and removal or-*  
15                   *ders applicable to civilian agencies, to*  
16                   *the extent not covered by subclause (II)*  
17                   *or (III).*

18                   “(II) *The Secretary of Defense, for*  
19                   *exclusion and removal orders applica-*  
20                   *ble to the Department of Defense and*  
21                   *national security systems other than*  
22                   *sensitive compartmented information*  
23                   *systems.*

24                   “(III) *The Director of National*  
25                   *Intelligence, for exclusion and removal*

1           *orders applicable to the intelligence*  
2           *community and sensitive compart-*  
3           *mented information systems, to the ex-*  
4           *tent not covered by subclause (II).’;*

5           *(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs*  
6           *(B) through (E) as subparagraphs (C)*  
7           *through (F), respectively;*

8           *(iii) by inserting after subparagraph*  
9           *(A) the following:*

10          “(B) *ISSUANCE OF DESIGNATED ORDER.—*

11           *“(i) MODIFICATIONS.—After consid-*  
12           *ering any response properly submitted by a*  
13           *source under paragraph (4) related to a des-*  
14           *ignated order, the Council shall—*

15           *“(I)(aa) make any such modifica-*  
16           *tions to the order as the Council con-*  
17           *siders appropriate; or*

18           *“(bb) if the Council determines*  
19           *that the issuance of a designated order*  
20           *is not warranted, rescind the des-*  
21           *ignated order and notify the source of*  
22           *the rescission; and*

23           *“(II) except in the case that the*  
24           *Council rescinds the designated order*  
25           *under subclause (I)(bb), provide the*

1           *designated order (including any modi-*  
2           *fications made to such order by the*  
3           *Council) to the officials described in*  
4           *clause (iii).*

5           “(ii) *ISSUANCE.—The officials de-*  
6           *scribed in clause (iii) shall, not later than*  
7           *90 days after receiving a designated order,*  
8           *issue the order to the heads of the applicable*  
9           *agencies.*

10          “(iii) *OFFICIALS.—The officials de-*  
11          *scribed in this clause are as follows:*

12                 “(I) *The Secretary of Homeland*  
13                 *Security, for exclusion and removal or-*  
14                 *ders applicable to civilian agencies, to*  
15                 *the extent not covered by subclause (II)*  
16                 *or (III).*

17                 “(II) *The Secretary of Defense, for*  
18                 *exclusion and removal orders applica-*  
19                 *ble to the Department of Defense and*  
20                 *national security systems other than*  
21                 *sensitive compartmented information*  
22                 *systems.*

23                 “(III) *The Director of National*  
24                 *Intelligence, for exclusion and removal*  
25                 *orders applicable to the intelligence*

1           *community and sensitive compart-*  
2           *mented information systems, to the ex-*  
3           *tent not covered by subclause (II).*

4           “(iv) *WAIVER.—An official described*  
5           *under clause (iii) may waive for a period*  
6           *of not more than 365 days the application*  
7           *of an order issued by such official under*  
8           *clause (ii) with respect to a covered source*  
9           *of concern or a covered article sold, pro-*  
10           *duced, or developed by a covered source of*  
11           *concern if the official submits, not later*  
12           *than 30 days after making such waiver, a*  
13           *written notification to the Council, appro-*  
14           *priate congressional committees, the Speak-*  
15           *er and Minority Leader of the House of*  
16           *Representatives, and the Majority and Mi-*  
17           *nority Leaders of the Senate that contains*  
18           *the justification for such waiver.*

19           “(v) *RENEWAL OF WAIVER.—An offi-*  
20           *cial described under clause (iii) may renew*  
21           *a waiver under clause (iv) for an additional*  
22           *period of not more than 180 days if—*

23                   “(I) *the renewal of the waiver is*  
24                   *in the national security interests of the*  
25                   *United States; and*

1           “(II) the official submits, not later  
2           than 30 days after renewing such  
3           waiver, a written notification to the  
4           Council, appropriate congressional  
5           committees, the Speaker and Minority  
6           Leader of the House of Representatives,  
7           and the Majority and Minority Lead-  
8           ers of the Senate that includes the jus-  
9           tification for renewing the wavier.

10          “(vi) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—  
11          An official described under clause (iii) may  
12          waive the application of an order issued by  
13          such official under clause (ii) with respect  
14          to a covered source of concern or a covered  
15          article sold, produced, or developed by a  
16          covered source of concern for any activity  
17          subject to the reporting requirements under  
18          title V of the National Security Act of 1947  
19          (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any authorized  
20          intelligence activities of the United States.

21          “(vii) RESCISSION OF ORDER.—An ex-  
22          clusion or removal order issued under this  
23          subparagraph by an official may be re-  
24          scinded only by the Council.”;

1                   (iv) in subparagraph (C), as so redes-  
2                   ignated—

3                   (I) by striking “subparagraph  
4                   (A)” and inserting “subparagraph  
5                   (A)(iii) or (B)(iii)”;

6                   (II) by striking “this subpara-  
7                   graph” and inserting “subparagraph  
8                   (A)(iii) or (B)(iii)”;

9                   (III) by striking “, except” and  
10                  all that follows before the period at the  
11                  end;

12                 (v) in subparagraph (D), as so redesign-  
13                 ated—

14                 (I) by striking “this paragraph”  
15                 and inserting “subparagraph (A)(iii)  
16                 or (B)(iii)”;

17                 (II) by striking “help”;

18                 (vi) in subparagraph (E), as so redes-  
19                 ignated, by striking “this paragraph” and  
20                 inserting “subparagraph (A)”;

21                 (vii) by adding after subparagraph  
22                 (F), as so redesignated, the following:

23                 “(G) *EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDERS.*—The  
24                 effective date of an order issued under this para-

1           *graph may not be more than 365 days after the*  
2           *order is issued.”;*

3           *(H) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated,*  
4           *by striking “paragraph (5)(A)” and inserting*  
5           *“subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (6)”;*  
6           *and*

7           *(I) in paragraph (8), as so redesignated, by*  
8           *striking “paragraph (5)” and inserting “para-*  
9           *graph (6)”;*

10          *(4) in subsection (e), by inserting “the Chief*  
11          *Data Officers Council,” before “the Chief Acquisi-*  
12          *tion”;* *and*

13          *(5) in subsection (f)(2), by striking the period at*  
14          *the end and inserting “, unless such source is a cov-*  
15          *ered source of concern.”.*

16          *(d) STRATEGIC PLAN.—Section 1324(a) of title 41,*  
17          *United States Code, is amended—*

18                 *(1) by inserting “, and periodically thereafter”*  
19                 *after “2018”;*

20                 *(2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by*  
21                 *inserting “acquisition security and” before “supply*  
22                 *chain risks”;*

23                 *(3) in paragraph (8), by inserting “acquisition*  
24                 *security and” before “supply chain risks”; and*



1           (4) in paragraph (9)(A), by inserting “acqui-  
2           sition security and” before “supply chain risk”.

3           (e) *REQUIREMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.*—Sec-  
4           tion 1326 of title 41, United States Code, is amended—

5           (1) in subsection (a)—

6           (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and”  
7           and inserting a semicolon;

8           (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the period  
9           at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10          (C) by adding at the end the following:

11          “(3) providing any information requested by the  
12          Chairperson of the Council for the purpose of car-  
13          rying out activities of this subchapter, subject to ap-  
14          plicable law or policy on the control and handling of  
15          classified, sensitive, or proprietary information.”;

16          (2) by striking “supply chain” each place it ap-  
17          pears and inserting “security and supply chain”; and

18          (3) in subsection (b)(6), by striking “supply  
19          chain” and inserting “security or supply chain”.

20          (f) *JUDICIAL PROCEDURE.*—Section 1327(b) of title  
21          41, United States Code, is amended—

22          (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “section  
23          1323(c)(6)” and inserting “section 1323(c)(7)”;

24          (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “sections  
25          1323(c)(5)” and inserting “sections 1323(c)(6)”;

1           (3) in paragraph (4), by amending subpara-  
2       graph (B)(i) to read as follows:

3                   “(i) *FILING OF RECORD.*—The United  
4                   States shall file with the court an adminis-  
5                   trative record, which shall consist of—

6                           “(I) in the case of a designated  
7                           order issued under section 1323(c)(6)  
8                           by the appropriate official, the infor-  
9                           mation the Council relied upon in pro-  
10                          viding such order to such official; and

11                           “(II) the information that the ap-  
12                          propriate official relied upon in  
13                          issuing an exclusion or removal order  
14                          under section 1323(c)(6) or a covered  
15                          procurement action under section  
16                          4713.”.

17       (g) *ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.*—Section 1328 of title  
18 41, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

19   **“§ 1328. Additional provisions**

20                   “(a) *COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING PROHIBITIONS.*—  
21       In implementing this subchapter, the Council shall coordi-  
22       nate, as applicable and practicable, with the head of an  
23       agency to assist with compliance by the agency with—

1           “(1) *section 889 of the John S. McCain National*  
2           *Defense Authorization Act of 2019 (Public Law 115–*  
3           *232; 41 U.S.C. 3901 note);*

4           “(2) *section 5949 of the James M. Inhofe Na-*  
5           *tional Defense Authorization Act of 2023 (Public Law*  
6           *117–263; 41 U.S.C. 4713 note); and*

7           “(3) *the American Security Drone Act of 2023*  
8           *(Public Law 118–31; 41 U.S.C. 3901 note).*

9           “(b) *UPDATE TO REGULATIONS.—The Federal Acqui-*  
10          *sition Security Council shall update, not later than two*  
11          *years after the date of the enactment of this section, any*  
12          *regulations of the Council as necessary.*

13          “(c) *STATUTORILY DESIGNATED COVERED ARTICLE*  
14          *DEFINED.—The term ‘statutorily designated covered article’*  
15          *pursuant to section 1321(5)—*

16               “(1) *means a vehicle or a mechanical device*  
17               *commonly known as an ‘unmanned ground vehicle*  
18               *system’ that—*

19                       “(A) *is capable of locomotion, navigation,*  
20                       *or movement on the ground; and*

21                       “(B) *operates at a distance from one or*  
22                       *more operators or supervisors based on com-*  
23                       *mands or in response to sensor data, or through*  
24                       *any combination thereof; and*

25               “(2) *includes—*

1           “(A) *humanoid robots, mobile robotics, re-*  
2           *mote surveillance vehicles, and autonomous pa-*  
3           *trol technologies; and*

4           “(B) *the vehicle, its payload, and any exter-*  
5           *nal device used to control the vehicle.*”.

6           (h) *REALLOCATING EXISTING RESOURCES.*—Section  
7   5949(l)(1) of the *James M. Inhofe National Defense Author-*  
8   *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263)* is  
9   *amended by inserting before the period at the end the fol-*  
10   *lowing: “and the Federal Acquisition Security Council Pro-*  
11   *gram Office established under section 1323(b)(2) of title 41,*  
12   *United States Code*”.

13          (i) *IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-*  
14   *FENSE.*—

15           (1) *NOTIFICATION.*—Not later than 30 days after  
16   *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
17   *Defense shall provide to the congressional defense com-*  
18   *mittees a notification of the designation of the offi-*  
19   *cials of the Department of Defense who shall serve on*  
20   *the Council in accordance with clause (b)(1)(C)(ii) of*  
21   *section 1322 of title 41, United States.*

22           (2) *PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.*—The Secretary  
23   *shall ensure that the officials designated—*

24           (A) *regularly participate in the activities of*  
25   *the Council;*

1           (B) ensure that any information requested  
2           by the Council from the agency represented by  
3           the such official or officials is provided to the  
4           Council in a timely manner; and

5           (C) establish procedures to ensure that  
6           Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
7           Sustainment, the Under Secretary of Defense for  
8           Research and Engineering, the Chair of the  
9           Joint Requirements Oversight Council, the As-  
10          sistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base  
11          Policy, and other appropriate personnel of the  
12          Department of Defense are informed of the ac-  
13          tivities of the Council in a timely manner.

14          (j) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES.*—Sub-  
15          chapter III of chapter 13 of title 41, United States Code,  
16          is amended—

17               (1) in the table of sections for the subchapter by  
18               adding after the item related to section 1327 the fol-  
19               lowing:

              “1328. Additional provisions.”; and

20               (2) by striking “of this title” each place the term  
21               appears.

1 **SEC. 1805. MODIFICATIONS TO STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE**  
2 **SOURCING OF COMPUTER DISPLAYS FROM**  
3 **CERTAIN NATIONS.**

4 *Section 835 of the National Defense Authorization Act*  
5 *for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 4651*  
6 *note prec.) is amended—*

7 *(1) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection*  
8 *(f); and*

9 *(2) by inserting after subsection (d) the following*  
10 *new subsection:*

11 *“(e) CERTIFICATIONS.—*

12 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense*  
13 *shall submit to the congressional defense committees a*  
14 *written certification—*

15 *“(A) not later than June 30, 2027, that im-*  
16 *plementation of the strategy required by this sec-*  
17 *tion has begun; and*

18 *“(B) not later than January 1, 2030, that*  
19 *the strategy required by this section has elimi-*  
20 *nated the reliance of the Department on any cov-*  
21 *ered nation to acquire computer displays.”.*

1 **SEC. 1806. EXTENSION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL AS-**  
2 **SESSMENTS AND REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE**  
3 **WITH PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS RELAT-**  
4 **ING TO RARE EARTH ELEMENTS AND STRA-**  
5 **TEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS.**

6 *Section 857(c) of the James M. Inhofe National De-*  
7 *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law*  
8 *117–263; 136 Stat. 2727) is amended—*

9 *(1) in paragraph (3)(A) by inserting “, includ-*  
10 *ing any recommendations that the Comptroller Gen-*  
11 *eral considers appropriate” before the period at the*  
12 *end; and*

13 *(2) in subsection (c)(5) by striking “the date that*  
14 *is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act”*  
15 *and inserting “the date that is 12 years after the date*  
16 *of the enactment of the National Defense Authoriza-*  
17 *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2027”.*

18 **SEC. 1807. REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO DETECTION AND**  
19 **AVOIDANCE OF COUNTERFEIT ELECTRONIC**  
20 **PARTS.**

21 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 818(c)(3) of the National*  
22 *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public*  
23 *Law 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 3241 note prec.) is amended—*

24 *(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at*  
25 *the end;*

1           (2) *in subparagraph (D)(iii), by striking the pe-*  
2           *riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and*

3           (3) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
4           *paragraph:*

5                     *“(E) require that, for purchases made in ac-*  
6                     *cordance with procedures applicable to purchases*  
7                     *below micro-purchase threshold (as defined in*  
8                     *section 3573 of title 10, United States Code) or*  
9                     *in accordance with procedures applicable to pur-*  
10                    *chases below simplified acquisition threshold (as*  
11                    *defined in section 3571 of such title), Depart-*  
12                    *ment personnel—*

13                    *“(i) obtain electronic parts that are in*  
14                    *production or currently available in stock*  
15                    *from the original manufacturer or an au-*  
16                    *thorized dealer for such electronic part, or*  
17                    *from a supplier that obtains such electronic*  
18                    *parts exclusively from the original manu-*  
19                    *facturer or an authorized dealer for such*  
20                    *electronic part; and*

21                    *“(ii) obtain electronic parts that are*  
22                    *not in production or currently available in*  
23                    *stock in accordance with regulations pre-*  
24                    *scribed pursuant to subparagraph (C) or*  
25                    *(D).”.*



1       (b) *DFARS REVISION*.—Not later than 180 days after  
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
3 revise the Department of Defense Supplement to the Federal  
4 Acquisition Regulation to carry out the amendments made  
5 by this section.

6       (c) *GUIDANCE REQUIRED*.—Not later than 30 days  
7 after the revision required under subsection (b) has been fi-  
8 nalized, the Secretary shall update the guidance required  
9 under section 818(c) of the National Defense Authorization  
10 Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 10 U.S.C.  
11 3241 note prec.)) as amended by this section, including  
12 practices and procedures to be used under part 8 of the Fed-  
13 eral Acquisition Regulation.

14       (d) *COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT*.—Not later than  
15 270 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the  
16 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to  
17 the congressional defense committees a report that reviews  
18 of use of government purchase cards by the Department of  
19 Defense to obtain electronic parts (as defined in section 818  
20 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
21 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 3241 note prec.)) and  
22 components for such electronic parts using multiple award  
23 contracts or using full and open competition, along with  
24 any recommendations to improve procurement procedures

1 *to reduce the risk posed by counterfeit electronic parts and*  
 2 *components.*

3 **SEC. 1808. ANALYSIS AND REPORT ON SOURCING OF CER-**  
 4 **TAIN ITEMS.**

5 *(a) ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—*

6 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, act-*  
 7 *ing through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-*  
 8 *sition and Sustainment and other appropriate offi-*  
 9 *cials, shall conduct an analysis of each item described*  
 10 *in subsection (c) and shall make recommendations for*  
 11 *action, consistent with the policies, programs, and ac-*  
 12 *tivities required under chapters 381 through 385 and*  
 13 *chapter 389 of title 10, United States Code, chapter*  
 14 *83 of title 41, United States Code, and the Defense*  
 15 *Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.), in-*  
 16 *cluding—*

17 *(A) actions for restricting procurement of*  
 18 *each such item (with appropriate waivers for*  
 19 *cost, emergency requirements, and nonavail-*  
 20 *ability of suppliers), including such restrictions*  
 21 *applicable to—*

22 *(i) domestic suppliers;*

23 *(ii) suppliers in the national tech-*  
 24 *nology and industrial base (as defined in*

1                    *section 4801 of title 10, United States*  
2                    *Code*); or

3                    *(iii) suppliers in other allied country;*

4                    *(B) actions for increasing Federal Govern-*  
5                    *ment investment in research and development or*  
6                    *using other available authorities such as con-*  
7                    *tracts, grants, loans, cooperative agreements, or*  
8                    *other transaction authorities, including actions*  
9                    *to—*

10                    *(i) expand sourcing, processing, pro-*  
11                    *duction, manufacturing capability, or pro-*  
12                    *duction capacity of each such item;*

13                    *(ii) diversify sources of supply of each*  
14                    *such item; or*

15                    *(iii) promote alternative approaches*  
16                    *for addressing military requirements for*  
17                    *each such item;*

18                    *(C) actions for prohibiting procurement*  
19                    *each such item from selected sources or countries;*

20                    *(D) stockpiling actions for each such item,*  
21                    *including creating incentives for domestic sup-*  
22                    *pliers to expand and retain capacity such as—*

23                    *(i) use of long-term purchasing agree-*  
24                    *ments; or*

1                   (ii) restrictions related to provenance  
2                   of each such item purchased for such stock-  
3                   pile;

4                   (E) actions for increasing availability of  
5                   each such item through recycling or reuse; or

6                   (F) a combination of actions described  
7                   under subparagraphs (A) through (E).

8                   (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the anal-  
9                   ysis described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
10                  consider how any actions taken under the analysis  
11                  would enhance or improve—

12                  (A) national security;

13                  (B) the economy;

14                  (C) current and potential suppliers of the  
15                  items in subsection (c), including the ability of  
16                  such suppliers to meet anticipated surge produc-  
17                  tion requirements of the Department of Defense;  
18                  and

19                  (D) implementation of any existing treaties  
20                  or international agreements to which the United  
21                  States is a party.

22                  (b) REPORTING ON ANALYSES, RECOMMENDATIONS,  
23                  AND ACTIONS.—Not later than October 1, 2027, the Sec-  
24                  retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
25                  committees a report containing the following:

1           (1) *A summary of the findings of the analyses*  
2           *undertaken for each item pursuant to subsection (a).*

3           (2) *Relevant findings and recommendations for*  
4           *action resulting from such analyses.*

5           (3) *Descriptions of specific actions undertaken or*  
6           *planned to be taken as a result of the analyses, in-*  
7           *cluding schedule and resources allocated for any*  
8           *planned actions.*

9           (4) *Any relevant findings or recommendations*  
10          *from such analyses, as appropriate, that should be in-*  
11          *corporated into one or more of the following:*

12                (A) *The biennial report to Congress on the*  
13                *national technology and industrial base required*  
14                *under section 4814 of title 10, United States*  
15                *Code.*

16                (B) *The annual report on unfunded prior-*  
17                *ities of the national technology and industrial*  
18                *base required under section 4815 of such title.*

19                (C) *The Department of Defense national se-*  
20                *curity strategy for the national technology and*  
21                *industrial base and associated policy guidance*  
22                *prescribed under section 4811(c) of such title.*

23                (D) *Activities to modernize acquisition*  
24                *processes to ensure integrity of industrial base*  
25                *pursuant to section 4819 of such title.*

1           (E) *Activities and associated expenditures*  
2           *related to defense supply chains, including for*  
3           *material, material production, components, sub-*  
4           *assemblies, and finished products, testing and*  
5           *qualification, infrastructure, facility construc-*  
6           *tion and improvement, and equipment needed in*  
7           *accordance with 4817 of such title.*

8           (F) *Activities of the Office of Strategic Cap-*  
9           *ital.*

10          (G) *Defense memoranda of understanding*  
11          *and related agreements between the Secretary of*  
12          *Defense, acting on behalf of the United States,*  
13          *and one or more foreign countries considered in*  
14          *accordance with section 4851 of such title.*

15          (H) *Activities of the Industrial Analysis*  
16          *Group (or successor group) of the Defense Con-*  
17          *tract Management Agency.*

18          (I) *Activities of the Warstopper Program*  
19          *(or successor program) of the Defense Logistics*  
20          *Agency.*

21          (J) *Industrial base or acquisition policy*  
22          *changes.*

23          (K) *Legislative proposals for modifications*  
24          *to relevant statutes.*

1       (c) *ITEMS DESCRIBED.*—*The items described in this*  
2 *subsection are the following:*

3           (1) *A material or other item of supply for which*  
4 *the Secretary or another designated official has issued*  
5 *a waiver or exception to a statutory sourcing restric-*  
6 *tion, or for which a domestic non-availability deter-*  
7 *mination has been applied.*

8           (2) *Strategic and critical materials (as defined*  
9 *in section 12(1) of the Strategic and Critical Mate-*  
10 *rials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98h–3(1)), includ-*  
11 *ing rare earth materials.*

12           (3) *Strategic and critical minerals derived from*  
13 *recycled or reused minerals and metals.*

14           (4) *Printed circuit boards and components of*  
15 *printed circuit boards.*

16           (5) *Microelectronic, semiconductor, and data*  
17 *storage components.*

18           (6) *Neodymium-iron-boron permanent magnets.*

19           (7) *Samarium and samarium-cobalt permanent*  
20 *magnets.*

21           (8) *Neodymium oxide and metal, praseodymium*  
22 *oxide and metal, and neodymium-praseodymium*  
23 *oxide and metal.*

24           (9) *Additive powders for specialty metals such as*  
25 *titanium-based and nickel-based alloys.*

1           (10) *Tantalum, including tantalum metal, tan-*  
2           *talum powder, and tantalum alloys.*

3           (11) *Gallium, gallium nitride, and gallium*  
4           *oxide.*

5           (12) *Niobium, including niobium metal, niobium*  
6           *powder, and niobium alloys.*

7           (13) *Tungsten, tungsten carbide, and tungsten*  
8           *precursors, including tungsten ores and concentrates,*  
9           *ammonium paratungstate, ammonium metatungstate,*  
10          *tungstic acid, sodium tungstate, and tungsten oxides.*

11          (14) *Heavy rare earth oxides, namely oxides of*  
12          *erbium, gadolinium, lutetium, samarium, scandium,*  
13          *dysprosium, terbium, ytterbium, and yttrium.*

14          (15) *Rare earth metals and alloys, namely met-*  
15          *als and alloys of erbium, gadolinium, lutetium, neo-*  
16          *dymium, praseodymium, samarium, scandium, dys-*  
17          *prosium, terbium, ytterbium, and yttrium.*

18          (16) *Rare earth fluorides, namely fluorides of er-*  
19          *bium, gadolinium, lutetium, neodymium, praseo-*  
20          *dymium, samarium, scandium, dysprosium, terbium,*  
21          *ytterbium, and yttrium.*

22          (17) *Magnesium alloy parts.*

23          (18) *High-purity iron suitable for rare earth*  
24          *magnet manufacturing, naval shipbuilding alloys,*  
25          *electrical steel, and other specialty alloys.*



1           (19) *Aluminum and aluminum-based alloys.*

2           (20) *Graphene and graphene-based materials.*

3           (21) *Mesophase pitch, isotropic pitch, and other*  
4 *critical precursor materials for carbon-carbon com-*  
5 *posites and synthetic graphite.*

6           (22) *Boron carbide powder or any finished or*  
7 *semi-finished product containing boron carbide pow-*  
8 *der.*

9           (23) *Optical glass or optical glass systems, as de-*  
10 *finied in section 834 of the National Defense Author-*  
11 *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, and weapon sights*  
12 *made from such glass.*

13           (24) *Optical transmission equipment, including*  
14 *optical fiber, optical transmitters, and optical cable*  
15 *equipment.*

16           (25) *Continuous filament glass fiber yarn.*

17           (26) *Ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene*  
18 *fiber production capacity.*

19           (27) *Copper foil and copper clad laminate (in-*  
20 *cluding woven glass mat and glass fibers necessary to*  
21 *produce such laminate).*

22           (28) *Chemicals critical to defense applications,*  
23 *as determined by the Under Secretary of Defense for*  
24 *Acquisition and Sustainment.*

1           (29) *Non-rare earth permanent magnets com-*  
2           *posed of materials such as iron nitride, iron-nickel, or*  
3           *manganese bismuth.*

4           (30) *Synthetic diamond and super abrasive ma-*  
5           *terials used in defense applications.*

6           (d) *CONFORMING REPEAL.*—Section 849 of the Na-  
7           *tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub-*  
8           *lic Law 116–283) is repealed.*

9   **SEC. 1809. ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR**  
10                   **SOURCING OF SYNTHETIC DIAMOND AND**  
11                   **SUPER ABRASIVE MATERIALS USED IN DE-**  
12                   **FENSE APPLICATIONS.**

13           (a) *ASSESSMENT.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
14           *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense*  
15           *shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-*  
16           *port that includes—*

17                   (1) *an assessment of the extent to which the De-*  
18                   *partment of Defense relies on foreign sources, includ-*  
19                   *ing sources of concern, for synthetic diamond mate-*  
20                   *rials and related super abrasive materials used in de-*  
21                   *fense-critical applications;*

22                   (2) *a description of the defense systems, sub-*  
23                   *systems, and manufacturing processes for which such*  
24                   *materials are critical, including their role in the pro-*  
25                   *duction, sustainment, repair, sensing, guidance, navi-*

1        *gation, communications, electronic warfare, and pre-*  
2        *cision manufacturing functions of covered systems;*

3            *(3) an evaluation of the current and projected*  
4        *capacity of capable domestic sources and capable*  
5        *sources located in allied or partner countries to meet*  
6        *Department of Defense requirements for such mate-*  
7        *rials;*

8            *(4) an assessment of risks to the defense indus-*  
9        *trial base associated with supply disruption, includ-*  
10       *ing risks arising from single points of failure, limited*  
11       *qualified suppliers, and reliance on sources of con-*  
12       *cern; and*

13           *(5) recommendations to mitigate identified risks*  
14       *and to strengthen domestic production capability*  
15       *where the Secretary determines such capability is nec-*  
16       *essary to address national security risks.*

17        *(b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 90 days*  
18       *after submittal of the report under subsection (a), the Sec-*  
19       *retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense*  
20       *committees a plan—*

21           *(1) to reduce reliance on foreign sources of con-*  
22       *cern for synthetic diamond materials and related*  
23       *super abrasive materials; and*

24           *(2) to increase the use of capable domestic*  
25       *sources and, only where such capable domestic sources*

1        *are not available, capable sources located in allied or*  
2        *partner countries, for such materials in designated*  
3        *defense-critical applications.*

4        *(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

5            *(1) The term “allied or partner country” means*  
6            *a country that the Secretary of Defense determines,*  
7            *based on national security considerations, does not*  
8            *pose an undue risk to the defense industrial base or*  
9            *the security of defense supply chains.*

10           *(2) The term “capable domestic source” means a*  
11           *source located in the United States that the Secretary*  
12           *of Defense determines has the technical capability,*  
13           *production capacity, quality controls, security pos-*  
14           *ture, and ability to meet designated defense require-*  
15           *ments at program scale.*

16           *(3) The term “covered system” means such de-*  
17           *fense systems or platforms as the Secretary of Defense*  
18           *determines appropriate.*

19           *(4) The term “source of concern” means a cov-*  
20           *ered nation as defined in section 4872(f)(2) of title*  
21           *10, United States Code.*

22           *(5) The term “super abrasive material” includes*  
23           *cubic boron nitride and other ultra-hard materials*  
24           *used in defense manufacturing or defense system ap-*  
25           *plications.*

1           (6) *The term “synthetic diamond materials”*  
2       *means synthetic or laboratory-engineered diamond*  
3       *materials, including grit, powders, wafers, films, opti-*  
4       *cal components, electronic components, and other*  
5       *functional diamond forms, used in defense-critical ap-*  
6       *plications.*

7       **SEC. 1810. DEFENSE SUPPLY CHAIN INTELLIGENCE AND**  
8               **RISK RESPONSE PROGRAM.**

9       (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
10      *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
11      *fense, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for*  
12      *Industrial Base Policy, shall establish a Department of De-*  
13      *fense-wide program to be known as the “Defense Supply*  
14      *Chain Intelligence and Risk Response Program” (in this*  
15      *section referred to as the “Program”) to enhance the De-*  
16      *partment’s ability to illuminate, assess, anticipate, and re-*  
17      *spond to risks across the defense industrial base supply*  
18      *chain.*

19      (b) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of the Program shall be*  
20      *to provide a coordinated, holistic framework for the Depart-*  
21      *ment of Defense to effectively identify and manage the risks*  
22      *within and across the broader defense supply chain, includ-*  
23      *ing risks associated with microelectronics, semiconductors,*  
24      *counterfeit items, diminishing manufacturing sources and*  
25      *material shortages, obsolescence, supply chain disruptions,*

1 *cyber vulnerabilities, foreign sourced components, foreign*  
2 *investments, financial distress, and sourcing of critical*  
3 *technologies from entities within or associated with covered*  
4 *nations.*

5 (c) *ACTIVITIES.—The Program shall—*

6 (1) *identify and characterize supplier concentra-*  
7 *tion, single-point dependencies, structural*  
8 *vulnerabilities, and risks arising from foreign owner-*  
9 *ship, control, or influence;*

10 (2) *inform Department of Defense policy and*  
11 *funding decisions intended to enable rapid, scalable*  
12 *response to supply chain vulnerabilities, including*  
13 *creation of stockpiles and identification of alternative*  
14 *domestic suppliers and surge capacity; and*

15 (3) *support and inform Department of Defense*  
16 *efforts to reduce reliance on covered nations for sup-*  
17 *ply chains essential to the national defense.*

18 (d) *IMPLEMENTATION.—In implementing this section,*  
19 *the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Pol-*  
20 *icy shall, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of*  
21 *Defense for Sustainment and not later than 365 days after*  
22 *the date of the enactment of this Act—*

23 (1) *perform an identification and assessment of*  
24 *the supply chain illumination efforts, supply chain*  
25 *risk management activities, and policies of the De-*

1        *partment of Defense, along with annual funding pro-*  
2        *files associated with such efforts, activities and poli-*  
3        *cies;*

4            *(2) develop a common framework across the De-*  
5        *partment of Defense and with contractors of the De-*  
6        *partment to enable a holistic and coordinated ap-*  
7        *proach for identifying managing risks within defense*  
8        *supply chains; and*

9            *(3) provide the Secretary of Defense the fol-*  
10        *lowing:*

11            *(A) Findings and recommendations based*  
12        *on the assessment performed under paragraph*  
13        *(1), including recommendations related to ex-*  
14        *pansion, consolidation, or cancellation of identi-*  
15        *fied supply chain illumination efforts and sup-*  
16        *ply chain risk management activities.*

17            *(B) A plan of action for successful imple-*  
18        *mentation of the framework developed under*  
19        *paragraph (2).*

20            *(C) Recommendations for employment of*  
21        *advanced data analytics and artificial intel-*  
22        *ligence capabilities or tools to support and en-*  
23        *able Program activities, including capabilities*  
24        *such as—*

1                   (i) mapping of multi-tier supply  
2 chains across the defense industrial base, in-  
3 cluding domestic and international supplier  
4 networks;

5                   (ii) identifying and linking entities  
6 across public records, corporate registries,  
7 trade data, and other commercial datasets  
8 to identify foreign ownership, control, or in-  
9 fluence;

10                  (iii) highlighting supplier concentra-  
11 tion, single-point dependencies, and other  
12 structural risk indicators; and

13                  (iv) modeling and forecasting of supply  
14 chain disruptions and economic security  
15 risks.

16       (e) *COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION.*—The  
17 Secretary shall ensure that any advanced data analytics  
18 and artificial intelligence capabilities or tools to support  
19 the Program are procured—

20                  (1) in accordance with the preference for com-  
21 mercial products and commercial services under sec-  
22 tion 3453 of title 10, United States Code;

23                  (2) in accordance with the requirements to use  
24 competitive procedures under applicable law and the



1 *Department of Defense Supplement to the Federal Ac-*  
2 *quisition Regulation; and*

3 *(3) in a manner that provides the Department*  
4 *with flexibility to adapt procurement strategies to*  
5 *Program needs, evolving market conditions, and ad-*  
6 *vances in technology throughout the life of the Pro-*  
7 *gram.*

8 *(f) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—*

9 *(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than April 1,*  
10 *2027, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional*  
11 *defense committees a report describing—*

12 *(A) progress made in implementing the*  
13 *Program;*

14 *(B) integration of Program activities with*  
15 *existing Industrial Base Analysis and*  
16 *Sustainment activities and supply chain risk*  
17 *management activities; and*

18 *(C) resource requirements, including fund-*  
19 *ing, personnel, data access, and technical infra-*  
20 *structure.*

21 *(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year*  
22 *after the date on which the Program is established,*  
23 *and annually thereafter for five years, the Secretary*  
24 *shall submit to the congressional defense committees a*  
25 *report that includes—*

1           (A) an assessment of the effectiveness of the  
2           Program in improving the Department's ability  
3           to illuminate, assess, anticipate, and respond to  
4           risks across the defense industrial base supply  
5           chain; and

6           (B) any additional legislative, regulatory,  
7           or policy recommendations necessary to strength-  
8           en defense industrial base resilience.

9           (g) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

10           (1) The term “covered nation” has the meaning  
11           given such term in section 4872 of title 10, United  
12           States Code.

13           (2) The term “foreign ownership, control, or in-  
14           fluence” refers to ownership structures, governance ar-  
15           rangements, financial relationships, or other mecha-  
16           nisms through which a foreign person or entity may  
17           direct, materially influence, or control a supplier or  
18           sub-tier entity within the defense industrial base.

19           (3) The term “economic security risks” means  
20           risks arising from supply chain fragility, economic  
21           coercion by a covered nation including financing by  
22           a covered nation, or other vulnerabilities in a com-  
23           mercial supply chain that may adversely affect na-  
24           tional security.

1 **SEC. 1811. IDENTIFICATION OF SUPPLY CHAIN DEPEND-**  
2 **ENCIES.**

3 *(a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2028,*  
5 *and annually thereafter until 2032, the Secretary of*  
6 *Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional*  
7 *committees an unclassified report with a classified*  
8 *annex that assesses, during the year preceding the*  
9 *date of the report, the extent to which the supply*  
10 *chains for biotechnology equipment and services ob-*  
11 *tained or funded by the Department of Defense*  
12 *through covered transactions contain critical supply*  
13 *dependencies.*

14 *(2) REPORT CONTENTS.—The unclassified report*  
15 *required under paragraph (1) shall, for biotechnology*  
16 *equipment and services described in such para-*  
17 *graph—*

18 *(A) describe the supply chains for such bio-*  
19 *technology equipment and services, including an*  
20 *analysis of critical supply dependencies for such*  
21 *supply chains and the overall vulnerability of*  
22 *such supply chains to geopolitical risk stemming*  
23 *from critical supply dependencies;*

24 *(B) identify the value of such biotechnology*  
25 *equipment and services, both in absolute num-*  
26 *bers and as a percentage of the total value of*

1        *such biotechnology equipment and services, where*  
2        *the supply chain for such biotechnology equip-*  
3        *ment or service contained at least one critical*  
4        *supply dependency;*

5            *(C) list the types of such biotechnology*  
6        *equipment or services with critical supply de-*  
7        *pendencies in defense industrial base supply*  
8        *chains that, if compromised, would cause signifi-*  
9        *cant potential disruption to military readiness;*  
10       *and*

11           *(D) identify the top five percent of covered*  
12       *transactions for biotechnology equipment and*  
13       *services, as measured by the total expected value*  
14       *over the life of the transaction for biotechnology*  
15       *equipment or services obtained or funded by the*  
16       *Department of Defense for which the supply*  
17       *chains contain at least one critical supply de-*  
18       *pendency.*

19        *(3) ANNEX CONTENTS.—The classified annex re-*  
20       *quired under paragraph (1) shall, for biotechnology*  
21       *equipment and services described in paragraph (1)—*

22           *(A) identify any covered foreign entities*  
23       *analyzed in the report that the Secretary of De-*  
24       *fense has recommended or is considering recom-*  
25       *mending to the Office of Management and Budg-*

1 *et for designation as a biotechnology company of*  
2 *concern to inform that recommendation;*

3 *(B) describe any additional legislative au-*  
4 *thorities or resource requirements necessary to*  
5 *adequately assess the vulnerability of supply*  
6 *chains for biotechnology equipment and services*  
7 *that contributes to the defense industrial base,*  
8 *including funding, personnel, data access, and*  
9 *technical infrastructure; and*

10 *(C) elaborate as necessary on the contents of*  
11 *the unclassified report.*

12 *(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

13 *(1) The term “appropriate congressional com-*  
14 *mittees” means—*

15 *(A) the Committee on Armed Services of the*  
16 *House of Representatives; and*

17 *(B) the Committee on Armed Services of the*  
18 *Senate.*

19 *(2) The terms “biotechnology company of con-*  
20 *cern”, “biotechnology equipment or service”, and “for-*  
21 *foreign adversary” have the meaning givens, respec-*  
22 *tively, in section 851 of the National Defense Author-*  
23 *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–*  
24 *60).*

1           (3) *The term “covered foreign entity” means an*  
 2           *entity including any subsidiary thereof, organized*  
 3           *under the laws of a foreign country if either the prin-*  
 4           *cipal place of business of such entity is in a foreign*  
 5           *adversary or the equity securities of the entity are*  
 6           *primarily traded on one or more exchanges based in*  
 7           *a foreign adversary.*

8           (4) *The term “covered transaction” means any*  
 9           *Department of Defense contract, subcontract, coopera-*  
 10          *tive agreement, grant, or other transaction with a*  
 11          *value greater than \$10,000,000.*

12          (5) *The term “critical supply dependency”*  
 13          *means a step in a supply chain for a biotechnology*  
 14          *equipment or service characterized by a limited sup-*  
 15          *plier base consisting entirely or almost entirely of*  
 16          *covered foreign entities, such that disruption from a*  
 17          *single covered foreign entity or a small set of covered*  
 18          *foreign entities is likely to materially impair the*  
 19          *availability of functionally interchangeable bio-*  
 20          *technology equipment or services.*

21 **SEC. 1812. FEDERAL ACQUISITION SECURITY COUNCIL EX-**  
 22 **CLUSION ORDERS FOR CHINESE MILITARY**  
 23 **COMPANY DESIGNEES.**

24          (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

1           (1) *CMC LIST*.—The term “*CMC List*” means  
2           the list of Chinese military companies operating in  
3           the United States under section 1260H of the William  
4           M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization  
5           Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note).

6           (2) *COVERED ARTICLE*.—The term “covered arti-  
7           cle” has the meaning given such term in section 1321  
8           of title 41, United States Code.

9           (3) *EXCLUSION ORDER*.—The term “exclusion  
10          order” means an order referred to in section  
11          1323(c)(1)(A) of title 41, United States Code.

12          (4) *COUNCIL*.—The term “Council” means the  
13          Federal Acquisition Security Council established  
14          under section 1322(a) of title 41, United States Code.

15          (b) *MANDATORY REFERRAL BY THE SECRETARY OF*  
16          *DEFENSE*.—

17               (1) *IN GENERAL*.—Not later than 90 days after  
18               determining to add an entity to the *CMC List*, the  
19               Secretary of Defense shall transmit to the Council a  
20               written referral recommending that the Council rec-  
21               ommend an exclusion order for covered articles pro-  
22               duced or provided by such entity.

23               (2) *CONTENTS*.—Each referral shall include—

24                       (A) identification of the entity, including  
25                       known subsidiaries and affiliates;

1           (B) the basis for the determination under  
2           such section 1260H, consistent with protection of  
3           intelligence sources and methods; and

4           (C) any additional information relevant to  
5           the Council's assessment of whether to rec-  
6           ommend an exclusion order for covered articles  
7           produced or provided by such entity.

8       (c) *REQUIRED COUNCIL ACTION.*—

9           (1) *REVIEW REQUIRED.*—Upon receipt of a refer-  
10          ral under subsection (b), the Council shall use the in-  
11          formation provided in the referral and any other in-  
12          formation the Council determines appropriate under  
13          section 1323(c) of title 41, United States Code, to re-  
14          view whether to issue a recommendation to the Presi-  
15          dent for an exclusion order prohibiting executive  
16          agencies from procuring covered articles produced or  
17          provided by the designated entity. The Council shall  
18          complete such review not later than 270 days after the  
19          date on which the Council receives the referral.

20          (2) *RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT.*—If,  
21          as a result of the review, the Council determines to  
22          issue such a recommendation, the Council shall trans-  
23          mit the recommendation to the President not later  
24          than 90 days after the date on which the Council  
25          completes the review.



1           (3) *SCOPE.*—*The recommendation shall apply*  
 2           *Government-wide and include subsidiaries and affili-*  
 3           *ates identified in the referral.*

4           (d) *REMOVAL FROM CMC LIST.*—

5           (1) *NOTICE.*—*Not later than 90 days after deter-*  
 6           *mining to remove an entity from the CMC List, the*  
 7           *Secretary of Defense shall notify the Council of the de-*  
 8           *termination and provide the basis for the determina-*  
 9           *tion.*

10          (2) *REVIEW.*—*Upon receipt of such a notice, the*  
 11          *Council shall review whether to transmit to the Presi-*  
 12          *dent a recommendation to rescind or modify the ex-*  
 13          *clusion order.*

14          (3) *NO AUTOMATIC RESCISSION.*—*Removal from*  
 15          *the CMC List shall not automatically rescind an ex-*  
 16          *clusion order.*

17          (e) *EXISTING DESIGNEES.*—*Not later than 90 days*  
 18          *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
 19          *of Defense shall transmit to the Council a written referral*  
 20          *under subsection (b)(1) for each entity already appearing*  
 21          *on the CMC List for which no exclusion order is in effect.*

22       **SEC. 1813. DOMESTIC PREFERENCE IN THE PROCUREMENT**  
 23       **OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.**

24          (a) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENCE.*—*Not later*  
 25          *than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*

1 *the Secretary of Defense shall revise the Department of De-*  
2 *fense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to*  
3 *ensure that with respect to contracts for the procurement*  
4 *of professional services, a contracting officer—*

5 *(1) shall establish a preference for offerors that*  
6 *are United States companies, to the maximum extent*  
7 *practicable and consistent with the interests of na-*  
8 *tional security; and*

9 *(2) may elect not to apply such preference if the*  
10 *contracting officer provides documentation, including*  
11 *a rationale, for not applying the preference, which*  
12 *may include evidence—*

13 *(A) that the Secretary of Defense prioritized*  
14 *the urgency of the procurement or delivery of*  
15 *professional services over such preference;*

16 *(B) that no United States company is capa-*  
17 *ble of fulfilling the requirements of the contract*  
18 *in a timely or cost-effective manner; or*

19 *(C) of other circumstances determined by*  
20 *the Secretary.*

21 *(b) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PREFERENCES.—The*  
22 *preference established under subsection (a) shall not take*  
23 *priority over any preference for procurement from the pro-*  
24 *curement list established pursuant to section 8503 of title*  
25 *41, United States Code, the Federal Prison Industries cata-*

1 *log described under section 4124(d) of title 18, United*  
2 *States Code, or under the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.*  
3 *631 et seq.).*

4 *(c) REPORTS.—Beginning on March 1, 2028, and an-*  
5 *nually thereafter through March 1, 2031, the Secretary of*  
6 *Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees*  
7 *a report that includes—*

8 *(1) a description of the effectiveness of the pref-*  
9 *erence described in subsection (a) in improving acqui-*  
10 *sition outcomes in the procurement of professional*  
11 *services;*

12 *(2) the effect of such preference on the number of*  
13 *domestic entities providing professional services to the*  
14 *Department of Defense; and*

15 *(3) a summary of instances during the calendar*  
16 *year preceding the date of submission of the report*  
17 *where such preference was not applied, along with ra-*  
18 *tionale for not applying such preference.*

19 *(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

20 *(1) The term “foreign entity” has the meaning*  
21 *given in section 225.772–1 of the Department of De-*  
22 *fense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regula-*  
23 *tion (or a successor regulation).*

24 *(2) The term “United States company”—*

25 *(A) means a business entity that—*

1           (i) *is organized under the laws of a*  
2           *State, the District of Columbia, or a terri-*  
3           *tory or possession of the United States;*

4           (ii) *has its principal place of business*  
5           *located in the United States, the District of*  
6           *Columbia, or a territory or possession of the*  
7           *United States; and*

8           (iii) *is not directly or indirectly owned*  
9           *and controlled by a foreign entity; and*

10          (B) *includes a joint venture for which a*  
11          *business entity described in subparagraph (A)*  
12          *holds an ownership interest greater than or equal*  
13          *to 50 percent.*

14          (3) *The term “professional services” includes one*  
15          *or more of the following services:*

16               (A) *Engineering.*

17               (B) *Architecture.*

18               (C) *Design.*

19               (D) *Environmental consulting.*

20               (E) *Financial consulting.*

21               (F) *Program management.*

22               (G) *Legal.*

1 **SEC. 1814. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CHINESE-MANU-**  
2 **FACTURED OPTICAL FIBER BY THE DEPART-**  
3 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) *PROHIBITION.*—*The Secretary of Defense may not*  
5 *procure or obtain optical fiber and optical fiber cable pro-*  
6 *duced, manufactured, or assembled by an entity that is*  
7 *owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or*  
8 *direction of the People’s Republic of China for use in De-*  
9 *partment of Defense information networks or communica-*  
10 *tions systems.*

11 (b) *COVERED OPTICAL FIBER DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*  
12 *tion, the term “covered optical fiber” means single-mode or*  
13 *multi-mode optical fiber and optical fiber cable.*

14 (c) *WAIVER AUTHORITY.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Defense may*  
16 *waive the prohibition under subsection (a) on a case-*  
17 *by-case basis if the Secretary determines that—*

18 (A) *the waiver is necessary for the national*  
19 *security interests of the United States; and*

20 (B) *no practicable alternative exists from a*  
21 *source not described in subsection (a).*

22 (2) *LIMITATION.*—*A waiver granted under this*  
23 *subsection shall be limited in time and in scope to the*  
24 *minimum extent necessary.*

25 (3) *NOTICE.*—*Not later than 30 days after*  
26 *granting a waiver, the Secretary shall submit written*

1       *notice to the Committee on Armed Services of the*  
2       *Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the*  
3       *House of Representatives describing—*

4               *(A) the justification for the waiver;*

5               *(B) the duration and scope of the waiver;*

6               *and*

7               *(C) the plan to transition to compliant ma-*  
8               *terials.*

9       *(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to*  
10       *contracts awarded on and after October 1 of the first fiscal*  
11       *year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

12       *(e) FASC RECOMMENDATION.—Not later than 90 days*  
13       *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
14       *of Defense shall direct the Department of Defense official*  
15       *serving on the Federal Acquisition Security Council to for-*  
16       *mally recommend that the Council—*

17               *(1) evaluate optical fiber and optical fiber cable*  
18               *(including fiber optic cable assemblies) sold, produced,*  
19               *or developed by any entity that constitutes a source*  
20               *of concern due to the relationship of the entity to the*  
21               *People's Republic of China; and*

22               *(2) determine, based on such evaluation, whether*  
23               *to issue a recommended order with respect to such*  
24               *source of concern, or any covered article sold, pro-*  
25               *duced, or developed by such source of concern.*

1       (f) *SCOPE OF EVALUATION.*—*The recommendation*  
2 *under subsection (b) shall specifically request that the Fed-*  
3 *eral Acquisition Security Council evaluation under para-*  
4 *graph (1) of such subsection consider, at a minimum—*

5           (1) *whether an entity that produces or assembles*  
6 *optical fiber and optical fiber cable in the People’s*  
7 *Republic of China would meet the definition of source*  
8 *of concern; and*

9           (2) *potential vectors for intelligence collection,*  
10 *disruption, or degradation of national security com-*  
11 *munications through optical fiber infrastructure pro-*  
12 *cured from such an entity.*

13       (g) *REPORT.*—

14           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
15 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
16 *Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-*  
17 *mittees a report that includes—*

18           (A) *an assessment by the Secretary regard-*  
19 *ing national security risks posed by the procure-*  
20 *ment or use of optical fiber and optical fiber*  
21 *cable produced or assembled by an entity that is*  
22 *a source of concern based on such entity’s affili-*  
23 *ation with the People’s Republic of China;*

24           (B) *an assessment of the extent to which*  
25 *such optical fiber is present in, or procured for*

1 *information networks or communications sys-*  
2 *tems of the Department of Defense, or the net-*  
3 *works of Department of Defense contractors and*  
4 *subcontractors;*

5 *(C) an assessment of the availability of al-*  
6 *ternative sources of optical fiber from domestic*  
7 *suppliers or suppliers from a country that is not*  
8 *a foreign adversary;*

9 *(D) an update on the status of the rec-*  
10 *ommendation for evaluation made in accordance*  
11 *with subsection (b);*

12 *(E) an update on any recommended order*  
13 *or designated order issued or under consideration*  
14 *by the Federal Acquisition Security Council with*  
15 *respect to optical fiber or optical fiber cable from*  
16 *any source of concern affiliated with the People's*  
17 *Republic of China; and*

18 *(F) any actions taken or recommended to be*  
19 *taken by the Secretary to mitigate risks identi-*  
20 *fied under subparagraph (A), including any pro-*  
21 *posed amendments to the Department of Defense*  
22 *Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regula-*  
23 *tion.*



1           (2) *FORM.*—*The report required under this sub-*  
 2           *section shall be submitted in unclassified form, but*  
 3           *may include a classified annex.*

4           (h) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section, the terms “covered*  
 5           *article”, “designated order”, “Federal Acquisition Security*  
 6           *Council”, “foreign adversary”, “recommended order”, and*  
 7           *“source of concern” have the meanings given, respectively,*  
 8           *in section 1322 of title 41, United States Code (as amended*  
 9           *by section 1804 of this Act) in that term in section 1321(3)*  
 10           *of title 41, United States Code (as amended by section 1804*  
 11           *of this Act).*

12   **SEC. 1815. REPORT ON PRIMARY ALUMINUM SECTOR IN-**  
 13           **DUSTRIAL BASE ASSESSMENT.**

14           (a) *REPORT.*—*Upon enactment of this Act, the Under*  
 15           *Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall*  
 16           *transmit to the congressional defense committees the report*  
 17           *titled “Primary Aluminum Sector Industrial Base Assess-*  
 18           *ment Report” issued by the Industrial Analysis Division*  
 19           *of the Defense Contract Management Agency and submitted*  
 20           *to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base*  
 21           *Policy on April 9, 2025.*

22           (b) *BRIEFING REQUIRED.*—*Not later than March 1,*  
 23           *2027, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base*  
 24           *Policy shall provide to the congressional defense committees*  
 25           *a briefing detailing—*

1           (1) *the reliance of the United States on imports*  
2           *or scrap for aluminum production, including reliance*  
3           *on foreign adversaries or other foreign sources that*  
4           *are at risk of supply chain disruption;*

5           (2) *the current alumina and primary aluminum*  
6           *production capacity in the United States and a near-*  
7           *and long-term assessment of the robustness of such ca-*  
8           *capacity;*

9           (3) *the status and risks facing advanced alu-*  
10          *minum fabrication facilities that are an essential*  
11          *part of the defense industrial base;*

12          (4) *insights and findings from the “Aluminum*  
13          *Wargame” executed by the Defense Logistics Agency*  
14          *under the Defense Logistics Agency Industrial Base*  
15          *Campaign of Learning series;*

16          (5) *an assessment of the need for large-scale alu-*  
17          *minum extrusion capabilities in the United States to*  
18          *support current and projected national defense re-*  
19          *quirements;*

20          (6) *an assessment of workforce, permitting, in-*  
21          *frastructure, and energy considerations associated*  
22          *with sustaining or expanding large-scale aluminum*  
23          *extrusion capabilities in the United States;*

1           (7) opportunities for increased secondary alu-  
 2           minum production in the United States to increase  
 3           domestic defense-grade aluminum production; and

4           (8) policy, acquisition, or investment options the  
 5           Secretary of Defense is undertaking or considering to  
 6           mitigate identified risks or gaps in domestic alu-  
 7           minum extrusion capacity, including potential pub-  
 8           lic-private partnerships or other industrial base sup-  
 9           port mechanisms, as appropriate.

10 **SEC. 1816. ASSESSMENT OF RISK RELATED TO ADVER-**  
 11 **SARIAL CAPITAL IN THE DEFENSE INDUS-**  
 12 **TRIAL BASE.**

13           (a) *DESIGNATION*.—Not later than 90 days after the  
 14           date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
 15           shall designate an office within the Office of Industrial Base  
 16           Policy with primary responsibility for assessing and miti-  
 17           gating risks related to the use of adversarial capital by the  
 18           entities in the national technology and industrial base (as  
 19           defined in section 4801 of title 10, United States Code).

20           (b) *DUTIES*.—The Secretary shall ensure the office des-  
 21           ignated under subsection (a) is responsible for the following:

22           (1) *Facilitating collaboration among elements of*  
 23           *the Department of Defense and with other stake-*  
 24           *holders, including private sector entities and aca-*

1        *demia, to identify and mitigate such risks, includ-*  
2        *ing—*

3                *(A) by coordinating, deconflicting, and syn-*  
4                *chronizing adversarial capital risk management*  
5                *activities;*

6                *(B) by facilitating timely sharing with en-*  
7                *tities in the national technology and industrial*  
8                *base of threat information, vulnerability assess-*  
9                *ments, and risk indicators; and*

10               *(C) by establishing relationships, including*  
11               *through cooperative research and development*  
12               *agreements, to support shared informational un-*  
13               *derstanding of the commercial and economic do-*  
14               *main to advance the economic security interests*  
15               *of the Department.*

16               *(2) Tracing the flow of adversarial capital from*  
17               *its source to entities in the national and technological*  
18               *industrial base.*

19               *(3) Identifying and monitoring dependencies of*  
20               *entities in the national and technological industrial*  
21               *base on foreign adversaries by identifying—*

22               *(A) single points of failure, critical*  
23               *chokepoints, and foreign adversary-controlled as-*  
24               *pects of relevant supply chains that could vulner-*  
25               *able to adversarial capital; and*

1                   (B) tactics, techniques, and procedures used  
2                   by foreign adversaries to gain influence or con-  
3                   trol over such entities.

4                   (4) Providing specific recommendations to Sec-  
5                   retary of Defense on actions or policies necessary to  
6                   reduce adversarial capital flows for mission-critical  
7                   weapons systems, technologies, and materials.

8                   (5) Working with stakeholders to develop and im-  
9                   plement clear legal, contractual, and technical proce-  
10                  dures to—

11                  (A) support and enable identification of  
12                  beneficial ownership data of subcontractors (at  
13                  any tier) and suppliers in the national and tech-  
14                  nological industrial base that is relevant to na-  
15                  tional security;

16                  (B) ensure appropriate liability protections  
17                  for such subcontractors and suppliers making  
18                  good-faith disclosures of data described in sub-  
19                  paragraph (A);

20                  (C) implement a voluntary risk-sharing  
21                  framework under which national and techno-  
22                  logical industrial base entities may share sup-  
23                  plier risk information and receive validated risk  
24                  assessments of the supply chain of such entity in  
25                  return, with safeguards for proprietary data.

1           (6) *Implementing and maintaining continuous*  
2           *automated monitoring of entities in the national and*  
3           *technological industrial base for changes in corporate*  
4           *control, beneficial ownership, geographic sourcing,*  
5           *and supply chain structure.*

6           (7) *Issuing automated alerts to appropriate*  
7           *members of the acquisition workforce and affected*  
8           *stakeholders upon detection of significant risk indica-*  
9           *tors of adversarial capital.*

10          (8) *Applying corroboration protocols requiring*  
11          *validation of significant risk indicators of adversarial*  
12          *capital across not fewer than two independent data*  
13          *sources before forming the basis for risk-tier elevation,*  
14          *mitigation action, or referral to appropriate law en-*  
15          *forcement or regulatory authorities.*

16          (c) *ECONOMIC SECURITY RISK ASSURANCE CAPA-*  
17          *BILITY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-*  
18          *ment of this Act, the head of the office designated under*  
19          *subsection (a) shall establish and maintain a capability to*  
20          *be known as the “Economic Security Risk Assurance” capa-*  
21          *bility, which shall—*

22               (1) *consolidate and analyze information related*  
23               *to adversarial capital flows to entities in the national*  
24               *and technological industrial base, supplier identifiers,*  
25               *links between programs of the Department of Defense*

1       *and suppliers, and other information as determined*  
2       *by such head;*

3               *(2) enable analysis and reporting to support the*  
4       *assessment and risk mitigation of adversarial capital*  
5       *in the national technology and industrial base;*

6               *(3) provide visualization of the risk of adver-*  
7       *sarial capital on entities in the national and techno-*  
8       *logical industrial base;*

9               *(4) enable federated access by program man-*  
10       *agers, portfolio acquisition executives, and other ap-*  
11       *propriate officials of the Department of Defense to*  
12       *supply chain illumination efforts of the Department;*  
13       *and*

14               *(5) enable the office to better perform the duties*  
15       *outlined by this subsection.*

16       *(d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—*

17               *(1) INITIAL ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary*  
18       *shall submit to the congressional defense committees a*  
19       *notification of the designation of an office under sub-*  
20       *section (a) and the establishment of the Economic Se-*  
21       *curity Risk Assurance tool in accordance with sub-*  
22       *section (c).*

23               *(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December*  
24       *1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall*  
25       *submit to the congressional defense committees an an-*

1        *nual report analyzing the activities of the office des-*  
2        *ignated under subsection (a). The report may be pro-*  
3        *vided in classified form and may include any rec-*  
4        *ommendations of the Secretary to reduce or further*  
5        *mitigate risks related to adversarial capital in the*  
6        *national and technological industrial base.*

7        *(e) ADVERSARIAL CAPITAL DEFINED.—In this section,*  
8        *the term “adversarial capital” means loans or other forms*  
9        *of financial assistance provided to entities in the national*  
10       *and technological industrial base.*

11       **SEC. 1817. INTEGRATION OF DEMAND FOR FOREIGN MILI-**  
12                                **TARY SALES INTO INDUSTRIAL BASE PLAN-**  
13                                **NING.**

14        *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall in-*  
15        *clude projected demand for foreign military sales, including*  
16        *any foreign military sales that are in progress, in—*

17                *(1) Any industrial base assessments conducted by*  
18        *the Secretary.*

19                *(2) Munitions production planning documents.*

20                *(3) Sustainment planning for major defense ac-*  
21        *quisition programs (as defined in section 4201 of title*  
22        *10, United States Code).*

23                *(4) Decisions of the Secretary regarding produc-*  
24        *tion rate increases and capacity expansion of defense*



1        *articles (as defined in section 644 of the Foreign As-*  
2        *sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2403)).*

3        *(b) OBJECTIVES.—In carrying out subsection (a), the*  
4        *Secretary shall seek to achieve the following objectives with*  
5        *respect to the defense industrial base:*

6                *(1) Expand production capacity.*

7                *(2) Stabilize critical suppliers and of the defense*  
8        *industrial base.*

9                *(3) Incentivize capital investment in critical*  
10        *production lines.*

11        **SEC. 1818. REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING**  
12                        **BILLS OF MATERIALS FOR DEFENSE ACQUI-**  
13                        **SION.**

14        *(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 270 days*  
15        *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
16        *of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-*  
17        *tees a report on the following:*

18                *(1) The feasibility of including requirements for*  
19        *Bills of Materials, including software, hardware, arti-*  
20        *ficial intelligence, and cryptography, within DoD In-*  
21        *struction 5000.87 and the Software Acquisition Path-*  
22        *way.*

23                *(2) The expected value of the information gained*  
24        *through Bills of Materials as it relates to risk man-*  
25        *agement and supply chain integrity.*

1           (3) *The necessity of establishing a new system or*  
 2           *consolidating existing systems to perform asset man-*  
 3           *agement within the Department to house the informa-*  
 4           *tion in Bills of Materials as it relates to weapon sys-*  
 5           *tem components currently in use across the Armed*  
 6           *Forces.*

7           (b) *FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall*  
 8           *be submitted in unclassified form and may include a classi-*  
 9           *fied annex.*

10       ***Subtitle B—Provisions Relating to***  
 11       ***Defense Industrial Base Manu-***  
 12       ***facturing***

13       ***SEC. 1831. CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE USES OF DEFENSE***  
 14       ***INDUSTRIAL BASE FUND.***

15           (a) *IN GENERAL.—Section 4817(g)(1) of title 10,*  
 16           *United States Code, as added by section 867 of the National*  
 17           *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public*  
 18           *Law 119–60), is amended—*

19                   (1) *by amending subparagraph (L) to read as*  
 20           *follows:*

21                           “(L) *Ships or submarines, including tech-*  
 22                           *nologies and capabilities supporting the assem-*  
 23                           *bly or automation of ships or submarines, new*  
 24                           *or modernized infrastructure for the construction*  
 25                           *of ships or submarines, and infrastructure or ca-*

1           *pabilities for the maintenance, sustainment, or*  
2           *battle-damage repair of ships or submarines (in-*  
3           *cluding private-sector drydock and ship repair*  
4           *infrastructure components and systems).”; and*  
5           *(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
6           *paragraph:*

7                     *“(P) Advanced microelectronics packaging,*  
8                     *including substrates, interposers, heterogeneous*  
9                     *integration, and related manufacturing capa-*  
10                    *bility and capacity.”.*

11           *(b) LIMITATION ON USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—The*  
12           *Secretary of Defense may not use funds made available be-*  
13           *fore the date of the enactment of this Act to carry out activi-*  
14           *ties under the authority of subsection (g)(1)(L) or (g)(1)(P)*  
15           *of section 4817 of title 10, United States Code, as added*  
16           *by this Act.*

17           **SEC. 1832. INCLUSION OF BIOTECHNOLOGY IN USES OF**  
18                     **THE INDUSTRIAL BASE FUND.**

19           *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4817(g)(1) of title 10,*  
20           *United States Code, as amended by section 1831, is further*  
21           *amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-*  
22           *graph:*

23                     *“(Q) Biotechnology and biomanufac-*  
24                     *turing.”.*

1       (b) *LIMITATION ON USE OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS.*—The  
 2       Secretary of Defense may not use amounts made available  
 3       before the date of the enactment of this Act to carry out  
 4       activities under the authority of subparagraph (Q) of sec-  
 5       tion 4817(g)(1) of title 10, United States Code, as added  
 6       by this section.

7       **SEC. 1833. DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF ALTER-**  
 8       **NATIVE MATERIAL SOURCES.**

9       (a) *DEFENSE MODERNIZATION ACCOUNT.*—Section  
 10      3136(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by add-  
 11      ing at the end the following new paragraph:

12               “(7) For developing alternative material sources,  
 13      through technologies including reverse engineering, re-  
 14      engineering, and advanced manufacturing (as defined  
 15      in section 4841 of this title), to meet operational re-  
 16      quirements.”.

17      (b) *LIFE-CYCLE SUSTAINMENT PLAN.*—Section  
 18      4324(b)(1)(C) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
 19      by inserting before the period at the end the following: “,  
 20      where such considerations shall include the application of  
 21      alternative methods to support sustainment, including re-  
 22      verse engineering, reengineering, and advanced manufac-  
 23      turing (as defined in section 4841 of this title)”.

1 **SEC. 1834. REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN FOR**  
2 **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING FOR CERTAIN**  
3 **CRITICAL READINESS ITEMS OF SUPPLY.**

4 *Section 1842 of the National Defense Authorization*  
5 *Act of Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is amended—*

6 *(1) by inserting after subsection (b) the following*  
7 *new subsections:*

8 *“(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
9 *of the enactment of this subsection, the Under Secretary of*  
10 *Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit the*  
11 *plan required by subsection (a) to—*

12 *“(1) the collaborative forum established under*  
13 *section 1844 of this Act (Public Law 119–60; 10*  
14 *U.S.C. 4811 note);*

15 *“(2) the Defense Logistics Agency; and*

16 *“(3) the congressional defense committees.*

17 *“(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—*

18 *“(1) WORKING GROUP.—Following receipt of the*  
19 *plan described in paragraph (1), members of the col-*  
20 *laborative forum established under such section 1844*  
21 *shall establish a working group (or other appropriate*  
22 *organization) to implement such plan by developing*  
23 *or identifying advanced manufacturing solutions to*  
24 *increase the production of critical readiness items of*  
25 *supply identified under subsection (a)(1), where such*  
26 *solutions are likely ensure the production of such*

1        *items not later than 24 months after the date of the*  
 2        *establishment of the working group.*

3            “(2) *NOTATION.*—*Not later than 60 days after*  
 4        *receipt of the plan described in paragraph (1), the*  
 5        *Director of the Defense Logistics Agency shall update*  
 6        *the No Bid Solicitation List to include a notation for*  
 7        *items that have been identified under subsection*  
 8        *(a)(1) as critical readiness items of supply.”; and*  
 9            *(2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the*  
 10        *following new paragraphs:*

11            “(3) *The term ‘No Bid Solicitation List’ means*  
 12        *the list maintained by the Defense Logistics Agency*  
 13        *identifying solicitations that have received no bids or*  
 14        *no responsive offers within required procurement*  
 15        *timelines.*

16            “(4) *The term ‘covered system’ has the meaning*  
 17        *given in section 4324 of title 10, United States*  
 18        *Code.”.*

19        **SEC. 1835. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE RELATED TO ADVANCED**  
 20            **MANUFACTURING.**

21        *Section 1846(b)(2) of the National Defense Authoriza-*  
 22        *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is*  
 23        *amended—*

24            *(1) in subparagraph (F), by striking the word*  
 25        *“and”;*

1           (2) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by striking the pe-  
 2       riod and inserting “; and”; and

3           (3) by adding the following new subparagraph:

4                 “(H) risk-based policies and best practices  
 5       to prevent the dissemination of information or  
 6       capabilities that enable influence of entities lo-  
 7       cated in China, Russia, Iran, or North Korea  
 8       over the production of parts, including a pref-  
 9       erence for the use of parts produced through se-  
 10      cure, domestic advanced manufacturing proc-  
 11      esses.”.

12 **SEC. 1836. MODIFICATIONS TO ADVANCED MANUFAC-**  
 13 **TURING POLICY REVIEW AND GUIDANCE.**

14       Section 1846(b)(2) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
 15      tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10  
 16      U.S.C. 4841 note) is amended—

17           (1) by striking “September 30, 2027” and insert-  
 18      ing “February 28, 2027”;

19           (2) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at  
 20      the end;

21           (3) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by striking the pe-  
 22      riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

23           (4) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(H) a methodology for establishing com-  
 2           mon part numbering system for AM materials,  
 3           processes, and parts; and

4           “(I) a methodology for qualification testing  
 5           for small run critical parts.”.

6 **SEC. 1837. ENHANCED DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENT**  
 7 **FOR SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS.**

8           Section 835(b) of the National Defense Authorization  
 9 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.  
 10 338; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4201) is amended—

11           (1) in paragraph (4)(B), by inserting “except as  
 12           provided in paragraph (5),” before “shall not apply”;  
 13           and

14           (2) by adding at the end the following new para-  
 15           graph:

16           “(5) **EXCLUSION FOR SHIPBUILDING PRO-**  
 17           **GRAMS.**—Paragraph (4)(B) shall not apply to manu-  
 18           factured articles procured in connection with a ship-  
 19           building program.”.

20 **SEC. 1838. TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF MERGER AND ACQUISI-**  
 21 **TION ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR DE-**  
 22 **FENSE SUPPLIERS.**

23           (a) **TRIENNIAL REVIEW.**—The Assistant Secretary of  
 24 Defense for Industrial Base Policy shall triennially review  
 25 merger and acquisition activity associated with major de-



1 *fense suppliers, including assessing the resulting financial*  
2 *health of such suppliers and whether resulting mergers and*  
3 *acquisitions have affected the supply of an essential good*  
4 *or service needed to support the Department of Defense's*  
5 *mission to provide national security and defense.*

6       (b) *TRIENNIAL REPORT.*—Not later than December 31,  
7 2027, and triennially thereafter, the Assistant Secretary of  
8 Defense for Industrial Base Policy shall submit to the con-  
9 gressional defense committees a report on the findings of  
10 the review conducted for the previous three fiscal years, in-  
11 cluding a description of the effects of completed mergers and  
12 acquisitions on the health of the defense industrial base and  
13 actions taken to mitigate any risks identified.

14 **SEC. 1839. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR**  
15 **CERTAIN MUNITIONS.**

16       (a) *AUTHORITY.*—Subject to the provisions of section  
17 3501 of title 10, United States Code, specified in subsection  
18 (c), the head of an agency may enter into one or more  
19 multiyear contracts for more than one but not more than  
20 seven program years, beginning in fiscal year 2027, for the  
21 procurement of the following systems (including items, serv-  
22 ices, and logistics support associated with those systems and  
23 their subsystems):

24               (1) *Standard Missile–3 (SM–3) Block IB missile*  
25 *systems.*

1           (2) *Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IIA mis-*  
 2       *sile systems.*

3           (3) *Precision Strike Missiles (PrSM).*

4           (4) *Standard Missile-6 Missiles (SM-6).*

5           (5) *Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles*  
 6       *(AMRAAM).*

7           (6) *Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missiles*  
 8       *(JASSM).*

9           (7) *Long Range Anti-Ship Missiles (LRASM).*

10          (8) *Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) and*  
 11       *Maritime Strike Tomahawk (MST).*

12          (9) *Terminal High Altitude Area Defense*  
 13       *(THAAD) systems.*

14          (10) *Patriot Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3)*  
 15       *Missile Segment Enhancement (MSE) systems.*

16          (11) *Low-cost hypersonic strike systems.*

17          (12) *Family of Affordable Mass Munitions*  
 18       *(FAMM), Extended-Range Attack Munition (ERAM),*  
 19       *Enterprise Test Vehicle (ETV), and ground-launched*  
 20       *low-cost cruise missile systems.*

21          (13) *Joint Advanced Tactical Missiles (JATM).*

22       (b) *PROCUREMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXISTING*  
 23       *CONTRACTS.—The systems authorized to be procured under*  
 24       *subsection (a) may be procured as an addition to an exist-*  
 25       *ing contract relating to such systems.*

1       (c) *LIMITED APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW.*—The  
2       provisions of section 3501 of title 10, United States Code,  
3       specified in this subsection are as follows:

4               (1) *Subsection (f).*

5               (2) *Subsection (g), applied by substituting “con-*  
6       *tract awarded pursuant to the authority of this sec-*  
7       *tion” for “contract described in subsection (a)” each*  
8       *place it appears.*

9               (3) *Subsection (i)(1).*

10              (4) *Subsection (1)(3).*

11       (d) *CERTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE*  
12       *COMMITTEES REQUIRED.*—The head of an agency may  
13       enter into a multiyear contract under subsection (a) only  
14       if the head of the agency certifies to the congressional de-  
15       fense committees in writing, not later than seven days be-  
16       fore entering into such a contract, each of the following:

17              (1) *That the use of such a contract is consistent*  
18       *with the projected force structure requirements for the*  
19       *applicable program.*

20              (2) *That the use of such a contract will result in*  
21       *significant savings compared to the total anticipated*  
22       *costs of carrying out the program through annual*  
23       *contracts.*

24              (3) *That there is a reasonable expectation that*  
25       *throughout the contemplated contract period the head*

1       of the agency will request funding for the contract at  
2       the level required to avoid contract cancellation.

3           (4) That there is a stable design for the property  
4       to be acquired and the technical risks associated with  
5       such property are not excessive.

6           (5) That the estimates of both the cost of the con-  
7       tract and the anticipated cost avoidance through the  
8       use of a such a contract are realistic.

9           (6) That the use of such a contract will promote  
10      the national security of the United States.

11          (7) That during the fiscal year in which the con-  
12      tract is to be awarded, sufficient funds will be avail-  
13      able to perform the contract in such fiscal year, and  
14      the future-years defense program (as defined in sec-  
15      tion 221 of title 10, United States Code) for such fis-  
16      cal year will include the funding required to execute  
17      the program without cancellation.

18      (e) *AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.*—The  
19      head of an agency may enter into one or more contracts  
20      for advance procurement associated with a program for  
21      which authorization to enter into a multiyear contract is  
22      provided under subsection (a) and for systems and sub-  
23      systems associated with such program, in economic order  
24      quantities when cost savings are achievable.

1       (f) *CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-*  
 2 *MENTS.*—*A multiyear contract entered into under sub-*  
 3 *section (a) shall provide that any obligation of the United*  
 4 *States to make a payment under the contract for a fiscal*  
 5 *year after fiscal year 2027 is subject to the availability of*  
 6 *appropriations for that purpose for such later fiscal year.*

7       (g) *DEFINITION.*—*In this section, the term “head of*  
 8 *an agency” means—*

- 9           (1) *the Secretary of Defense;*
- 10          (2) *the Secretary of the Army;*
- 11          (3) *the Secretary of the Navy; or*
- 12          (4) *the Secretary of the Air Force.*

13 **SEC. 1840. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR**  
 14 **PLATFORMS AND COMPONENTS SYSTEMS.**

15       (a) *AUTHORITY.*—*Subject to the provisions of section*  
 16 *3501 of title 10, United States Code, specified in subsection*  
 17 *(c), the head of an agency may enter into one or more*  
 18 *multiyear contracts for more than one but not more than*  
 19 *seven program years, beginning in fiscal year 2027, for the*  
 20 *procurement of the following systems (including items, serv-*  
 21 *ices, and logistics support associated with those systems and*  
 22 *their subsystems):*

- 23           (1) *Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System*  
 24 *(GMLRS).*
- 25           (2) *6.8mm ammunition.*

1           (3) *Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System*  
 2           (*APKWS*) (*AGR-20 A/B*), *II / Fixed-Wing, Air*  
 3           *Launched, Counter-Unmanned [Aircraft Systems]*  
 4           *Ordnance (FALCO) (AGR-20F)*.

5           (4) *Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Sensor*  
 6           (*LTAMDS*).

7           (5) *Small Diameter Bomb II (SDB II)*.

8           (6) *Air Intercept Missile-9X (AIM-9X)*.

9           (7) *Patriot Guidance Enhanced Missile-Tactical*  
 10          (*GEM-T*).

11          (8) *Integrated Battle Command System (IBCS)*.

12          (9) *Air-Launched Rapid Response Weapon In-*  
 13          *crement 1 (ARRW Inc 1)*.

14          (10) *Army/Navy Transportable Radar Surveil-*  
 15          *lance (TPY-2)*.

16          (11) *Javelin CLU (Command Launch Unit)*.

17          (12) *FGM-148 Javelin*.

18          (13) *Coyote Block 2C (C-UAS interceptor)*.

19          (14) *Sonobuoys (SSQ-36, SSQ-53, SSQ-62,*  
 20          *SSQ-101, SSQ-125)*.

21          (15) *RIM-162 Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile*  
 22          (*ESSM*).

23          (16) *RIM-116 Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM)*.

24          (17) *Remote Modular Terminal (RMT)*.

25          (18) *Counter Communications System (CCS)*.

1       (b) *PROCUREMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXISTING*  
2 *CONTRACTS.*—*The systems authorized to be procured under*  
3 *subsection (a) may be procured as additions to existing con-*  
4 *tracts covering such systems.*

5       (c) *LIMITED APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW.*—*In ap-*  
6 *plying section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, to sub-*  
7 *section (a), only the following provisions of that section*  
8 *shall apply:*

9           (1) *Subsection (f).*

10          (2) *Subsection (g), in which the term “contract*  
11 *described in subsection (a)” shall mean a contract*  
12 *awarded pursuant to the authority of this section.*

13          (3) *Subsection (i)(1).*

14          (4) *Subsection (l)(3).*

15       (d) *CERTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE*  
16 *COMMITTEES REQUIRED.*—*The head of an agency may*  
17 *enter into a multiyear contract under subsection (a) only*  
18 *if the head of the agency certifies to the congressional de-*  
19 *fense committees in writing, not less than 7 days before*  
20 *entry into the contract, each of the following:*

21           (1) *That the use of such a contract is consistent*  
22 *with the projected force structure requirements for the*  
23 *respective program.*

24           (2) *That the use of such a contract will result*  
25 *in—*

1           (A) savings of the total anticipated costs of  
2           carrying out the program through annual con-  
3           tracts; or

4           (B) necessary defense industrial base sta-  
5           bility not otherwise achievable through annual  
6           contracts.

7           (3) That there is a reasonable expectation that  
8           throughout the contemplated contract period the head  
9           of the agency will request funding for the contract at  
10          the level required to avoid contract cancellation.

11          (4) That there is a stable design for the property  
12          to be acquired and the technical risks associated with  
13          such property are not excessive.

14          (5) That the estimates of both the cost of the con-  
15          tract and the anticipated cost avoidance through the  
16          use of a such a contract are realistic.

17          (6) That the use of such a contract will promote  
18          the national security of the United States.

19          (7) That during the fiscal year in which the con-  
20          tract is to be awarded, sufficient funds will be avail-  
21          able to perform the contract in such fiscal year, and  
22          the future-years defense program (as defined in sec-  
23          tion 221 of title 10, United States Code) for such fis-  
24          cal year will include the funding required to execute  
25          the program without cancellation.



1       (e) *AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.*—The  
 2 head of an agency may enter into one or more contracts  
 3 for advance procurement associated with a program for  
 4 which authorization to enter into a multiyear contract is  
 5 provided under subsection (a) and for systems and sub-  
 6 systems associated with such program, in economic order  
 7 quantities when cost savings are achievable.

8       (f) *CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-*  
 9 *MENTS.*—A multiyear contract entered into under sub-  
 10 section (a) shall provide that any obligation of the United  
 11 States to make a payment under the contract for a fiscal  
 12 year after fiscal year 2027 is subject to the availability of  
 13 appropriations for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

14       (g) *DEFINITION.*—In this section, the term “head of  
 15 an agency” means—

- 16               (1) the Secretary of Defense;
- 17               (2) the Secretary of the Army;
- 18               (3) the Secretary of the Navy; or
- 19               (4) the Secretary of the Air Force.

20       **SEC. 1841. MANAGING AND MITIGATING RISKS IN MAJOR**  
 21               **MUNITIONS PROGRAMS.**

22       (a) *REQUIREMENT.*—In meeting the requirements of  
 23 the Department of Defense for major munitions programs,  
 24 the Secretary of Defense shall consider alternative designs,  
 25 including designs such as low-cost, mass-produced muni-

1 *tions or other capabilities that could complement existing*  
2 *munitions capabilities.*

3 *(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—*

4 *(1) the term “major munitions program”*  
5 *means—*

6 *(A) any major munitions program within*  
7 *the meaning given such term in section 4172 of*  
8 *title 10, United States Code; and*

9 *(B) any munitions program that is identi-*  
10 *fied as a critical munitions requirement by the*  
11 *Munitions Acceleration Council in the budget*  
12 *justification materials submitted to Congress in*  
13 *support of the Department of Defense budget for*  
14 *fiscal year 2027; and*

15 *(2) the term “low-cost, mass-produced munition”*  
16 *means any munition that can be produced and deliv-*  
17 *ered by a single contractor—*

18 *(A) in quantities two or more times greater*  
19 *than the quantities that the relevant existing*  
20 *munition can be produced and delivered in a*  
21 *single fiscal year using production capacity that*  
22 *is currently available to the contractor; and*

23 *(B) at a cost to the Department at least 25*  
24 *percent lower per unit than the relevant existing*  
25 *munition.*

1 **SEC. 1842. COMPTROLLER GENERAL ASSESSMENT ON IM-**  
2 **PROVING WEAPON SYSTEMS AND TECH-**  
3 **NOLOGY PROCUREMENT.**

4 (a) *ASSESSMENTS.*—*The Comptroller General of the*  
5 *United States shall conduct one or more assessments of how*  
6 *the Secretary of Defense can improve procurement of weap-*  
7 *on systems and technologies.*

8 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*Any assessment under subsection (a)*  
9 *shall include the following:*

10 (1) *An evaluation of the extent to which the*  
11 *members of the acquisition workforce (as defined in*  
12 *section 101 of title 10, United States Code) have the*  
13 *knowledge, skills, and expertise necessary to negotiate*  
14 *a fair deal for weapon systems and technologies for*  
15 *the Department of Defense.*

16 (2) *With respect to a procurement described in*  
17 *subsection (a), a determination of whether the Sec-*  
18 *retary—*

19 (A) *has sufficient understanding and data*  
20 *on the incentives and motivations of defense con-*  
21 *tractors necessary to negotiate a fair deal for the*  
22 *Department of Defense;*

23 (B) *has and uses mechanisms to assess con-*  
24 *tractor performance and tools for accountability*  
25 *for meeting contractual obligations;*

1           (C) understands the data rights needed to  
 2           maintain, sustain, and upgrade weapon systems  
 3           and effectively uses contracting approaches to fa-  
 4           cilitate iterative development and to adopt com-  
 5           mercial technologies;

6           (D) has sufficient understanding of, and  
 7           can monitor changes in, the defense industrial  
 8           base, including the effect of mergers and acquisi-  
 9           tions and tracking as new entrants; and

10          (E) evaluates the effectiveness of efforts to  
 11          reduce supply chain risks and measure the effects  
 12          of available industrial policy tools.

13          (c) *BRIEFING*.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
 14          of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller General  
 15          shall provide to the congressional defense committees a  
 16          briefing on plans for any assessments required under sub-  
 17          section (a) and a timeline and format for delivery of the  
 18          final results of such assessments.

19           ***Subtitle C—Organic Industrial***  
 20           ***Base***

21          ***SEC. 1861. MODIFICATION TO ANNUAL REPORT ON DEPOT-***  
 22           ***LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK-***  
 23           ***LOADS BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.***

24          Section 2466(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 25          amended—

1           (1) by striking “each Defense Agency, the per-  
2           centage” and inserting “each Defense Agency—”

3           “(A) the percentage”;

4           (2) in subparagraph (A), as so redesignated, by  
5           striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;  
6           and

7           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
8           paragraph:

9           “(B) the dollar amount of such expended and  
10          projected funds, respectively, disaggregated by covered  
11          depot.”.

12 **SEC. 1862. AUTHORITY TO WRITE OFF CAPITAL EXPENDI-**  
13 **TURES FOR CERTAIN DEPOTS OF DEPART-**  
14 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

15          Chapter 146 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
16          ed by inserting after section 2470 the following new section:

17 **“§2471. Accounting for certain depots: authority to**  
18 **write off capital expenditures**

19          “(a) *AUTHORITY.*—With respect to any covered depot,  
20          the Secretary of Defense may write off, for accounting pur-  
21          poses, any depreciated cost or debt associated with capital  
22          that does not generate revenue as a result of a Government-  
23          directed mission change.

1       “(b) *DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.*—The Secretary  
2   may delegate the authority under subsection (a) to the Sec-  
3   retary of a military department.

4       “(c) *COVERED DEPOT DEFINED.*—In this section, the  
5   term ‘covered depot’ has the meaning given such term in  
6   section 2476 of this title.”.

7   **SEC. 1863. REFORMS RELATING TO ARMY ORGANIC INDUS-**  
8                               **TRIAL BASE.**

9       (a) *MODERNIZATION.*—Chapter 146 of title 10, United  
10   States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following  
11   new section:

12   **“§ 2477. Modernization of organic industrial base of**  
13                               **Department of the Army**

14       “(a) *MODERNIZATION.*—The Secretary of the Army  
15   shall take such steps as may be necessary to accelerate the  
16   modernization of the organic industrial base of the Army  
17   to meet the requirements of the Army, including by car-  
18   rying out the following:

19       “(1) *Ensuring the production of additional materials*  
20   *by, or the expanded use of capabilities of, such organic in-*  
21   *dustrial base.*

22       “(2) *Establishing an updated structure for the govern-*  
23   *ance of such organic industrial base, under which—*

24               “(A) *decisions regarding resourcing and site op-*  
25   *erations overseen by the Army Materiel Command*

1     *shall be delineated from, and reconciled with, work-*  
2     *load and acquisition requirements overseen by the As-*  
3     *stant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logis-*  
4     *tics, and Technology; and*

5             *“(B) the relationship between the Army*  
6     *Sustainment Command and the Joint Energetics*  
7     *Transition Office established under section 148 of this*  
8     *title shall be delineated with respect to such organic*  
9     *industrial base.*

10     *“(3) Establishing an updated resourcing model for*  
11     *such organic industrial base, for the purpose of—*

12             *“(A) reducing production costs associated with*  
13     *each covered Army depot; and*

14             *“(B) ensuring such costs are, to the maximum*  
15     *extent practicable, competitive with commercial capa-*  
16     *bilities.*

17     *“(4) Ensuring the updated resourcing model estab-*  
18     *lished under paragraph (3)—*

19             *“(A) details any modification to a working-cap-*  
20     *ital fund of the Army necessary to achieve a purpose*  
21     *specified in such paragraph; and*

22             *“(B) accounts for the use of funds appropriated*  
23     *for the Army or relevant elements of the Department*  
24     *of Defense, including the Army Contracting Com-*  
25     *mand, the Civilian Human Resources Agency of the*

1       *Army, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service,*  
2       *and the Defense Information Systems Agency, or for*  
3       *base operating services.*

4       “(5) *Establishing key training pipelines, and desired*  
5       *throughput with respect to such pipelines, necessary to sup-*  
6       *port each covered Army depot in accordance with this sub-*  
7       *section, including by identifying appropriations necessary*  
8       *for such support.*

9       “(b) *LIMITATION ON ACTIONS TO DECREASE WORK-*  
10       *LOAD.—The Secretary of the Army may not carry out any*  
11       *action that would decrease the workload performed by any*  
12       *covered Army depot for a year by more than 10 percent*  
13       *as compared with the workload performed by that covered*  
14       *Army depot five years prior unless—*

15               “(1) *the Secretary of the Army submits to the*  
16       *congressional defense committees a notification that*  
17       *includes an explanation for such decrease and a plan*  
18       *to shift other workload requirements of the Army to*  
19       *the covered Army depot, to maintain workforce capa-*  
20       *bility; and*

21               “(2) *a period of 30 days has elapsed following*  
22       *such notification.*

23       “(c) *REPORTS ON MODERNIZATION EFFORTS.—Con-*  
24       *current with the submission of each plan required by section*  
25       *2473 of this title, the Secretary of the Army shall submit*



1 *to the congressional defense committees a report detailing,*  
2 *with respect to the five-year period covered by the plan, the*  
3 *efforts of the Army over such period to modernize covered*  
4 *Army depots consistent with this section, including the cri-*  
5 *teria used to allocate funds available for such moderniza-*  
6 *tion between such depots.*

7       “(d) *ANNUAL REPORT ON CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—On*  
8 *an annual basis, the Secretary of the Army shall dissemi-*  
9 *nate to each covered Army depot, and submit to the congres-*  
10 *sional defense committees, a report that includes—*

11               “(1) *with respect to the year preceding the date*  
12 *of the submission of the report, detailed information*  
13 *on—*

14                       “(A) *the type and quantity of production*  
15 *activities and depot-level maintenance and re-*  
16 *pair activities performed by each such depot dur-*  
17 *ing such year; and*

18                       “(B) *how such activities were coordinated*  
19 *with other production activities and depot-level*  
20 *maintenance and repair activities across the De-*  
21 *partment of Defense; and*

22               “(2) *with respect to the three-year period fol-*  
23 *lowing the date of the submission of the report, a com-*  
24 *prehensive plan for the production activities and*  
25 *depot-level maintenance and repair activities to be*

1 performed by each such depot during such period, in-  
2 cluding detailed information on—

3 “(A) the type and quantity of such activi-  
4 ties;

5 “(B) how such activities would be coordi-  
6 nated with other production activities and depot-  
7 level maintenance and repair activities across  
8 the Department of Defense;

9 “(C) for each fiscal year within such period,  
10 how the projected use of funds for the depot-level  
11 maintenance and repair workload of each cov-  
12 ered Army depot would contribute to the percent-  
13 age limitation under section 2466 of this title;  
14 and

15 “(D) the current and projected needs of the  
16 Army, the other military departments, and for-  
17 eign partners, that may be addressed through  
18 such activities.

19 “(e) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

20 “(1) The term ‘covered Army depot’ means a cov-  
21 ered depot listed in section 2476(f)(1) of this title.

22 “(2) The term ‘organic industrial base of the  
23 Army’ means each covered Army depot.”.

24 (b) *GUIDANCE.*—Not later than 180 days after the date  
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall

1 *issue guidance to implement section 2477 of title 10, United*  
2 *States Code, as added by subsection (a).*

3 *(c) GAO REVIEW.—*

4 *(1) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the*  
5 *United States shall conduct a review of plans of the*  
6 *Army for sustainment with respect to the development*  
7 *and fielding of new weapon systems. Such review*  
8 *shall include the following:*

9 *(A) An identification of key weapon systems*  
10 *expected to be fielded by the Army for the first*  
11 *time during the five-year period following the*  
12 *date of the commencement of such review.*

13 *(B) An assessment of the plans of the Army*  
14 *for the maintenance and repair of, and the logis-*  
15 *tics, supply chain, and other sustainment func-*  
16 *tions for, such weapon systems.*

17 *(C) An assessment of the extent to which the*  
18 *Army is developing and investing in the*  
19 *sustainment functions specified in subparagraph*  
20 *(B) concurrent with the fielding of such weapon*  
21 *systems.*

22 *(2) BRIEFING.—Not later than April 1, 2027, the*  
23 *Comptroller General shall provide to the congressional*  
24 *defense committees a briefing on preliminary observa-*

1        *tions relating to the review under paragraph (1), in-*  
 2        *cluding on planned reporting formats and schedules.*

3            (3) *REPORT.*—Not later than August 1, 2027, the  
 4        *Comptroller General shall submit to the congressional*  
 5        *defense committees a report containing the results of*  
 6        *the review under paragraph (1).*

7        **SEC. 1864. EXCLUSION OF MANUFACTURING ARSENAL**  
 8                                **WORKLOAD FROM DEPOT CARRYOVER CAL-**  
 9                                **CULATION.**

10        *Section 377(2) of the James M. Inhofe National De-*  
 11        *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law*  
 12        *117–263; 10 U.S.C. 2476 note) is amended by inserting*  
 13        *“any manufacturing arsenal workload and” after “cal-*  
 14        *culated carryover amount”.*

15        **SEC. 1865. TEMPORARY AUTHORITY FOR USE OF OPER-**  
 16                                **ATION AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS TO PRO-**  
 17                                **VIDE TRAINING FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES**  
 18                                **PERFORMING SERVICES OR WORK FUNDED**  
 19                                **BY WORKING-CAPITAL FUNDS.**

20        (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Notwithstanding subsection (c) of  
 21        *section 2208 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary*  
 22        *of Defense and the Secretary of a military department may*  
 23        *use funds available for operations and maintenance to pay*  
 24        *expenses necessary to train prevailing rate employees, as*  
 25        *defined by section 5342(a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States*

1 *Code, who perform services or work funded by a working-*  
 2 *capital fund.*

3 (b) *TERMINATION.*—*The authority under subsection*  
 4 *(a) shall expire on October 1, 2032.*

5 **SEC. 1866. DEMONSTRATION AND PROTOTYPING PROGRAM**  
 6 **FOR QUALIFICATION OF ORGANIC INDUS-**  
 7 **TRIAL BASE AS ALTERNATE SOURCE FOR**  
 8 **MANUFACTURE OF CASTS AND FORGED COM-**  
 9 **PONENTS FOR LEGACY AIRCRAFT.**

10 (a) *PROGRAM.*—*Not later than 60 days after the date*  
 11 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall*  
 12 *establish a demonstration and prototyping program, to be*  
 13 *known as the “Organic Industrial Base Qualification Pro-*  
 14 *gram for Castings and Forgings for Legacy Aircraft”, to*  
 15 *develop, test, and qualify the organic industrial base as an*  
 16 *alternate source for the manufacture of casts and forged*  
 17 *components for fixed wing or rotary wing legacy aircraft.*

18 (b) *SELECTION OF DEPOTS.*—

19 (1) *SELECTION.*—*The Secretary shall select one*  
 20 *or more covered depots at which to carry out the Pro-*  
 21 *gram.*

22 (2) *FOUNDRY REQUIREMENT.*—*The Secretary*  
 23 *shall ensure that any covered depot selected under*  
 24 *paragraph (1) has a foundry capable of manufac-*  
 25 *turing casts and forged components.*

1       (c) *ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED.*—*In carrying out the*  
2 *Program, the Secretary of Defense may conduct at any cov-*  
3 *ered depot selected pursuant to subsection (b) one or more*  
4 *of the following activities:*

5           (1) *Such activities as may be necessary to certify*  
6 *or otherwise accredit the covered depot to meet indus-*  
7 *try standards relating to the manufacturing of casts*  
8 *and forged components for legacy aircraft, including*  
9 *the processing of raw materials for such manufac-*  
10 *turing.*

11          (2) *The identification of candidate casts or*  
12 *forged components to be manufactured at a covered*  
13 *depot for legacy aircraft.*

14          (3) *The manufacture of test articles for such can-*  
15 *didate casts or forged components.*

16          (4) *The analysis, test, demonstration, and quali-*  
17 *fication of such candidate casts and forged compo-*  
18 *nents for use with respect to legacy aircraft.*

19          (5) *The manufacture, in limited production*  
20 *quantities, of such candidate casts and forged compo-*  
21 *nents for use as reserve stock for such legacy aircraft.*

22          (6) *The development or acquisition of such work-*  
23 *force, equipment, or materials as may be necessary to*  
24 *accomplish any activity under paragraphs (1)*  
25 *through (5).*

1       (d) *PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.*—

2           (1) *REQUIREMENT.*—Under the Program, each  
3       covered depot selected under subsection (b) shall seek  
4       to enter into at least one public-private partnership  
5       with an original manufacturer of legacy aircraft for  
6       the purpose of such manufacturer supporting the ac-  
7       tivities conducted at the covered depot under sub-  
8       section (c).

9           (2) *AUTHORITY UNDER PARTNERSHIP.*—As part  
10      of any partnership entered into between an original  
11      manufacturer of legacy aircraft and a covered depot  
12      under paragraph (1), such original manufacturer  
13      may analyze requirements and specifications relating  
14      to legacy aircraft, and update related technical data,  
15      to identify the minimum requirements for raw mate-  
16      rial, processing of such raw material, and manufac-  
17      turing, relating to casts and forged components for  
18      legacy aircraft.

19      (e) *REPORT.*—Not later than two years after the date  
20      of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
21      the congressional defense committees a report on the activi-  
22      ties carried out under the Program, including—

23           (1) an identification of any certification or ac-  
24      creditation achieved pursuant to subsection (c)(1);

1           (2) *a description of the number and type of casts*  
2           *and forged components manufactured by each covered*  
3           *depot under the Program and whether such casts or*  
4           *forged components have been qualified for use with re-*  
5           *spect to legacy aircraft;*

6           (3) *a description of any operational or funding*  
7           *barriers to implementation of the Program;*

8           (4) *any recommendations for legislative, regu-*  
9           *latory, or policy modifications necessary to reduce*  
10          *such barriers, including with respect to the receipt of*  
11          *funds to carry out the Program; and*

12          (5) *any other recommendations for improving*  
13          *the Program, including whether to extend the or make*  
14          *permanent the Program.*

15          (f) *TERMINATION.*—*The authority to carry out the*  
16          *Program shall terminate on the date that is five years after*  
17          *the date of the enactment of this Act.*

18          (g) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

19               (1) *The term “covered depot” has the meaning*  
20               *given such term in 2476 of title 10, United States*  
21               *Code.*

22               (2) *The term “organic industrial base” means*  
23               *each covered depot.*

24               (3) *The term “Program” means the program es-*  
25               *tablished under subsection (a).*



1 **SEC. 1867. BRIEFING AND REPORT ON DEFENSE INDUS-**  
2 **TRIAL BASE CHOKEPOINTS AND ORGANIC IN-**  
3 **DUSTRIAL BASE MODERNIZATION.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary  
6 of Defense for Industrial Base Policy shall provide to the  
7 congressional defense committees a briefing and report that  
8 include each of the following:

9 (1) *An identification of supply chain chokepoints*  
10 *for each covered strategic component, including—*

11 (A) *the defense articles and systems depend-*  
12 *ent on the chokepoint, particularly for compo-*  
13 *nents necessary to produce multiple critical de-*  
14 *fense articles;*

15 (B) *the current domestic and foreign sources*  
16 *of supply, including identification of any cov-*  
17 *ered nation sources and any single points of fail-*  
18 *ure;*

19 (C) *the consequences to defense production*  
20 *of a disruption of the chokepoint; and*

21 (D) *the estimated time required to restore or*  
22 *replace the capability in the event of a disrup-*  
23 *tion.*

24 (2) *A categorization of identified supply chain*  
25 *chokepoints into the following approaches best suited*

1     *for expanding domestic production, including a de-*  
2     *scription of the criteria used for each category:*

3             *(A) Government production.*

4             *(B) Government-supported commercial pro-*  
5     *duction.*

6             *(C) Commercially viable production with*  
7     *de-risked private entry.*

8             *(3) An evaluation of production and financing*  
9     *models and mechanisms best suited to expand domes-*  
10    *tic production for each identified supply chain*  
11    *chokepoint, including each of the following:*

12             *(A) Government-owned, government-oper-*  
13     *ated, or other forms of government production;*

14             *(B) Government-owned, contractor-operated*  
15     *production;*

16             *(C) Contractor-owned, contractor-operated*  
17     *production, or other forms of commercial produc-*  
18     *tion;*

19             *(D) Pre-qualifying additional commercial*  
20     *production sources;*

21             *(E) Strategic stockpiling;*

22             *(F) Government lending, grants, and other*  
23     *financing; and*

24             *(G) Offtake agreements, price-floor commit-*  
25     *ments, multiyear procurement, or other govern-*

1           *ment commitments to ensure predictable demand*  
2           *aggregation.*

3           *(4) Such recommendations, including legislative*  
4           *recommendations and recommendations for new or*  
5           *expanded production or financing authorities, as the*  
6           *Assistant Secretary considers appropriate to expand*  
7           *organic industrial base and other production needs*  
8           *identified in the briefing and report.*

9           *(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

10           *(1) The term “covered strategic component”*  
11           *means each of the following:*

12                   *(A) High-strength steel and titanium cast-*  
13                   *ings and forgings and other components sup-*  
14                   *porting the submarine industrial base.*

15                   *(B) Subcomponents required for long-range*  
16                   *fires and air and missile defense systems, includ-*  
17                   *ing—*

18                           *(i) solid rocket motors;*

19                           *(ii) energetics and their precursors;*

20                           *and*

21                           *(iii) sensitive electronics.*

22                   *(C) Batteries, rare earth magnets, and other*  
23                   *energy storage platforms.*

24                   *(D) Castings and forgings.*

25                   *(E) Printed circuit boards.*

1           (F) *Subcomponents for attritable, un-*  
2           *manned, and autonomous systems, including—*

3                     (i) *optical sensors;*

4                     (ii) *motors; and*

5                     (iii) *cameras.*

6           (G) *Such other components as designated by*  
7           *the Assistant Secretary pursuant to a determina-*  
8           *tion that the sector is critical to the ability of the*  
9           *United States to deter or prevail in a high-end*  
10          *conflict.*

11          (2) *The term “supply chain chokepoint” means*  
12          *any component or subcomponent that—*

13                     (A) *is a necessary input to the production*  
14                     *of one or more defense articles within a covered*  
15                     *strategic sector; and*

16                     (B) *is—*

17                             (i) *produced by a limited number of*  
18                             *domestic suppliers, a single domestic sup-*  
19                             *plier, or no domestic supplier; or*

20                             (ii) *is sourced in significant part from*  
21                             *a covered nation, as such term is defined in*  
22                             *section 4872(f)(2) of title 10, United States*  
23                             *Code, the disruption of which would materi-*  
24                             *ally impair the production of one or more*  
25                             *defense articles.*

1 ***Subtitle D—Small Business Matters***

2 ***SEC. 1871. EXCEPTION TO CONTRACT PRICE REQUIREMENT***

3 ***RELATING TO USE OF TEST AND EVALUATION***

4 ***INSTALLATIONS BY COMMERCIAL ENTITIES.***

5 *Section 4175 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 6 *ed—*

7 *(1) in subsection (c), by striking “A contract en-*  
 8 *tered into” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-*  
 9 *section (e), a contract entered into”;*

10 *(2) in subsection (d), by inserting “or subsection*  
 11 *(e)” after “subsection (c)”;*

12 *(3) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as*  
 13 *subsections (f) and (g), respectively;*

14 *(4) by inserting after subsection (d) the following*  
 15 *new subsection:*

16 *“(e) EXCEPTION TO CONTRACT PRICE REQUIRE-*  
 17 *MENT.—(1) Notwithstanding subsection (c), a contract en-*  
 18 *tered into under subsection (a) with a covered contractor*  
 19 *may include a provision authorizing a commercial entity*  
 20 *using a Major Range and Test Facility Installation under*  
 21 *the contract to reimburse the Department of Defense for a*  
 22 *cost that is less than the amount of all direct costs to the*  
 23 *United States associated with the test and evaluation ac-*  
 24 *tivities conducted by the covered contractor under the con-*

1 *tract if the Secretary determines, and certifies in writing,*  
2 *that—*

3           “(A) *such test and evaluation activities are for*  
4           *a promising science and technology concept with a*  
5           *low technology readiness level;*

6           “(B) *the contract is expected to yield to the De-*  
7           *partment of Defense a significant, long-term techno-*  
8           *logical benefit or benefit relating to the defense indus-*  
9           *trial base; and*

10           “(C) *such test and evaluation activities will not*  
11           *delay or displace previously scheduled test activities*  
12           *associated with an existing program of record or the*  
13           *Portfolio Acquisition Executive of such program of*  
14           *record has provided written agreement to the delay or*  
15           *displacement.*

16           “(2) *The Secretary of Defense may delegate the author-*  
17           *ity under paragraph (1) to the commander of a Major*  
18           *Range and Test Facility Installation.”; and*

19           (5) *in subsection (g), as redesignated by para-*  
20           *graph (3), by adding at the end the following new*  
21           *paragraphs:*

22           “(3) *The term ‘covered contractor’ means a small*  
23           *business concern or nontraditional defense contractor,*  
24           *that, during the preceding fiscal year, received not*

1        *greater than \$50,000,000 in contracts or agreements*  
 2        *from the Department of Defense.*

3                “(4) *The term ‘nontraditional defense contractor’*  
 4        *has the meaning given such term in section 3014 of*  
 5        *this title.*

6                “(5) *The term ‘small business concern’ has the*  
 7        *meaning given such term under section 3 of the Small*  
 8        *Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).”.*

9    **SEC. 1872. AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCUREMENT TECH-**  
 10                    **NICAL ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREE-**  
 11                    **MENT PROGRAM.**

12        (a) *PURPOSES.*—Section 4952(1) of title 10, United  
 13        States Code, as amended by section 861 of the National De-  
 14        fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law  
 15        119–60), is amended by striking “furnishing procurement  
 16        technical assistance” and inserting “furnishing confidential  
 17        procurement technical assistance”.

18        (b) *INCREASED FUNDING LIMITS.*—Section 4955 of  
 19        title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 861(c)  
 20        of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 21        2026 (Public Law 119–60), is amended—

22                (1) *in subsection (a)—*

23                    (A) *in paragraph (1), by striking*  
 24                    *“\$1,500,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”;*

1                   (B) in paragraph (2), by striking  
2                   “\$750,000” and inserting “\$1,000,000”; and

3                   (C) in paragraph (4), by striking  
4                   “1,500,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”; and

5                   (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6                   section:

7                   “(f) *WAIVER.*—The Secretary may waive or modify the  
8                   dollar amounts in subsection (a) on a case-by-case basis,  
9                   if the Secretary—

10                   “(1) determines that it would be in the best in-  
11                   terest of the program; and

12                   “(2) provides the congressional defense commit-  
13                   tees notice of such modification or waiver not later  
14                   than 30 days after making such modification or  
15                   issuing such waiver.”.

16   **SEC. 1873. PILOT PROGRAM ON DIGITAL ENGINEERING AND**  
17                   **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TO ADDRESS**  
18                   **NO-BID SOLICITATIONS.**

19                   (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after the  
20                   date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense  
21                   Logistics Agency, in coordination with the Assistant Sec-  
22                   retary of Defense for Sustainment and the Assistant Sec-  
23                   retary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy, shall establish  
24                   a pilot program to leverage small business concerns to ad-



1 *dress supply chain gaps associated with parts, components,*  
2 *and assemblies listed on the No Bid Solicitation List.*

3 (b) *PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.*—*In carrying out the pilot*  
4 *program established under subsection (a), the Director*  
5 *shall—*

6 (1) *identify each part, component, or assembly*  
7 *listed on the No Bid Solicitation List that—*

8 (A) *is a critical readiness item of supply;*

9 (B) *is associated with a solicitation made*  
10 *at least 18 months in the past that has received*  
11 *no bids or no responsive offers; and*

12 (C) *is suitable to be produced by advanced*  
13 *manufacturing;*

14 (2) *for each part, component, or assembly identi-*  
15 *fied under paragraph (1), identify one or more small*  
16 *business concerns with capabilities to produce or con-*  
17 *tribute to the production of the part, component, or*  
18 *assembly, including capabilities such as—*

19 (A) *utilization of digital engineering, dig-*  
20 *ital twins, or model-based engineering;*

21 (B) *employment of advanced manufacturing*  
22 *technologies, including additive manufacturing;*

23 (C) *rapid prototyping or reverse engineer-*  
24 *ing;*

1                   (D) ability to produce low-volume or legacy  
2 parts, components, or assemblies; or

3                   (E) specialization in—

4                         (i) development of engineering and  
5 technical data packages;

6                         (ii) validated manufacturing processes  
7 and materials; or

8                         (iii) support testing, certification, and  
9 qualification activities of parts, compo-  
10 nents, or assemblies; and

11                 (3) use available authorities to enter into con-  
12 tracts or agreements with small business concerns  
13 identified under paragraph (2) for the manufacture of  
14 parts, components, or assemblies identified under  
15 paragraph (1).

16                 (c) *DURATION.*—The authority to carry out the pilot  
17 program under this section shall terminate on the date that  
18 is five years after the date on which the Director establishes  
19 the pilot program.

20                 (d) *REPORTS.*—Not later than 180 days after the date  
21 on which the Director establishes the pilot program, and  
22 annually thereafter for the duration of the program, the Di-  
23 rector shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
24 a report that includes—

1           (1) *the number and type of parts, components,*  
2           *and assemblies addressed under the program;*

3           (2) *the number of small business concerns par-*  
4           *ticipating in the program;*

5           (3) *the number of small business concerns for*  
6           *which the contract or agreement entered into under*  
7           *the program is their first contract or agreement with*  
8           *the Department of Defense;*

9           (4) *improvements in lead times and readiness*  
10          *metrics as a result of the program; and*

11          (5) *recommendations of the Director regarding*  
12          *continuation, modification, or expansion of the pro-*  
13          *gram.*

14          (e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section—*

15               (1) *the term “advanced manufacturing” has the*  
16               *meaning given such term in section 4841(f) of title*  
17               *10, United States Code;*

18               (2) *the term “critical readiness item of supply”*  
19               *has the meaning given such term in section 4324 of*  
20               *title 10, United States Code;*

21               (3) *the term “No Bid Solicitation List” means*  
22               *the list maintained by the Defense Logistics Agency*  
23               *identifying solicitations that have received no bids or*  
24               *no responsive offers within required procurement*  
25               *timelines; and*

1           (4) *the term “small business concern” means a*  
2           *small business concern as defined under section 3 of*  
3           *the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).*

4   **SEC. 1874. PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE PARTICIPATION**  
5                   **BY SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS IN CERTAIN**  
6                   **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACTS.**

7           (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*Not later than 180 days after*  
8           *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*  
9           *fense shall establish a pilot program to improve participa-*  
10          *tion by small business concerns (as defined under section*  
11          *3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) seeking to*  
12          *submit offers for Department of Defense contracts relating*  
13          *to artificial intelligence, software modernization, cybersecu-*  
14          *rity, quantum technologies, autonomous systems, advanced*  
15          *software development, and related dual-use technologies.*

16          (b) *PROCEDURES.*—*The pilot program established by*  
17          *subsection (a) shall include the following:*

18               (1) *Alternative acquisition pathways, including*  
19               *commercial solutions openings, simplified proposal*  
20               *requirements, accelerated acquisition timelines, and*  
21               *other streamlined acquisition procedures.*

22               (2) *Coordination with existing Department of*  
23               *Defense innovation organizations, including the De-*  
24               *fense Innovation Unit, AFWERX, NavalX, Army Ap-*

1        *plications Laboratory, Strategic Capabilities Office,*  
 2        *or similar organizations.*

3        *(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date*  
 4        *of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense*  
 5        *shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the*  
 6        *Committee on Small Business of the House of Representa-*  
 7        *tives, and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-*  
 8        *neurship of the Senate a report describing implementation*  
 9        *of the pilot program established by subsection (a), including*  
 10        *participation outcomes for small business concerns, barriers*  
 11        *to submitting contracts described in subsection (a) identi-*  
 12        *fied by participants, and recommendations for improving*  
 13        *participation of small business concerns in Department of*  
 14        *Defense emerging technology acquisition programs.*

15        **SEC. 1875. GUIDANCE TO ENSURE PROTECTION OF COV-**  
 16                                **ERED INFORMATION DURING COVERED**  
 17                                **PREAWARD ENGAGEMENTS.**

18        *(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCESS.—Not later than*  
 19        *180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
 20        *Secretary of Defense shall establish a process to provide*  
 21        *timely guidance to covered entities and Department of De-*  
 22        *fense personnel to ensure protection of covered information*  
 23        *during covered preaward engagements.*

24        *(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The process established under*  
 25        *subsection (a) shall provide the following:*

1           (1) *Standard procedures and guidance to De-*  
2           *partment of Defense personnel for structuring a cov-*  
3           *ered preaward engagement to reduce the risk of inad-*  
4           *vertent disclosure or improper receipt of classified or*  
5           *controlled information.*

6           (2) *Development and use of standard templates,*  
7           *request procedures, and best practices for use by cov-*  
8           *ered entities and Department of Defense officials dur-*  
9           *ing covered preaward engagements.*

10          (3) *Timely notification to a covered entity on*  
11          *measures to ensure proper handling of sensitive infor-*  
12          *mation including—*

13               (A) *whether the proposed covered preaward*  
14               *engagement may involve covered information;*

15               (B) *whether a solicitation-stage Department*  
16               *of Defense Form 254, security classification*  
17               *guide, nondisclosure agreement, controlled un-*  
18               *classified information guidance, or other security*  
19               *instrument may be required before the engage-*  
20               *ment proceeds;*

21               (C) *appropriate procedures for marking,*  
22               *transmitting, storing, or discussing covered in-*  
23               *formation during the engagement;*

24               (D) *referral, where appropriate, to existing*  
25               *mechanisms of the Department of Defense for ac-*

1           *cess to classified facilities, secure workspaces, se-*  
2           *cure networks, or shared classified commercial*  
3           *infrastructure; and*

4           *(E) points of contact for resolving unre-*  
5           *solved classification, disclosure, or safeguarding*  
6           *questions.*

7           *(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
8           *of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense*  
9           *shall provide to the congressional defense committees a*  
10          *briefing on the implementation of this section, including—*

11           *(1) steps taken to coordinate the process estab-*  
12          *lished under this section with existing mechanisms of*  
13          *the Department of Defense for facility clearances, se-*  
14          *cure workspaces, classified networks, shared classified*  
15          *commercial infrastructure, and each solicitation-stage*  
16          *Department of Defense Form 254; and*

17           *(2) any recommendations for improving the abil-*  
18          *ity of covered entities to engage with the Department*  
19          *before award of a contract, grant, cooperative agree-*  
20          *ment, other transaction agreement, or other agreement*  
21          *while protecting classified and controlled information.*

22          *(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

23           *(1) The term “covered entity” means—*

1           (A) a small business concern, as defined  
2           under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15  
3           U.S.C. 632); or

4           (B) a nontraditional defense contractor, as  
5           defined in section 3014 of title 10, United States  
6           Code.

7           (2) The term “covered information” means infor-  
8           mation that is or may be—

9           (A) classified information;

10          (B) controlled unclassified information;

11          (C) controlled technical information;

12          (D) export-controlled technical data;

13          (E) government-furnished information; or

14          (F) other technical, operational, or security-  
15          sensitive information that may require safe-  
16          guarding under law, regulation, or Department  
17          of Defense policy.

18          (3) The term “covered preaward engagement”  
19          means an engagement between the Department of De-  
20          fense and a covered entity before the award of a con-  
21          tract, grant, cooperative agreement, other transaction  
22          agreement, or other agreement, including market re-  
23          search, technical exchange, concept development, dem-  
24          onstration planning, request for information activity,  
25          broad agency announcement activity, commercial so-



1        *lutions opening activity, prototype discussions, or*  
 2        *other preaward acquisition or technology-transition*  
 3        *activity.*

4        ***Subtitle E—Defense Industrial Base***  
 5                ***Workforce Matters***

6        ***SEC. 1881. SKILLS-BASED REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPART-***  
 7                ***MENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACTOR PER-***  
 8                ***SONNEL.***

9        *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 223 of title 10, United*  
 10        *States Code, as amended by section 802, is further amended*  
 11        *by inserting after section 3244 the following new section:*  
 12        ***“§ 3245. Flexibility in contractor education require-***  
 13                ***ments***

14        *“(a) PROHIBITION.—A solicitation, or a task order or*  
 15        *delivery order under an indefinite delivery-indefinite quan-*  
 16        *tity contract, issued by the Department for any procure-*  
 17        *ment of property or services may not set forth any min-*  
 18        *imum education requirement for proposed contractor per-*  
 19        *sonnel in order for an offeror to be eligible for award of*  
 20        *a contract (or task or delivery order, as applicable) unless*  
 21        *the contracting officer includes in the solicitation (or task*  
 22        *order or delivery order, as applicable) a written justifica-*  
 23        *tion that explains why the needs of the Department cannot*  
 24        *be met without any such requirement and clarifies how the*  
 25        *requirement ensures the needs are met.*

1 “(b) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

2 “(1) *The term ‘education’ means an associate,*  
3 *baccalaureate, graduate, or professional degree, speci-*  
4 *fied coursework, or other form of educational attain-*  
5 *ment awarded by a junior or community college, bac-*  
6 *calaureate, graduate, or professional degree or other*  
7 *form of educational attainment awarded by a junior*  
8 *or community college, college, or university that is ac-*  
9 *credited as a collegiate institution by a recognized ac-*  
10 *crediting agency or approved by the appropriate*  
11 *State education authority under State law (or the ap-*  
12 *propriate education authority of the District of Co-*  
13 *lumbia) to grant associate or higher degrees.*

14 “(2) *The term ‘education requirement’ includes a*  
15 *requirement that can be met through—*

16 “(A) *education alone;*

17 “(B) *either education or experience; or*

18 “(C) *a combination of education and expe-*  
19 *rience.”.*

20 (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—*Section 3245 of title 10, United*  
21 *States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply to so-*  
22 *licitations, and to task or delivery orders, issued on or after*  
23 *the date that is 18 months after the date of the enactment*  
24 *of this Act.*

1       (c) *REGULATION*.—Not later than 180 days after the  
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
3 shall revise the Department of Defense Supplement to the  
4 Federal Acquisition Regulation to carry out such section  
5 3245, including—

6           (1) instructions for contracting officers regarding  
7 the written justifications required under such section,  
8 including a standardized format or template for such  
9 justifications;

10          (2) instructions encouraging the use of alter-  
11 natives to education requirements, including skills as-  
12 sessments, relevant work experience, professional cer-  
13 tifications, apprenticeship completion, and dem-  
14 onstrated competencies; and

15          (3) requirements for data collection on the use of  
16 education requirements in solicitations, including the  
17 number and type of justifications issued and the rate  
18 at which education requirements are used relative to  
19 alternative qualifications.

20       (d) *CONFORMING REPEAL*.—Effective at the close of the  
21 date on which the Department of Defense Supplement to  
22 the Federal Acquisition Regulation is revised as required  
23 by subsection (c), section 813 of the Floyd D. Spence Na-  
24 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Pub-  
25 lic Law 106–398; 114 Stat. 1654A–214) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 1882. MODIFICATION OF WORKING GROUP ON THE AD-**  
 2 **VANCED MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE.**

3 (a) *EXPANSION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.*—Section  
 4 1843(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
 5 cal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “skills and  
 7 abilities that are required for such fields; and” and  
 8 inserting “skills, abilities, training, and certifications  
 9 that are required for such fields in the defense indus-  
 10 trial base;”;

11 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
 12 graph (4);

13 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
 14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(3) identify limitations to the capacity of enti-  
 16 ties in the defense industrial base to recruit, train,  
 17 and certify a sufficient workforce in advanced manu-  
 18 facturing career fields in the defense industrial base;  
 19 and”; and

20 (4) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;  
 22 and” and inserting a semicolon;

23 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as  
 24 subparagraph (D); and

25 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the  
 26 following new subparagraph:

1           “(C) approaches to expand the capacity to  
2           develop and sustain a sufficient workforce in ad-  
3           vanced manufacturing career fields in the defense  
4           industrial base; and”.

5           (b) *REPORT*.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
6 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-  
7 mit to the congressional defense committees a report, which  
8 may be included along with or as an addendum to the re-  
9 port required under section 1843(d) of the National Defense  
10 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–  
11 60), that includes—

12           (1) an assessment of the extent to which existing  
13 pilot programs or initiatives, such as the Accelerated  
14 Training in Defense Manufacturing program, dem-  
15 onstrate the ability to train and certify individuals  
16 in advanced manufacturing career fields in the de-  
17 fense industrial base;

18           (2) options for increasing the capacity to train  
19 and certify the advanced manufacturing workforce,  
20 including options to institutionalize existing pilot  
21 programs or initiatives or to establish new programs  
22 to address workforce shortages;

23           (3) options for supporting the long-term sustain-  
24 ability and continuous improvement of workforce  
25 training and certification programs, including

1       *through public-private partnerships and other fund-*  
2       *ing or cost-sharing mechanisms; and*

3           (4) *any recommendations the Secretary may*  
4       *have to accelerate training, credentialing, and quali-*  
5       *fication of workers supporting the defense industrial*  
6       *base, including recommendations related to improving*  
7       *the Department's planning and resourcing of such ac-*  
8       *tivities.*

9   **SEC. 1883. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES TO**  
10           **SUPPORT MINING OF CRITICAL MINERALS.**

11       (a) *REQUIREMENT FOR INITIATIVES.*—*In order to sup-*  
12       *port and enable the development of domestic critical min-*  
13       *eral supply chains to meet defense industrial base require-*  
14       *ments, the Secretary of Defense shall use existing authori-*  
15       *ties, including authorities under title III of the Defense Pro-*  
16       *duction Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4531 et seq.) and under*  
17       *section 4817 of title 10, United States Code, to ensure that*  
18       *the workforce development initiatives of the Department of*  
19       *Defense for the defense industrial base include workforce de-*  
20       *velopment initiatives to support the mining industry.*

21       (b) *INITIATIVES THAT MAY BE INCLUDED.*—*The ini-*  
22       *tiatives required by subsection (a) may include—*

23           (1) *contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or*  
24       *other transactions with accredited mining schools for*  
25       *the purpose of recruiting and educating the next gen-*

1        *eration of mining engineers, faculty, and other quali-*  
2        *fied professionals;*

3            (2) *scholarship, stipend, or tuition assistance*  
4        *programs designed to reduce financial barriers to*  
5        *entry into fields related to critical minerals;*

6            (3) *workforce development pathways, such as co-*  
7        *operative education, apprenticeships, internships, and*  
8        *work-based learning opportunities, in fields related to*  
9        *critical minerals;*

10          (4) *industry-driven senior design projects, ap-*  
11        *plied research opportunities, faculty development, and*  
12        *other experiential learning activities directly related*  
13        *to production and processing of critical minerals; and*

14          (5) *activities to recruit, train, qualify, and place*  
15        *individuals into the mining profession or occupations*  
16        *supporting the supply chains for critical minerals.*

17        (c) *PRIORITY.—In carrying out this section, the Sec-*  
18        *retary shall prioritize initiatives that—*

19            (1) *align with current and projected defense in-*  
20        *dustrial base requirements for critical minerals; and*

21            (2) *demonstrate the ability to expand workforce*  
22        *training, credentialing, and placement into the min-*  
23        *ing profession or occupations supporting the supply*  
24        *chains for critical minerals.*

1       (d) *COORDINATION.*—*The Secretary shall ensure that*  
2 *activities carried out under this section are coordinated*  
3 *with other workforce development initiatives of the Depart-*  
4 *ment of Defense for the defense industrial base and with*  
5 *institutions and entities participating in such initiatives.*

6       (e) *RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE IMPLEMENTA-*  
7 *TION.*—

8           (1) *ASSESSMENT.*—*Not later than September 1,*  
9 *2027, the Secretary shall complete an assessment of*  
10 *the feasibility and advisability of requiring, as a con-*  
11 *dition of award, that the prime awardee of a covered*  
12 *project award actively participate in one or more*  
13 *workforce development initiatives to support the min-*  
14 *ing industry, including the feasibility and advis-*  
15 *ability of requiring that the prime awardee—*

16           (A) *establish and maintain a partnership*  
17 *with an accredited mining school as described in*  
18 *subsection (b)(1);*

19           (B) *establish and maintain one or more*  
20 *workforce development pathways as described in*  
21 *subsection (b)(3) that are aligned with the work-*  
22 *force needs of the project and are for United*  
23 *States veterans and members of the Armed*  
24 *Forces who are transitioning to civilian life; and*



1           (C) implement any other workforce develop-  
2           ment initiative identified by the Secretary for  
3           inclusion in the assessment.

4           (2) *REPORT.*—Not later than March 1, 2028, the  
5           Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense  
6           committees a report on the assessment, including the  
7           results of the assessment and any recommendations  
8           the Secretary may have to expand domestic mining,  
9           processing, refining, recycling, or related production  
10          capacity for critical minerals.

11          (f) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—Not later than one year after  
12          the date of the enactment of this Act, and each year there-  
13          after through 2030, the Secretary shall submit to the con-  
14          gressional defense committees a report describing—

15               (1) the activities carried out under this section;

16               (2) the number of participants supported  
17          through workforce development initiatives described in  
18          this section and the workforce placement outcomes for  
19          those participants; and

20               (3) any recommendations the Secretary may  
21          have to improve the development of mining schools to  
22          meet the future workforce needs.

23          (g) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

24               (1) The term “covered project award” means an  
25          award for a project to expand domestic mining, proc-

1        *essing, refining, recycling, or related production ca-*  
2        *capacity for critical minerals made by the Department*  
3        *of Defense under title III of the Defense Production*  
4        *Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4531 et seq.) or under section*  
5        *4817 of title 10, United States Code.*

6            (2) *The term “mining industry” means the min-*  
7        *ing industry of the United States, consisting of the*  
8        *search for, and extraction, beneficiation, refining,*  
9        *smelting, processing, reprocessing, and recycling of,*  
10       *naturally occurring metal and nonmetal minerals*  
11       *from the earth.*

12           (3) *The term “mining profession” means the*  
13       *body of jobs directly relevant to—*

14                (A) *the exploration, planning, execution,*  
15                *and remediation of metal and nonmetal mining*  
16                *sites; and*

17                (B) *the extraction, including the separation,*  
18                *refining, alloying, smelting, concentration, proc-*  
19                *essing, beneficiation, reprocessing, and recycling,*  
20                *of mineral ores.*

21           (4) *The term “mining school” means—*

22                (A) *a mining, metallurgical, geological, or*  
23                *mineral engineering program accredited by the*  
24                *Accreditation Board for Engineering and Tech-*  
25                *nology that is located at an institution of higher*

education, including a Tribal College or University; or

(B) a geology or engineering program or department that is located at a 4-year public institution of higher education located in a State the gross domestic product of which in 2024 was not less than \$2,000,000,000 in the combined categories of “Mining (except oil and gas)” and “Support activities for mining”, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

(5) The term “Tribal College or University” has the meaning given the term in section 316(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b)).

## ***Subtitle F—Other Matters***

### **SEC. 1891. EXEMPTION FROM TRADEMARK LICENSING FEES FOR CERTAIN MILITARY EXCHANGE CON- TRACTORS.**

Section 2260 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “and may retain” and inserting “and may, except as provided in subsection (f), retain”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Secretary concerned” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (f), the Secretary concerned”;

1           (3) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection  
2           (g); and

3           (4) by inserting after subsection (e) the following  
4           new subsection:

5           “(f) *EXEMPTION FOR LONG-TERM EXCHANGE CON-*  
6           *TRACTORS.*—(1) *The Secretary concerned may not require*  
7           *contractor performing a contract of one year or longer with*  
8           *a military exchange—*

9                   “(A) *to be subject to any fee described in sub-*  
10           *section (a) or (b);*

11                   “(B) *to obtain approval from the trademark and*  
12           *licensing office of a military department for the pro-*  
13           *duction or sale of items sold through such exchange;*  
14           *or*

15                   “(C) *to pay a royalty or other licensing fee to*  
16           *the trademark and licensing office of a military de-*  
17           *partment, including any royalty or other licensing fee*  
18           *collected pursuant to a licensing agreement authorized*  
19           *under this section, in connection with the production*  
20           *or sale of items through such exchange or a Morale,*  
21           *Welfare, and Recreation program.*

22           “(2) *In this subsection, the term ‘Morale, Welfare, and*  
23           *Recreation program’ means a nonappropriated fund activ-*  
24           *ity providing community support, recreational, and qual-*  
25           *ity-of-life services to members of the armed forces and de-*

pendents of such members, as authorized under chapter 147  
of title 10.”.

**SEC. 1892. MAJOR SYSTEM COST GROWTH OVERSIGHT.**

(a) *SHORTEN NUNN-McCURDY BREACH REPORT  
TIMELINE.*—Section 4374 of title 10, United States Code,  
is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “When a unit  
cost report” and inserting “Not later than 30 days  
after a unit cost report”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “When a unit  
cost report” and inserting “Not later than 30 days  
after a unit cost report”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by amending paragraph  
(2) to read as follows:

“(2) *TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF NOTIFICATION TO  
CONGRESS.*—In the case of a determination based on  
a quarterly report submitted in accordance with sec-  
tion 4372 of this title or a report submitted in accord-  
ance with section 4373 of this title, the Secretary  
shall submit the notification to Congress within 30  
days after the date on which the determination was  
made.”.

(b) *END ITEM MAJOR SUBPROGRAM DESIGNATION.*—  
Section 4203(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is

1 *amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-*  
 2 *graph:*

3                   “(C) *If the Secretary of Defense determines*  
 4                   *that a major defense acquisition program re-*  
 5                   *quires the delivery of two or more end items that*  
 6                   *are each estimated to require an eventual total*  
 7                   *expenditure for research, development, test, eval-*  
 8                   *uation, operation, and support of more than*  
 9                   *\$500,000,000, the Secretary shall designate each*  
 10                   *such end item as a major subprogram for the*  
 11                   *purposes of acquisition reporting under this sub-*  
 12                   *part.”.*

13           (c) *OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT COST INCLUSION.—*  
 14           *Section 4214(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 15           *amended by inserting “for the life cycle of such major de-*  
 16           *fense acquisition program or designated major subpro-*  
 17           *gram” before the period at the end.*

18           (d) *CRITICAL COST GROWTH TERMINATION.—Section*  
 19           *4376 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

20                   (1) *in subsection (b), by adding at the end the*  
 21                   *following new paragraphs:*

22                           “(4) *DELEGATION.—The Secretary may not dele-*  
 23                           *gate the submission of a written certification under*  
 24                           *paragraph (1).”;* and

25                   (2) *in subsection (c)—*

1           (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at  
2           the end;

3           (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the period  
4           at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5           (C) by adding at the end the following new  
6           paragraph:

7           “(4) consideration of termination plans that  
8           maximize value, including—

9           “(A) immediate termination of the program  
10          with no further action;

11          “(B) termination of the program after com-  
12          pletion of the end items in production and for  
13          which funds have been obligated or expended  
14          under the program as of the date that is the last  
15          day of the applicable 60-day period described in  
16          subsection (b)(1) for the program;

17          “(C) termination of the program after com-  
18          pletion of the end items described in subpara-  
19          graph (B) for which the resale value exceeds the  
20          cost of completing such end items; and

21          “(D) any other course of action to maximize  
22          the value to the Government of the funds that  
23          have been obligated or expended under the pro-  
24          gram as of the date that is the last day of the

1           *applicable 60-day period described in subsection*  
2           *(b)(1) for the program.”.*

3   **SEC. 1893. INAPPLICABILITY OF BERRY AMENDMENT EX-**  
4                   **CEPTIONS TO CERTAIN SEAFOOD PUR-**  
5                   **CHASES.**

6           *Section 4862 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
7   *ed—*

8           *(1) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-*  
9   *lows:*

10          “(g) *EXCEPTION FOR COMMISSARIES, EXCHANGES,*  
11   *AND OTHER NONAPPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTAL-*  
12   *ITIES.—Subsection (a) does not apply to items purchased*  
13   *for resale purposes in commissaries, exchanges, or non-*  
14   *appropriated fund instrumentalities operated by the De-*  
15   *partment of Defense.”;*

16          *(2) by inserting after subsection (k) the following*  
17   *new subsection:*

18          “(l) *APPLICATION TO CERTAIN SEAFOOD PUR-*  
19   *CHASES.—The exceptions in subsections (c) through (h) of*  
20   *this section shall not apply with respect to procurement of*  
21   *any fish, shellfish, or seafood product.”.*



1 **SEC. 1894. CLARIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION**  
2 **RESTRICTIONS DURING INITIAL ENTRY**  
3 **TRAINING FOR MEMORABILIA AND PHOTOG-**  
4 **RAPHY.**

5 (a) *AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS.*—  
6 *Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of*  
7 *this Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting through each Sec-*  
8 *retary of a military department, shall revise any regula-*  
9 *tions governing commercial solicitation during initial*  
10 *entry training at military installations, including section*  
11 *552.60(d) of title 32, Code of Federal Regulations and any*  
12 *similar provisions specific to a military department, to*  
13 *provide the following:*

14 (1) *Such regulations shall not apply to preorders*  
15 *for cycle-commemorative or unit-specific merchandise*  
16 *organized at the initiative of members of the Armed*  
17 *Forces or dependents of such members, provided that*  
18 *no financial commitment, payment, or other consider-*  
19 *ation is made by or collected from a member until de-*  
20 *livery of the product occurs after completion of the*  
21 *applicable training cycle.*

22 (2) *Such regulations shall not apply to photog-*  
23 *raphy services provided by photographers operating*  
24 *under a contract or other agreement with a military*  
25 *installation, a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation pro-*  
26 *gram, or a military exchange, for the sale of gradua-*

1        *tion ceremony photographs to members of the Armed*  
2        *Forces or dependents of such members during or im-*  
3        *mediately following graduation ceremonies.*

4        *(b) UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION.—Each Secretary of*  
5        *a military department shall ensure that any military in-*  
6        *stallation-specific policies—*

7                *(1) are applied uniformly across military instal-*  
8                *lations under the jurisdiction of such Secretary; and*

9                *(2) do not impose restrictions more stringent*  
10              *than those established by the regulations described in*  
11              *subsection (a), as revised by this section.*

12        *(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

13              *(2) The term “military exchange” means the*  
14              *Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Navy Ex-*  
15              *change Service Command, the Marine Corps Ex-*  
16              *change, the Coast Guard Exchange, or any successor*  
17              *organization, as applicable.*

18              *(3) The term “Morale, Welfare, and Recreation*  
19              *program” means a nonappropriated fund activity*  
20              *providing community support, recreational, and*  
21              *quality-of-life services to members of the armed forces*  
22              *and their families, as authorized under chapter 147*  
23              *of title 10, United States Code.*

1 ***DIVISION B—MILITARY CON-***  
 2 ***STRUCTION AUTHORIZA-***  
 3 ***TIONS***

4 ***SEC. 2001. SHORT TITLE.***

5 *This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-*  
 6 *tion Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027”.*

7 ***SEC. 2002. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AND***  
 8 ***AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO BE SPECIFIED BY***  
 9 ***LAW.***

10 *(a) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AFTER THREE*  
 11 *YEARS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), all author-*  
 12 *izations contained in titles XXI through XXVII for military*  
 13 *construction projects, land acquisition, family housing*  
 14 *projects and facilities, and contributions to the North At-*  
 15 *lantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program*  
 16 *(and authorizations of appropriations therefor) shall expire*  
 17 *on the later of—*

18 *(1) October 1, 2029; or*

19 *(2) the date of the enactment of an Act author-*  
 20 *izing funds for military construction for fiscal year*  
 21 *2030.*

22 *(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to au-*  
 23 *thorizations for military construction projects, land acqui-*  
 24 *sition, family housing projects and facilities, and contribu-*  
 25 *tions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security*

1 *Investment Program (and authorizations of appropriations*  
 2 *therefor), for which appropriated funds have been obligated*  
 3 *before the later of—*

4 *(1) October 1, 2029; or*

5 *(2) the date of the enactment of an Act author-*  
 6 *izing funds for fiscal year 2030 for military construc-*  
 7 *tion projects, land acquisition, family housing*  
 8 *projects and facilities, or contributions to the North*  
 9 *Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment*  
 10 *Program.*

11 **SEC. 2003. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 *Titles XXI through XXVII shall take effect on the later*  
 13 *of—*

14 *(1) October 1, 2026; or*

15 *(2) the date of the enactment of this Act.*

16 **TITLE XXI—ARMY MILITARY**  
 17 **CONSTRUCTION**

18 **SEC. 2101. AUTHORIZED ARMY CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**  
 19 **ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

20 *(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts ap-*  
 21 *propriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations*  
 22 *in section 2103(a) and available for military construction*  
 23 *projects inside the United States as specified in the funding*  
 24 *table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may ac-*  
 25 *quire real property and carry out military construction*

1 projects for the installations or locations inside the United  
 2 States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

**Army: Inside the United States**

<b>State</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Guam</i> .....	<i>Joint Region Marianas</i> .....	<i>\$155,000,000</i>
<i>Hawaii</i> .....	<i>Wheeler Army Air Field</i> .....	<i>\$380,000,000</i>
	<i>Schofield Barracks</i> .....	<i>\$30,000,000</i>
<i>Louisiana</i> .....	<i>Fort Polk</i> .....	<i>\$237,000,000</i>
<i>New York</i> .....	<i>Fort Drum</i> .....	<i>\$25,000,000</i>
<i>Oklahoma</i> .....	<i>Fort Sill</i> .....	<i>\$94,000,000</i>
<i>Texas</i> .....	<i>Joint Base San Antonio</i> .....	<i>\$918,000,000</i>
	<i>Fort Bliss</i> .....	<i>\$35,000,000</i>
	<i>Fort Hood</i> .....	<i>\$81,000,000</i>

3 (b) *OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.*—Using amounts  
 4 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-  
 5 tions in section 2103(a) and available for military con-  
 6 struction projects outside the United States as specified in  
 7 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army  
 8 may acquire real property and carry out military construc-  
 9 tion projects for the installations or locations outside the  
 10 United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following  
 11 table:

**Army: Outside the United States**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Italy</i> .....	<i>Caserma Renato Del Din</i> .....	<i>\$17,000,000</i>

12 **SEC. 2102. FAMILY HOUSING.**

13 (a) *CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION.*—Using  
 14 amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-  
 15 propriations in section 2103(a) and available for military  
 16 family housing functions as specified in the funding table  
 17 in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may construct

1 *or acquire family housing units (including land acquisition*  
 2 *and supporting facilities) at the installations or locations,*  
 3 *in the number of units, and in the amounts set forth in*  
 4 *the following table:*

**Army: Family Housing**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Installation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Germany .....</i>	<i>South Camp Vilseck .....</i>	<i>\$95,060,000</i>

5       **(b) PLANNING AND DESIGN.**—*Using amounts appro-*  
 6 *priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in*  
 7 *section 2103(a) and available for military family housing*  
 8 *functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,*  
 9 *the Secretary of the Army may carry out architectural and*  
 10 *engineering services and construction design activities with*  
 11 *respect to the construction or improvement of family hous-*  
 12 *ing units in an amount not to exceed \$39,079,000.*

13 **SEC. 2103. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, ARMY.**

14       **(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—*Funds are*  
 15 *hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years begin-*  
 16 *ning after September 30, 2026, for military construction,*  
 17 *land acquisition, and military family housing functions of*  
 18 *the Department of the Army as specified in the funding*  
 19 *table in section 4601.*

20       **(b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION**  
 21 **PROJECTS.**—*Notwithstanding the cost variations author-*  
 22 *ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and*  
 23 *any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost*

1 of all projects carried out under sections 2101 and 2102  
 2 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized to  
 3 be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in the  
 4 funding table in section 4601.

5 **SEC. 2104. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**  
 6 **CAL YEAR 2021 PROJECT AT FORT GILLEM,**  
 7 **GEORGIA.**

8 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the  
 9 Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 10 2021 (division B of Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 4294),  
 11 the authorization set forth in the table in subsection (b),  
 12 as provided in section 2101(a) of that Act (134 Stat. 4295)  
 13 and most recently extended by section 2104 of the Military  
 14 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (divi-  
 15 sion B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1266), shall remain  
 16 in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment  
 17 of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for  
 18 fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.

19 (b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is  
 20 as follows:

**Army: Extension of 2021 Project Authorization**

<b>State</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
<i>Georgia .....</i>	<i>Fort Gillem .....</i>	<i>Forensic Laboratory</i>	<i>\$71,000,000</i>

1 **SEC. 2105. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
 2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the  
 4 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 5 *2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 2161),*  
 6 *the authorization set forth in the table in subsection (b),*  
 7 *as provided in section 2101 of that Act (135 Stat. 2163)*  
 8 *and most recently extended by section 2105 of the Military*  
 9 *Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (divi-*  
 10 *sion B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1267), shall remain*  
 11 *in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment*  
 12 *of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for*  
 13 *fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.*

14 (b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is  
 15 as follows:

**Army: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations**

<b><i>State/Coun- try</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Authorized Amount</i></b>
<i>Georgia .....</i>	<i>Fort Stewart .....</i>	<i>Barracks .....</i>	<i>\$105,000,000</i>
<i>Germany .....</i>	<i>Smith Barracks .....</i>	<i>Live Fire Exercise Shoothouse .....</i>	<i>\$16,000,000</i>

16 **SEC. 2106. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
 17 **FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECT AT FORT STEW-**  
 18 **ART, GEORGIA.**

19 *In the case of the authorization contained in the table*  
 20 *in section 2101 of the Military Construction Authorization*  
 21 *Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–*



1 81; 135 Stat. 2161) for Fort Stewart, Georgia for construc-  
 2 tion of a barracks, the Secretary of the Army may construct  
 3 a facility consisting of 193,347 square feet.

4 **SEC. 2107. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
 5 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

6 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the  
 7 Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 8 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2970),  
 9 the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),  
 10 as provided in section 2101 of that Act (136 Stat. 2971),  
 11 and extended by section 2106 of the Military Construction  
 12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Pub-  
 13 lic Law 119-60; 139 Stat. 1267), shall remain in effect until  
 14 October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment of an Act  
 15 authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year  
 16 2028, whichever is later.

17 (b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is  
 18 as follows:

**Army: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations**

<b>State/Coun- try</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
Germany .....	East Camp Grafenwoehr	EDI: Battalion Trng Cplx2 (OPS/Veh Maint) .....	\$64,000,000
Hawaii .....	Fort Shafter .....	Water System Up- grade .....	\$33,000,000
	Tripler Army Medical Center .....	Upgrade Potable Water System .....	\$38,000,000
Japan .....	Kadena Air Force Base	Vehicle Maintenance Shop .....	\$80,000,000

1 **SEC. 2108. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the  
4 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
5 *2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 709),*  
6 *the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),*  
7 *as provided in section 2101 of that Act (137 Stat. 710),*  
8 *shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date*  
9 *of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military*  
10 *construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.*

11 (b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is  
12 *as follows:*

**Army: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations**

<b><i>State/Coun- try</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Authorized Amount</i></b>
<i>Germany</i> .....	<i>Grafenwoehr</i> .....	<i>Automated Multipur- pose Machine Gun Range</i> .....	<i>\$10,400,000</i>
	<i>Hohenfels</i> .....	<i>Simulations Center ...</i>	<i>\$88,000,000</i>
<i>Hawaii</i> .....	<i>Aliamahu Military Res- ervation</i> .....	<i>Water Storage Tank</i>	<i>\$20,000,000</i>
	<i>Fort Shafter</i> .....	<i>Clearwell and Booster Pump</i> .....	<i>\$80,000,000</i>
	<i>Helemano Military Res- ervation</i> .....	<i>Wells and Storage Tanks</i> .....	<i>\$90,000,000</i>
	<i>Schofield Barracks</i> .....	<i>Elevated Tank and Distribution Lines</i>	<i>\$35,000,000</i>
	.....	<i>Water Storage Tank</i>	<i>\$35,000,000</i>
<i>Kentucky</i> .....	<i>Fort Campbell</i> .....	<i>Multipurpose Train- ing Range</i> .....	<i>\$39,000,000</i>
<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>Fort Liberty</i> .....	<i>Aircraft Maintenance Hangar</i> .....	<i>\$61,000,000</i>
	.....	<i>Barracks (Facility Prototyping)</i> .....	<i>\$85,000,000</i>
<i>Texas</i> .....	<i>Red River Army Depot</i>	<i>Component Rebuild Shop</i> .....	<i>\$113,000,000</i>

1 **SEC. 2109. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
2 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT AT**  
3 **GRAFENWOEHR, GERMANY.**

4 *In the case of the authorization contained in the table*  
5 *in section 2101 of the Military Construction Authorization*  
6 *Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Division B of Public Law 118–*  
7 *159; 138 Stat. 2211) for U.S. Garrison Bavaria, Germany,*  
8 *for construction of an Operational Readiness Training*  
9 *Complex (ORTC) underground electric line as specified in*  
10 *the funding table in section 4601 of such Act, the Secretary*  
11 *of the Army may construct an Operational Readiness*  
12 *Training Complex (ORTC) underground electric line at*  
13 *Grafenwoehr, Germany.*

14 **SEC. 2110. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
15 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECT AT JOINT RE-**  
16 **GION MARIANAS, GUAM.**

17 *In the case of the authorization contained in the table*  
18 *in section 2101 of the Military Construction Authorization*  
19 *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–*  
20 *60; 139 Stat. 1265) for Joint Region Marianas, Guam, for*  
21 *construction of PDI: Guam Defense System, EIAMD, Phase*  
22 *2 (Inc), at that location, the Secretary of the Army may*  
23 *construct a 2,496 square foot pump house and 648,000 gal-*  
24 *lon non-portable water storage tank.*

1           ***TITLE XXII—NAVY MILITARY***  
2                           ***CONSTRUCTION***

3   ***SEC. 2201. AUTHORIZED NAVY CONSTRUCTION AND LAND***  
4                           ***ACQUISITION PROJECTS.***

5           (a) *INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.*—Using amounts ap-  
6   propriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations  
7   in section 2203(a) and available for military construction  
8   projects inside the United States as specified in the funding  
9   table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may ac-  
10   quire real property and carry out military construction  
11   projects for the installations or locations inside the United  
12   States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

***Navy and Marine Corps: Inside the United States***

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>California</i> .....	<i>Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton</i> .....	<i>\$53,150,000</i>
<i>Florida</i> .....	<i>Cape Canaveral Space Force Station</i> .....	<i>\$60,990,000</i>
<i>Georgia</i> .....	<i>Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay</i> .....	<i>\$490,550,000</i>
	<i>Albany</i> .....	<i>\$86,350,000</i>
<i>Guam</i> .....	<i>Joint Region Marianas</i> .....	<i>\$1,346,763,000</i>
<i>Hawaii</i> .....	<i>Ford Island</i> .....	<i>\$183,760,000</i>
	<i>Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay</i> .....	<i>\$210,640,000</i>
<i>Maryland</i> .....	<i>United States Naval Academy</i> .....	<i>\$86,020,000</i>
<i>Nevada</i> .....	<i>Naval Air Station Fallon</i> .....	<i>\$387,570,000</i>
<i>North Carolina</i> .....	<i>Camp Lejeune</i> .....	<i>\$391,910,000</i>
<i>Virginia</i> .....	<i>Naval Air Station Oceana</i> .....	<i>\$104,340,000</i>
	<i>Naval Station Norfolk</i> .....	<i>\$177,980,000</i>
	<i>Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story</i>	<i>\$65,640,000</i>
<i>Washington</i> .....	<i>Puget Sound Naval Shipyard</i> .....	<i>\$14,759,360,000</i>
	<i>Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton</i> .....	<i>\$195,227,000</i>
	<i>Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor</i> .....	<i>\$558,530,000</i>

13           (b) *OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.*—Using amounts  
14   appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-  
15   tions in section 2203(a) and available for military con-  
16   struction projects outside the United States as specified in  
17   the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy

1 *may acquire real property and carry out military construc-*  
 2 *tion projects for the installations or locations outside the*  
 3 *United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following*  
 4 *table:*

***Navy: Outside the United States***

<b><i>Country</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Japan .....</i>	<i>Kadena Air Base .....</i>	<i>\$31,780,000</i>
<i>Spain .....</i>	<i>Naval Station Rota .....</i>	<i>\$64,080,000</i>

5 ***SEC. 2202. FAMILY HOUSING.***

6 *Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-*  
 7 *ization of appropriations in section 2203(a) and available*  
 8 *for military family housing functions as specified in the*  
 9 *funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy*  
 10 *may carry out architectural and engineering services and*  
 11 *construction design activities with respect to the construc-*  
 12 *tion or improvement of family housing units in an amount*  
 13 *not to exceed \$14,971,000.*

14 ***SEC. 2203. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NAVY.***

15 *(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are*  
 16 *hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years begin-*  
 17 *ning after September 30, 2026, for military construction,*  
 18 *land acquisition, and military family housing functions of*  
 19 *the Department of the Navy, as specified in the funding*  
 20 *table in section 4601.*

21 *(b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION*  
 22 *PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-*

1 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and  
 2 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost  
 3 of all projects carried out under sections 2201 and 2202  
 4 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized to  
 5 be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in the  
 6 funding table in section 4601.

7 **SEC. 2204. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
 8 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

9 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the  
 10 Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 11 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2970),  
 12 the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),  
 13 as provided in section 2201 of that Act (136 Stat. 2975)  
 14 and extended by section 2206 of the Military Construction  
 15 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Pub-  
 16 lic Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1271), shall remain in effect  
 17 until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment of an  
 18 Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal  
 19 year 2028, whichever is later.

20 (b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is  
 21 as follows:

**Navy: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations**

<b><i>State/Coun- try</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Authorized Amount</i></b>
<i>Florida .....</i>	<i>Naval Air Station Jack- sonville .....</i>	<i>Engine Test Cells Modifications .....</i>	<i>\$100,570,000</i>
<i>Hawaii .....</i>	<i>Joint Base Pearl Har- bor-Hickam .....</i>	<i>Missile Magazines .....</i>	<i>\$142,783,000</i>

**Navy: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations—Continued**

<b>State/Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
North Carolina	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point .....	CH-53K Gearbox Repair and Test Facility .....	\$44,830,000
South Carolina	Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island ..	Recruit Barracks .....	\$81,690,000
	.....	Recruit Barracks .....	\$85,040,000
Spain .....	Naval Station Rota .....	EDI: Missile Magazines .....	\$92,323,000

1 **SEC. 2205. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the  
4 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
5 *2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 709),*  
6 *the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),*  
7 *as provided in section 2201 of that Act (137 Stat. 714),*  
8 *shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date*  
9 *of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military*  
10 *construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.*

11 (b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is  
12 *as follows:*

**Navy: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations**

<b>State/Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
California .....	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms	Communications Towers .....	\$55,341,000
Connecticut .....	Naval Submarine Base New London .....	Weapons Magazine & Ordnance Operations Fac .....	\$219,200,000

**Navy: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations—Continued**

<b>State/Coun- try</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
<i>District of Co- lumbia .....</i>	<i>Marine Barracks Wash- ington (8th Street and I) .....</i>	<i>Bachelor Enlisted Quarters &amp; Sup- port Facility .....</i>	<i>\$131,800,000</i>
<i>Guam .....</i>	<i>Naval Base Guam .....</i>	<i>PDI: Consolidated MEB HQ/NCIS Phase II .....</i>	<i>\$19,740,000</i>
	<i>.....</i>	<i>PDI: Satellite Com- munications Facil- ity (INC) .....</i>	<i>\$595,100,000</i>
<i>Hawaii .....</i>	<i>Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay .....</i>	<i>Water Reclamation Facility Compli- ance Upgrade .....</i>	<i>\$318,845,000</i>
<i>Italy .....</i>	<i>Naval Air Station Sigonella .....</i>	<i>EDI Ordnance Maga- zines .....</i>	<i>\$90,348,000</i>
<i>Maryland .....</i>	<i>Fort Meade .....</i>	<i>Cybersecurity Oper- ations Facility .....</i>	<i>\$186,480,000</i>
	<i>Naval Air Station Pax River .....</i>	<i>Aircraft Development and Maintenance Facilities .....</i>	<i>\$141,700,000</i>
<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune .....</i>	<i>10th Marines Mainte- nance &amp; Oper- ations Complex .....</i>	<i>\$117,550,000</i>
<i>Virginia .....</i>	<i>Marine Corps Base Quantico .....</i>	<i>Water Treatment Plant .....</i>	<i>\$127,120,000</i>
	<i>Naval Station Norfolk ...</i>	<i>MQ-25 Aircraft Laydown Facility</i>	<i>\$128,678,000</i>
	<i>Naval Weapons Station Yorktown .....</i>	<i>Weapons Magazines ..</i>	<i>\$283,500,000</i>
<i>Washington .....</i>	<i>Naval Base Kitsap .....</i>	<i>Alternate Power Transmission Line</i>	<i>\$19,000,000</i>

1 **SEC. 2206. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**  
2 **TO CARRY OUT FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECT**  
3 **AT MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, VIR-**  
4 **GINIA.**

5 (a) *MODIFICATION.*—In the case of the authorization  
6 contained in the table in section 2201 of the Military Con-  
7 struction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division  
8 B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 714) for construction



1 *of a Water Treatment Plant at Marine Corps Base*  
2 *Quantico, Virginia, the Secretary of the Navy may con-*  
3 *struct 20,000 linear feet of water supply lines, three pump*  
4 *houses (non-occupied), and one 2,300 square foot pump sta-*  
5 *tion/multi-purpose building (occupied) in lieu of a water*  
6 *treatment plant at the installation.*

7       (b) *EXTENSION.*—*Such authorization shall remain in*  
8 *effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment*  
9 *of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for*  
10 *fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.*

11 **SEC. 2207. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
12 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECT AT PACIFIC MIS-**  
13 **SILE RANGE FACILITY BARKING SANDS, HA-**  
14 **WAIL.**

15       *In the case of the authorization contained in the table*  
16 *in section 2201 of the Military Construction Authorization*  
17 *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–*  
18 *60; 139 Stat. 1268) for construction of PDI: Airfield Pave-*  
19 *ment Upgrades at Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking*  
20 *Sands, Hawaii, the Secretary of the Navy may expand air-*  
21 *field pavement areas to 280,000 square meters to mitigate*  
22 *the risk of aircraft hydroplane.*

1 **SEC. 2208. TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS FOR MITIGATION FOR**  
 2 **PROJECTS LOCATED AT PUGET SOUND**  
 3 **NAVAL SHIPYARD, BREMERTON, WASH-**  
 4 **INGTON.**

5 *Not later than one year after the date of enactment*  
 6 *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 7 *2027, the Secretary of the Navy shall transfer \$42,000,000*  
 8 *of amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year*  
 9 *2027 to the Secretary of the Navy to carry out the P454*  
 10 *military construction project (as authorized in the table in*  
 11 *section 2201 of this Act) to an account for mitigation efforts*  
 12 *not otherwise authorized by law relating to the projects*  
 13 *known as “Multi-Mission Drydock” and “Pier 2” located*  
 14 *at or near the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton,*  
 15 *Washington, as described in the memorandum of the Assist-*  
 16 *ant Secretary of the Navy signed on April 29, 2026.*

17 **TITLE XXIII—AIR FORCE**  
 18 **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**

19 **SEC. 2301. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE CONSTRUCTION AND**  
 20 **LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

21 *(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts ap-*  
 22 *propriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations*  
 23 *in section 2303(a) and available for military construction*  
 24 *projects inside the United States as specified in the funding*  
 25 *table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force may*  
 26 *acquire real property and carry out military construction*

- 1 projects for the installations or locations inside the United  
 2 States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

***Air Force: Inside the United States***

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Alabama</i> .....	<i>Redstone Arsenal</i> .....	<i>\$2,050,000,000</i>
<i>Alaska</i> .....	<i>Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson</i> .....	<i>\$2,066,050,000</i>
	<i>Eielson Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$91,000,000</i>
<i>Arkansas</i> .....	<i>Little Rock Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$27,000,000</i>
<i>California</i> .....	<i>Edwards Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$4,500,000</i>
<i>Colorado</i> .....	<i>Schriever Space Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$250,000,000</i>
<i>Florida</i> .....	<i>Tyndall Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$160,000,000</i>
	<i>Eglin Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$87,800,000</i>
	<i>Cape Canaveral Space Force Station</i> .....	<i>\$409,800,000</i>
<i>Georgia</i> .....	<i>Moody Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$15,870,000</i>
<i>Mississippi</i> .....	<i>Columbus Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$11,800,000</i>
<i>Missouri</i> .....	<i>Whiteman Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$169,000,000</i>
<i>Montana</i> .....	<i>Malmstrom Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$1,390,000,000</i>
<i>Nevada</i> .....	<i>Nellis Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$730,700,000</i>
	<i>Creech Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$91,000,000</i>
<i>New Jersey</i> .....	<i>Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst</i> .....	<i>\$22,500,000</i>
<i>New Mexico</i> .....	<i>Kirtland Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$250,000,000</i>
<i>North Dakota</i> .....	<i>Grand Forks Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$250,000,000</i>
	<i>Minot Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$232,000,000</i>
<i>Oklahoma</i> .....	<i>Tinker Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$110,000,000</i>
<i>Tennessee</i> .....	<i>Arnold Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$20,000,000</i>
<i>Texas</i> .....	<i>Joint Base San Antonio</i> .....	<i>\$180,000,000</i>
	<i>Lackland Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$96,000,000</i>
	<i>Dyess Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$386,000,000</i>
<i>Virginia</i> .....	<i>Joint Base Langley-Eustis</i> .....	<i>\$49,000,000</i>
<i>Wake Island</i> .....	<i>Wake Island</i> .....	<i>\$335,000,000</i>
<i>Wyoming</i> .....	<i>F.E. Warren Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$171,000,000</i>

- 3 (b) *OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.*—Using amounts  
 4 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-  
 5 tions in section 2303(a) and available for military con-  
 6 struction projects outside the United States as specified in  
 7 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air  
 8 Force may acquire real property and carry out military  
 9 construction projects for the installations or locations out-  
 10 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in  
 11 the following table:

***Air Force: Outside the United States***

<b><i>Country</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Djibouti</i> .....	<i>Chabelley Airfield</i> .....	<i>\$27,000,000</i>

***Air Force: Outside the United States—Continued***

<b>Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Japan .....</i>	<i>Kadena Air Base .....</i>	<i>\$99,000,000</i>
<i>Spain .....</i>	<i>Moron Air Base .....</i>	<i>\$156,000,000</i>

1 **SEC. 2302. FAMILY HOUSING.**

2       (a) *CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION.*—Using  
3       amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-  
4       propriations in section 2303(a) and available for military  
5       family housing functions as specified in the funding table  
6       in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force may con-  
7       struct or acquire family housing units (including land ac-  
8       quisition and supporting facilities) at the installations or  
9       locations and in the amounts set forth in the following table:

***Air Force: Family Housing***

<b>Country</b>	<b>Installation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>United Kingdom .....</i>	<i>Royal Air Force Croughton .....</i>	<i>\$24,104,000</i>

10       (b) *PLANNING AND DESIGN.*—Using amounts appro-  
11       priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in  
12       section 2303(a) and available for military family housing  
13       functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,  
14       the Secretary of the Air Force may carry out architectural  
15       and engineering services and construction design activities  
16       with respect to the construction or improvement of family  
17       housing units in an amount not to exceed \$25,854,000.

1 **SEC. 2303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, AIR**  
2 **FORCE.**

3 (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are*  
4 *hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years begin-*  
5 *ning after September 30, 2026, for military construction,*  
6 *land acquisition, and military family housing functions of*  
7 *the Department of the Air Force, as specified in the funding*  
8 *table in section 4601.*

9 (b) *LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION*  
10 *PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-*  
11 *ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and*  
12 *any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost*  
13 *of all projects carried out under sections 2301 and 2302*  
14 *of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized to*  
15 *be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in the*  
16 *funding table in section 4601.*

17 **SEC. 2304. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
18 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2019 PROJECTS.**

19 (a) *EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the*  
20 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
21 *2019 (division B of Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 2240),*  
22 *the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),*  
23 *as provided in section 2903 of that Act (132 Stat. 2287)*  
24 *and most recently extended by section 2305 of the Military*  
25 *Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (divi-*  
26 *sion B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1274), shall remain*

1 *in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment*  
 2 *of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for*  
 3 *fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.*

4 (b) *TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is*  
 5 *as follows:*

***Air Force: Extension of 2019 Project Authorizations***

<b><i>Country</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Authorized Amount</i></b>
<i>United Kingdom .....</i>	<i>Royal Air Force Fairford .....</i>	<i>EDI: Construct DABS-FEV Storage .....</i>	<i>\$87,000,000</i>
		<i>EDI: Munitions Holding Area .....</i>	<i>\$19,000,000</i>

6 ***SEC. 2305. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-***  
 7 ***TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROJECTS.***

8 (a) *EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the*  
 9 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 10 *2020 (division B of Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1862),*  
 11 *the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),*  
 12 *as provided in sections 2301(a) and 2912(a) of that Act*  
 13 *(133 Stat. 1867, 1913), and most recently extended by sec-*  
 14 *tion 2306 of the Military Construction Authorization Act*  
 15 *for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–60;*  
 16 *139 Stat. 1275), shall remain in effect until October 1,*  
 17 *2027, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing*  
 18 *funds for military construction for fiscal year 2028, which-*  
 19 *ever is later.*

(b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

***Air Force: Extension of 2020 Project Authorizations***

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Authorized Amount</i></b>
<i>Florida .....</i>	<i>Tyndall Air Force Base</i>	<i>Deployment Center/ Flight Line Dining/AAFES .....</i>	<i>\$43,000,000</i>
<i>Georgia .....</i>	<i>Moody Air Force Base ...</i>	<i>41 RQS HH-60W Apron .....</i>	<i>\$12,500,000</i>

***SEC. 2306. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.***

(a) *EXTENSION.*—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b), as provided in section 2301 of that Act (136 Stat. 2978), and extended by section 2308 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1272), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.

(b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

***Air Force: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations***

<b><i>State/Coun- try</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Authorized Amount</i></b>
<i>Florida .....</i>	<i>Patrick Space Force Base .....</i>	<i>Consolidated Commu- nications Center ...</i>	<i>\$97,000,000</i>
<i>Norway .....</i>	<i>Rygge Air Station .....</i>	<i>EDI: Base Perimeter Security Fence .....</i>	<i>\$8,200,000</i>
<i>Texas .....</i>	<i>Joint Base San Antonio- Randolph .....</i>	<i>Child Development Center .....</i>	<i>\$29,000,000</i>

1 ***SEC. 2307. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-***  
2 ***TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.***

3 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the  
4 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
5 *2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 709),*  
6 *the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),*  
7 *as provided in sections 2301 and 2302 of that Act (136*  
8 *Stat. 719), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or*  
9 *the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for*  
10 *military construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is*  
11 *later.*

12 (b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is  
13 *as follows:*

***Air Force: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations***

<b><i>State/Coun- try</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Authorized Amount</i></b>
<i>Alabama .....</i>	<i>Maxwell Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>MHPI Restructure AETC Group II .....</i>	<i>\$65,000,000</i>
<i>Colorado .....</i>	<i>U.S. Air Force Academy .....</i>	<i>Construction Improvement</i>	<i>\$9,282,000</i>
<i>Florida .....</i>	<i>Eglin Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>LRSO Hardware Software Development and Test Facility .....</i>	<i>\$15,500,000</i>



***Air Force: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations—Continued***

<b><i>State/Coun- try</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Authorized Amount</i></b>
	<i>MacDill Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>KC-46A ADAL Aircraft Corrosion Control .....</i>	<i>\$25,000,000</i>
		<i>KC-46A ADAL Aircraft Maintenance Hangar .....</i>	<i>\$27,000,000</i>
		<i>KC-46A ADAL Apron and Hydrant Fueling Pits ....</i>	<i>\$78,000,000</i>
		<i>KC-46A ADAL Fuel Sys- tem Maintenance Dock ...</i>	<i>\$18,000,000</i>
<i>Guam .....</i>	<i>Joint Region Marianas .....</i>	<i>PDI: North Aircraft Park- ing Ramp (INC) .....</i>	<i>\$411,000,000</i>
<i>Hawaii .....</i>	<i>Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam .....</i>	<i>MHPI Restructure—Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam .....</i>	<i>\$75,000,000</i>
<i>Massachusetts .....</i>	<i>Hanscom Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>Child Development Center ..</i>	<i>\$37,000,000</i>
<i>Mississippi .....</i>	<i>Keesler Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>MHPI Restructure-South- ern Group .....</i>	<i>\$80,000,000</i>
<i>Montana .....</i>	<i>Malmstrom Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>Fire Station Bay/Storage Area .....</i>	<i>\$10,300,000</i>
<i>Norway .....</i>	<i>Rygge Air Sta- tion .....</i>	<i>EDI: DABS-FEV Storage ..</i>	<i>\$96,000,000</i>
		<i>EDI: Munitions Storage Area .....</i>	<i>\$40,000,000</i>
<i>Spain .....</i>	<i>Morón Air Base</i>	<i>EDI: Munitions Storage ....</i>	<i>\$34,000,000</i>
<i>Texas .....</i>	<i>Joint Base San Antonio- Lackland .....</i>	<i>BMT-Chapel For America's Airmen .....</i>	<i>\$90,000,000</i>
<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>Royal Air Force Fairford .....</i>	<i>EDI: RADR Storage Facil- ity .....</i>	<i>\$67,000,000</i>
	<i>Royal Air Force Lakenheath .....</i>	<i>EDI: RADR Storage Facil- ity .....</i>	<i>\$51,000,000</i>
<i>Wyoming .....</i>	<i>F.E. Warren Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>GBSD Integrated Training Center .....</i>	<i>\$85,000,000</i>

**1 SEC. 2308. AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT PROJECT AT EGLIN****2 AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA.**

3       *The Secretary of the Air Force may carry out a mili-*  
4 *tary construction project to construct a 6,934 square meter*  
5 *Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2) and Air*  
6 *Battle Management Systems (ABMS) Test Facility at*

1 *Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, in the amount of*  
 2 *\$87,800,000 using funds made available in fiscal year 2027,*  
 3 *or any subsequent fiscal year, for research, development,*  
 4 *test, and evaluation.*

5 ***TITLE XXIV—DEFENSE AGEN-***  
 6 ***CIES MILITARY CONSTRU-***  
 7 ***CTION***

8 ***SEC. 2401. AUTHORIZED DEFENSE AGENCIES CONSTRU-***  
 9 ***CTION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.***

10 *(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts ap-*  
 11 *propriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations*  
 12 *in section 2403(a) and available for military construction*  
 13 *projects inside the United States as specified in the funding*  
 14 *table in section 4601, the Secretary of Defense may acquire*  
 15 *real property and carry out military construction projects*  
 16 *for the installations or locations inside the United States,*  
 17 *and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:*

***Defense Agencies: Inside the United States***

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Alabama .....</i>	<i>Maxwell Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>\$44,000,000</i>
<i>Colorado .....</i>	<i>Def Reutil and Mktg Ofc-Colorado Springs .....</i>	<i>\$85,000,000</i>
<i>Florida .....</i>	<i>Naval Air Station Jacksonville .....</i>	<i>\$40,000,000</i>
<i>Guam .....</i>	<i>Joint Region Marianas .....</i>	<i>\$315,286,000</i>
<i>Kentucky .....</i>	<i>Fort Knox .....</i>	<i>\$117,000,000</i>
<i>Maryland .....</i>	<i>Bethesda Naval Hospital .....</i>	<i>\$415,739,000</i>
	<i>Fort Meade .....</i>	<i>\$1,393,465,000</i>
<i>Nevada .....</i>	<i>Creech Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>\$25,381,000</i>
<i>North Carolina .....</i>	<i>Camp Lejeune .....</i>	<i>\$72,000,000</i>
	<i>Fort Bragg .....</i>	<i>\$115,000,000</i>
<i>Utah .....</i>	<i>Camp Williams .....</i>	<i>\$471,000,000</i>
<i>Virginia .....</i>	<i>Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story ..</i>	<i>\$36,000,000</i>
<i>Wake Island .....</i>	<i>Wake Island .....</i>	<i>\$1,652,000,000</i>
<i>Washington .....</i>	<i>Joint Base Lewis-McChord .....</i>	<i>\$35,000,000</i>

(b) *OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.*—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2403(a) and available for military construction projects outside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of Defense may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the installations or locations outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

***Defense Agencies: Outside the United States***

<b><i>Country</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Belgium</i> .....	<i>Brussels</i> .....	<i>\$33,000,000</i>
<i>Germany</i> .....	<i>Baumholder</i> .....	<i>\$140,000,000</i>
	<i>Ramstein Air Base</i> .....	<i>\$20,500,000</i>
<i>Japan</i> .....	<i>Yokota Air Base</i> .....	<i>\$88,200,000</i>
	<i>Camp Butler</i> .....	<i>\$37,900,000</i>
<i>Korea</i> .....	<i>Kunsan Air Base</i> .....	<i>\$65,000,000</i>
<i>United Kingdom</i> .....	<i>Menwith Hill Station</i> .....	<i>\$35,000,000</i>

**SEC. 2402. AUTHORIZED ENERGY RESILIENCE AND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS.**

(a) *INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.*—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2403(a) and available for energy conservation projects as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of Defense may carry out energy conservation projects under chapter 173 of title 10, United States Code, for the installations or locations inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

**ERCIP Projects: Inside the United States**

<b>State</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Alabama</i> .....	<i>Redstone Arsenal</i> .....	<i>\$90,000,000</i>
<i>California</i> .....	<i>Camp Roberts</i> .....	<i>\$79,000,000</i>
<i>Florida</i> .....	<i>Eglin Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$43,000,000</i>
<i>Pennsylvania</i> .....	<i>Defense Distribution Center, Susquehanna</i> .....	<i>\$58,000,000</i>
<i>Puerto Rico</i> .....	<i>Fort Buchanan</i> .....	<i>\$33,500,000</i>
<i>Texas</i> .....	<i>Brooks Army Medical Center</i> .....	<i>\$55,500,000</i>
<i>Washington</i> .....	<i>Naval Base Kitsap</i> .....	<i>\$132,690,000</i>
	<i>Yakima Training Center</i> .....	<i>\$73,000,000</i>
<i>Wyoming</i> .....	<i>F.E. Warren Air Force Base</i> .....	<i>\$51,717,000</i>

1        *(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts*  
2        *appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-*  
3        *tions in section 2403(a) and available for energy conserva-*  
4        *tion projects as specified in the funding table in section*  
5        *4601, the Secretary of Defense may carry out energy con-*  
6        *servation projects under chapter 173 of title 10, United*  
7        *States Code, for the installations or locations outside the*  
8        *United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following*  
9        *table:*

**ERCIP Projects: Outside the United States**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Bahrain</i> .....	<i>Naval Support Activity Bahrain</i> .....	<i>\$5,900,000</i>
<i>Germany</i> .....	<i>Army Garrison Ansbach</i> .....	<i>\$72,000,000</i>

10        **SEC. 2403. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, DEFENSE**  
11        **AGENCIES.**

12        *(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are*  
13        *hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years begin-*  
14        *ning after September 30, 2026, for military construction,*  
15        *land acquisition, and military family housing functions of*  
16        *the Department of Defense (other than the military depart-*  
17        *ments), as specified in the funding table in section 4601.*

1       (b) *LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION*  
2 *PROJECTS.*—*Notwithstanding the cost variations author-*  
3 *ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and*  
4 *any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost*  
5 *of all projects carried out under sections 2401 and 2402*  
6 *of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized to*  
7 *be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in the*  
8 *funding table in section 4601.*

9       **SEC. 2404. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
10                               **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

11       (a) *EXTENSION.*—*Notwithstanding section 2002 of the*  
12 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
13 *2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2970),*  
14 *the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),*  
15 *as provided in section 2402 of that Act (136 Stat. 2983)*  
16 *and most recently extended by section 2406 of the Military*  
17 *Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (divi-*  
18 *sion B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1281), shall remain*  
19 *in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment*  
20 *of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for*  
21 *fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.*

22       (b) *TABLE.*—*The table referred to in subsection (a) is*  
23 *as follows:*

**ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations**

<b>State/Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
California .....	Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center .....	Microgrid and Backup Power .....	\$25,560,000
Florida .....	Naval Air Station Jacksonville .....	Facility Energy Operations Center Renovation .....	\$2,400,000
Georgia .....	Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield .....	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	\$25,400,000
	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	SCADA Modernization .....	\$11,200,000
Texas .....	Fort Hood .....	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	\$31,500,000

1 **SEC. 2405. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the  
4 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
5 *2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 709),*  
6 *the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),*  
7 *as provided in sections 2401 and 2402 of that Act (137*  
8 *Stat. 726, 727), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027,*  
9 *or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds*  
10 *for military construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is*  
11 *later.*

12 (b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is  
13 *as follows:*

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations**

<i>State/Country</i>	<i>Installation or Location</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Original Authorized Amount</i>
<i>California .....</i>	<i>Marine Corps Air Station Miramar .....</i>	<i>Electrical Infrastructure, On-Site Generation, and Microgrid Improvements</i>	<i>\$30,550,000</i>
	<i>Vandenberg Space Force Base .....</i>	<i>Microgrid and Backup Power .....</i>	<i>\$57,000,000</i>
<i>Georgia .....</i>	<i>Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay ....</i>	<i>Electrical Transmission and Distribution Improvements, Phase 2 .....</i>	<i>\$74,500,000</i>
<i>Kansas .....</i>	<i>Forbes Field .....</i>	<i>Microgrid and Backup Power .....</i>	<i>\$5,850,000</i>
<i>Missouri .....</i>	<i>Lake City Army Ammunition Plant .....</i>	<i>Microgrid and Backup Power .....</i>	<i>\$80,100,000</i>
<i>Nebraska .....</i>	<i>Offutt Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>Microgrid and Backup Power .....</i>	<i>\$41,000,000</i>
<i>North Carolina ...</i>	<i>Fort Bragg (Camp Mackall) .....</i>	<i>Microgrid and Backup Power .....</i>	<i>\$10,500,000</i>
<i>Oklahoma .....</i>	<i>Fort Sill .....</i>	<i>Microgrid and Backup Power .....</i>	<i>\$76,650,000</i>
<i>Puerto Rico .....</i>	<i>Fort Buchanan</i>	<i>Microgrid and Backup Power .....</i>	<i>\$56,000,000</i>
<i>Spain .....</i>	<i>Naval Station Rota .....</i>	<i>Bulk Tank Farm, Phase 1 ...</i>	<i>\$80,000,000</i>
<i>Texas .....</i>	<i>Fort Hood .....</i>	<i>Microgrid and Backup Power .....</i>	<i>\$18,250,000</i>
<i>Wyoming .....</i>	<i>F.E. Warren Air Force Base ....</i>	<i>Microgrid and Battery Storage .....</i>	<i>\$25,000,000</i>

1       **TITLE XXV—INTERNATIONAL**  
2               **PROGRAMS**  
3       **Subtitle A—North Atlantic Treaty**  
4               **Organization Security Invest-**  
5               **ment Program**

6       **SEC. 2501. AUTHORIZED NATO CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**  
7               **ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

8               *The Secretary of Defense may make contributions for*  
9       *the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Invest-*  
10       *ment Program as provided in section 2806 of title 10,*  
11       *United States Code, in an amount not to exceed the sum*  
12       *of the amount collected from the North Atlantic Treaty Or-*  
13       *ganization as a result of construction previously financed*  
14       *by the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the*  
15       *following table:*

***North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment  
Program***

<b><i>Country</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Worldwide Unspec- ified .....</i>	<i>NATO Security Investment Program .....</i>	<i>\$604,270,000</i>

16       **SEC. 2502. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NATO.**

17               *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-*  
18       *cal years beginning after September 30, 2026, for contribu-*  
19       *tions by the Secretary of Defense under section 2806 of title*  
20       *10, United States Code, for the share of the United States*  
21       *of the cost of projects for the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-*



1 zation Security Investment Program authorized by section  
 2 2501 as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

3 ***Subtitle B—Host Country In-Kind***  
 4 ***Contributions***

5 ***SEC. 2511. REPUBLIC OF KOREA FUNDED CONSTRUCTION***  
 6 ***PROJECTS.***

7 *Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Korea for*  
 8 *required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of Defense*  
 9 *may accept military construction projects for the installa-*  
 10 *tions or locations in the Republic of Korea, and in the*  
 11 *amounts, set forth in the following table:*

***Republic of Korea Funded Construction Projects***

<b><i>Component</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Air Force .....</i>	<i>Osan Air Base .....</i>	<i>Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility, Phase 1.</i>	<i>\$78,000,000</i>
<i>Air Force .....</i>	<i>Osan Air Base .....</i>	<i>Upgrade Electrical Distribution, East, Phase 2.</i>	<i>\$103,000,000</i>
<i>Army .....</i>	<i>Camp Walker .....</i>	<i>Elementary School .....</i>	<i>\$91,000,000</i>
<i>Army .....</i>	<i>USAG Humphreys.</i>	<i>POL Pipeline .....</i>	<i>\$35,000,000</i>
<i>Marine Corps ..</i>	<i>Camp Muijuk .....</i>	<i>Administrative District Access Control Point.</i>	<i>\$18,500,000</i>
<i>Marine Corps ..</i>	<i>Yecheon Air Base</i>	<i>Replace Concrete Apron .....</i>	<i>\$47,000,000</i>
<i>Navy .....</i>	<i>CFA Chinhai .....</i>	<i>Enlisted Unaccompanied Personnel Housing.</i>	<i>\$44,000,000</i>

12 ***SEC. 2512. REPUBLIC OF POLAND FUNDED CONSTRUCTION***  
 13 ***PROJECTS.***

14 *Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Poland*  
 15 *for required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of Defense*  
 16 *may accept military construction projects for the installa-*  
 17 *tions or locations in the Republic of Poland, and in the*  
 18 *amounts, set forth in the following table:*

**Republic of Poland Funded Construction Projects**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Air Force .....</i>	<i>Wroclaw .....</i>	<i>Dormitory and Multi-Use Support Building.</i>	<i>\$32,000,000</i>
<i>Army .....</i>	<i>Powdiz .....</i>	<i>Rotary Wing Maintenance Hangars.</i>	<i>\$102,000,000</i>

1                   ***TITLE XXVI—GUARD AND***  
2                   ***RESERVE FORCES FACILITIES***

3   ***SEC. 2601. AUTHORIZED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CON-***  
4                   ***STRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION***  
5                   ***PROJECTS.***

6           *Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-*  
7   *ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for*  
8   *the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the funding*  
9   *table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may ac-*  
10 *quire real property and carry out military construction*  
11 *projects for the Army National Guard locations inside the*  
12 *United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following*  
13 *table:*

***Army National Guard: Inside the United States***

<b>State</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Florida .....</i>	<i>Camp Blanding .....</i>	<i>\$28,000,000</i>
<i>Guam .....</i>	<i>Barrigada .....</i>	<i>\$20,000,000</i>
<i>Idaho .....</i>	<i>Orchard Training Area .....</i>	<i>\$27,000,000</i>
<i>Illinois .....</i>	<i>Peoria .....</i>	<i>\$8,000,000</i>
<i>Louisiana .....</i>	<i>Abbeville Readiness Center .....</i>	<i>\$23,000,000</i>
<i>Massachusetts .....</i>	<i>Camp Edwards .....</i>	<i>\$43,000,000</i>
<i>Oklahoma .....</i>	<i>Tulsa Army Aviation Support Facility .....</i>	<i>\$18,500,000</i>
<i>Washington .....</i>	<i>Yakima Training Center .....</i>	<i>\$18,000,000</i>
<i>West Virginia .....</i>	<i>Martinsburg Readiness Center .....</i>	<i>\$20,000,000</i>
<i>Wisconsin .....</i>	<i>Black River Falls .....</i>	<i>\$20,000,000</i>

1 **SEC. 2602. AUTHORIZED ARMY RESERVE CONSTRUCTION**  
 2 **AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

3 *Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-*  
 4 *ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for*  
 5 *the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the funding*  
 6 *table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may ac-*  
 7 *quire real property and carry out military construction*  
 8 *projects for the Army Reserve locations inside the United*  
 9 *States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:*

***Army Reserve: Inside the United States***

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Colorado .....</i>	<i>Fort Carson .....</i>	<i>\$92,000,000</i>
<i>Illinois .....</i>	<i>Fort Sheridan .....</i>	<i>\$38,000,000</i>
<i>Virginia .....</i>	<i>Richmond Reserve Center .....</i>	<i>\$48,000,000</i>

10 **SEC. 2603. AUTHORIZED NAVY RESERVE AND MARINE**  
 11 **CORPS RESERVE CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**  
 12 **ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

13 *Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-*  
 14 *ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for*  
 15 *the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the funding*  
 16 *table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may ac-*  
 17 *quire real property and carry out military construction*  
 18 *project for the Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve lo-*  
 19 *cation inside the United States, and in the amount, set*  
 20 *forth in the following table:*

***Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve: Inside the United States***

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Florida .....</i>	<i>Naval Air Station Jacksonville .....</i>	<i>\$47,000,000</i>

**1    *SEC. 2604. AUTHORIZED AIR NATIONAL GUARD CONSTRU-***  
**2                                    *TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.***

3            *Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-*  
4    *ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for*  
5    *the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the funding*  
6    *table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force may*  
7    *acquire real property and carry out military construction*  
8    *projects for the Air National Guard locations inside the*  
9    *United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following*  
10 *table:*

***Air National Guard: Inside the United States***

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Alaska .....</i>	<i>Eielson Air Force Base .....</i>	<i>\$16,000,000</i>
<i>Michigan .....</i>	<i>Selfridge Air National Guard Base .....</i>	<i>\$425,000,000</i>
<i>Missouri .....</i>	<i>Rosecrans Air National Guard Base .....</i>	<i>\$63,000,000</i>
<i>Texas .....</i>	<i>Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth.</i>	<i>\$27,000,000</i>

**11    *SEC. 2605. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE RESERVE CONSTRU-***  
**12                                    *TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.***

13            *Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-*  
14    *ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for*  
15    *the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the funding*  
16    *table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force may*  
17    *acquire real property and carry out military construction*  
18    *projects for the Air Force Reserve locations inside the*

1 *United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following*  
 2 *table:*

***Air Force Reserve: Inside the United States***

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
<i>Pennsylvania .....</i>	<i>Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station .....</i>	<i>\$19,500,000</i>

3 ***SEC. 2606. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NA-***  
 4 ***TIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE.***

5 *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-*  
 6 *cal years beginning after September 30, 2026, for the costs*  
 7 *of acquisition, architectural and engineering services, and*  
 8 *construction of facilities for the Guard and Reserve Forces,*  
 9 *and for contributions therefor, under chapter 1803 of title*  
 10 *10, United States Code (including the cost of acquisition*  
 11 *of land for those facilities), as specified in the funding table*  
 12 *in section 4601.*

13 ***SEC. 2607. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-***  
 14 ***TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.***

15 *(a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the*  
 16 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
 17 *2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2970),*  
 18 *the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),*  
 19 *as provided in sections 2601, 2602, 2603 and 2604 of that*  
 20 *Act (136 Stat. 2986–2987) and extended by section 2607*  
 21 *of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal*  
 22 *Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.*  
 23 *1287), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the*

1 *date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-*  
2 *tary construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.*

3 (b) *TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is*  
4 *as follows:*

***National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2023 Project  
Authorizations***

<b><i>State/Country</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Authorized Amount</i></b>
<i>Alaska .....</i>	<i>Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson .....</i>	<i>Aircraft Maintenance Hangar .....</i>	<i>\$63,000,000</i>
<i>Arizona .....</i>	<i>Morris Air National Guard Base .....</i>	<i>Base Entry Complex .....</i>	<i>\$12,000,000</i>
	<i>Tucson International Airport .....</i>	<i>Land Acquisition .....</i>	<i>\$11,700,000</i>
<i>Arkansas .....</i>	<i>Camp Robinson ..</i>	<i>Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range .....</i>	<i>\$9,500,000</i>
<i>Florida .....</i>	<i>Gainesville .....</i>	<i>National Guard Readiness Center .....</i>	<i>\$21,000,000</i>
	<i>Perrine .....</i>	<i>Army Reserve Center/ AMSA .....</i>	<i>\$46,000,000</i>
<i>Hawaii .....</i>	<i>Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay .....</i>	<i>C-40 Aircraft Maintenance Hangar .....</i>	<i>\$116,964,000</i>
<i>Indiana .....</i>	<i>Fort Wayne International Airport .....</i>	<i>Munitions Maintenance and Storage Complex .....</i>	<i>\$16,500,000</i>
<i>Puerto Rico .....</i>	<i>Camp Santiago Joint Maneuver Training Center</i>	<i>Engineering/Housing Maintenance Shops (DPW) .....</i>	<i>\$14,500,000</i>
<i>West Virginia ..</i>	<i>McLaughlin Air National Guard Base .....</i>	<i>C-130J Apron Expansion</i>	<i>\$12,500,000</i>

5 ***SEC. 2608. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-***  
6 ***TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.***

7 (a) *EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the*  
8 *Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*  
9 *2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 709),*  
10 *the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b),*

1 as provided in sections 2601, 2602, 2604, and 2605 of that  
 2 Act (137 Stat. 735–737), shall remain in effect until Octo-  
 3 ber 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment of an Act author-  
 4 izing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2028,  
 5 whichever is later.

6 (b) *TABLE.*—The table referred to in subsection (a) is  
 7 as follows:

***National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2024 Project  
 Authorizations***

<b><i>State/Country</i></b>	<b><i>Installation or Location</i></b>	<b><i>Project</i></b>	<b><i>Original Au- thorized Amount</i></b>
<i>Alabama</i> .....	<i>Birmingham</i> .....	<i>Army Reserve Center/ AMSA/Land</i> .....	\$57,000,000
<i>Arizona</i> .....	<i>Davis-Monthan Air Force Base</i>	<i>Guardian Angel POTFF Facility</i> .....	\$8,500,000
<i>Arkansas</i> .....	<i>Ebbing Air Na- tional Guard Base</i> .....	<i>3-Bay Hangar</i> .....	\$54,000,000
		<i>Special Access Program Fa- cility</i> .....	\$21,989,000
<i>Florida</i> .....	<i>Camp Blanding</i> ...	<i>Multipurpose Machine Gun Range</i> .....	\$11,000,000
<i>Indiana</i> .....	<i>Fort Wayne Inter- national Air- port</i> .....	<i>Fire Station</i> .....	\$8,900,000
<i>New Mexico</i> .....	<i>Rio Rancho Training Site</i> ..	<i>National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop Addi- tion</i> .....	\$11,000,000
<i>Oregon</i> .....	<i>Portland Inter- national Air- port</i> .....	<i>Special Tactics Complex, Phase 1</i> .....	\$23,000,000
		<i>Special Tactics Complex, Phase 2</i> .....	\$21,000,000
		<i>Special Tactics Complex, Phase 3</i> .....	\$24,000,000
		<i>Special Tactics Complex, Phase 4</i> .....	\$11,000,000
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	<i>Hermitage Readi- ness Center</i>	<i>National Guard Readiness Center</i> .....	\$13,600,000
<i>Rhode Island</i> ...	<i>Quonset Point</i> .....	<i>National Guard Readiness Center</i> .....	\$41,000,000
<i>South Carolina</i>	<i>Aiken County Readiness Cen- ter</i> .....	<i>National Guard Readiness Center</i> .....	\$20,000,000
	<i>McCrady Train- ing Site</i> .....	<i>Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range</i> .....	\$7,900,000

**National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2024 Project  
Authorizations—Continued**

<b>State/Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
<i>Texas .....</i>	<i>Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth .....</i>	<i>LRS Warehouse .....</i>	<i>\$16,000,000</i>

1 **SEC. 2609. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
2 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECT AT COLONIE,**  
3 **NEW YORK.**

4 *In the case of the authorization contained in the table*  
5 *in section 2601 of the Military Construction Authorization*  
6 *Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Division B of Public Law 119–*  
7 *60; 139 Stat. 1264) for Albany, New York, for construction*  
8 *of a readiness center as specified in the funding table in*  
9 *section 4601 of such Act, the Secretary of the Army may*  
10 *construct a readiness center at Colonie, New York.*

11 **TITLE XXVII—BASE REALIGN-**  
12 **MENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVI-**  
13 **TIES**

14 **SEC. 2701. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR BASE**  
15 **REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVITIES**  
16 **FUNDED THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
17 **FENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT.**

18 *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-*  
19 *cal years beginning after September 30, 2026, for base re-*  
20 *alignment and closure activities, including real property*  
21 *acquisition and military construction projects, as author-*



1 ized by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of  
 2 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101–510; 10  
 3 U.S.C. 2687 note) and funded through the Department of  
 4 Defense Base Closure Account established by section 2906  
 5 of such Act (as amended by section 2711 of the Military  
 6 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (divi-  
 7 sion B of Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2140)), as speci-  
 8 fied in the funding table in section 4601.

9 **TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CON-**  
 10 **STRUCTION GENERAL PROVI-**  
 11 **SIONS**

12 **Subtitle A—Military Construction**  
 13 **Programs**

14 **SEC. 2801. EXECUTION OF PROJECTS UNDER THE NORTH**  
 15 **ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION SECURITY**  
 16 **INVESTMENT PROGRAM.**

17 Section 2350q of title 10, United States Code, is  
 18 amended—

- 19 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “The construc-  
 20 tion agent” and all that follows through “to execute”  
 21 and inserting “The head of the contracting activity  
 22 for the Department of Defense executing”; and
- 23 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “construction  
 24 agent designated by the Department of Defense” and  
 25 inserting “head of the contracting activity”.

1 **SEC. 2802. INCLUSION OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN DE-**  
2 **FENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PRO-**  
3 **GRAM.**

4 *Section 2391 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
5 *ed—*

6 *(1) in subsection (d)—*

7 *(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “ In-*  
8 *dian tribes,” after “local governments,”; and*

9 *(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “or*  
10 *local government” each place such term appears*  
11 *and inserting “government, local government, or*  
12 *Indian tribe,”; and*

13 *(2) in subsection (e)—*

14 *(A) in paragraph (4)(A)(ii)(I), by striking*  
15 *“or local government” and inserting “govern-*  
16 *ment, local government, or Indian tribe”; and*

17 *(B) by adding at the end the following new*  
18 *paragraph:*

19 *“(7) The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning*  
20 *given that term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-*  
21 *mination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.*  
22 *5304).”.*

1 **SEC. 2803. BRIEFING REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN BASING AC-**  
2 **TIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR**  
3 **FORCE.**

4 *Section 2392 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
5 *ed—*

6 *(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection*  
7 *(g); and*

8 *(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following*  
9 *new subsection:*

10 *“(f) BRIEFING REQUIRED FOR COVERED BASING AC-*  
11 *TIONS.—(1) Not later than 15 days after any date on which*  
12 *the Secretary notifies the Committees on Armed Services of*  
13 *the House of Representatives and the Senate of a covered*  
14 *basing action, the Secretary shall provide to Congress a*  
15 *briefing with respect to the covered basing action that in-*  
16 *cludes—*

17 *“(A) an identification of the affected basing ac-*  
18 *tion, military installation, and unit or weapons sys-*  
19 *tem;*

20 *“(B) an identification of the authority of the*  
21 *Secretary pursuant to which the covered basing action*  
22 *will be carried out;*

23 *“(C) an explanation of the reasons the covered*  
24 *basing action is not in compliance with the process*  
25 *for strategic basing actions under this section;*

1           “(D) an assessment of potential consequences of  
2       the covered basing action, including how the covered  
3       basing decision may conflict with—

4           “(i) planning of the Department of the Air  
5       Force; and

6           “(ii) timelines for other military installa-  
7       tions, units, or weapons systems;

8           “(E) an assessment of the military installation  
9       in receipt of units or weapons systems pursuant to  
10      the covered basing action, including—

11          “(i) whether the military installation is in  
12       compliance with applicable environmental pro-  
13       tection laws;

14          “(ii) the amount of appropriations for mili-  
15       tary construction needed for the military instal-  
16       lation;

17          “(iii) any deficiencies in infrastructure on  
18       the military installation with respect to—

19           “(I) operational capacity;

20           “(II) training capacity and require-  
21       ments; and

22           “(III) funding.

23       “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘covered basing action’  
24   means a basing action that—

1           “(A) is not approved by the strategic basing  
2           panel and strategic basing executive steering group  
3           pursuant to this section; and

4           “(B) the Secretary of the Air Force received di-  
5           rection to implement prior to completing the process  
6           for strategic basing actions under this section.”.

7   **SEC. 2804. UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**  
8                           **DOLLAR THRESHOLDS.**

9           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 2805(a)(2) of title 10,  
10   United States Code, is amended by striking “\$9,000,000”  
11   and inserting “\$12,000,000”.

12          (b) *LABORATORY REVITALIZATION.*—Section 2805(d)  
13   of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking  
14   “\$9,000,000” each place it appears and inserting  
15   “\$15,000,000”.

16          (c) *ADJUSTMENT OF DOLLAR LIMITATIONS.*—Section  
17   2805(f) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

18               (1) by striking “FOR LOCATION” and all that fol-  
19               lows through “Each fiscal year” and inserting “Each  
20               fiscal year”; and

21               (2) by striking “may exceed” and all that follows  
22               through the period at the end and inserting the fol-  
23               lowing: “may exceed—

1           “(1) with respect to a project described in sub-  
2           section (d), 150 percent of the dollar amount specified  
3           in such subsection; and

4           “(2) with respect to any other project described  
5           in subsection (a)(2), 150 percent of the dollar amount  
6           specified in such subsection.”.

7   **SEC. 2805. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON AVAILABLE FUNDS**  
8                   **FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND**  
9                   **EVALUATION   MILITARY   CONSTRUCTION**  
10                  **PROJECTS.**

11       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 2810(f)(5) of title 10,  
12       *United States Code*, is repealed.

13       (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—The amendment made by sub-  
14       section (a) shall apply with respect to amounts made avail-  
15       able for research, development, test, and evaluation on or  
16       after the date of the enactment of this section.

17   **SEC. 2806. MODIFICATION OF APPROVAL AND NOTIFICA-**  
18                   **TION THRESHOLDS FOR REPAIR PROJECTS**  
19                   **ON MILITARY FACILITIES.**

20       Section 2811(b) of title 10, *United States Code*, is  
21       amended by striking “\$7,500,000” and inserting  
22       “\$20,000,000”.

1 **SEC. 2807. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILITARY INSTALLA-**  
 2 **TION STORMWATER PROJECT ACCELERATION**  
 3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.*—Subchapter I of  
 5 chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
 6 inserting after section 2815a the following new section:

7 **“§ 2815b. Military Installation Stormwater Project Ac-**  
 8 **celeration Program**

9 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—The Secretary of Defense shall  
 10 carry out a program to be known as the ‘Military Installa-  
 11 tion Stormwater Project Acceleration Program’ (in this sec-  
 12 tion referred to as the ‘Program’).

13 “(b) *ACTIVITIES.*—Under the Program, the Secretary  
 14 shall—

15 “(1) establish procedures to accelerate the plan-  
 16 ning for and implementation of military construction  
 17 projects described in subsection (c); and

18 “(2) provide supplemental funding to military  
 19 construction projects described in such subsection.

20 “(c) *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DE-*  
 21 *SCRIBED.*—A military construction project described in this  
 22 subsection is a military construction project that is—

23 “(1) specified in the military installation resil-  
 24 ience component of a military installation master  
 25 plan developed pursuant to section 2864(a);

1           “(2) *identified as a potential military installa-*  
2           *tion resilience project under section 2815 of this title;*

3           “(3) *identified as a stormwater management*  
4           *project under section 2815a of this title; or*

5           “(4) *identified as suitable to preserve or enhance*  
6           *defense access roads in accordance with section 210 of*  
7           *title 23.*

8           “(d) *MERIT-BASED CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall es-*  
9           *tablish merit-based criteria for use in the selection of mili-*  
10          *tary construction projects to receive funding under the Pro-*  
11          *gram.*

12          “(e) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-*  
13          *tion shall be construed to require or enable any official of*  
14          *the Department of Defense to provide funding under this*  
15          *section pursuant to—*

16                 “(1) *a community project funding request; or*

17                 “(2) *a congressionally directed spending item (as*  
18                 *defined in the Standing Rules of the Senate).*

19          “(f) *ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of the*  
20          *first calendar year beginning after the date of the enactment*  
21          *of this section, and on an annual basis thereafter, the Sec-*  
22          *retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services*  
23          *of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on*  
24          *the Program. Each such report shall include the following:*



1           “(1) *A description of the nature and status of the*  
2           *military construction projects or actions undertaken*  
3           *in whole or part with funds appropriated for the Pro-*  
4           *gram.*

5           “(2) *An assessment of the effectiveness of such*  
6           *military construction projects or actions as part of a*  
7           *long-term strategy—*

8                   “(A) *to prevent flooding on—*

9                           “(i) *military installations;*

10                           “(ii) *key supporting civilian infra-*  
11                           *structure; and*

12                           “(iii) *and defense access roads; and*

13                   “(B) *to improve the management of*  
14                   *stormwater on or related to a military installa-*  
15                   *tion.*

16           “(3) *An evaluation of the methodology and cri-*  
17           *teria used to select and establish priorities for mili-*  
18           *tary construction projects and actions funded in*  
19           *whole or part with funds appropriated for the Pro-*  
20           *gram.*

21           “(4) *Such recommendations as the Secretary de-*  
22           *termines appropriate for legislative or administrative*  
23           *actions to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of*  
24           *the Program.”.*

1       (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sections at*  
 2 *the beginning of such subchapter is amended by inserting*  
 3 *after the item relating to section 2815a the following new*  
 4 *item:*

*“2815b. Military Installation Stormwater Project Acceleration Program.”.*

5       **SEC. 2808. EXPANSION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON UNFUNDED**  
 6                               **REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MILITARY**  
 7                               **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

8       *Section 2806 of the National Defense Authorization*  
 9 *Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 10 U.S.C.*  
 10 *222a note) is amended—*

11               (1) *by striking “The Under Secretary of Defense*  
 12 *for Research and Engineering” and inserting the fol-*  
 13 *lowing: “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of Staff of the*  
 14 *Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Chief*  
 15 *of Staff of the Air Force, in coordination with the*  
 16 *Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engi-*  
 17 *neering”;*

18               (2) *by striking “order” and all that follows*  
 19 *through the end of the section and inserting “order.”;*  
 20 *and*

21               (3) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
 22 *sections:*

23       “(b) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each report required under sub-*  
 24 *section (a) shall include, for each military construction*  
 25 *project listed in the report—*

1           “(1) a description that identifies the objectives of  
2       the national defense strategy required under section  
3       113(g) of this title and the National Military Strat-  
4       egy required under section 139(b) of this title that  
5       would be advanced if the military construction project  
6       were funded, in whole or in part;

7           “(2) a detailed assessment of each specific risk to  
8       the execution of the national defense strategy and the  
9       National Military Strategy that would be reduced the  
10      military construction project were funded, in whole or  
11      in part; and

12          “(3) a Department of Defense Form 1391.

13          “(c) *CONSISTENCY WITH MILITARY CONSTRUCTION*  
14      *REQUIREMENTS.*—Information regarding project scope, cost  
15      estimate, and design maturity for military construction  
16      projects included in a report under subsection (a) shall be  
17      prepared and validated in a manner consistent with the  
18      requirements applicable to military construction projects  
19      included in the budget of the President submitted to Con-  
20      gress under section 1105(a) of title 31.

21          “(d) *CERTIFICATION.*—The Secretary of the military  
22      department concerned shall certify each military construc-  
23      tion project under the jurisdiction of the Secretary that is  
24      listed in a report required under subsection (a) as—

1           “(1) a valid unfunded military construction re-  
2           quirement of the military department; and

3           “(2) appropriate for consideration by Congress  
4           as part of the unfunded priorities of the military de-  
5           partment.”.

## 6           ***Subtitle B—Military Housing*** 7           ***Reforms***

### 8   ***SEC. 2811. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF WINDOW*** 9           ***FALL INCIDENTS IN CERTAIN PRIVATIZED*** 10          ***MILITARY HOUSING.***

11          *Section 2857(d) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
12   *amended—*

13           (1) *by striking “The Secretary concerned” and*  
14           *inserting “(1) The Secretary concerned”;*

15           (2) *by inserting “or any other individual” after*  
16           *“minor child”; and*

17           (3) *by adding at the end the following new para-*  
18           *graph:*

19           “(2) *Not later than 72 hours after any date on which*  
20           *an incident in which a minor child or any other individual*  
21           *falls from a window in a unit of military family housing*  
22           *under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned occurs, the*  
23           *Secretary concerned shall submit to the congressional de-*  
24           *fense committees a notification that includes, with respect*  
25           *to such incident—*

- 1           “(A) the date;  
 2           “(B) the location;  
 3           “(C) the associated circumstances; and  
 4           “(D) whether injury or death resulted.”.

5 **SEC. 2812. EXPANSION OF PROTECTIONS AGAINST RE-**  
 6 **PRISAL OR RETALIATION FOR CERTAIN TEN-**  
 7 **ANTS OF PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.**

8       *Section 2890 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 9 *ed—*

10           (1) *in subsection (b)(7), by striking “and hous-*  
 11 *ing management office” and inserting “housing man-*  
 12 *agement office, the Chief Housing Officer of the De-*  
 13 *partment of Defense, the Inspector General of the De-*  
 14 *partment of Defense, the Inspector General of the*  
 15 *military department concerned, or a Member of Con-*  
 16 *gress”; and*

17           (2) *in subsection (e)—*

18           (A) *in paragraph (1), by striking “for re-*  
 19 *porting an issue relating to a housing unit” and*  
 20 *inserting the following: “who reports an issue re-*  
 21 *lating to a housing unit to any of the following:*

22           “(A) The landlord.

23           “(B) The chain of command.

24           “(C) The applicable housing management office.

1           “(D) *The Chief Housing Officer of the Depart-*  
2           *ment of Defense.*

3           “(E) *The Inspector General of the Department of*  
4           *Defense.*

5           “(F) *The Inspector General of the military de-*  
6           *partment concerned.*

7           “(G) *A Member of Congress.*”; and

8           *(B) in paragraph (2)—*

9                     *(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)*  
10                    *and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), re-*  
11                    *spectively;*

12                   *(ii) by inserting before subparagraph*  
13                    *(B), as so redesignated, the following new*  
14                    *subparagraph (A):*

15                    “(A) *provide notice of that determination to*  
16                    *the Secretary of the military department con-*  
17                    *cerned;*”; and

18                    *(iii) in subparagraph (C), as so redес-*  
19                    *ignated, by striking “the Inspector General*  
20                    *has taken final action” and inserting “the*  
21                    *Secretary of the military department con-*  
22                    *cerned has notified the Inspector General*  
23                    *that the Secretary has taken final action”.*

1 **SEC. 2813. TREATMENT OF NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS**  
2 **WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATIZED MILITARY**  
3 **HOUSING.**

4 *Section 2890(f) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
5 *amended—*

6 *(1) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence—*

7 *(A) by striking “A tenant or prospective*  
8 *tenant of a housing unit may not be required to*  
9 *sign” and inserting “A landlord may not request*  
10 *that a tenant, former tenant, or prospective ten-*  
11 *ant of a housing unit sign”; and*

12 *(B) by inserting “or in connection with the*  
13 *provision of services related to the housing unit”*  
14 *before the period; and*

15 *(2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and in-*  
16 *serting the following:*

17 *“(2) The prohibition under paragraph (1) shall apply*  
18 *to all housing units, including military family housing and*  
19 *military unaccompanied housing.*

20 *“(3) In this subsection, the term ‘tenant’ includes any*  
21 *party (other than a landlord) to a lease for a housing*  
22 *unit.”.*

1 **SEC. 2814. EXPANSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE AU-**  
2 **THORITY TO REPLACE CERTAIN DEPART-**  
3 **MENT OF DEFENSE LABORATORIES.**

4 *Section 2835 of the National Defense Authorization*  
5 *Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.*  
6 *2821 note) is amended—*

7 *(1) in the heading, by striking “**COVERED***  
8 ***MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING**” and in-*  
9 *serting “**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**”; and*

10 *(2) in subsection (a)—*

11 *(A) by striking “, to replace a covered mili-*  
12 *tary unaccompanied housing facility”;*

13 *(B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and*  
14 *(2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;*

15 *(C) by inserting before subparagraph (A),*  
16 *as so redesignated, the following new paragraph*  
17 *(1):*

18 *“(1) to replace a covered military unaccom-*  
19 *panied housing facility—”;*

20 *(D) in subparagraph (B), as so redesign-*  
21 *ated, by striking the period at the end and in-*  
22 *serting “; and”; and*

23 *(E) by adding at the end the following new*  
24 *paragraph (2):*

25 *“(2) to replace a Department of Defense labora-*  
26 *tory at which—*



1                   “(A) research with respect to science and  
2                   technology is carried out; or

3                   “(B) test and evaluation activities are con-  
4                   ducted.”.

5 **SEC. 2815. MODIFICATION TO PILOT PROGRAM FOR MILI-**  
6 **TARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO RE-**  
7 **PLACE CERTAIN MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED**  
8 **HOUSING FACILITIES.**

9           Section 2835 of the National Defense Authorization  
10 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 USC  
11 2821 note) is amended—

12                   (1) in subsection (a)—

13                           (A) by striking “a covered military unac-  
14                           panied housing facility”;

15                           (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “that  
16                           such Secretary determines is” and inserting  
17                           “covered military housing facilities that such  
18                           Secretary determines are”; and

19                           (C) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting  
20                           the following:

21                                   “(2) facilities in a failed or failing condition  
22                                   which are located within covered depots, or which are  
23                                   directly related to the function or activity managed  
24                                   through the Army Working Capital Fund.”;

1           (2) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the  
 2           following new sentence: “Charges for goods and serv-  
 3           ices provided through a working capital fund may  
 4           not include amounts necessary to recover costs of  
 5           military construction projects funded under the pilot  
 6           program.”;

7           (3) in subsection (f), by striking “shall terminate  
 8           on” and all that follows through “this Act” and in-  
 9           serting “shall terminate on October 1, 2032”; and

10          (4) in subsection (g)—

11                 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
 12                 paragraph (3); and

13                 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
 14                 lowing new paragraph (2):

15                 “(3) The term ‘covered depot’ means a depot  
 16                 specified in paragraph (1) of section 2476(f) of title  
 17                 10, United States Code.”.

18 **SEC. 2816. ESTABLISHMENT OF TIMELINESS STANDARDS**  
 19 **WITH RESPECT TO MAINTENANCE WORK OR-**  
 20 **DERS FOR COVERED MILITARY UNACCOM-**  
 21 **PANIED HOUSING; ANNUAL REPORT.**

22           Section 2839 of the National Defense Authorization  
 23 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is amend-  
 24 ed—

1           (1) *in the heading, by inserting “; **WORK***  
2           ***ORDER TIMELINESS STANDARDS**” after “COV-*  
3           ***ERED MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING**”;*

4           (2) *by redesignating subsections (c) through sub-*  
5           *section (e) as subsections (d) through (f), respectively;*  
6           *and*

7           (3) *by inserting after subsection (b) the following*  
8           *new subsection:*

9           “(c) *WORK ORDER TIMELINESS STANDARDS; ANNUAL*  
10          *REPORT.—*

11           “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1, 2027,*  
12          *the Secretary of Defense shall establish Department of*  
13          *Defense-wide timeliness standards for the resolution of*  
14          *work orders for covered military unaccompanied*  
15          *housing.*

16           “(2) *ANNUAL REPORT.—In conjunction with the*  
17          *submission of the report under subsection (a) for fis-*  
18          *cal year 2028, and on an annual basis thereafter dur-*  
19          *ing the reporting requirement under such subsection*  
20          *is effective, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-*  
21          *sional defense committees a report that includes, for*  
22          *each military installation under the jurisdiction of*  
23          *the Secretary, with respect to the fiscal year that pre-*  
24          *cedes the fiscal year during which the report is sub-*  
25          *mitted, an identification of—*

1           “(A) the total number of work orders for  
2 covered military unaccompanied housing re-  
3 solved within a period that complied with the  
4 timeliness standards under paragraph (1);

5           “(B) the total number of such work orders  
6 resolve within a period that did not comply with  
7 such timeliness standards;

8           “(C) the total number of such work orders  
9 that remain open at the end of the fiscal year  
10 covered by the report;

11           “(D) the total number of work orders com-  
12 prising the total numbers under subparagraphs  
13 (A) through (C), respectively, that relate to the  
14 health and safety of covered military unaccom-  
15 panied housing;

16           “(E) the total number of employees with du-  
17 ties that include the maintenance and adminis-  
18 tration of military unaccompanied housing au-  
19 thorized;

20           “(F) the total number of authorized posi-  
21 tions for employment with such duties that re-  
22 main open at the end of the fiscal year covered  
23 by the report; and

24           “(G) the total amount obligated or expended  
25 on service contracts for the maintenance and ad-

1           *ministration of covered military unaccompanied*  
2           *housing.”.*

3   **SEC. 2817. EXPANSION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN AN-**  
4                   **NUAL REPORTS ON THE CONDITION OF COV-**  
5                   **ERED MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING.**

6           *Section 2839(b) of the National Defense Authorization*  
7   *Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is amend-*  
8   *ed—*

9           *(1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-*  
10          *graph (6); and*

11          *(2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-*  
12          *lowing new paragraphs:*

13               *“(4) A list of whether each such covered military*  
14               *unaccompanied housing facility located on each mili-*  
15               *tary installation under the jurisdiction of the Sec-*  
16               *retary of the military department concerned complies*  
17               *with the uniform minimum habitability standards for*  
18               *covered military unaccompanied housing as required*  
19               *under section 2856b of title 10, United States Code.*

20               *“(5) For such facilities that do not comply with*  
21               *uniform minimum habitability standards—*

22                       *“(A) a list of elements that are not in com-*  
23                       *pliance;*

1                   “(B) the funding required to conduct im-  
 2                   provements to meet uniform minimum habit-  
 3                   ability standards; and

4                   “(C) a five-year plan for carrying out such  
 5                   improvements.”.

6 **SEC. 2818. MODIFICATION TO REQUIRED INVESTMENTS IN**  
 7                   **IMPROVING    MILITARY    UNACCOMPANIED**  
 8                   **HOUSING.**

9           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 2814 of the National De-  
 10   fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law  
 11   117–81) is amended—

12                   (1) in subsection (a)—

13                           (A) by striking “a covered fiscal year” and  
 14                           inserting “the fiscal years specified in subsection  
 15                           (e)”; and

16                           (B) by striking “five percent” and inserting  
 17                           “ten percent”;

18                   (2) by amending subsection (b)(1) to read as fol-  
 19   lows:

20                           “(1) The term ‘military unaccompanied housing’  
 21                           has the meaning given in section 2871 of title 10,  
 22                           United States Code.”;

23                           (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection  
 24                           (e);

1           (4) *by inserting after subsection (b) the following*  
2       *new subsections:*

3       “(c) *STANDARDS.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*  
4       *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense*  
5       *shall establish a Department-wide standard for tracking the*  
6       *use of facilities sustainment, restoration, and moderniza-*  
7       *tion funds for military unaccompanied housing.*

8       “(d) *REPORT.*—*Along with the submission of the budg-*  
9       *et of the President to Congress under section 1105(a) of title*  
10      *31, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense shall report*  
11      *on the extent to which each Secretary of a military depart-*  
12      *ment is meeting the minimum requirements of this sec-*  
13      *tion.”; and*

14           (5) *in subsection (e), by striking “2026” and in-*  
15      *serting “2031”.*

16      “(b) *APPLICABILITY.*—*This section and the amendments*  
17      *made by this section shall apply with respect to amounts*  
18      *reserved pursuant to section 2814 of the National Defense*  
19      *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–*  
20      *81) on or after October 1, 2026.*

***Subtitle C—Real Property and  
Facilities Administration***

***SEC. 2821. AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES.***

*Subchapter I of chapter 134 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2246 the following new section:*

***“§ 2247. Authorization for certain planning, design, and construction contracts in support of military service academies***

*“(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection (b) and amounts made available in advance for such purpose, and pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe, the Superintendent of a Service Academy may seek to enter into a contract with a covered foundation for the planning, design, construction, equipping, and maintenance of facilities and other projects that support the mission of such Service Academy.*

*“(b) LIMITATIONS.—Contractual agreements under subsection (a) may be provided only if such agreements—*

*“(1) are without any liability of the United States to the covered foundation;*

*“(2) do not affect the ability of any official or employee of the military department concerned to*



1       *carry out any responsibility or duty in a fair and ob-*  
2       *jective manner;*

3               *“(3) do not compromise the integrity or appear-*  
4       *ance of integrity of any program of the military de-*  
5       *partment concerned, or any individual involved in*  
6       *such a program;*

7               *“(4) comply with the Joint Ethics Regulation;*  
8       *and*

9               *“(5) have been reviewed and approved by an at-*  
10       *torney of the military department concerned.*

11       *“(c) BRIEFING.—In any fiscal year during which the*  
12       *Superintendent of a Service Academy exercises the author-*  
13       *ity under subsection (a), the Secretary of the military de-*  
14       *partment concerned shall provide a briefing not later than*  
15       *the last day of that fiscal year to the Committees on Armed*  
16       *Services of the Senate and House of Representatives regard-*  
17       *ing the campus improvement projects initiated during such*  
18       *fiscal year.*

19       *“(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

20               *“(1) The term ‘covered foundation’ means a*  
21       *charitable, educational, or civic nonprofit organiza-*  
22       *tion under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue*  
23       *Code of 1986, that the Secretary concerned determines*  
24       *operates exclusively to support, with respect to a*  
25       *Service Academy, any of the following:*

1                   “(A) *Recruiting.*

2                   “(B) *Parent or alumni development.*

3                   “(C) *Academic, leadership, or character de-*  
4                   *velopment.*

5                   “(D) *Institutional development.*

6                   “(E) *Athletics.*

7                   “(2) *The term ‘Service Academy’ has the mean-*  
8                   *ing given such term in section 347 of this title.”.*

9   **SEC. 2822. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN MILITARY INSTALLA-**  
10                   **TIONS FROM GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO**  
11                   **AGGREGATE SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIRE-**  
12                   **MENTS.**

13           *Section 2849(f) of the National Defense Authorization*  
14   *Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C.*  
15   *2802 note) is amended by adding at the end the following*  
16   *new paragraph:*

17                   “(5) *Military installations undergoing a mission*  
18                   *transition as of the date of the enactment of this*  
19                   *paragraph.”.*

20   **SEC. 2823. MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR THE PUBLIC**  
21                   **SCHOOLS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS PRO-**  
22                   **GRAM.**

23           *(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a grant, cooperative*  
24   *agreement, or supplementary financial assistance provided*  
25   *to a State or local educational agency for a project to con-*

1 *struct, renovate, repair, or expand an elementary or sec-*  
2 *ondary public school on a military installation pursuant*  
3 *to section 8109 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,*  
4 *2022 (Public Law 117–103; 136 Stat. 201), the Secretary*  
5 *of Defense shall ensure that the terms of such grant, cooper-*  
6 *ative agreement, or financial assistance do not require the*  
7 *recipient State or local educational agency to provide a*  
8 *matching contribution in an amount greater than the*  
9 *amount that is equal to 20 percent of the total cost of the*  
10 *project.*

11       (b) *RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Defense shall re-*  
12 *vise the notice titled “Department of Defense Program for*  
13 *Construction, Renovation, Repair or Expansion of Public*  
14 *Schools Located on Military Installations” (76 Fed. Reg.*  
15 *55883 et seq.; published September 9, 2011) to carry out*  
16 *the requirements of this section.*

17       (c) *APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply with*  
18 *respect to a grant awarded, cooperative agreement entered*  
19 *into, or financial assistance provided on or after the date*  
20 *of the enactment of this Act.*

1 **SEC. 2824. IMPROVEMENT TO PROCEDURES FOR PROC-**  
2 **ESSING VISITORS TO DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
3 **FENSE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Defense shall en-  
5 sure that, at all military installations located inside the  
6 United States—

7 (1) *not fewer than one open gate always has the*  
8 *capability and procedures to process visitors for ac-*  
9 *cess to the military installation, regardless of whether*  
10 *the installation’s primary visitor control center is*  
11 *open; and*

12 (2) *personnel at the military installation respon-*  
13 *sible for security at all open gates are able to direct*  
14 *visitors to the military installation to the appropriate*  
15 *office on the military installation for visitor proc-*  
16 *essing.*

17 (b) *MILITARY INSTALLATION DEFINED.*—In this sec-  
18 tion, the term “military installation” has the meaning  
19 given such term in section 2801 of title 10, United States  
20 Code.

21 **SEC. 2825. RESTRICTIONS ON DATA FACILITY EQUIPMENT**  
22 **PLACED ON FACILITIES LEASED FROM THE**  
23 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

24 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Defense shall not  
25 to enter into an enhanced use lease unless the lease terms  
26 prohibit the lessee (and any sublessor or operator thereof)

1 *from installing or operating data facility equipment that*  
2 *contains one or more significant components manufactured*  
3 *in, or by an entity domiciled in or subject to the jurisdic-*  
4 *tion of, a covered nation.*

5 (b) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

6 (1) *The term “covered nation” shall mean—*

7 (A) *China;*

8 (B) *Russia;*

9 (C) *Iran; or*

10 (D) *North Korea.*

11 (2) *The term “data facility” shall mean any*  
12 *data center, supercomputer, or other facility for the*  
13 *mass storage, processing, or transmission of data.*

14 (3) *The term “enhanced use lease” means a lease*  
15 *entered into under section 2667 of title 10, United*  
16 *States Code, or any other similar authority.*

17 (4) *The term “significant component” shall*  
18 *mean—*

19 (A) *any covered printed circuit board, as*  
20 *that term is defined in section 4873 of title 10,*  
21 *United States Code;*

22 (B) *advanced semiconductors and chipsets,*  
23 *including any integrated circuit—*

24 (i) *manufactured using a non-planar*  
25 *transistor architecture; or*

1                   (ii) manufactured using a production  
2                   technology node of 14 nanometers or small-  
3                   er; and

4                   (C) any other component that provides a  
5                   unique functionality to the data facility that the  
6                   Secretary of Defense determines to be a risk to  
7                   national security of the United States.

8   **SEC. 2826. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MILITARY**  
9                   **INSTALLATION, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.**

10           *The military installation under the jurisdiction of the*  
11   *Department of the Army located in Augusta, Georgia, shall*  
12   *after the date of the enactment of this Act be known and*  
13   *designated as “Fort Shughart Gordon”. Any reference to*  
14   *such military installation in any law, regulation, map,*  
15   *document, record, or other paper of the United States shall*  
16   *be considered a reference to Fort Shughart Gordon.*

17   **SEC. 2827. NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MILI-**  
18                   **TARY INSTALLATION LOCATED IN MUSCOGEE**  
19                   **COUNTY AND CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY,**  
20                   **GEORGIA.**

21           *The military installation under the jurisdiction of the*  
22   *Department of the Army located in Muscogee County and*  
23   *Chattahoochee County, Georgia, shall on and after the date*  
24   *of the enactment of this Act be known and designated as*  
25   *“Fort Moore”, in commemoration of Lieutenant General*

1 *Harold G. Moore, Jr., United States Army, and Mrs. Julia*  
 2 *Compton Moore. Any reference to such military installation*  
 3 *in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other*  
 4 *paper of the United States shall be considered a reference*  
 5 *to Fort Moore.*

6 **SEC. 2828. MILITARY INSTALLATION RENAMINGS.**

7 *Upon the enactment of this section, the Secretary of*  
 8 *Defense shall rename military installations as set forth in*  
 9 *the following table:*

***Military Installation Renamings***

<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Current Installation Name</i></b>	<b><i>New Installation Name</i></b>
<i>North Carolina .....</i>	<i>Fort Bragg .....</i>	<i>Fort Liberty</i>
<i>Georgia .....</i>	<i>Fort Benning .....</i>	<i>Fort Moore</i>
<i>Texas .....</i>	<i>Fort Hood .....</i>	<i>Fort Cavazos</i>
<i>Georgia .....</i>	<i>Fort Gordon .....</i>	<i>Fort Shugart-Gordon</i>
<i>Virginia .....</i>	<i>Fort Lee .....</i>	<i>Fort Gregg-Adams</i>
<i>Louisiana .....</i>	<i>Fort Polk .....</i>	<i>Fort Johnson</i>
<i>Alabama .....</i>	<i>Fort Rucker .....</i>	<i>Fort Novosel</i>
<i>Virginia .....</i>	<i>Fort Pickett .....</i>	<i>Fort Barfoot</i>
<i>Virginia .....</i>	<i>Fort A.P. Hill .....</i>	<i>Fort Walker</i>

10 ***Subtitle D—Land Conveyances and***  
 11 ***Withdrawals***

12 **SEC. 2831. REPORT ON LAND WITHDRAWAL AT YUMA PROV-**  
 13 ***ING GROUND, ARIZONA.***

14 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
 15 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army*  
 16 *shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the*  
 17 *House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the*  
 18 *land withdrawal at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.*

1       (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The report required under subsection*

2       (a) *shall include—*

3               (1) *a description of effects on operational and*  
 4       *testing capabilities if the land withdrawal authoriza-*  
 5       *tion at Yuma Proving Ground were not renewed or*  
 6       *extended; and*

7               (2) *recommendations of the Secretary with re-*  
 8       *spect to modifications of the land withdrawal at*  
 9       *Yuma Proving Ground that the Secretary determines*  
 10       *would require an Act of Congress.*

11 **SEC. 2832. LAND CONVEYANCE, STATE ARMORY BOARD,**

12               **UTAH NATIONAL GUARD, CAMP WILLIAMS**

13               **STATE MILITARY RESERVATION, LEHI, UTAH.**

14       (a) *CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.*—

15               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of the Army*  
 16       *(in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may*  
 17       *convey to the Utah National Guard, Lehi, Utah, all*  
 18       *right, title, and interest of the United States in and*  
 19       *to a parcel of real property, including any improve-*  
 20       *ments thereon, consisting of three parcels described in*  
 21       *subsection (b).*

22               (2) *CONTINUATION OF EXISTING EASEMENTS, RE-*  
 23       *STRICTIONS, AND COVENANTS.*—*The conveyance of the*  
 24       *property under paragraph (1) shall be subject to any*  
 25       *easement, restriction, or covenant of record applicable*



1       to the property and in existence on the date of the en-  
2       actment of this Act.

3       (b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—The property, including all  
5       land, improvements, and appurtenances, described in  
6       this subsection is the following:

7           (A) FIRST PARCEL.—A strip of land of  
8       varying width situated in Section 35, Township  
9       4 South, Range 1 West, Salt Lake Base and Me-  
10      ridian. Such strip of land extending 25 feet each  
11      side and parallel with the following described  
12      center line: Beginning at a point in the East  
13      line of section 35, 1298 feet East and 1808 feet  
14      North 44° 59'' West from the Southwest corner  
15      of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 1 West,  
16      Salt Lake Base and Meridian; thence North 45°  
17      9'' West 1999 feet, describing a 75 foot strip of  
18      land extending 25 feet Eastwardly and 50 feet  
19      Westwardly and Parallel with such center line;  
20      thence continuing on same bearing 1368.1 feet to  
21      the PC of a 5° spiralled curve to the right. De-  
22      scribing a 100 foot strip of land extending 50  
23      feet each side and parallel with said center line,  
24      thence Northwesterly along said 5° curve to the  
25      right 507.9 feet more or less to a point in the

1       *South line of the Northeast quarter of the North-*  
2       *west quarter of said Section 35, describing a 100*  
3       *foot strip of land extending 50 feet each side and*  
4       *parallel with such center line.*

5               *(B) SECOND PARCEL.—An irregular shaped*  
6       *parcel of land situated in the Northeast quarter*  
7       *of the Northwest quarter of Section 35, Township*  
8       *4 South Range 1 West, Salt Lake Base and Me-*  
9       *ridian. Beginning at the Northwest corner of the*  
10       *herein described land, said point bears West 194*  
11       *feet from the North quarter corner of Section 35,*  
12       *thence South 5° 47'' West 587 feet more or less,*  
13       *thence along the line of the 5° spiralled curve to*  
14       *the left a distance of 767.4 feet to a point in the*  
15       *South line of the Northeast quarter of the North-*  
16       *west quarter of said Section 35; thence East 50*  
17       *feet to the west right of way line of the Utah*  
18       *Lake Irrigation Company's canal, thence North*  
19       *1° 24'' East along said West right of way line*  
20       *in distance of 1180 feet more or less; thence*  
21       *North 3° 2'' West 128 feet; thence West 115 feet*  
22       *to the point of beginning.*

23               *(C) THIRD PARCEL.—A parcel of land situ-*  
24       *ated in Southwest quarter of Section 26, Town-*  
25       *ship 4 South, Range 1 West, Salt Lake Base and*

1       *Meridian: Commencing 144 feet West from South*  
2       *quarter corner of Section 26; a strip of land 200*  
3       *feet wide extending 100 feet each side and par-*  
4       *allel with the following described center line:*  
5       *Commencing from said point of beginning North*  
6       *5° 47'' East 861.1 feet more or less, along the*  
7       *line of a 7° spiral curve to left a distance of 464.4*  
8       *feet more or less to a point in North line of*  
9       *Southeast, quarter of Southwest quarter of Sec-*  
10       *tion 26, extending 100 feet each side and parallel*  
11       *with side center line.*

12       (2) *SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-*  
13       *scription of the parcels described in paragraph (1)*  
14       *shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the*  
15       *Secretary.*

16       (c) *REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—*

17       (1) *IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines at*  
18       *any time that the property conveyed under subsection*  
19       *(a) is not being used for activities of the Utah Na-*  
20       *tional Guard relating to training and readiness, all*  
21       *right, title, and interest in and to the property, in-*  
22       *cluding any improvements thereto, may, at the option*  
23       *of the Secretary, revert to and become the property of*  
24       *the United States, and the United States may have*  
25       *the right of immediate entry onto such property.*

1           (2) *DETERMINATION.*—*A determination by the*  
2           *Secretary under paragraph (1) may be made on the*  
3           *record after an opportunity for a hearing.*

4           (d) *PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.*—

5           (1) *PAYMENT REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary may*  
6           *require the State of Utah to cover all costs (except*  
7           *costs for environmental remediation of the property)*  
8           *to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the*  
9           *Secretary for costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry*  
10          *out the conveyance under subsection (a), including*  
11          *costs for environmental and real estate due diligence*  
12          *and any other administrative costs related to the con-*  
13          *veyance.*

14          (2) *REFUND OF EXCESS AMOUNTS.*—*If amounts*  
15          *are collected from the State under paragraph (1) in*  
16          *advance of the Secretary incurring the actual costs,*  
17          *and the amount collected exceeds the costs actually in-*  
18          *curring by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance*  
19          *under subsection (a), the Secretary shall refund the*  
20          *excess amount to the State.*

21          (e) *LIMITATION ON SOURCE OF FUNDS.*—*The State*  
22          *may not use Federal funds to cover any portion of the costs*  
23          *required to be paid by the State under this section.*

24          (f) *ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*The Sec-*  
25          *retary may require such additional terms and conditions*

1 *in connection with the conveyance under subsection (a) as*  
 2 *the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests*  
 3 *of the United States.*

4 **SEC. 2833. LAND CONVEYANCE, MILAN ARMY AMMUNITION**  
 5 **PLANT, TENNESSEE.**

6 (a) *CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.*—*The Secretary of the*  
 7 *Army may convey, without consideration, to the University*  
 8 *of Tennessee System (in this section referred to as the “Uni-*  
 9 *versity”)* all right, title, and interest of the United States  
 10 *in and to parcels of real property, including any improve-*  
 11 *ments thereon, at Milan Army Ammunition Plant, Ten-*  
 12 *nessee, that consist of a total of approximately 5,000 acres*  
 13 *for the purpose of permitting the University to use the par-*  
 14 *cels for education research.*

15 (b) *REVISIONARY INTEREST.*—

16 (1) *INTEREST RETAINED.*—

17 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*If the Secretary of the*  
 18 *Army determines at any time that the property*  
 19 *conveyed to the University under subsection (a)*  
 20 *is not being used in accordance with the purpose*  
 21 *of the conveyance specified in such subsection, all*  
 22 *right, title, and interest in and to the conveyed*  
 23 *property, including any improvements thereon,*  
 24 *shall, at the option of the Secretary, revert to*  
 25 *and become the property of the United States,*

1           *and the United States shall have the right of im-*  
2           *mediate entry onto the property.*

3           *(B) DETERMINATION.—A determination by*  
4           *the Secretary of the Army under subparagraph*  
5           *(A) shall be made on the record after an oppor-*  
6           *tunity for a hearing.*

7           *(2) ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERATION OPTION.—In*  
8           *lieu of exercising the reversionary interest retained*  
9           *under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Army may*  
10          *accept an offer by the University to pay to the Sec-*  
11          *retary an amount equal to the fair market value of*  
12          *the property conveyed under subsection (a), excluding*  
13          *the value of any improvements on the conveyed prop-*  
14          *erty constructed without Federal funds after the date*  
15          *the conveyance is completed, as determined by the*  
16          *Secretary.*

17          *(c) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The Sec-*  
18          *retary of the Army shall require the University to pay costs*  
19          *(except costs for environmental remediation of the property)*  
20          *to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Sec-*  
21          *retary for such costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry*  
22          *out the conveyance authorized under subsection (a), includ-*  
23          *ing survey costs, appraisal costs, costs for environmental*  
24          *documentation related to the conveyance, and any other ad-*  
25          *ministrative costs related to the conveyance.*

1       (d) *TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.*—

2           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Amounts received as reim-  
3       bursement under subsection (c) or as alternative con-  
4       sideration under subsection (b)(2) shall be credited to  
5       the fund or account that was used to pay the costs in-  
6       curred by the Secretary of the Army in carrying out  
7       the conveyance under subsection (a) or, if the period  
8       of availability of obligation for appropriations to that  
9       fund or account has expired, to the fund or account  
10      that is currently available to the Secretary for the  
11      same purpose.

12          (2) *MERGER OF AMOUNTS.*—Amounts credited to  
13      a fund or account under paragraph (1) shall be  
14      merged with amounts in such fund or account and  
15      shall be available for the same purposes, and subject  
16      to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in  
17      such fund or account.

18      (e) *DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.*—The exact acreage  
19      and legal description of the parcels of real property to be  
20      conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a sur-  
21      vey satisfactory to the Secretary of the Army.

22      (f) *ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—The Sec-  
23      retary of the Army may require such additional terms and  
24      conditions in connection with the conveyance authorized by

1 subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to  
 2 protect the interests of the United States.

### 3 ***Subtitle E—Pilot Programs***

#### 4 ***SEC. 2841. DIGITAL TWIN MODELS AT CERTAIN MILITARY*** 5 ***INSTALLATIONS.***

6 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 120 days after the  
 7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,  
 8 in coordination with the Secretaries of the military depart-  
 9 ments, shall carry out a three-year pilot program to imple-  
 10 ment digital twin models at not less than five covered mili-  
 11 tary installations for the purposes of identifying any  
 12 vulnerabilities or interdependencies of such covered military  
 13 installations.

14 (b) *REQUIREMENTS OF MODELS.*—The Secretary of  
 15 Defense shall ensure that each digital twin model represents  
 16 a virtual model of the infrastructure systems of the respec-  
 17 tive covered military installation, including—

- 18 (1) *the energy systems;*
- 19 (2) *the water systems;*
- 20 (3) *the transportation systems;*
- 21 (4) *the communications systems; and*
- 22 (5) *any other critical mission-support systems.*

23 (c) *USE OF MODELS.*—The Secretary of Defense shall  
 24 use such digital twin models to—

- 25 (1) *conduct an assessment of—*



1           (A) the infrastructure system of each cov-  
2           ered military installation represented by such  
3           digital twin models; and

4           (B) any public infrastructure systems, in-  
5           cluding local facilities of the bulk-power system,  
6           transportation systems, local systems for the dis-  
7           tribution of fuel, and public water systems, that  
8           are used by such covered military installations;  
9           and

10          (2) to evaluate, during a disruption scenario, the  
11          resilience and continuity of operations of such covered  
12          military installations, including during—

13               (A) a cyber attack;

14               (B) a kinetic attack;

15               (C) a natural disaster; or

16               (D) an interruption of the supply chains of  
17          such covered military installations.

18          (d) *COVERED MILITARY INSTALLATION.*—In this sec-  
19          tion, the term “covered military installation” means a mili-  
20          tary installation that would be critical to a contingency  
21          operation in the Indo-Pacific region, as determined by the  
22          Secretary of Defense.

1 **SEC. 2842. PILOT PROGRAM ON WASTEWATER MONITORING**  
2 **AND PATHOGEN-AGNOSTIC MONITORING SYS-**  
3 **TEM OF CERTAIN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

4 (a) *PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.*—Not later than 180  
5 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program under  
7 which the Secretary shall develop and implement a com-  
8 prehensive wastewater monitoring system at not fewer than  
9 four military installations at which the Secretary seeks to  
10 identify the prevalence of infectious diseases among mem-  
11 bers of the Armed Forces at the installation (in this section  
12 referred to as the “pilot program”).

13 (b) *PATHOGEN-AGNOSTIC PILOT PROGRAM.*—

14 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after  
15 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary  
16 shall carry out a second pilot program under which  
17 the Secretary shall develop and implement a patho-  
18 gen-agnostic monitoring system that leverages emerg-  
19 ing biotechnologies for early detection of novel patho-  
20 gens (in this section referred to as the “pathogen-ag-  
21 nostic pilot program”).

22 (2) *PURPOSES.*—The purpose of the pathogen-ag-  
23 nostic pilot program shall aim to—

24 (A) improve detection, identification, and  
25 analysis of infectious disease prevalence among

1           *members of the Armed Forces and other relevant*  
2           *Department of Defense personnel; and*

3           *(B) strengthen early-warning capabilities*  
4           *for novel pathogens.*

5       *(c) TECHNOLOGIES AND DATA SYSTEM USED.—In*  
6       *carrying out the pilot program under subsection (a), the*  
7       *Secretary shall ensure all systems developed and imple-*  
8       *mented under such subsection is comprised of appropriate*  
9       *technologies, standardized analytical tools, and a uniform*  
10       *data system.*

11       *(d) DURATION.—The pilot program shall be carried*  
12       *out during a two-year period beginning on the date of the*  
13       *commencement of the pilot program and the pathogen-ag-*  
14       *nostic pilot program, respectively.*

15       *(e) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the termi-*  
16       *nation of the pilot program and the pathogen-agnostic pilot*  
17       *program, respectively, the Secretary shall submit to the con-*  
18       *gressional defense committees a report that includes the fol-*  
19       *lowing:*

20           *(1) A summary of the findings from all moni-*  
21           *toring systems under the pilot program and pathogen-*  
22           *agnostic pilot program.*

23           *(2) Recommendations for interventions or policy*  
24           *changes based on trends observed under the pilot pro-*  
25           *gram.*

1           (3) *An assessment of the effectiveness of the pilot*  
 2           *program in enhancing force health protection, readi-*  
 3           *ness, and early pathogen detection.*

4           (f) *STRATEGIC PLAN.*—*Not later than one year after*  
 5           *the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall*  
 6           *submit to Congress a strategic plan that—*

7                 (1) *defines requirements for implementing a scal-*  
 8                 *able, pathogen-agnostic monitoring capability;*

9                 (2) *identifies technologies and risk-based meth-*  
 10                *odologies to achieve mission requirements; and*

11               (3) *demonstrates coordination with the Bio-*  
 12                *defense Council ensuring compliance with Privacy*  
 13                *Act and Department regulations.*

14   **SEC. 2843. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PILOT PROGRAM FOR**  
 15               **DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF ONLINE REAL ES-**  
 16               **TATE INVENTORY TOOL.**

17           (a) *PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.*—

18                 (1) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary of Defense*  
 19                 *shall establish a pilot program for the development of*  
 20                 *an online real estate tool to identify the existing in-*  
 21                 *ventory of space available at the military installa-*  
 22                 *tions selected by the Secretary under paragraph (2)*  
 23                 *for the purposes specified in subsection (b).*

24                 (2) *SELECTION OF PILOT LOCATIONS.*—*The Sec-*  
 25                 *retary shall evaluate the online inventory tool at not*

1       *less than five, but not more than ten, Air Force,*  
2       *Navy, Marine Corps and Space Force military instal-*  
3       *lations selected by the Secretary as appropriate loca-*  
4       *tions for evaluation of the online inventory tool.*

5               (3) *COORDINATION WITH ARMY.*—*In addition to*  
6       *the military installations selected under paragraph*  
7       *(2), the Secretary shall include in the pilot pro-*  
8       *gram—*

9               (A) *all military installations under the ju-*  
10       *risdiction of the Department of the Army that*  
11       *participated in the pilot program established*  
12       *under section 2866 of the Military Construction*  
13       *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (division*  
14       *B of Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 7771 note*  
15       *prec.); and*

16              (B) *entries included in the online real estate*  
17       *tool of the Department of Army as of the date on*  
18       *which such pilot program terminated.*

19              (4) *CONSULTATION.*—*The Secretary shall estab-*  
20       *lish the pilot program and develop the online inven-*  
21       *tory tool in consultation with the Administrator of*  
22       *General Services and each of the service Secretaries.*

23              (b) *PURPOSES.*—*The purposes of the online inventory*  
24       *tool are—*

1           (1) *to achieve efficiencies in real estate property*  
2           *management consistent with the National Defense*  
3           *Strategy goal of finding greater efficiencies within*  
4           *Department of Defense operations and leveraging*  
5           *commercial off-the-shelf technologies to better enable*  
6           *members of the Armed Forces;*

7           (2) *to provide a means to better market to the*  
8           *public information regarding space available at all*  
9           *Department of Defense military installations for bet-*  
10          *ter utilization of such space; and*

11          (3) *to provide a means to better quantify exist-*  
12          *ing space available at all Department of Defense mili-*  
13          *tary installations and how it is utilized for current*  
14          *missions and requirements.*

15          (c) *CONSIDERATIONS.—To establish the pilot program,*  
16          *the Secretary of Defense shall—*

17               (1) *consider innovative approaches, including the*  
18               *use of other transaction authorities consistent with*  
19               *section 2371 of title 10, United States Code, and the*  
20               *use of commercial off- the-shelf technologies;*

21               (2) *develop appropriate protections of sensitive*  
22               *or classified information from being included with the*  
23               *online inventory tool; and*

24               (3) *develop appropriate levels of access for pri-*  
25               *vate sector users of the online inventory tool;*

1           (4) *in developing these considerations shall in-*  
2           *clude lessons learned from the Secretary of the Army*  
3           *on the development of the pilot program for the online*  
4           *real estate tool under 2866 of the Military Construc-*  
5           *tion Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.*

6           (d) *ESTABLISHMENT OF USE POLICY.—In connection*  
7           *with the development of the online inventory tool, the Sec-*  
8           *retary of the Defense shall develop policy requiring the use*  
9           *of the online inventory tool at all Department of Defense*  
10          *military installations selected under subsection (a)(2) to*  
11          *query for existing inventory at such military installations*  
12          *before any military construction or off-post leases are*  
13          *agreed to for such military installations. The Secretary*  
14          *shall prescribe guidelines that will be implemented by each*  
15          *respective service secretary. Further, the Secretary shall en-*  
16          *sure that all relevant notifications to congressional defense*  
17          *committees include certification that the online inventory*  
18          *tool was used.*

19          (e) *ONLINE INVENTORY TOOL DEFINED.—In this sec-*  
20          *tion, the term “online inventory tool” means the online real*  
21          *estate tool developed under the pilot program to identify*  
22          *existing inventory of space available at Department of De-*  
23          *fense military installations selected to participate in the*  
24          *pilot program.*

1       (f) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this section*  
2 *shall be construed to effect the application of title V of the*  
3 *McKinney- Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.*  
4 *11411 et seq.).*

5       (g) *REPORTING REQUIREMENT.*—*Not later than Feb-*  
6 *ruary 15, 2027, the Secretary of the Defense shall submit*  
7 *to Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the*  
8 *House of Representatives a report evaluating the success of*  
9 *the pilot program in achieving the purposes specified in*  
10 *subsection (b). At a minimum, the report also shall identify*  
11 *and contain the following:*

12               (1) *The Department of Defense military installa-*  
13 *tions selected under subsection (a)(2) to participate in*  
14 *the pilot program broken out by respective service.*

15               (2) *The number of real estate agreements entered*  
16 *into by each of the respective service secretaries that*  
17 *were facilitated by use of the online inventory tool,*  
18 *including for each agreement the installation, amount*  
19 *of space, value, and purpose of the agreement.*

20               (3) *An evaluation of the extent to which use of*  
21 *the online inventory tool reduced the need for mili-*  
22 *tary construction or off-post leases.*

23               (4) *An evaluation of any impediments to effi-*  
24 *cient use of the online inventory tool.*



1           (5) *The recommendations of the Secretary of De-*  
2       *fense regarding whether the pilot program should be*  
3       *extended, expanded, or made permanent.*

4       (h) *DURATION.*—*The authority of the Secretary of the*  
5       *Defense to carry out the pilot program shall expire on Sep-*  
6       *tember 30, 2031.*

7       **SEC. 2844. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INTEGRATED**  
8               **CONNECTIVITY SERVICE.**

9       (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary of Defense, act-*  
10      *ing through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy,*  
11      *Installations, and Environment, shall establish and carry*  
12      *out a pilot program to provide integrated connectivity serv-*  
13      *ice to a covered population—*

14           (1) *stationed at five covered military installa-*  
15      *tions in the Middle East, as determined by the Sec-*  
16      *retary; and*

17           (2) *at no cost to such covered population.*

18      (b) *PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.*—

19           (1) *SERVICE PROVISIONING AND ENSURING.*—*The*  
20      *Assistant Secretary shall enter into a contract with*  
21      *an American contracted entity to act as telecommuni-*  
22      *cations operator for the covered military installa-*  
23      *tion—*

24           (A) *to provision the integrated connectivity*  
25      *service with a private network management sys-*

tem or a hybrid-capable network management system;

(B) to ensure the integrated connectivity service can support multiple tenant commands, or activity present on such covered military installations with individualized commitments, such as separate network slices and security policies that can be tailored to the tenant command requirements; and

(C) to provision and ensure operation of the integrated connectivity service.

(2) *INTEGRATED CONNECTIVITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT.*—The integrated connectivity service provided under the pilot program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall—

(A) provide broadband internet access service as the baseline service and meet or exceed any speed benchmarks established by the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission for broadband internet access services, including—

(i) a minimum download speed of 100-Mbps; and

(ii) a minimum upload speed of 20-Mbps; and

1           (B) support the integration of P5G data  
2           services with broadband internet access service  
3           over a common integrated connectivity service,  
4           where such mobile services are identified as re-  
5           quired by the covered military installation ten-  
6           ant command.

7           (3) *GOODS PROCURED UNDER CONTRACT.*—Any  
8           goods procured under the contract described under  
9           paragraph (1) shall be the property of the Depart-  
10          ment of Defense.

11          (4) *STANDARD.*—Infrastructure setup and oper-  
12          ation of the integrated connectivity service—

13               (A) shall be based on National Institute of  
14               Standards and Technology standards specified in  
15               NIST SP 800-171 Rev. 3, or successor standards,  
16               including any future revisions, updates, or suc-  
17               cessor publications to ensure the availability and  
18               security of such integrated connectivity service;  
19               and

20               (B) shall exclude hybrid-capable network  
21               management systems with availability and secu-  
22               rity risks, such as pure public cloud only net-  
23               work management systems.

1           (5) *COST.*—*In carrying out the pilot program,*  
2           *the Assistant Secretary shall account for the full life*  
3           *cycle costs of such pilot program, including—*

4                     (A) *the initial build and setup;*

5                     (B) *a refresh, every five years during the*  
6                     *period the authority to carry out the pilot pro-*  
7                     *gram is effective, of the integrated connectivity*  
8                     *service, including a refresh of the underlying in-*  
9                     *frastructure of the entire integrated connectivity*  
10                    *service, to ensure long-term—*

11                       (i) *availability;*

12                       (ii) *security; and*

13                       (iii) *usability; and*

14                     (C) *monthly recurring costs, including serv-*  
15                     *ices provided by—*

16                       (i) *the host nation carrier for band-*  
17                       *width; and*

18                       (ii) *the telecommunications operator.*

19           (6) *METHODOLOGY.*—*When carrying out the*  
20           *pilot program, the Assistant Secretary shall use in-*  
21           *dustry standard life cycle methodologies and broadly*  
22           *adopted practices, including the NIST Cybersecurity*  
23           *Framework, NIST SP 800-53, Information Tech-*  
24           *nology infrastructure library and the Plan, Prepare,*  
25           *Design, Implement, Operate, Optimize methodology to*

1       *deliver a cost-effective, secure, sustainable, right-sized*  
2       *network infrastructure.*

3           (7) *EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT.*—*Any articles,*  
4       *materials, or supplies procured by the American con-*  
5       *tracted entity for the purpose of providing integrated*  
6       *connectivity service, as described under paragraph*  
7       *(1), shall be made in the United States.*

8       (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than five years after the date*  
9       *of the enactment of this section, and annually thereafter,*  
10      *the Assistant Secretary shall submit to Congress a report*  
11      *on the pilot program carried out under this section, includ-*  
12      *ing—*

13           (1) *an analysis of the cost; and*

14           (2) *a determination of which additional military*  
15      *installations located outside the contiguous United*  
16      *States should be provided with integrated connectivity*  
17      *service.*

18      (d) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

19           (1) *The term “5G” means fifth generation mobile*  
20      *network technology, including higher-speed and lower*  
21      *latency device connectivity over mobile radio net-*  
22      *works.*

23           (2) *The term “Assistant Secretary” means the*  
24      *Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installa-*  
25      *tions, and Environment.*

1           (3) *The term “American contracted entity”*  
2       *means an entity—*

3               (A) *organized in the United States and*  
4       *with its principal place of business located with-*  
5       *in the United States;*

6               (B) *majority-owned and controlled by a*  
7       *United States citizen, a lawful permanent resi-*  
8       *dent, or publicly traded on a United States stock*  
9       *exchange and subject to United States laws and*  
10       *jurisdiction;*

11              (C) *that employs primarily personnel based*  
12       *in the United States to perform management, en-*  
13       *gineering, operations, and customer support*  
14       *functions, including staffing key operational and*  
15       *decision-making roles within the United States;*

16              (D) *that procures equipment and technology*  
17       *through a supply chain compliant with sections*  
18       *889 and 1260H of the National Defense Author-*  
19       *ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law*  
20       *116–283), including the avoidance of prohibited*  
21       *or restricted telecommunications and video sur-*  
22       *veillance equipment and services; and*

23              (E) *that complies with section 8302 of title*  
24       *41, United States Code, whenever practicable,*  
25       *prioritizing United States manufactured prod-*

1        *ucts, United States sourced components, and*  
2        *United States based subcontractors and suppliers*  
3        *wherever and whenever possible, consistent with*  
4        *project requirements, availability and cost rea-*  
5        *sonableness.*

6        *(4) The term “broadband internet access service”*  
7        *has the meaning given such term in section 8.1(b),*  
8        *title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor*  
9        *regulation.*

10        *(5) The term “cloud only deployment model”*  
11        *means a deployment model in which the network*  
12        *management system is delivered solely as a vendor-*  
13        *managed software-as-a-service offering, with no op-*  
14        *tion for self-hosted, on-premises, or private cloud de-*  
15        *ployment.*

16        *(6) The term “covered military installation”*  
17        *means a military installation as defined in section*  
18        *2801 of title 10, United States Code, under the juris-*  
19        *isdiction of the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of*  
20        *the Air Force, or the Secretary of the Navy and lo-*  
21        *cated in the Middle East.*

22        *(7) The term “covered population” means active*  
23        *duty members of the Armed Forces, as defined in sec-*  
24        *tion 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code, but*  
25        *may be expanded to include employees of a Defense*

1     *Agency as defined in section 101(a)(11) of title 10,*  
2     *United States Code, by the tenant command of a cov-*  
3     *ered military installation through the telecommuni-*  
4     *cations officer of the covered military installation.*

5             *(8) The term “host nation carrier” means a tele-*  
6     *communications provider that is—*

7                     *(A) licensed or authorized to operate in the*  
8     *foreign nation in which the covered military in-*  
9     *stallation is located; and*

10                    *(B) provides broadband internet access,*  
11     *data, or mobile communication services within*  
12     *the foreign nation.*

13             *(9) The term “hybrid-capable network manage-*  
14     *ment system” means a common architectural frame-*  
15     *work that supports both broadband internet access*  
16     *service and private or hybrid public and P5G mobile*  
17     *connectivity services, as required and is not limited*  
18     *to a public only deployment model or a cloud only de-*  
19     *ployment model.*

20             *(10) The term “integrated connectivity service”*  
21     *means a fixed, high-speed broadband internet access*  
22     *service, and may include private or hybrid mobile*  
23     *connectivity, including P5G, as required by the Sec-*  
24     *retary to meet operational requirements.*



1           (11) *The term “Mbps” means one million bits*  
2           *per second.*

3           (12) *The term “P5G” means a private mobile*  
4           *network service using 5G mobile network technology*  
5           *and available only to members of the Armed Forces*  
6           *stationed on covered military installations partici-*  
7           *parting in the pilot program established in subsection*  
8           *(a).*

9           (13) *The term “private network management*  
10          *system” means a network management system that is*  
11          *compliant with the requirements for a cyber security*  
12          *maturity model certification and which is not cloud-*  
13          *based.*

14          (14) *The term “public only deployment model”*  
15          *means a deployment model in which the network*  
16          *management system is hosted exclusively in a third-*  
17          *party public cloud environment, including AWS,*  
18          *Azure, and Google Cloud and cannot be deployed or*  
19          *operated on customer-owned or on-premises infra-*  
20          *structure.*

21          (15) *the term “pure public cloud only network*  
22          *management system” means a network management*  
23          *platform hosted and operated exclusively within a*  
24          *third-party public cloud environment and delivered*  
25          *solely as a cloud-based service, with no capability for*

1       *deployment, operation, or control within on-premises*  
 2       *or private cloud infrastructure.*

3           (16) *The term “telecommunications operator”*  
 4       *means an American contracted entity responsible for*  
 5       *the design, installation, and ongoing operations and*  
 6       *maintenance of the broadband internet access service*  
 7       *and P5G mobile network access to be provided on a*  
 8       *covered military installation.*

9                   ***Subtitle F—Miscellaneous***  
 10                   ***Authorities***

11   ***SEC. 2851. AUTHORITY FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO AC-***  
 12                   ***QUIRE REAL PROPERTY AND FACILITIES IN***  
 13                   ***THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND TO AD-***  
 14                   ***MINISTER SUCH PROPERTY AS PART OF THE***  
 15                   ***PENTAGON RESERVATION.***

16       (a) *AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO*  
 17   *ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY AND FACILITIES IN NATIONAL*  
 18   *CAPITAL REGION.—Chapter 159 of title 10, United States*  
 19   *Code, is amended by inserting before section 2674 the fol-*  
 20   *lowing new section:*

21   ***“§2673. Acquisition by Secretary of Defense of real***  
 22                   ***property and facilities in the National***  
 23                   ***Capital Region***

24       “(a) *AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding section 2682 of*  
 25   *this title, the Secretary of Defense may acquire real prop-*

erty and facilities in the National Capital Region for an element of the Department of Defense other than a military department.

“(b) *AUTHORIZATION BY LAW REQUIRED FOR ABOVE-THRESHOLD ACQUISITION.*—If the cost to acquire real property or facilities under subsection (a) exceeds the limitations specified in section 2663(c) of this title for an acquisition of interests in land, the Secretary may acquire the real property or facilities only if the acquisition is specifically authorized by law.

“(c) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section, the terms ‘National Capital Region’ and ‘Pentagon Reservation’ have the meanings given those terms in section 2674(f) of this title.”.

(b) *ACQUIRED REAL PROPERTY INCLUDED IN AUTHORITIES APPLICABLE TO PENTAGON RESERVATION.*—Section 2674(f)(1) of such title is amended by striking “means the” and all that follows and inserting the following: “means the following:

“(A) *The Pentagon.*

“(B) *The Mark Center Campus.*

“(C) *The Raven Rock Mountain Complex.*

“(D) *Any real property or facility acquired under section 2673 of this title.*”.

1 **SEC. 2852. ESTABLISHMENT OF A DASHBOARD FOR MILI-**  
2 **TARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR RE-**  
3 **SEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**  
4 **TION FACILITIES.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than one year after the  
6 enactment of this section, the Under Secretary of Defense  
7 for Research and Engineering, in coordination with each  
8 Secretary of a military department, shall establish a central  
9 dashboard to monitor and track Research, Development,  
10 Test, and Evaluation facility data related to military con-  
11 struction planning, design, and execution metrics across the  
12 military departments.

13 (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—The database shall—

- 14 (1) use existing financial management tools;
- 15 (2) display relevant data for Research, Develop-  
16 ment, Test, and Evaluation facilities including, at a  
17 minimum, facility location, manager of the facility,  
18 building number, plant replacement value, age, size,  
19 building condition index, mission dependency index,  
20 civil engineering projects programmed for the facility,  
21 and value of each such projects;
- 22 (3) track unfunded facility requirements;
- 23 (4) summarize laboratory real property and  
24 non-real property data and metrics;
- 25 (5) use Real Property Unique Identifiers (or a  
26 similar identifier for real property or other assets au-

1        *thorized by the Secretary of Defense) for Equipment*  
2        *Replacement Value of equipment that is not real*  
3        *property; and*

4            *(6) display trends across any data included in*  
5        *the database.*

6        *(c) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30*  
7        *days after the date on which the dashboard required by sub-*  
8        *section (a) is established, the Under Secretary of Defense*  
9        *for Research and Engineering shall submit to the congres-*  
10       *sional defense committees a certification that the dashboard*  
11       *is operational and meets the requirements of subsection (b).*

12       *(d) RECOMMENDATION.—Not later than three years*  
13       *after the enactment of this section, the Under Secretary of*  
14       *Defense for Research and Engineering shall submit to the*  
15       *Secretary of Defense a recommendation on whether use of*  
16       *the dashboard should be continued. Not later than 15 days*  
17       *after making such submission, the Under Secretary shall*  
18       *submit to the congressional defense committees a notice of*  
19       *such recommendation.*

20       *(e) TERMINATION.—The authority under this section*  
21       *terminates on December 30, 2030.*

22       *(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

23            *(1) The term “Research, Development, Test, and*  
24        *Evaluation facility” means a laboratory facility or a*  
25        *test and evaluation facility.*

1           (2) *The term “Equipment Replacement Value”*  
2           *means the estimated cost to replace the non-real prop-*  
3           *erty installed test equipment within a ground test in-*  
4           *frastructure asset.*

5   **SEC. 2853. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR DEFENSE SITE RE-**  
6                           **IMBURSEMENT IN THE FEDERATED STATES**  
7                           **OF MICRONESIA.**

8           *Using amounts authorized to be appropriated on or*  
9           *after the date of enactment of this Act for such purposes,*  
10          *the Department of Defense is authorized to reimburse the*  
11          *Federal States of Micronesia for land acquisition costs for*  
12          *defense sites in Yap.*

13   **SEC. 2854. RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE NA-**  
14                           **TIONAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM IN FORT**  
15                           **PIERCE, FLORIDA, AS A NATIONAL MEMORIAL,**  
16                           **NATIONAL MEMORIAL GARDEN, AND NA-**  
17                           **TIONAL K9 MEMORIAL.**

18          *The Secretary of the Navy shall recognize the National*  
19          *Navy SEAL Museum Memorial, the Memorial Garden and*  
20          *Living Beach, and the Naval Special Warfare K9 Memorial*  
21          *of the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum, located at 3300*  
22          *North Highway A1A, North Hutchinson Island, in Fort*  
23          *Pierce, Florida, as a national memorial, national memorial*  
24          *garden, and national K9 memorial, respectively, of the*  
25          *Navy SEALs.*

1       ***Subtitle G—Reports and Other***  
2                               ***Matters***

3       ***SEC. 2861. ANNUAL REPORT ON SUPERVISION, INSPECTION,***  
4                               ***AND OVERHEAD COSTS FOR MILITARY CON-***  
5                               ***STRUCTION PROJECTS.***

6       *Subchapter III of chapter 169 of title 10, United States*  
7       *Code, is amended by inserting after section 2851a the fol-*  
8       *lowing new section:*

9       ***“§2851b. Annual report on supervision, inspection,***  
10                              ***and overhead costs of military construc-***  
11                              ***tion projects***

12       *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date on which*  
13       *the budget of the President for fiscal year 2028 is submitted*  
14       *to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, and on*  
15       *an annual basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in co-*  
16       *ordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for En-*  
17       *ergy, Installations, and Environment, shall submit to the*  
18       *congressional defense committees a report with respect to*  
19       *supervision, inspection, and overhead costs for military*  
20       *construction projects during the fiscal year immediately*  
21       *preceding the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.*

22       *“(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required under sub-*  
23       *section (a) shall include, with respect to the period covered*  
24       *by the report, the following:*

1           “(1) *The total amount of supervision, inspection,*  
2           *and overhead costs accrued, disaggregated by—*

3                     “(A) *military department; and*

4                     “(B) *construction agent.*

5           “(2) *A description of how amounts appropriated*  
6           *for supervision, inspection, and overhead for military*  
7           *construction projects were expended during such pe-*  
8           *riod, disaggregated by—*

9                     “(A) *direct project supervision and inspec-*  
10            *tion costs;*

11                    “(B) *field office overhead;*

12                    “(C) *regional office overhead; and*

13                    “(D) *headquarters overhead.*

14           “(3) *The supervision, inspection, and overhead*  
15           *rate in effect during the fiscal year immediately pre-*  
16           *ceding such period.*

17           “(4) *If the supervision, inspection, and overhead*  
18           *rate in effect as of the date of the submission of the*  
19           *report is different than the rate described in para-*  
20           *graph (3)—*

21                    “(A) *a summary of the changes to such rate;*

22                    *and*

23                    “(B) *the justification for such changes.*

24           “(5) *A summary that compares the total amount*  
25           *of supervision, inspection, and overhead costs accrued*



1       to the total amount of supervision, inspection, and  
2       overhead funds expended, including—

3               “(A) an identification of any surplus or  
4               shortfall in such funds; and

5               “(B) a description of how any surplus of  
6               such funds was used.

7               “(6) The total amount of any similar overhead  
8       cost assessed on operation and maintenance funds  
9       used for facility sustainment, restoration, and mod-  
10      ernization projects, disaggregated by military depart-  
11      ment, and a description of the facility sustainment,  
12      restoration, and modernization projects for which  
13      such operation and maintenance funds were ex-  
14      pended.

15              “(7) Any recommendations of the Secretary with  
16      respect to adjustments to the supervision, inspection,  
17      and overhead rate for the fiscal year immediately suc-  
18      ceeding the fiscal year during which such report is  
19      submitted, including the justification for any such  
20      recommendations.

21              “(c) *DATA SUBMISSION BY CONSTRUCTION AGENTS.*—  
22      Not later than 90 days before the deadline for each report  
23      required under subsection (a), the Chief of Engineers of the  
24      United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Com-  
25      mander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Com-

1 *mand shall submit to the Secretary of Defense such data*  
 2 *as the Secretary determines necessary to prepare such re-*  
 3 *port, in such form as the Secretary determines appropriate.*

4 “(d) *CONSTRUCTION AGENT DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*  
 5 *tion, the term ‘construction agent’ means—*

6 “(1) *the United States Army Corps of Engineers;*

7 “(2) *the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems*  
 8 *Command; or*

9 “(3) *any other entity designated to supervise a*  
 10 *military construction project pursuant to section*  
 11 *2851 of this title.”.*

12 **SEC. 2862. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE MULTI-MIS-**  
 13 **SION DRY DOCK MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**  
 14 **PROJECT AT PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIP-**  
 15 **YARD, WASHINGTON.**

16 (a) *DESIGNATION.*—*The Secretary of the Navy shall*  
 17 *designate the Multi-Mission Dry Dock military construc-*  
 18 *tion project at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Washington,*  
 19 *authorized under section 2201 of the Military Construction*  
 20 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027, to be a subprogram*  
 21 *of a major defense acquisition program (as defined in sec-*  
 22 *tion 4201 of title 10, United States Code).*

23 (b) *SUBMISSION.*—*Not later than six months after the*  
 24 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy*  
 25 *shall submit to the congressional defense committees—*

1           (1) *a Baseline Estimate (as defined in section*  
 2           *4371(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code) for the*  
 3           *project described in subsection (a); and*

4           (2) *the report described in section 4351 of title*  
 5           *10, United States Code, for the most recently con-*  
 6           *cluded fiscal year quarter for such project.*

7   **SEC. 2863. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF SHIPYARD**  
 8           **INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM.**

9           (a) *REVIEW.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date*  
 10          *of the enactment of this Act, and annually until Jan 1,*  
 11          *2031, the Comptroller General of the United States shall*  
 12          *review the following:*

13           (1) *The costs, timeframes, risks, and progress of*  
 14           *the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program of*  
 15           *the Department of the Navy.*

16           (2) *The status of each project conducted under*  
 17           *the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program.*

18           (b) *BRIEFING.*—*Not later than March 1, 2027, and an-*  
 19          *nually thereafter until March 1, 2031, the Comptroller Gen-*  
 20          *eral shall provide to the congressional defense committees*  
 21          *a briefing on findings from the review required under sub-*  
 22          *section (a).*

23           (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than June 1, 2031, the Comp-*  
 24          *troller General shall provide to the congressional defense*

1 *committees a report on the findings from the review re-*  
 2 *quired under subsection (a).*

3 **SEC. 2864. CONDITIONS ON TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT OF**  
 4 **DEFENSE POWER GRID INFRASTRUCTURE IN**  
 5 **GUAM.**

6 *(a) GRID INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSFER PENDING RE-*  
 7 *QUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of Defense may not transfer*  
 8 *ownership of any power generation infrastructure or power*  
 9 *transmission infrastructure located in Guam to the Guam*  
 10 *Power Authority until the Secretary certifies to the congres-*  
 11 *sional defense committees that such infrastructure is suffi-*  
 12 *cient to meet projected mission requirements of the Depart-*  
 13 *ment of Defense for power generation and transmission ca-*  
 14 *capacity in Guam through fiscal year 2036.*

15 *(b) UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENT.—*  
 16 *Not less than 50 percent of the total linear miles of power*  
 17 *transmission lines transferred to the Guam Power Author-*  
 18 *ity pursuant to any agreement with the Secretary of De-*  
 19 *fense shall consist of underground transmission lines. For*  
 20 *purposes of this subsection, transmission lines supported by*  
 21 *above-ground concrete poles shall not be considered to be*  
 22 *underground transmission lines.*

23 *(c) AUTHORIZATION TO USE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FUNDS.—*  
 24

1           (1) *AMOUNTS DESCRIBED.*—*The Secretary of De-*  
2       *fense may use amounts authorized to be appropriated*  
3       *or otherwise made available in fiscal year 2027 or*  
4       *subsequent fiscal years for Operation and Mainte-*  
5       *nance accounts and for Military Construction ac-*  
6       *counts to carry out upgrades, repairs, modernization,*  
7       *hardening, or undergrounding of transmission lines,*  
8       *capacity expansion, or other improvements necessary*  
9       *to ensure that power generation infrastructure and*  
10      *power transmission infrastructure in Guam meets the*  
11      *requirements set forth in this section before the Sec-*  
12      *retary transfers ownership of any such infrastructure*  
13      *to the Guam Power Authority. This paragraph shall*  
14      *apply to infrastructure owned by the Secretary of De-*  
15      *fense, including infrastructure that is currently leased*  
16      *to, operated by, or otherwise made available for use*  
17      *by the Guam Power Authority.*

18           (2) *USE OF AMOUNTS.*—*Amounts described in*  
19      *paragraph (1) may be obligated or expended for plan-*  
20      *ning, design, environmental review, construction, re-*  
21      *capitalization, equipment procurement, cybersecurity*  
22      *enhancements, resiliency measures, and related*  
23      *project management costs for power generation infra-*  
24      *structure and power transmission infrastructure nec-*  
25      *essary to achieve compliance with this section, regard-*

1        *less of whether such infrastructure is under direct*  
 2        *control of the Secretary of Defense or subject to a lease*  
 3        *or operating agreement with the Guam Power Au-*  
 4        *thority at the time such funds are obligated.*

5            (3) *APPLICABILITY.*—*The authority provided by*  
 6        *this subsection is in addition to any other authority*  
 7        *available to the Secretary of Defense and shall not be*  
 8        *construed to limit the availability or use of amounts*  
 9        *otherwise authorized to be appropriated or otherwise*  
 10       *made available by law for Operation and Mainte-*  
 11       *nance accounts and for Military Construction ac-*  
 12       *counts.*

13        (d) *GUAM POWER AUTHORITY DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*  
 14       *tion, the term “Guam Power Authority” means the public*  
 15       *corporation of the Government of Guam responsible for elec-*  
 16       *tric generation and transmission services in Guam.*

17       **SEC. 2865. ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**  
 18                                **PROJECTS SUPPORTING READINESS AND**  
 19                                **PUBLIC INTEREST IN GUAM.**

20        *Not later than December 31 of the first calendar year*  
 21        *beginning after the date of the enactment of this section,*  
 22        *and on an annual basis thereafter for five years, the Com-*  
 23        *mander of Joint Region Marianas, in consultation with the*  
 24        *Governor of Guam, shall submit to the Committee on Armed*  
 25        *Services of the House of Representatives a report on mili-*

1 tary construction projects in progress as of the date of the  
 2 enactment of this Act that support military readiness and  
 3 public interests in Guam. Such report shall include mili-  
 4 tary construction projects carried out—

5 (1) pursuant to—

6 (A) section 2802 of title 10, United States  
 7 Code;

8 (B) section 2805 of such title;

9 (C) section 2815 of such title;

10 (D) section 2391(d) of such title; or

11 (E) any other provision of law granting au-  
 12 thority to the Commander to carry out such a  
 13 military construction project;

14 (2) using amounts authorized to be appropriated  
 15 for the fiscal year covered by the report for operation  
 16 and maintenance; and

17 (3) under any authority under which the De-  
 18 partment of Defense transfers funds to other Federal  
 19 agencies.

20 **SEC. 2866. ANNUAL REPORT ON EFFECTS OF EXTREME**  
 21 **WEATHER ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
 22 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND COMBATANT**  
 23 **COMMANDER REQUIREMENTS.**

24 (a) *ANNUAL REPORT.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after  
2           the date of the enactment of this Act, and on an an-  
3           nual basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall  
4           submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
5           port on vulnerabilities to military installations and  
6           combatant commander requirements resulting from  
7           extreme weather.

8           (2) *CONSIDERATION.*—In developing the first re-  
9           port required under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
10          shall—

11                 (A) consider the report submitted under sec-  
12                 tion 335(c) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
13                 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–  
14                 91; 131 Stat. 1358); and

15                 (B) expand upon the elements described in  
16                 subsection (c) of such section that were included  
17                 in such report.

18          (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The report required by subsection (a)  
19          shall include the following:

20                 (1) *An assessment of how extreme weather af-*  
21                 *fects—*

22                         (A) *low-lying military installations;*

23                         (B) *military installations under the juris-*  
24                         *isdiction of the Secretary of the Navy;*



1           (C) *military installations located outside*  
2           *the United States;*

3           (D) *the ability of members of the Armed*  
4           *Forces to use training ranges on military instal-*  
5           *lations; and*

6           (E) *housing safety and food security on*  
7           *military installations.*

8           (2) *With respect to military installations located*  
9           *outside the United States, an assessment of the col-*  
10          *laboration between the Department and the military*  
11          *or civilian agencies of the government of that country*  
12          *or nongovernmental organizations operating in that*  
13          *country to adapt to risks from extreme weather.*

14          (3) *An assessment of the strategic benefits to the*  
15          *national defense of the United States derived from—*

16               (A) *the segregation of Department infra-*  
17               *structure located in the United States from the*  
18               *national electric grid; and*

19               (B) *the use of energy-efficient, distributed,*  
20               *and smart power grids by the Armed Forces in*  
21               *the United States and overseas to ensure afford-*  
22               *able access to electricity.*

23          (4) *For each military department, a list of the*  
24          *ten military installations under the jurisdiction of the*

1       *department that are most vulnerable to extreme*  
2       *weather based on the effects of—*

3               *(A) geographic location;*

4               *(B) rising sea tides and sea levels;*

5               *(C) increased flooding;*

6               *(D) drought;*

7               *(E) desertification;*

8               *(F) wildfires;*

9               *(G) thawing permafrost; and*

10              *(H) such other categories as the Secretary*

11              *determines necessary.*

12              *(5) A summary of efforts to mitigate the effects*  
13              *listed in subparagraphs (A) through (H) of para-*  
14              *graph (4), in addition to efforts undertaken by the*  
15              *Department as of the date of the enactment of this*  
16              *section, that the Secretary determines may be nec-*  
17              *essary to—*

18                      *(A) ensure the continued operational viabil-*  
19                      *ity of the military installations identified under*  
20                      *such paragraph; and*

21                      *(B) increase the resilience of such military*  
22                      *installations.*

23              *(6) An estimation of the costs to the United*  
24              *States of such the efforts described in paragraph (5).*

1           (7) *An assessment of how adapting to extreme*  
 2           *weather affects the readiness of the Armed Forces to*  
 3           *address the threats posed by Russia, China, Iran,*  
 4           *North Korea, and violent extremism.*

5           (c) *FORM.*—*Each report required by subsection (a)*  
 6           *shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain*  
 7           *a classified annex.*

8           (d) *PUBLICATION.*—*Upon submission of a report re-*  
 9           *quired by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall pub-*  
 10          *lish the unclassified portion of the report on a publicly-*  
 11          *available Internet website of the Department of Defense.*

12          (e) *UNITED STATES DEFINED.*—*In this section, the*  
 13          *term “United States” means the several States, the District*  
 14          *of Columbia, and any territory or possession of the United*  
 15          *States.*

16   **SEC. 2867. REPORTS TO CENSUS BUREAU WITH RESPECT TO**  
 17                           **MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ON**  
 18                           **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

19          (a) *REPORTS REQUIRED.*—*Prior to the completion of*  
 20          *each decennial census, the Secretary of Defense shall submit*  
 21          *to the Director of the Census a report that identifies, with*  
 22          *respect to each military installation located in the contig-*  
 23          *uous United States, the number of—*

24                  (1) *military personnel who reside on such instal-*  
 25                  *lation; and*

1           (2) *civilian personnel who reside on such instal-*  
 2       *lation.*

3           (b) *COORDINATION.*—*In carrying out subsection (a),*  
 4       *the Secretary of Defense shall coordinate with the Secre-*  
 5       *taries of the military departments.*

6           (c) *MILITARY INSTALLATION DEFINED.*—*In this sec-*  
 7       *tion, the term “military installation” has the meaning*  
 8       *given that term in section 2801 of title 10, United States*  
 9       *Code.*

10 ***DIVISION C—DEPARTMENT OF***  
 11 ***ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY***  
 12 ***AUTHORIZATIONS AND***  
 13 ***OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS***  
 14 ***TITLE XXXI—DEPARTMENT OF***  
 15 ***ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY***  
 16 ***PROGRAMS***  
 17 ***Subtitle A—National Security***  
 18 ***Programs and Authorizations***

19 ***SEC. 3101. NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-***  
 20 ***TION.***

21           (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*Funds are*  
 22 *hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of*  
 23 *Energy for fiscal year 2027 for the activities of the National*  
 24 *Nuclear Security Administration in carrying out programs*  
 25 *as specified in the funding table in section 4701.*

1       (b) *AUTHORIZATION OF NEW PLANT PROJECTS.*—  
2 *From funds referred to in subsection (a) that are available*  
3 *for carrying out plant projects, the Secretary of Energy*  
4 *may carry out new plant projects for the National Nuclear*  
5 *Security Administration as follows:*

6               *Project 27–D–512 Plutonium Engineering Sup-*  
7       *port Building, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los*  
8       *Alamos, New Mexico, \$88,700,000.*

9       **SEC. 3102. DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP.**

10       *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the*  
11 *Department of Energy for fiscal year 2027 for defense envi-*  
12 *ronmental cleanup activities in carrying out programs as*  
13 *specified in the funding table in section 4701.*

14       **SEC. 3103. OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES.**

15       *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the*  
16 *Department of Energy for fiscal year 2027 for other defense*  
17 *activities in carrying out programs as specified in the fund-*  
18 *ing table in section 4701.*

19       **SEC. 3104. NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

20       *Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the*  
21 *Department of Energy for fiscal year 2027 for nuclear en-*  
22 *ergy as specified in the funding table in section 4701.*

1 ***Subtitle B—Program Authoriza-***  
2 ***tions, Restrictions, and Limita-***  
3 ***tions***

4 ***SEC. 3111. MODIFICATIONS TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PLUTO-***  
5 ***NIUM PIT PRODUCTION CAPACITY.***

6 *Section 6128 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
7 *ed—*

8 *(1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-*  
9 *lows:*

10 *“(a) REQUIREMENT.—Consistent with the require-*  
11 *ments of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy*  
12 *shall ensure that, by not later than 2050, the nuclear secu-*  
13 *rity enterprise has the capability to reliably produce no*  
14 *fewer than 180 war reserve plutonium pits annually.”; and*

15 *(2) in subsection (e)—*

16 *(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “each*  
17 *year” and inserting “each odd numbered year”;*  
18 *and*

19 *(B) in paragraph (2)(D), by striking “as*  
20 *compared to the report submitted during the pre-*  
21 *vious year” and inserting “as compared to the*  
22 *preceding report”.*

1 **SEC. 3112. MODIFICATION TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PRO-**  
 2 **GRAMS FOR ACCELERATION OF REPLACE-**  
 3 **MENT OF CESIUM BLOOD IRRADIATION**  
 4 **SOURCES.**

5 *Section 6156(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is*  
 6 *amended by striking “50 percent of the per-device cost” and*  
 7 *inserting “100 percent of the cost”.*

8 **SEC. 3113. OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY.**

9 *Chapter 608 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-*  
 10 *ed by inserting after section 6328 the following new section:*

11 **“§ 6329. Other transaction authority**

12 *“(a) AUTHORITY.—In addition to other acquisition*  
 13 *authorities, the Administrator may exercise the acquisition*  
 14 *authorities referred to in sections 4021 and 4022 of this*  
 15 *title to enhance the mission effectiveness of the Administra-*  
 16 *tion or to improve the nuclear security enterprise, subject*  
 17 *to the provisions of this section.*

18 *“(b) ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY.—In carrying out*  
 19 *this section, section 4021 and 4022 of this title shall be ap-*  
 20 *plied as follows:*

21 *“(1) By substituting ‘Administrator’ for ‘Sec-*  
 22 *retary of Defense’, ‘Secretary’, and ‘covered official’.*

23 *“(2) By substituting ‘Administration’ for ‘De-*  
 24 *partment of Defense’ and ‘agency’.*

25 *“(3) By substituting ‘nontraditional government*  
 26 *contractor’ for ‘nontraditional defense contractor’.*

1           “(4) *By substituting ‘construction’ for ‘military*  
2           *construction’.*

3           “(c) *DELEGATION.—The Administrator may not dele-*  
4           *gate the authority under subsection (a) to any official other*  
5           *than the Principal Deputy Administrator.*

6           “(d) *ANNUAL REPORT.—(1) Not later than March 1,*  
7           *2028, and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall sub-*  
8           *mit to the congressional defense committees a report detail-*  
9           *ing the use by the Administrator of the authority under*  
10          *subsection (a).*

11          “(2) *Each report under paragraph (1) shall contain*  
12          *the following:*

13                  “(A) *The number of transactions entered into*  
14                  *using the authority under subsection (a).*

15                  “(B) *The participants to each such transaction.*

16                  “(C) *The purpose of each such the transaction.*

17                  “(D) *The amount of each such transaction.*

18                  “(E) *Any recommendations by the Adminis-*  
19                  *trator for legislative changes to improve the use of*  
20                  *such authority.”.*



1 **SEC. 3114. EXTENSION OF ALTERNATIVE PERSONNEL SYS-**  
2 **TEM OF THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY**  
3 **ADMINISTRATION.**

4 *Section 3116 of the National Defense Authorization*  
5 *Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 50 U.S.C.*  
6 *2441 note prec.) is—*

7 *(1) amended in subsection (a)(1), by striking*  
8 *“until the date that is 10 years after the date of the*  
9 *enactment of this Act” and inserting “through Decem-*  
10 *ber 31, 2032”;*

11 *(2) transferred to subtitle C of the National Nu-*  
12 *clear Security Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2441 et*  
13 *seq.);*

14 *(3) inserted after section 3241A of such Act; and*

15 *(4) redesignated as section 3242.*

16 **SEC. 3115. DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF HIGH EX-**  
17 **PLOSIVE SYNTHESIS, FORMULATION, AND**  
18 **PRODUCTION FACILITY.**

19 *Section 3127(a)(1) of the National Defense Authoriza-*  
20 *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137*  
21 *Stat. 794) is amended by striking “2034” and inserting*  
22 *“2032”.*

1 **SEC. 3116. CONTRACTING AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE COM-**  
2 **MERCIAL TESTING SERVICES FOR EFFECTS**  
3 **OF RADIATION.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Administrator of the National*  
5 *Nuclear Security Administration, in coordination with the*  
6 *Secretary of Defense, may seek to enter into contractual ar-*  
7 *rangements with private entities to acquire services to test*  
8 *the effects of radiation in support of National Nuclear Secu-*  
9 *rity Administration and Department of Defense mission re-*  
10 *quirements for—*

- 11 (1) *nuclear deterrence;*  
12 (2) *strategic systems survivability; and*  
13 (3) *weapons component qualification testing.*

14 (b) *REPORTING REQUIREMENT.*—*Not later than 180*  
15 *days after the first contractual agreement is executed under*  
16 *this section, and annually thereafter, the Administrator, in*  
17 *coordination with the Secretary, shall submit to Congress*  
18 *a report that includes—*

- 19 (1) *an assessment on the contractual arrange-*  
20 *ments best suited for accelerating timelines and deliv-*  
21 *ering capabilities, to include, with respect to the num-*  
22 *ber of parts to be tested, the—*

- 23 (A) *cost per radiation shot;*  
24 (B) *cost per qualification; or*  
25 (C) *cost per dose rate or fluence;*

1           (2) *testing capabilities acquired under the con-*  
2           *tractual agreement and the cost of such testing capa-*  
3           *bilities;*

4           (3) *an identification of the entities that will use*  
5           *such testing capabilities;*

6           (4) *cost comparison analysis relative to Govern-*  
7           *ment-owned facilities;*

8           (5) *test execution timelines compared to Govern-*  
9           *ment-owned facilities; and*

10          (6) *an assessment of how commercial entities can*  
11          *complement ongoing Government-owned facilities;*  
12          *and*

13          (7) *any recommendations for additional authori-*  
14          *ties or resources that the Administrator or the Sec-*  
15          *retary determines is necessary to support the imple-*  
16          *mentation of this section.*

17   **SEC. 3117. PROHIBITION RELATING TO RECLASSIFICATION**  
18                   **OF HIGH-LEVEL WASTE.**

19          *None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this*  
20          *Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for the*  
21          *Department of Energy may be obligated or expended by the*  
22          *Secretary of Energy to apply the interpretation of high-*  
23          *level radioactive waste described in the notice published by*  
24          *the Secretary titled “Supplemental Notice Concerning U.S.*  
25          *Department of Energy Interpretation of High-Level Radio-*

1 *active Waste*” (84 *Fed. Reg.* 26835), or successor notice,  
 2 *with respect to such waste located in the State of Wash-*  
 3 *ington.*

4       ***Subtitle C—Reports and Other***  
 5                               ***Matters***

6 ***SEC. 3121. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS***  
 7                               ***RELATING TO CODIFICATION OF ATOMIC EN-***  
 8                               ***ERGY DEFENSE PROVISIONS.***

9       (a) *SECTION 6114.*—Section 6114 of title 10, *United*  
 10 *States Code*, is amended—

11               (1) *in subsection (c)(9), by striking “summary*  
 12 *or”;* and

13               (2) *in subsection (d)(1)(A)—*

14                       (A) *in clause (i), by striking “subsection*  
 15 *(d)(4)(A)(i)” and inserting “subsection*  
 16 *(c)(4)(A)(i)”;* and

17                       (B) *in clause (ii)—*

18                               (i) *by striking “subsection (d)(4)” and*  
 19 *inserting “subsection (c)(4)”;* and

20                               (ii) *by striking “subparagraph (B)”*  
 21 *and inserting “subparagraph (C)”.*

22       (b) *SECTION 6125.*—Section 6125 of such title is  
 23 *amended in the section heading by striking “**acquisition***  
 24 *reports” and inserting “**Acquisition Reports**”.*

1       (c) *SECTION 6171.*—Section 6171 of such title is  
 2 amended in the section heading by striking “**environ-**  
 3 **mental cleanup account**” and inserting “**Environ-**  
 4 **mental Cleanup Account**”.

5       (d) *SECTION 6180.*—Section 6180(c) of such title is  
 6 amended to read as follows:

7       “(c) *COORDINATION.*—In carrying out this section, the  
 8 Secretary shall act through the Deputy Secretary of Energy,  
 9 in coordination with such other officials of the Department  
 10 as the Deputy Secretary determines appropriate.”.

11       (e) *SECTION 6222.*—Section 6222(c)(2)(D) of such title  
 12 is amended by inserting “pursuant” after “completed”.

13       (f) *SECTION 6226.*—Section 6226 of such title is  
 14 amended in the section heading by striking “**Annual**”  
 15 and inserting “**Biennial**”.

16       (g) *SECTION 6272.*—Section 6272(a) of such title is  
 17 amended by striking “sections 5791 and 5792” and insert-  
 18 ing “sections 6281 and 6282”.

19       (h) *SECTION 6322.*—Section 6322 of such title is  
 20 amended in the section heading by striking “**and re-**  
 21 **port**”.

22       (i) *SECTION 6332.*—Section 6332 of such title is  
 23 amended—

24               (1) by striking “Of the funds” and inserting “(a)  
 25       *AUTHORITY.*—Of the funds”;

1           (2) *by striking “in this Act or subsequent” and*  
 2           *inserting “in any”;*

3           (3) *by striking “Acts,” and inserting “Act,”;*

4           (4) *by striking “: Provided, That the” and in-*  
 5           *serting “. The”;*

6           (5) *by striking “: Provided further, That” and*  
 7           *inserting a period; and*

8           (6) *by striking “notwithstanding Department”*  
 9           *and inserting the following:*

10          “(b) *ELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding Department*”.

11          (j) *SECTION 6334.—Section 6334 of such title is*  
 12          *amended—*

13           (1) *by striking “Of the funds” and inserting*  
 14           *“Beginning October 1, 2015, of the funds”;*

15           (2) *by striking “this or any subsequent Act” and*  
 16           *inserting “any Act”; and*

17           (3) *by striking the colon and all that follows*  
 18           *through “2015”.*

19          (k) *SECTION 6353.—Section 6353 of such title is*  
 20          *amended—*

21           (1) *by striking “The Administrator may” and*  
 22           *inserting “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator*  
 23           *may”;*

24           (2) *by striking “: Provided,” and inserting a pe-*  
 25           *riod;*

1           (3) by striking “That of the amount” and insert-  
2           ing the following:

3           “(b) AMOUNTS.—Of the amount”;

4           (4) in subsection (b), as so designated—

5                   (A) by striking “these activities” and in-  
6                   serting “the activities under subsection (a)”;

7                   (B) by striking “: Provided further, That”  
8                   and inserting a period; and

9                   (C) by striking “for purposes of this sec-  
10                  tion,” and inserting the following:

11           “(c) COVERED NUCLEAR WEAPONS FACILITY DE-  
12           FINED.—In this section:”; and

13           (5) in paragraph (5) of subsection (c), as so des-  
14           ignated, by striking “Nevada Test Site” and inserting  
15           “Nevada National Security Site”.

16   **SEC. 3122. MODIFICATION OF SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR**  
17           **CERTAIN SELECTED ACQUISITION REPORTS.**

18           Section 6125(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is  
19           amended by striking “At the end of the first quarter of each  
20           fiscal year” and inserting “Not later than 30 days after  
21           the date on which the President transmits to Congress the  
22           budget for the following fiscal year pursuant to section 1105  
23           of title 31”.

1 **TITLE XXXII—DEFENSE NU-**  
2 **CLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY**  
3 **BOARD**

4 **SEC. 3201. AUTHORIZATION.**

5 *There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year*  
6 *2027, \$45,000,000 for the operation of the Defense Nuclear*  
7 *Facilities Safety Board under chapter 21 of the Atomic En-*  
8 *ergy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286 et seq.).*

9 **TITLE XXXIV—NAVAL**  
10 **PETROLEUM RESERVES**

11 **SEC. 3401. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 *(a) AMOUNT.—There are authorized to be appro-*  
13 *priated to the Secretary of Energy \$13,000,000 for fiscal*  
14 *year 2027 for the purpose of carrying out activities under*  
15 *chapter 869 of title 10, United States Code, relating to the*  
16 *naval petroleum reserves.*

17 *(b) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated*  
18 *pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in sub-*  
19 *section (a) shall remain available until expended.*



1           ***TITLE XXXV—MARITIME***  
2                   ***ADMINISTRATION***  
3           ***Subtitle A—Authorization of***  
4                   ***Appropriations***  
5           ***Subtitle A—Maritime***  
6                   ***Administration***

7   ***SEC. 3501. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAR-***  
8                   ***ITIME ADMINISTRATION.***

9           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*There are authorized to be appro-*  
10   *priated to the Department of Transportation for fiscal year*  
11   *2027, for programs associated with maintaining the United*  
12   *States Merchant Marine, the following amounts:*

13                   (1) *For expenses necessary to support the United*  
14   *States Merchant Marine Academy, \$873,500,000 of*  
15   *which—*

16                           (A) *\$129,500,000 shall be for Academy op-*  
17                   *erations;*

18                           (B) *\$120,000,000 shall be for construction*  
19                   *of facilities and infrastructure at the United*  
20                   *States Merchant Marine Academy in accordance*  
21                   *with the Campus Modernization Plan and for fa-*  
22                   *cilities maintenance and repair and equipment;*  
23                   *and*

24                           (C) *\$624,000,000 shall be for construction of*  
25                   *capital improvement projects at the United*

1       *States Merchant Marine Academy, provided that*  
2       *such authorization shall expire on the later of—*  
3               *(i) October 1, 2031; or*  
4               *(ii) the date of the enactment of an Act*  
5       *authorizing funds for the United States*  
6       *Merchant Marine Academy for fiscal year*  
7       *2032.*

8       *(2) For expenses necessary to support the State*  
9       *maritime academies, \$53,400,000, of which—*

10           *(A) \$9,400,000 shall be for the Student In-*  
11       *centive Payment Program;*

12           *(B) \$7,000,000 shall be for direct payments*  
13       *for State maritime academies;*

14           *(C) \$12,000,000 shall be for training ship*  
15       *fuel assistance;*

16           *(D) \$4,000,000 shall be for offsetting the*  
17       *costs of training ship sharing; and*

18           *(E) \$21,000,000 shall be for maintenance*  
19       *and repair of State maritime academy training*  
20       *vessels.*

21       *(3) For expenses necessary to support the Na-*  
22       *tional Security Multi-Mission Vessel program, includ-*  
23       *ing funds for construction and necessary expenses to*  
24       *construct shoreside infrastructure to support such ves-*  
25       *sels, \$75,000,000.*

1           (4) *For expenses necessary to support Maritime*  
2     *Administration operations and programs,*  
3     *\$105,760,000, of which—*

4           (A) *\$15,000,000 shall be for the maritime*  
5     *environmental and technical assistance program*  
6     *under section 50307 of title 46, United States*  
7     *Code;*

8           (B) *\$15,000,000 shall be for the United*  
9     *States marine highway program, including to*  
10    *make grants authorized under section 55601 of*  
11    *title 46, United States Code;*

12          (C) *\$2,000,000 shall be for the Office of En-*  
13    *vironment and Compliance, including to assist*  
14    *in the environmental review of grant and permit*  
15    *programs administered by the Maritime Admin-*  
16    *istration; and*

17          (D) *\$73,760,000 shall be for headquarters*  
18    *operations expenses.*

19       (5) *For expenses necessary for the disposal of ob-*  
20    *solete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet of*  
21    *the Maritime Administration, \$6,000,000.*

22       (6) *For expenses necessary to maintain and pre-*  
23    *serve a United States flag merchant marine to serve*  
24    *the national security needs of the United States under*

1 *chapter 531 of title 46, United States Code,*  
2 *\$400,500,000.*

3 *(7) For expenses necessary to maintain a Cable*  
4 *Security Fleet to serve the national security needs of*  
5 *the United States under chapter 532 of title 46,*  
6 *United States Code, \$30,000,000.*

7 *(8) For expenses necessary to maintain and pre-*  
8 *serve a United States flag merchant marine to serve*  
9 *the national security needs of the United States under*  
10 *chapter 534 of title 46, United States Code,*  
11 *\$167,600,000.*

12 *(9) For expenses necessary for the loan guarantee*  
13 *program authorized under chapter 537 of title 46,*  
14 *United States Code, \$33,700,000, of which—*

15 *(A) \$30,000,000 may be used for the cost*  
16 *(as such term is defined in section 502(5) of the*  
17 *Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C.*  
18 *661a(5)) of loan guarantees under the program;*  
19 *and*

20 *(B) \$3,700,000 may be used for administra-*  
21 *tive expenses relating to loan guarantee commit-*  
22 *ments under the program.*

23 *(10) For expenses necessary to provide assistance*  
24 *to small shipyards and for maritime training pro-*

1        *grams authorized under section 54101 of title 46,*  
2        *United States Code, \$105,000,000.*

3            *(11) For expenses necessary to implement the*  
4        *port infrastructure development program, as author-*  
5        *ized under section 54301 of title 46, United States*  
6        *Code, subject to the limitation under subsection (b),*  
7        *\$550,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

8            *(12) For maritime incentive payments to centers*  
9        *of excellence designated under section 51706 of title*  
10       *46, United States Code, \$300,000,000.*

11       *(b) LIMITATION.—*

12           *(1) IN GENERAL.—No funds may be obligated or*  
13        *expended for the port infrastructure development pro-*  
14        *gram pursuant to subsection (a)(10) to make a grant*  
15        *to be used for the purchase of fully automated cargo*  
16        *handling equipment that is remotely operated or re-*  
17        *motely monitored with or without the exercise of*  
18        *human intervention or control, if the Secretary of*  
19        *Transportation determines such equipment would re-*  
20        *sult in a net loss of jobs within a port or port ter-*  
21        *minal.*

22           *(2) REPORT.—If the Secretary makes a deter-*  
23        *mination pursuant to paragraph (1), not later than*  
24        *three days after the date on which such determination*  
25        *is made, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee*

on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that includes the data and analysis used by the Secretary in making such determination.

## ***Subtitle B—Merchant Marine Academy***

### ***SEC. 3511. TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY TO THE DEPARTMENT.***

Chapter 513 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 51301(c)(1), by striking “of the Maritime Administrator under the” and inserting “and”;

(2) in section 51307—

(A) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (1) by striking “if available” and inserting “if assigned to such vessel by the Superintendent of the Academy”; and

(ii) in paragraphs (2) and (3) by striking “Maritime Administrator” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”; and

1           (B) in subsection (c)(1) by striking “if  
2           available” and inserting “if assigned to such ves-  
3           sel by the Superintendent of the Academy”;

4           (3) in section 51309—

5           (A) in subsection (a)(1) by striking “United  
6           States Merchant Marine”; and

7           (B) in subsection (b) by striking “Maritime  
8           Administration’s Operations and Training” and  
9           inserting “Superintendent of the Academy’s”;

10          (4) in section 51310 by striking “of the military  
11          department that has jurisdiction over the service” and  
12          inserting “concerned, as defined in section 101(a)(9)  
13          of title 10,”;

14          (5) in section 51312(g)(3) by striking “Maritime  
15          Administrator and”;

16          (6) in section 51313(a) by striking “the Mari-  
17          time Administrator and”;

18          (7) in section 51314(b) by striking “Maritime  
19          Administration’s Operations and Training” and in-  
20          serting “Superintendent of the Academy’s”;

21          (8) in section 51315—

22               (A) by striking “Maritime Administrator”  
23               in each place it appears and inserting “Super-  
24               intendent of the Academy”;

25               (B) in subsection (a)—

1                   (i) by striking “Merchant Marine” and  
2                   inserting “such”; and

3                   (ii) by striking “Administrator’s” and  
4                   inserting “Superintendent’s”; and

5                   (C) in subsection (b) by striking “Academy  
6                   Gift Fund” and inserting “United States Mer-  
7                   chant Marine Academy Gift Fund” each place it  
8                   appears;

9                   (9) in section 51316 by striking “Maritime Ad-  
10                  ministrator” and inserting “Secretary”;

11                  (10) in section 51317 by striking “Maritime Ad-  
12                  ministrator” and inserting “Superintendent of the  
13                  Academy” each place it appears;

14                  (11) in section 51318—

15                       (A) in subsection (a)(3)(A) by striking  
16                       “Maritime Administrator” and inserting “Sec-  
17                       retary”;

18                       (B) in subsection (b)—

19                           (i) in paragraph (1) in the matter pre-  
20                           ceding subparagraph (A) by striking “Mari-  
21                           time Administrator” and inserting “Sec-  
22                           retary”;

23                           (ii) in paragraph (2)(A) by striking  
24                           “Maritime Administrator” and inserting  
25                           “Secretary”; and



1                   (iii) in paragraph (3)(A) by striking  
2                   “Maritime Administrator” and inserting  
3                   “Superintendent”; and

4                   (C) by striking “Office of Civil Rights of the  
5                   Maritime Administration” and inserting “Office  
6                   of the Secretary Office of Civil Rights”;

7                   (12) in section 51319—

8                   (A) in subsection (a)—

9                   (i) in paragraph (4)(A)—

10                   (I) by striking “Not later than 90  
11                   days after the date of the enactment of  
12                   the National Defense Authorization Act  
13                   for Fiscal Year 2018, the Maritime Ad-  
14                   ministrator” and inserting “The Su-  
15                   perintendent”; and

16                   (II) by striking “Office of Civil  
17                   Rights of the Maritime Administra-  
18                   tion” and inserting “Office of the Sec-  
19                   retary Office of Civil Rights”; and

20                   (ii) in paragraph (5)(H) by striking  
21                   “Director of the Maritime Administration  
22                   Office of Civil Rights” and inserting “Di-  
23                   rector of the Office of the Secretary Office of  
24                   Civil Rights”;

25                   (B) in subsection (b)(1)—

1                   (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to  
2                   read as follows:

3                   “(A) *REPORTING.*—Each sexual assault re-  
4                   sponse coordinator shall report directly—

5                   “(i) to the Superintendent; or

6                   “(ii) upon belief that the Super-  
7                   intendent is acting inappropriately regard-  
8                   ing sexual assault prevention and response  
9                   matters, to the Secretary.”; and

10                  (ii) in subparagraph (B) by striking  
11                  “Maritime Administration” and inserting  
12                  “Office of the Secretary”; and

13                  (C) in subsection (e) by striking “Adminis-  
14                  trator of the Maritime Administration” and in-  
15                  serting “Secretary”;

16                  (13) in sections 51320, 51321, 51322, 51325, and  
17                  51328 by striking “Maritime Administrator” and in-  
18                  serting “Secretary” each place it appears;

19                  (14) in section 51322(c)(2) by striking “with the  
20                  international Convention of Safety of Life at Sea,  
21                  1974 (32 UST 47) and sections 8106 and 70103(c)”  
22                  and inserting the following: “with

23                  “(A) section 8106;

24                  “(B) section 70103(c); and

1           “(C)(i) *the International Convention of*  
2           *Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (32 UST 47); or*

3           “(ii) *with a certificate of inspection issued*  
4           *under section 3309.*”;

5           (15) *in section 51322(e) by striking “or staff of*  
6           *the Maritime Administration” each place it appears;*  
7           *and*

8           (16) *in section 51326—*

9           (A) *in subsection (a) by striking “Maritime*  
10           *Administrator” and inserting “Secretary”;*

11           (B) *in subsection (c) by striking “Maritime*  
12           *Administrator” and inserting “Secretary”;*

13           (C) *in subsection (d) by striking “Maritime*  
14           *Administrator” and inserting “Secretary” each*  
15           *place it appears;*

16           (D) *in subsection (e) by striking “Maritime*  
17           *Administrator” and inserting “Superintendent”;*

18           (E) *in subsection (f)(3) by striking “Mari-*  
19           *time Administrator” and inserting “Super-*  
20           *intendent”; and*

21           (F) *in subsection (h) by striking “Maritime*  
22           *Administrator” and inserting “Superintendent”.*

1 **SEC. 3512. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MER-**  
 2 **CHANT MARINE ACADEMY AS AN OFFICE**  
 3 **WITHIN THE OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

4 *Section 102 of title 49, United States Code, is amended*  
 5 *by adding at the end the following:*

6 “(k) *OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MA-*  
 7 *RINE ACADEMY.—*

8 “(1) *ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in*  
 9 *the Department an Office of the United States Mer-*  
 10 *chant Marine Academy to—*

11 “(A) *operate the United States Merchant*  
 12 *Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York; and*

13 “(B) *monitor the service obligations of*  
 14 *Academy graduates established under chapter*  
 15 *513 of title 46.*

16 “(2) *LEADERSHIP.—*

17 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—*

18 “(i) *SUPERINTENDENT.—The head of*  
 19 *the Office shall be the Superintendent of the*  
 20 *Academy appointed under section*  
 21 *51301(c)(2) of title 46.*

22 “(ii) *REPORTING.—The Super-*  
 23 *intendent shall report directly to the Sec-*  
 24 *retary of Transportation to carry out the*  
 25 *duties prescribed by the Secretary.*

26 “(B) *DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT.—*

1                   “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—A Deputy Super-  
 2                   intendent of the Academy shall be appointed  
 3                   in the competitive service by the Secretary.

4                   “(ii) *DUTIES AND POWERS.*—The Dep-  
 5                   uty Superintendent shall carry out the du-  
 6                   ties and powers prescribed by the Super-  
 7                   intendent.

8                   “(3) *ELIMINATION OR CONSOLIDATION OF OF-*  
 9                   *FICES AND OFFICE FUNCTIONS.*—The Secretary may  
 10                  eliminate or consolidate any office or office function  
 11                  within the Department into the Office of the United  
 12                  States Merchant Marine Academy that the Secretary  
 13                  determines has duties, responsibilities, resources, or  
 14                  expertise that support the purposes of the Office.

15                  “(4) *STAFFING AND BUDGETARY RESOURCES.*—

16                  “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall en-  
 17                  sure that the Office of the United States Mer-  
 18                  chant Marine Academy is adequately staffed and  
 19                  funded.

20                  “(B) *STAFFING.*—

21                  “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary may  
 22                  transfer to the Office of the United States  
 23                  Merchant Marine Academy a position with-  
 24                  in the Department from any office that is  
 25                  eliminated or consolidated under this sub-

1            *section if the Secretary determines that the*  
 2            *position is necessary to carry out the pur-*  
 3            *poses of the Office.*

4            “(ii) *SAVINGS PROVISION.*—*If the Sec-*  
 5            *retary transfers a position to the Office*  
 6            *under clause (i), the Secretary, in coordina-*  
 7            *tion with the appropriate modal adminis-*  
 8            *tration, shall ensure that the transfer of the*  
 9            *positions does not adversely affect the obli-*  
 10            *gations of such modal administration under*  
 11            *any Federal law.”.*

12 **SEC. 3513. SUPPORT FOR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS OF THE**  
 13 **UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACAD-**  
 14 **EMY.**

15            (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Chapter 513 of title 46, United*  
 16 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

17 **“§ 51329. Support for athletic programs of the United**  
 18 **States Merchant Marine Academy**

19            “(a) *CORPORATION FOR SUPPORT AUTHORIZED.*—

20            “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may, in ac-*  
 21 *cordance with the laws of the State of New York, es-*  
 22 *tablish a corporation (in this section referred to as the*  
 23 *‘corporation’) to support the athletic programs of the*  
 24 *United States Merchant Marine Academy. All stock of*

1     *the corporation shall be owned by the United States*  
 2     *and held in the name of and voted by the Secretary.*

3             “(2) *OPERATION.*—*The corporation shall operate*  
 4     *exclusively for charitable, educational, and civic pur-*  
 5     *poses to support the athletic programs of the United*  
 6     *States Merchant Marine Academy.*

7             “(b) *CORPORATE ORGANIZATION.*—*The corporation*  
 8     *shall be organized and operated—*

9                 “(1) *as a nonprofit corporation under section*  
 10     *501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;*

11                 “(2) *in accordance with this section; and*

12                 “(3) *pursuant to the laws of the State of New*  
 13     *York, its articles of incorporation, and its bylaws.*

14             “(c) *CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.*—

15                 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The members of the board of*  
 16     *directors of the corporation shall serve without com-*  
 17     *penetration as members of the board, except for reason-*  
 18     *able travel and other related expenses for attendance*  
 19     *at meetings of the board.*

20                 “(2) *DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EM-*  
 21     *PLOYEES.*—*The Secretary may authorize employees of*  
 22     *the Department of Transportation to serve, in their*  
 23     *official capacities, as members of the board of direc-*  
 24     *tors of the corporation, but such employees shall not*  
 25     *hold more than one-third of the directorships. Such*

1       *authorization to participate in the management of the*  
2       *corporation shall be without compensation and may*  
3       *be made only for the purpose of providing oversight*  
4       *and advice to, and coordination with, the corpora-*  
5       *tion. Participation of the employee in the activities of*  
6       *the corporation may not extend to participation in*  
7       *the day-to-day operations of the corporation.*

8       “(d) *CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—*

9               “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter*  
10       *contract and cooperative agreements with the corpora-*  
11       *tion for the purpose of supporting the athletic pro-*  
12       *grams of the United States Merchant Marine Acad-*  
13       *emy.*

14              “(2) *AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding section 3105*  
15       *of title 41, the Secretary may enter into such con-*  
16       *tracts and cooperative agreements on a sole source*  
17       *basis pursuant to section 3304(a) of title 41.*

18              “(3) *ACQUISITIONS.—Notwithstanding chapter*  
19       *63 of title 31, a cooperative agreement under this sec-*  
20       *tion may be used to acquire property, services, or*  
21       *travel for the direct benefit or use of the United States*  
22       *Merchant Marine Academy.*

23              “(e) *LEASES.—For the purpose of supporting the ath-*  
24       *letic programs of the United States Merchant Marine Acad-*  
25       *emy, in consultation with the General Services Administra-*



1 *tion, the Secretary may rent or lease real property located*  
2 *at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, under such*  
3 *terms and conditions as are deemed advisable, for a period*  
4 *not exceeding 5 years, such real property as may not be*  
5 *required for immediate use by the United States Merchant*  
6 *Marine Academy, to the corporation, and that proceeds*  
7 *from such a lease shall be retained and expended in accord-*  
8 *ance with subsection (j).*

9 “(f) *SUPPORT SERVICES.*—

10 “(1) *AUTHORITY.*—*To the extent required by a*  
11 *contract or cooperative agreement under subsection*  
12 *(a), the Secretary may provide support services to the*  
13 *corporation while the corporation conducts support*  
14 *activities at the United States Merchant Marine*  
15 *Academy only if the Secretary determines that the*  
16 *provision of such services is essential for the support*  
17 *of the athletic programs of the United States Mer-*  
18 *chant Marine Academy.*

19 “(2) *NO LIABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES.*—  
20 *Support services may only be provided without any*  
21 *liability of the United States to the corporation.*

22 “(3) *SUPPORT SERVICES DEFINED.*—*In this sub-*  
23 *section, the term ‘support services’ includes utilities,*  
24 *office furnishings and equipment, communications*  
25 *services, records staging and archiving, audio and*

1       *video support, and security systems, in conjunction*  
2       *with the leasing or licensing of property.*

3       “(g) *TRANSFERS FROM NONAPPROPRIATED FUND OP-*  
4       *ERATION.*—

5               “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as provided in para-*  
6       *graph (2), the Secretary may, subject to the accept-*  
7       *ance of the corporation, transfer to the corporation all*  
8       *title to and ownership of the assets and liabilities of*  
9       *the United States Merchant Marine Academy non-*  
10       *appropriated fund instrumentality, the function of*  
11       *which includes providing support for the athletic pro-*  
12       *grams of the United States Merchant Marine Acad-*  
13       *emy, including bank accounts and financial reserves*  
14       *in the accounts of such fund instrumentality, equip-*  
15       *ment, supplies, and other personal property.*

16              “(2) *LIMITATION.*—*The Secretary may not*  
17       *transfer under paragraph (1) any interest in real*  
18       *property.*

19       “(h) *ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPORT.*—

20              “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding section*  
21       *1342 of title 31, the Secretary may accept from the*  
22       *corporation funds, supplies, and services for the sup-*  
23       *port of the athletic programs of the United States*  
24       *Merchant Marine Academy.*

1           “(2) *EMPLOYEES OF THE CORPORATION.*—For  
2           *purposes of this section, employees or personnel of the*  
3           *corporation may not be considered to be employees of*  
4           *the United States.*

5           “(3) *FUNDS RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.*—  
6           *The Secretary may charge fees for the support of ath-*  
7           *letic programs of the United States Merchant Marine*  
8           *Academy. To support the athletic programs of the*  
9           *United States Merchant Marine Academy, the Sec-*  
10          *retary may accept funds from the National Collegiate*  
11          *Athletic Association, funds from athletic conferences,*  
12          *game guarantees from other educational institutions,*  
13          *fees for ticketing and licensing, and other consider-*  
14          *ation provided incidental to the execution of the ath-*  
15          *letic programs of the United States Merchant Marine*  
16          *Academy.*

17          “(4) *LIMITATION.*—*The Secretary shall ensure*  
18          *that contributions under this subsection and expendi-*  
19          *ture of funds pursuant to subsection (j) do not—*

20                 “(A) *reflect unfavorably on the ability of the*  
21                 *Department of Transportation or any employee*  
22                 *of the Department of Transportation to carry*  
23                 *out any responsibility or duty in a fair and ob-*  
24                 *jective manner; or*

1           “(B) *compromise the integrity or appear-*  
2           *ance of integrity of any program of the Depart-*  
3           *ment of Transportation, or any individual in-*  
4           *volved in such a program.*

5           “(i) *TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS.—*

6           “(1) *LICENSING, MARKETING, AND SPONSORSHIP*  
7           *AGREEMENTS.—An agreement under subsection (d)*  
8           *may, consistent with section 51330, authorize the cor-*  
9           *poration to enter into licensing, marketing, and spon-*  
10           *sorship agreements relating to trademarks and service*  
11           *marks identifying the United States Merchant Marine*  
12           *Academy, subject to the approval of the Secretary.*

13           “(2) *LIMITATIONS.—A licensing, marketing, or*  
14           *sponsorship agreement may not be entered into under*  
15           *paragraph (1) if—*

16           “(A) *such agreement would reflect unfavor-*  
17           *ably on the ability of the Department of Trans-*  
18           *portation or any employee of the Department of*  
19           *Transportation to carry out any responsibility*  
20           *or duty in a fair and objective manner; or*

21           “(B) *the Secretary determines that the use*  
22           *of the trademark or service mark would com-*  
23           *promise the integrity or appearance of integrity*  
24           *of any program of the Department of Transpor-*

1           *tation or any individual involved in such a pro-*  
2           *gram.*

3           “(j) *RETENTION AND USE OF FUNDS.—Funds received*  
4           *by the Secretary under this section may be retained for use*  
5           *to support the athletic programs of the United States Mer-*  
6           *chant Marine Academy and shall remain available until*  
7           *expended.*

8           **“§ 51330. Licensing of intellectual property**

9           “(a) *AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may license trade-*  
10          *marks and service marks owned or controlled by the Sec-*  
11          *retary with respect to the United States Merchant Marine*  
12          *Academy and may retain and expend fees received from*  
13          *such licensing in accordance with this section.*

14          “(b) *DESIGNATED MARKS.—The Secretary shall des-*  
15          *ignate the trademarks and service marks regarding which*  
16          *the Secretary will exercise the authority to retain licensing*  
17          *fees under this section.*

18          “(c) *USE OF FEES.—The Secretary shall use fees re-*  
19          *tained under this section for the following purposes:*

20                  “(1) *For payment of costs incurred by the Sec-*  
21                  *retary of securing trademark registrations and of op-*  
22                  *erating the licensing program under this section.*

23                  “(2) *For support of athletic programs and re-*  
24                  *cruiting activities of the United States Merchant Ma-*  
25                  *rine Academy under the jurisdiction of the Secretary,*

1       to the extent (if any) that the total amount of the li-  
 2       censing fees available under this section for a fiscal  
 3       year exceed the total amount needed for such fiscal  
 4       year under paragraph (1).

5       “(d) *AVAILABILITY.*—Fees received in a fiscal year and  
 6       retained under this section shall be available until ex-  
 7       pended.

8       “(e) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section, the terms ‘trade-  
 9       mark’ and ‘service mark’ have the meanings given such  
 10      terms in section 45 of the Act of July 5, 1946 (commonly  
 11      referred to as the Trademark Act of 1946; 15 U.S.C.  
 12      1127).”.

13      (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of sections at  
 14      the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the  
 15      end the following new items:

“51329. Support for athletic programs of the United States Merchant Marine  
 Academy.

“51330. Licensing of intellectual property.”.

## 16                   **Subtitle C—Other Matters**

### 17   **SEC. 3521. LIMITATION ON WAIVER OF NAVIGATION AND** 18                   **VESSEL-INSPECTION LAWS TO ADDRESS FOR-** 19                   **EIGN ENTITIES OF CONCERN.**

20      (a) *LIMITATION.*—Section 501 of title 46, United  
 21      States Code, is amended—

22                   (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection  
 23                   (e); and

1           (2) *by inserting after subsection (c) the following*  
2       *new subsection:*

3       “(d) *LIMITATION RELATING TO FOREIGN ENTITIES OF*  
4       *CONCERN.—No vessel may operate under a waiver issued*  
5       *under this section until—*

6           “(1) *the owner or operator of the vessel and the*  
7       *individual requesting such waiver (if not the owner or*  
8       *operator of the vessel) submits to the Maritime Ad-*  
9       *ministrator sufficient proof that the vessel is not*  
10       *owned, operated, or crewed by a foreign entity of con-*  
11       *cern, as such term is defined in section 10612 of the*  
12       *CHIPS Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–167; 42 U.S.C.*  
13       *19221); and*

14           “(2) *the Maritime Administrator confirms the*  
15       *validity of the proof submitted under paragraph*  
16       *(1).”.*

17       (b) *APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-*  
18       *section (a) shall apply with respect to vessels operating on*  
19       *or after the date of the enactment of this Act, regardless*  
20       *of whether a waiver governing such operation has been*  
21       *issued under section 501 of title 46, United States Code,*  
22       *prior to such date of enactment.*

23       **SEC. 3522. FINANCING OF FISHING VESSELS.**

24       (a) *DEFINITIONS.—Section 53701 of title 46, United*  
25       *States Code, is amended—*

1           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (15)  
2           as paragraphs (6) through (16), respectively;

3           (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(5) *FISHING*.—The term ‘fishing’ has the mean-  
6           ing given such term in section 3 of the Magnuson-Ste-  
7           vens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16  
8           U.S.C. 1802).”; and

9           (3) in paragraph (14), as so redesignated, by in-  
10          serting “used” before “fishing vessels”.

11          (b) *DIRECT LOANS*.—Section 53702(b) of title 46,  
12          United States Code, is amended—

13           (1) in the subsection heading by striking “*DI-*  
14           *RECT LOANS FOR FISHERIES*” and inserting  
15           “*DIRECT LOANS*”;

16           (2) in paragraph (1) by inserting “used” before  
17           “fishing vessel”; and

18           (3) in paragraph (4) by striking “the purpose  
19           of” and all that follows through “financing the pur-  
20           chase” and inserting “the purpose of financing the  
21           purchase”.

22          (c) *FUNDING LIMITS*.—Section 53704(a) of title 46,  
23          United States Code, is amended by striking “obligations re-  
24          lated to fishing vessels and fishery facilities” and inserting



1 “obligations by the Secretary related to fishing facilities,  
2 and used fishing vessels”.

3 (d) *ELIGIBLE PURPOSES OF OBLIGATIONS.*—Section  
4 53706(a)(1)(A) of title 46, United States Code, is amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) in clause (iv) by striking the second “or”;

7 (2) in clause (v) by striking the period and in-  
8 serting “; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(vi) in the fishing industry or seafood  
11 related trade.”.

12 (e) *FINDINGS RELATED TO OBLIGORS AND OPERA-*  
13 *TORS.*—Section 53707(c) of title 46, United States Code,  
14 is amended by inserting “or Administrator” after “Sec-  
15 retary”.

16 (f) *FINDINGS RELATED TO ECONOMIC SOUNDNESS.*—  
17 Section 53708 of title 46, United States Code, is amended  
18 by adding at the end the following:

19 “(f) *LIMITATION.*—The Administrator may not guar-  
20 antee or make a commitment to guarantee an obligation  
21 under this chapter if the Secretary determines such guar-  
22 antee or commitment is inconsistent with the wise use of  
23 the fisheries resources and the development, advancement,  
24 management, conservation, and protection of the fisheries  
25 resources consistent with the Magnuson Stevens Fishery

1 *Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et*  
2 *seq.).”.*

3 (g) *AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS.—Section 53709 of title*  
4 *46, United States Code, is amended—*

5 (1) *in subsection (b)(3)—*

6 (A) *by striking “For a fishing vessel or fish-*  
7 *ery facility” and inserting the following:*

8 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—For a used fishing ves-*  
9 *sel or fishery facility”; and*

10 (B) *by adding at the end the following:*

11 “(B) *INCREASED LIMITATION.—For a fish-*  
12 *ing vessel for which the Administrator guaran-*  
13 *tees an obligation, the principal amount may*  
14 *not exceed 87.5 percent of the actual cost or de-*  
15 *preciated cost.”; and*

16 (2) *in subsection (e) by inserting “or Adminis-*  
17 *trator” after “Secretary”.*

18 (h) *REPLACEMENT OF VESSELS BECAUSE OF*  
19 *CHANGES IN OPERATING STANDARDS.—Section 53734 of*  
20 *title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

21 (1) *in subsection (a)(1) by inserting “fishing, or*  
22 *other seafood related,” before “coastwise, intercoastal,*  
23 *or foreign trade”;*

24 (2) *in subsection (b)(2) by striking “construction*  
25 *or reconstruction of the vessel” and inserting “con-*

1        *struction or refinancing and reconstruction of the ves-*  
2        *sel”; and*

3                *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

4        “(f) *APPLICABILITY.—Guarantees made under sub-*  
5        *section (a) for the construction or refinancing and recon-*  
6        *struction of a vessel designed and to be used in fishing or*  
7        *seafood related trade shall be made only with funds, includ-*  
8        *ing funds for the cost of guaranteed loans, appropriated on*  
9        *or after the date of enactment of the National Defense Au-*  
10       *thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.”.*

11        (i) *ELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding any requirements*  
12       *that such vessel be reconstructed, reconditioned, or repaired*  
13       *to qualify for a guarantee of an obligation, for a period*  
14       *of 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, a fishing*  
15       *vessel greater than 79 feet overall in length built and docu-*  
16       *mented after January 1, 2021, shall be eligible for a guar-*  
17       *antee of an obligation from the Administrator under chap-*  
18       *ter 537 of title 46, United States Code.*

19        (j) *SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section, or the*  
20       *amendments made by this section, shall limit the authority*  
21       *of the Secretary of Commerce to provide direct loan obliga-*  
22       *tions authorized by section 211(e) of the American Fisheries*  
23       *Act (Public Law 105–277).*

1 **SEC. 3523. CRANES; SHORE POWER.**

2 *Section 54301 of title 46, United States Code, is*  
3 *amended—*

4 *(1) in subsection (a)(3)(A)(ii)(III)—*

5 *(A) by striking “including projects to im-*  
6 *prove port resilience;” and inserting “includ-*  
7 *ing—”; and*

8 *(B) by adding at the end the following:*

9 *“(aa) projects to improve*  
10 *port resilience; and*

11 *“(bb) projects to upgrade*  
12 *port cranes or parts of port cranes*  
13 *(including hardware and soft-*  
14 *ware) that—*

15 *“(AA) were installed or*  
16 *provided by the People’s Re-*  
17 *public of China or any de-*  
18 *partment, ministry, center,*  
19 *agency, or instrumentality of*  
20 *the Government of the Peo-*  
21 *ple’s Republic of China; or*

22 *“(BB) are maintained,*  
23 *controlled, or sponsored by*  
24 *the People’s Republic of*  
25 *China or any department,*  
26 *ministry, center, agency, or*

1 *instrumentality of the Gov-*  
 2 *ernment of the People's Re-*  
 3 *public of China;"; and*

4 *(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-*  
 5 *section:*

6 *“(d) ELIGIBILITY OF SHORE POWER PROJECTS.—*

7 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—In making port infrastruc-*  
 8 *ture development grants under this section, the Sec-*  
 9 *retary shall treat a project described in paragraph (2)*  
 10 *as—*

11 *“(A) having met the requirements of para-*  
 12 *graphs (1) and (6)(A)(i); and*

13 *“(B) being an eligible project under sub-*  
 14 *section (a)(3).*

15 *“(2) PROJECT DESCRIBED.—A project described*  
 16 *in this paragraph is a project to provide shore power*  
 17 *at a port that services both of the following:*

18 *“(A) Passenger vessels described in section*  
 19 *3507(k).*

20 *“(B) Vessels that move goods or freight.”.*

21 **SEC. 3524. CARGOES PROCURED, FURNISHED, OR FI-**  
 22 **NANCED BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.**

23 *Section 55305 of title 46, United States Code, is*  
 24 *amended—*

1           (1) *in subsection (a) by striking “When the*  
2           *United States Government” and inserting “Except as*  
3           *provided in subsection (c), when the United States*  
4           *Government”;*

5           (2) *by redesignating subsections (c) through (f)*  
6           *as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and*

7           (3) *by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-*  
8           *lowing:*

9           “(c) *EXCEPTION.—When the Department of Transpor-*  
10          *tation procures, contracts for, or otherwise obtains for its*  
11          *own account, or provides financing in any way with Fed-*  
12          *eral funds or advances funds or credits, for the furnishing*  
13          *or obtaining of the equipment, materials, or commodities,*  
14          *the Secretary of Transportation or recipient of such financ-*  
15          *ing shall take steps necessary and practicable to ensure that*  
16          *100 percent of the gross tonnage of the equipment, mate-*  
17          *rials, or commodities (computed separately for dry bulk*  
18          *carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) which may be trans-*  
19          *ported on ocean vessels is transported on privately-owned*  
20          *commercial vessels of the United States, as provided under*  
21          *subsection (b), to the extent such vessels are available at*  
22          *fair and reasonable rates for commercial vessels of the*  
23          *United States, in a manner that will ensure a fair and*  
24          *reasonable participation of commercial vessels of the United*  
25          *States in those cargoes by geographic areas.”.*

1 **SEC. 3525. ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL SHIPYARDS.**

2 *Section 54101 of title 46, United States Code, is*  
 3 *amended—*

4 *(1) in subsection (c)(1)—*

5 *(A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “, in-*  
 6 *cluding through the acquisition of advanced dig-*  
 7 *ital manufacturing capabilities,” after “improve-*  
 8 *ments”; and*

9 *(B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “, in-*  
 10 *cluding digital training technologies,” after*  
 11 *“training”; and*

12 *(2) in subsection (h)—*

13 *(A) by striking “SMALL SHIPYARD DE-*  
 14 *FINED” and all that follows through “the term”*  
 15 *and inserting the following: “DEFINITIONS.—In*  
 16 *this section:*

17 *“(1) SMALL SHIPYARD.—The term”; and*

18 *(B) by adding at the end the following:*

19 *“(2) ADVANCED DIGITAL MANUFACTURING CAPA-*  
 20 *BILITIES.—The term ‘advanced digital manufacturing*  
 21 *capabilities’ means commercially available integrated*  
 22 *software and hardware used to plan, design, schedule,*  
 23 *execute, and assure quality in ship construction and*  
 24 *repair, including—*

25 *“(A) product lifestyle management;*

26 *“(B) 3-dimensional computer aided design;*

- 1                   “(C) computer aided manufacturing;  
 2                   “(D) manufacturing execution systems;  
 3                   “(E) quality management systems;  
 4                   “(F) digital twin and internet of things  
 5 sensors and gateways;  
 6                   “(G) automation systems;  
 7                   “(H) open data standards for interoper-  
 8 ability;  
 9                   “(I) cybersecurity controls; and  
 10                   “(J) integration, commissioning, and data-  
 11 migration services necessary for operational use.

12           “(3) *DIGITAL TRAINING TECHNOLOGIES.*—The  
 13 term ‘digital training technologies’ means the use of  
 14 digital tools and platforms, such as simulation, aug-  
 15 mented or virtual reality, digital work instructions, e-  
 16 learning, and learning management systems, to de-  
 17 liver and assess training in shipbuilding and ship re-  
 18 pair competencies.”.

19 **SEC. 3526. COMMITTEE ON THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION**  
 20 **SYSTEM.**

21       Section 50401 of title 46, United States Code, is  
 22 amended—

- 23           (1) by redesignating and transferring such sec-  
 24 tion to appear after subsection (k) of section 102 of  
 25 title 49, United States Code (as added by this Act),



1       as subsection (j), including by redesignating each sub-  
 2       ordinate provision appropriately to reflect the trans-  
 3       fer and by amending the enumerator, subsection  
 4       catchline, typeface, and typestyle to conform to those  
 5       appearing in other subsections of such section;

6               (2) in paragraph (1), as so redesignated, by in-  
 7       serting “in the Department within the Office of the  
 8       Deputy Secretary” after “established”; and

9               (3) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—

10               (A) in subparagraph (A), as so redesign-  
 11       ated, by adding at the end the following:

12                       “(iii) *WORK PLAN.*—*The Coordinating*  
 13                       *Board shall approve annually a yearly*  
 14                       *work plan and to carry out the activities of*  
 15                       *the Committee.*”;

16               (B) in subparagraph (B)—

17                       (i) by striking “*The Secretary of*  
 18                       *Transportation*” and inserting the fol-  
 19                       lowing:

20                       “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of*  
 21                       *Transportation*”; and

22                       (ii) by adding at the end the following:

23                       “(ii) *REPORTING.*—*The Executive Di-*  
 24                       *rector report directly to the Deputy Sec-*  
 25                       *retary.*”; and

1                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

2                   “(D) *EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT.*—*The Exec-*  
3                   *utive Secretariat shall provide administrative,*  
4                   *analytical, and operational support to the Exec-*  
5                   *utive Director to accomplish the purpose and ac-*  
6                   *tivities of the Committee. The Secretary of*  
7                   *Transportation, the Secretary of Defense, the*  
8                   *Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Sec-*  
9                   *retary of Commerce, shall each provide a min-*  
10                  *imum of one full-time staff member to the Execu-*  
11                  *tive Secretariat. Any head of any other member*  
12                  *agency may provide additional staff support.”.*

13   **SEC. 3527. ASSESSMENT OF CHANNEL DEPTHS AND PLACE-**  
14                   **MENT OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION.**

15           *Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of*  
16   *this Act, the President shall submit to the Committee on*  
17   *Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on*  
18   *Natural Resources of the House of Representative and the*  
19   *Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and*  
20   *the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the*  
21   *Senate a proposal to improve coordination between the*  
22   *Army Corps of Engineers, the National Oceanic and Atmos-*  
23   *pheric Administration, and the Coast Guard with respect*  
24   *to the measurement and publication of channel depths and*  
25   *real time physical oceanographic data with respect to Fed-*

1 *eral navigation channels and the timely marking of such*  
 2 *channels with aids to navigation especially after any*  
 3 *changes to such channels as a result of construction or a*  
 4 *natural disaster.*

5 **SEC. 3528. WAIVER.**

6 *Section 501 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-*  
 7 *ed—*

8 *(1) in subsection (a)(2) by inserting “, and the*  
 9 *waiver” after “without such a waiver”; and*

10 *(2) in subsection (b)(4)(B) by inserting “the*  
 11 *waiver and” after “subparagraph (A)(i)”.*

12 **SEC. 3529. NATIONAL MARITIME WORKFORCE ADVISORY**  
 13 **COMMITTEE.**

14 *Chapter 151 of title 46, United States Code, is amend-*  
 15 *ed by adding at the end the following:*

16 **“§ 15110. Maritime Workforce Advisory Committee**

17 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Na-*  
 18 *tional Maritime Workforce Advisory Committee (in this sec-*  
 19 *tion referred to as the ‘Committee’).*

20 *“(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the Sec-*  
 21 *retary on matters relating to the skills, training, and num-*  
 22 *bers of workers necessary to maintain the United States*  
 23 *maritime industrial base workforce, including the merchant*  
 24 *marine, shipyards, and associated activities.*

25 *“(c) MEMBERSHIP.—*

1           “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Committee shall consist*  
2           *of not more than 25 members appointed by the Sec-*  
3           *retary in accordance with this section and section*  
4           *15109 of this chapter.*

5           “(2) *EXPERTISE.*—*Each member of the Com-*  
6           *mittee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and*  
7           *experience in matters relating to the function of the*  
8           *Committee.*

9           “(3) *REPRESENTATION.*—*At least 1 member of*  
10          *the Committee shall represent 1 of the following:*

11                   “(A) *Ocean Common Carriers.*

12                   “(B) *State Maritime Academies.*

13                   “(C) *Centers of excellence designated under*  
14                   *section 54101.*

15                   “(D) *Unlicensed Merchant Mariner Labor*  
16                   *Unions.*

17                   “(E) *Licensed Merchant Mariner Labor*  
18                   *Unions.*

19                   “(F) *Shipyard Labor Unions.*

20                   “(G) *Shipyards.*

21                   “(H) *Vessel design and construction enti-*  
22                   *ties.*

23                   “(I) *Post-Secondary Education Vocational*  
24                   *Training.*

1                   “(J)    Secondary    Education    Vocational  
2                   Training.

3                   “(K) Offshore Energy Production.

4                   “(L) Offshore Support.”.

5   **SEC. 3530. ENHANCING UNITED STATES MARITIME WORK-**  
6                   **FORCE.**

7           (a) *PROPOSALS*.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
8   of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to  
9   the appropriate congressional committees proposals to im-  
10   plement the recommendations set forth in the Maritime Ac-  
11   tion Plan issued by the White House and dated February,  
12   2026, with respect to—

13           (1) *maximizing the credits for military training*  
14           *and sea service eligible to count toward merchant*  
15           *mariner credential endorsements and expanding asso-*  
16           *ciated fee exemptions to all members of the Armed*  
17           *Forces;*

18           (2) *in consultation with the National Merchant*  
19           *Marine Personnel Advisory Committee established*  
20           *under section 15103 of title 46, United States Code,*  
21           *formalizing equivalency guidance with respect to such*  
22           *credits and credentials;*

23           (3) *continuing to approve reciprocity for mili-*  
24           *tary courses to meet training requirements for such*  
25           *credentials;*

1           (4) *strengthening outreach and counseling to en-*  
2           *able members of the Armed Forces eligible for*  
3           *preseparation counseling under section 1142 of title*  
4           *10, United States Code, to efficiently convert relevant*  
5           *skills of such members to qualifications necessary for*  
6           *such credentials;*

7           (5) *streamlining and clarifying the processes for*  
8           *merchant mariner credentialing;*

9           (6) *streamlining training approvals for such cre-*  
10          *dentials, including with respect to the approval of*  
11          *training involving simulators and other modern inno-*  
12          *vations, to safely accelerate the acquisition of skills*  
13          *and qualifications necessary for such credentials; and*

14          (7) *streamlining training requirements and pro-*  
15          *vider accreditation to accelerate merchant mariner*  
16          *credentialing.*

17       (b) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

18           (1) *The term “appropriate congressional com-*  
19           *mittees” means—*

20                   (A) *the Committee on Armed Services and*  
21                   *the Committee on Transportation and Infra-*  
22                   *structure of the House of Representatives; and*

23                   (B) *the Committee on Armed Services and*  
24                   *the Committee on Commerce, Science, and*  
25                   *Transportation of the Senate.*

1           (2) *The term “merchant mariner credential” has*  
2           *the meaning given such term in section 2101 of title*  
3           *46, United States Code.*

4 **SEC. 3531. ENHANCING UNITED STATES SHIPYARDS AND**  
5 **SHIPBUILDING.**

6           (a) *PROPOSALS.*—*Not later than 90 days after the date*  
7 *of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to*  
8 *the appropriate congressional committees proposals to im-*  
9 *plement the recommendations set forth in the Maritime Ac-*  
10 *tion Plan issued by the White House and dated February,*  
11 *2026, with respect to—*

12           (1) *blending Federal and private resources for*  
13 *durable shipyards and shipbuilding component fab-*  
14 *rication;*

15           (2) *simplifying and standardizing requirements*  
16 *relating to applications, eligibility, and compliance*  
17 *across programs of the Federal Government that pro-*  
18 *vide assistance or financing for shipyards or ship-*  
19 *building;*

20           (3) *employing commercially available tech-*  
21 *nologies and solutions in shipbuilding by the Federal*  
22 *Government;*

23           (4) *establishing a Federal Government-wide*  
24 *shipbuilding plan;*

1           (5) *expanding eligibility, improving efficiency,*  
 2           *and streamlining program administration with re-*  
 3           *spect to Federal funding and other incentives for*  
 4           *shipbuilding, to align such funding and incentives*  
 5           *with modern program management and business*  
 6           *practices; and*

7           (6) *promulgating, revising, or rescinding such*  
 8           *regulations as may be necessary to prioritize ship-*  
 9           *building in the United States and repairs at domestic*  
 10          *shipyards.*

11          (b) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-*  
 12          *FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-*  
 13          *sional committees” means—*

14               (1) *the Committee on Armed Services and the*  
 15               *Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of*  
 16               *the House of Representatives; and*

17               (2) *the Committee on Armed Services and the*  
 18               *Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-*  
 19               *tation of the Senate.*

20               ***TITLE XXXVI—SHIPS FOR***  
 21               ***AMERICA***

22          ***SEC. 3601. REPORT ON PRIVILEGE.***

23               (a) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the*  
 24               *Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Sec-*  
 25               *retary of Commerce, the Chair of the Federal Maritime*



1 *Commission, and the Director of the Office of Management*  
2 *and Budget, shall submit to the appropriate committees of*  
3 *Congress a report including ways to ensure vessels of the*  
4 *United States operating in foreign commerce are privileged*  
5 *in regulation, taxation, fees, insurance, and policy com-*  
6 *pared to foreign vessels conducting trade with a United*  
7 *States domiciled entity, while remaining consistent with the*  
8 *international obligations of the United States.*

9       (b) *CONTENTS.*—*In submitting the report under sub-*  
10 *section (a), the Secretary of Transportation shall include*  
11 *options for regulating trade with foreign vessels in order*  
12 *to sustain and grow the Maritime Security Fleet under*  
13 *chapter 531 of title 56, United States Code, the Cable Secu-*  
14 *rity Fleet under chapter 532 of such title, the Tanker Secu-*  
15 *rity Fleet under chapter 534 of such title, and other vessels*  
16 *of the United States operating in foreign commerce.*

17 **SEC. 3602. FLEET TESTING AND BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.**

18       (a) *TEST.*—*Not later than 180 days after the date of*  
19 *the enactment of this Act, the Commander of the United*  
20 *States Transportation Command, in coordination with the*  
21 *Secretary of the Navy and the Maritime Administrator,*  
22 *shall devise a tabletop exercise to test the effective control*  
23 *of the Maritime Security Fleet under chapter 531 of title*  
24 *46, United States Code, and the Tanker Security Fleet*  
25 *under chapter 534 of such title, in case of crisis or war.*

1       (b) *BRIEFING*.—After completion of the tabletop exer-  
 2       cise under subsection (a), the Commander shall submit to  
 3       the appropriate committees of Congress a briefing on the  
 4       results of such tabletop exercise.

5       (c) *ANNUAL TESTING*.—Beginning not later than 1  
 6       year after the briefing is submitted under subsection (b),  
 7       the Commander shall—

8               (1) carry out tabletop drills to test effective con-  
 9       trol of the Maritime Security Fleet under chapter 531  
 10       of title 46, United States Code, and the Tanker Secu-  
 11       rity Fleet under chapter 534 of such title; and

12              (2) provide to the appropriate committees of  
 13       Congress a briefing after each such drill on the results  
 14       of such drill.

15   **SEC. 3603. ASSESSMENT OF THE USE OF COMMERCIAL BEST**  
 16       **PRACTICES FOR NAVY SHIPBUILDING.**

17       (a) *ASSESSMENT*.—

18              (1) *IN GENERAL*.—The Secretary of the Navy, in  
 19       coordination with the Secretary of Transportation  
 20       and the Secretary of the Department in which the  
 21       Coast Guard is operating, shall—

22                      (A) conduct an assessment of best practices  
 23                      used in the construction and repair of commer-  
 24                      cial, oceangoing maritime vessels; and

25                      (B) identify—

1                   (i) opportunities for the Navy and  
2                   Coast Guard to leverage those best practices  
3                   to make ship construction and repair efforts  
4                   of combatant and non-combatant vessels  
5                   more efficient; and

6                   (ii) advanced technologies that can be  
7                   leveraged to improve the overall readiness  
8                   and dominance of the United States mari-  
9                   time fleet (both commercial and military),  
10                  to specifically include small modular reac-  
11                  tors for ship power and propulsion.

12               (2) *ELEMENTS.*—The assessment required by  
13               paragraph (1) shall include the following:

14               (A) An evaluation of the best practices de-  
15               scribed in subparagraph (A) of such paragraph,  
16               including best practices used by commercial  
17               shipyards in foreign allied countries, consider-  
18               ation of commercial design standards, and the  
19               vessel construction manager model used to con-  
20               struct the National Security Multi Mission Vessel  
21               Program, that could improve the efficiency of  
22               shipbuilding and repair by the Navy and Coast  
23               Guard.

24               (B) An identification of commercial-grade  
25               components and capabilities being used in state-

1       *of-the-art commercial, oceangoing maritime ves-*  
2       *sels and an assessment of whether the Navy and*  
3       *Coast Guard could better use commercial off-the-*  
4       *shelf components or capabilities to reduce costs,*  
5       *improve efficiencies, or enhance capabilities in*  
6       *the construction of new naval vessels and cutters,*  
7       *and in repair of naval vessels and cutters.*

8               *(C) A determination as to whether ship-*  
9       *building and acquisition programs of the Navy*  
10       *and Coast Guard use modern best practices from*  
11       *the commercial maritime industry in terms of*  
12       *contracting, ship design, construction, overhaul,*  
13       *and maintenance.*

14              *(D) An identification of technologies and*  
15       *procedures that are used in commercial ship-*  
16       *building that, if used by the Navy and Coast*  
17       *Guard, would improve the efficiency of designing*  
18       *and constructing new naval vessels.*

19              *(E) An identification of technologies and*  
20       *procedures that are used in commercial ship-*  
21       *building and repair that, if used by the Navy*  
22       *and Coast Guard, would improve the efficiency*  
23       *of repairing naval vessels.*

24              *(F) An identification of opportunities to*  
25       *improve commonality in ship design, ship com-*

1        *ponents, and shipbuilding procedures between*  
2        *commercial, oceangoing maritime vessels, naval*  
3        *vessels, and cutters that could lead to improved*  
4        *efficiencies and a more resilient industrial base*  
5        *to support shipbuilding and repair for military*  
6        *and civil maritime vessels.*

7                *(G) An identification of advanced nuclear*  
8        *technologies that are under development for use*  
9        *in commercial shipbuilding that, if used by the*  
10       *Navy and Coast Guard, would improve the oper-*  
11       *ational capability of naval vessels and cutters.*

12               *(H) An identification of the barriers pre-*  
13       *venting or making prohibitive the use of small*  
14       *modular reactors in naval or commercial, ocean-*  
15       *going maritime vessels, including—*

16                *(i) ambiguity in regulations governing*  
17       *nuclear propulsion restricting the commer-*  
18       *cial maritime industry from utilizing nu-*  
19       *clear propulsion or collaborating between*  
20       *United States and foreign entities under ex-*  
21       *port controls requirements, including sec-*  
22       *tion 744.5 of title 15, Code of Federal Regu-*  
23       *lations (or a similar successor regulation);*  
24       *and*

1                   (ii) a lack of clarity in the meaning of  
2                   “maritime (civil) nuclear propulsion plant  
3                   projects” contained in the *Export Adminis-*  
4                   *tration Regulations* and “Naval Nuclear  
5                   *Propulsion*” contained in the *International*  
6                   *Traffic in Arms Regulations (Cat VI)*.

7                   (I) An evaluation of education and tech-  
8                   nology development best practices used by com-  
9                   mercial shipyards in foreign allied countries,  
10                  and an identification of education and tech-  
11                  nology development opportunities, that could im-  
12                  prove the efficiency of shipbuilding and repair  
13                  by the Navy and Coast Guard.

14                  (J) An evaluation of whether adoption of  
15                  the best practices evaluated under subparagraph  
16                  (A) for the construction and repair of naval ves-  
17                  sels and cutters would support the domestic com-  
18                  mercial maritime shipbuilding industry, the  
19                  commercial maritime industrial base, and the  
20                  merchant marine of the United States.

21                  (b) *BRIEFING*.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
22                  of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall  
23                  provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing  
24                  on—

1           (1) *the results of the assessment required by sub-*  
2           *section (a); and*

3           (2) *a plan to execute any measures pursuant to*  
4           *such assessment.*

5           (c) *STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after*  
6           *the date of the enactment of this Act, and biennially there-*  
7           *after, the Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of the De-*  
8           *partment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall—*

9           (1) *provide to the appropriate committees of*  
10          *Congress strategies describing how measures identified*  
11          *as a result of the assessment required by subsection*  
12          *(a) will be incorporated into shipbuilding programs*  
13          *for the Navy and Coast Guard; and*

14          (2) *publish a public version of the strategies.*

15   **SEC. 3604. MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND.**

16          (a) *AUTHORITY TO OFFER INCREASED PAID LEAVE*  
17          *ACCRUAL.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to offer*  
18          *government merchant mariners employed by Military Sea-*  
19          *lift Command paid leave accrual at a faster rate than pro-*  
20          *vided pursuant to the standard General Schedule (GS) sys-*  
21          *tem to make government seafaring jobs more competitive*  
22          *with the commercial sector.*

23          (b) *REPORT ON RECRUITING AND RETENTION EF-*  
24          *FORTS.—*

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after  
2     the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
3     thereafter, the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination  
4     with the Commander of the Military Sealift Com-  
5     mand and the Maritime Security Board, and in con-  
6     sultation with the Commander of United States  
7     Transportation Command, the Commander of United  
8     States Fleet Forces Command, and the Assistant Sec-  
9     retary of the Navy for Research, Development and Ac-  
10    quisition, shall submit to the appropriate committees  
11    of Congress a report on efforts to improve recruitment  
12    and retention of Military Sealift Command Mariners.

13           (2) *ELEMENTS.*—The report required under  
14    paragraph (1) shall consider—

15           (A) opportunities to enhance the integration  
16    of Military Sealift Command civilian mariners  
17    into the military command structure;

18           (B) providing training on the roles and sig-  
19    nificance of Military Sealift Command civilian  
20    mariner workforce to relevant military com-  
21    mands; and

22           (C) authorities required to improve recruit-  
23    ment and retention of civilian mariners in Mili-  
24    tary Sealift Command.



1       (c) *REPORT ON EXTENDING CHARTER DURATIONS.*—  
 2   *Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of*  
 3   *this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the ap-*  
 4   *propriate committees of Congress a report assessing the*  
 5   *merits of extending the maximum charter durations of com-*  
 6   *mercial and specialty vessels for the Military Sealift Com-*  
 7   *mand.*

8   **SEC. 3605. ASSESSMENT ON MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE**  
 9                   **READINESS.**

10       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*  
 11   *date of the enactment of this Act, the Maritime Adminis-*  
 12   *trator shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-*  
 13   *mittees a report on the status and resources and authorities*  
 14   *needed to execute and complete necessary vessels,*  
 15   *harborcraft, port, shipyard, and other infrastructure im-*  
 16   *provements to ensure the national security interests of the*  
 17   *United States and support the domestic and foreign com-*  
 18   *merce of the United States.*

19       (b) *CONTENTS.*—*The report under subsection (a) shall*  
 20   *include—*

- 21               (1) *consideration of existing literature and re-*  
 22       *porting from Federal and non-Federal sources;*
- 23               (2) *an assessment of the number of commercial*  
 24       *shipping vessels by class required to sustain a peace-*  
 25       *time and wartime national economy;*

1           (3) *an assessment of opportunities to leverage*  
2           *private sector funding to enhance the capability of*  
3           *marine infrastructure of the United States;*

4           (4) *an evaluation of future infrastructure needs*  
5           *to support alternative fuels for vessels and*  
6           *harborcraft;*

7           (5) *an assessment of an ability to construct and*  
8           *repair seaports and shipyards during national secu-*  
9           *rity emergencies, including readiness to construct*  
10          *temporary facilities, and carry out marine salvage*  
11          *and firefighting operations; and*

12          (6) *an evaluation of the possible effects on the*  
13          *commercial operations of United States ports and*  
14          *other critical infrastructure of prohibiting any entity*  
15          *that owns or operates a port or terminal in the*  
16          *United States from using or sharing data with—*

17                 (A) *LOGINK;*

18                 (B) *any logistics platform controlled by, af-*  
19                 *iliated with, or subject to the jurisdiction of the*  
20                 *Chinese Communist Party or the Government of*  
21                 *the People's Republic of China; or*

22                 (C) *any logistics platform that shares data*  
23                 *with a system described in subparagraph (A) or*  
24                 *(B).*

25          (c) *DEFINITIONS.—*

1           (1) *The term “appropriate congressional com-*  
 2           *mittees” means—*

3                     *(A) the Committee on Armed Services and*  
 4                     *the Committee on Commerce of the Senate; and*

5                     *(B) the Committee on Armed Services and*  
 6                     *the Committee on Transportation and Infra-*  
 7                     *structure of the House of Representatives.*

8           (2) *The term “critical infrastructure” has the*  
 9           *meaning given the term in section 721(a) of the De-*  
 10          *fense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)).*

11          (3) *The term “LOGINK” means the public, open,*  
 12          *shared logistics information network known as the*  
 13          *National Public Information Platform for Transpor-*  
 14          *tation and Logistics by the Ministry of Transport of*  
 15          *the People’s Republic of China.*

16 **SEC. 3606. UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY**  
 17                     **INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES MOD-**  
 18                     **ERNIZATION.**

19          *Congress finds the following:*

20               (1) *The United States Merchant Marine Acad-*  
 21               *emy plays a critical role in training service-obligated*  
 22               *licensed merchant mariners to operate commercial*  
 23               *vessels, in peacetime and during times of conflict.*

24               (2) *The United States Merchant Marine Acad-*  
 25               *emy is 1 of the 5 Federal service academies and plays*

1     *a critical role in maintaining a domestic, commercial*  
2     *maritime industry, with each graduate having a com-*  
3     *mitment to serve not less than 8 years in the foreign*  
4     *and domestic commerce and the national defense of*  
5     *the United States, which may include service on a*  
6     *merchant vessel documented under chapter 121 of title*  
7     *46, and graduates make up more than 80 percent of*  
8     *the United States Navy's Strategic Sealift Officer*  
9     *Program.*

10         *(3) The United States defense readiness and eco-*  
11         *nomie security relies on a strong investment in train-*  
12         *ing and cultivating United States Merchant Marine*  
13         *officers at the United States Merchant Marine Acad-*  
14         *emy.*

15         *(4) Most of the facilities at the United States*  
16         *Merchant Marine Academy date back to the Acad-*  
17         *emy's founding, have not been modernized since, and*  
18         *are not conducive to the immersive training and de-*  
19         *manding coursework today's Midshipmen are required*  
20         *to complete.*

21         *(5) Rehabilitating and modernizing the campus*  
22         *infrastructure at the United States Merchant Marine*  
23         *Academy is necessary to ensuring current and future*  
24         *generations of Midshipmen receive a first-class edu-*  
25         *cation.*

1 **SEC. 3607. UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.**

2 (a) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.*—*It is the sense of Congress*  
3 *that—*

4 (1) *the United States Merchant Marine Acad-*  
5 *emy, one of our Nation’s 5 Federal service academies,*  
6 *is vital to our national security, and modernizing the*  
7 *Academy’s aging infrastructure and investing in fac-*  
8 *ulty and students must be congressional priorities;*

9 (2) *sufficient funding must be provided to enable*  
10 *the maximum student enrollment that the campus in-*  
11 *frastructure of the United States Merchant Marine*  
12 *Academy can support; and*

13 (3) *considering the Academy’s role as a co-equal*  
14 *military service academy, the United States Merchant*  
15 *Marine Academy should be included in the rotation*  
16 *of presidential attendance at graduations.*

17 (b) *REPORT ON ENROLLMENT.*—*Not later than 180*  
18 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Mari-*  
19 *time Administrator shall submit a report to the appropriate*  
20 *committees of Congress identifying the additional resources*  
21 *needed to increase enrollment at the United States Merchant*  
22 *Marine Academy.*

23 **SEC. 3608. STATE MARITIME ACADEMIES.**

24 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 1 year after the date*  
25 *of the enactment of this Act, the Maritime Administrator*  
26 *shall submit a report to Congress containing the results of*

1 *a study to evaluate the additional resources needed to allow*  
2 *State maritime academies to increase enrollment and*  
3 *produce additional mariners.*

4 *(b) NEED FOR ADDITIONAL STATE MARITIME ACAD-*  
5 *EMIES.—Such study shall consider whether there is a need*  
6 *for additional State maritime academies in States that do*  
7 *not operate a maritime academy.*

8 **SEC. 3609. ENFORCEMENT OF SERVICE OBLIGATION RE-**  
9 **QUIREMENTS.**

10 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Maritime Administrator shall*  
11 *ensure that—*

12 *(1) each citizen who is appointed as a cadet at*  
13 *the United States Merchant Marine Academy and*  
14 *signs a cadet commitment agreement under section*  
15 *51306 of title 46, United States Code, meets the serv-*  
16 *ice obligation requirements of that agreement; and*

17 *(2) each individual that signs a student incen-*  
18 *tive payment agreement under section 51509 of title*  
19 *46, United States Code, meets the service obligation*  
20 *requirements under that agreement.*

21 *(b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Maritime Ad-*  
22 *ministrator shall establish an electronic system through*  
23 *which each individual with a service obligation under such*  
24 *section 51306 or 51509 (referred to in this section as a*  
25 *“service-obligated mariner”) shall annually demonstrate*

1 *that they are meeting their service obligation or have a*  
2 *valid deferment consistent with section 51310 of title 46,*  
3 *United States Code, or section 51510 of title 46, United*  
4 *States Code, as applicable.*

5 (c) *NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATION.—The Maritime Ad-*  
6 *ministrator shall transmit a written notice to each service-*  
7 *obligated mariner who fails to meet the reporting require-*  
8 *ment of subsection (b), notifying such individual of the ap-*  
9 *plicable penalties established under section 51306 of title*  
10 *46, United States Code, or section 51509 of title 46, United*  
11 *States Code, for failure to carry out the applicable service*  
12 *requirements, including cost recovery.*

13 (d) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days*  
14 *after the date of enactment of this section, and annually*  
15 *thereafter, the Maritime Administrator shall submit to the*  
16 *appropriate committees of Congress a report on the status*  
17 *of all service-obligated mariners, which shall include—*

18 (1) *information about how each service-obligated*  
19 *mariner is meeting their service obligation require-*  
20 *ment, which shall be based on the results of the data*  
21 *collected under subsection (b);*

22 (2) *the number of service-obligated mariners who*  
23 *have not met their service obligation and have not*  
24 *complied with the reporting requirement under sub-*  
25 *section (b); and*

1           (3) *the number of actions taken by the Maritime*  
 2           *Administrator under sections 51306(b), 51306(d),*  
 3           *51306(f), and 51509(g) to recover costs from service-*  
 4           *obligated mariners who have not demonstrated that*  
 5           *they have met their service obligation requirements.*

6   **SEC. 3610. STATE MARITIME ACADEMY SEA TERM SCHOLAR-**  
 7                           **SHIP PROGRAMS.**

8           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 515 of title 46, United  
 9   *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*  
 10   **“§51512. State Maritime Academy Sea Term Scholar-**  
 11                           **ship Programs**

12           “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Maritime Administrator shall  
 13   *work with private entities in the maritime industry to es-*  
 14   *tablish a scholarship program—*

15                       “(1) *for students at State maritime academies to*  
 16           *offset expenses associated with completion of a sum-*  
 17           *mer sea term to receive sea-time required to earn a*  
 18           *Coast Guard license; and*

19                       “(2) *which is entirely or predominantly funded*  
 20           *through contributions from a private entity.*

21           “(b) *CONTRIBUTED FUNDS.*—The Maritime Adminis-  
 22   *trator shall enter into a cooperative agreement, or other*  
 23   *agreement, with private entities in the maritime industry*  
 24   *to accept funding from private entities for the purpose of*  
 25   *establishing such a scholarship program. The cooperative*



1 *agreement may include any terms considered necessary by*  
2 *the Maritime Administrator.*

3       “(c) *PRIVILEGES.—The Maritime Administrator may*  
4 *provide certain privileges to a private entity who contrib-*  
5 *utes funds for a scholarship program under this section, in-*  
6 *cluding opportunities to provide information about employ-*  
7 *ment opportunities with the private entity to students en-*  
8 *rolled in the scholarship program.*

9       “(d) *STRUCTURE.—In establishing a scholarship pro-*  
10 *gram to offset expenses associated with a summer sea*  
11 *term—*

12               “(1) *the Maritime Administrator may enter into*  
13 *an agreement with a student at a State maritime*  
14 *academy that has an agreement with the Secretary of*  
15 *Transportation under section 51505 of this title, to*  
16 *offset expenses associated with completion of a sum-*  
17 *mer sea term; or*

18               “(2) *the Maritime Administrator may enter into*  
19 *an agreement with a State maritime academy that*  
20 *has an agreement with the Secretary of Transpor-*  
21 *tation under section 51505 of this title, to offset ex-*  
22 *penses for all students who participate in a summer*  
23 *sea term program.*

24       “(e) *RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PRO-*  
25 *GRAMS.—Recognizing the need for licensed merchant mari-*

1 *ners, the Maritime Administrator shall encourage partici-*  
2 *pants of the financial assistance programs under part C*  
3 *of this subtitle, to enter into agreements under this section*  
4 *to establish scholarship programs to offset expenses associ-*  
5 *ated with summer sea term.*

6 “(f) *REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS.—Any student*  
7 *who benefits from a scholarship program under this section*  
8 *shall enter into an agreement with the Maritime Adminis-*  
9 *trator which requires the student to—*

10 “(1) *complete the course of instruction at the*  
11 *academy the individual is attending;*

12 “(2) *obtain a merchant mariner license, without*  
13 *limitation as to tonnage or horsepower, from the*  
14 *Coast Guard as an officer in the merchant marine of*  
15 *the United States, accompanied by the appropriate*  
16 *national and international endorsements and certifi-*  
17 *cation required by the Coast Guard for service aboard*  
18 *vessels on domestic and international voyages, with-*  
19 *out limitation, within 3 months of completion of the*  
20 *course of instruction at the academy the individual is*  
21 *attending;*

22 “(3) *serve in a position that supports the foreign*  
23 *and domestic commerce and the national defense of*  
24 *the United States for at least 1 year after graduation*  
25 *from the academy—*

1           “(A) as a merchant marine officer on a doc-  
 2           umented vessel or a vessel owned and operated by  
 3           the United States Government or by a State; or

4           “(B) as a commissioned officer on active  
 5           duty in an Armed Force of the United States, as  
 6           a commissioned officer in the National Oceanic  
 7           and Atmospheric Administration, or in other  
 8           maritime-related Federal employment which  
 9           serves the national security interests of the  
 10          United States, as determined by the Maritime  
 11          Administrator; and

12          “(4) report to the Maritime Administrator on  
 13          compliance with this subsection.”.

14          (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of sections for  
 15          chapter 515 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by  
 16          adding at the end the following:

“51512. State Maritime Academy Sea Term Scholarship Programs.”.

17   **SEC. 3611. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.**

18          (a) *IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REQUIRED.*—Not later  
 19          than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
 20          the Maritime Administrator and the Secretary of the de-  
 21          partment in which the Coast Guard is operating shall each  
 22          submit to the appropriate committees of Congress and the  
 23          Maritime Security Board a separate implementation plan  
 24          for carrying out this title, and the amendments made by  
 25          this title.

1       (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each implementation plan required*  
2 *under subsection (a) shall include, for each action required*  
3 *of the Maritime Administrator and the Secretary of the de-*  
4 *partment in which the Coast Guard is operating (as appli-*  
5 *cable) in this title, including the amendments made by this*  
6 *title—*

7           (1) *an identification of all administrative re-*  
8 *structuring requirements;*

9           (2) *an identification of each office or division*  
10 *within the Maritime Administration or Coast Guard*  
11 *principally responsible for each relevant section of*  
12 *this title;*

13          (3) *an identification of additional personnel*  
14 *needed to sufficiently implement this title, a hiring*  
15 *plan, and a training plan;*

16          (4) *an identification of any barrier (including*  
17 *any policy, law, or regulation) to implementation of*  
18 *any section of this title, and recommendations to ad-*  
19 *dress those barriers;*

20          (5) *a descriptive implementation timeline, tak-*  
21 *ing into account the administrative needs of the Mar-*  
22 *itime Administration or the Coast Guard; and*

23          (6) *any additional components determined ap-*  
24 *propriate by the Maritime Administrator or such Sec-*

1       retary to ensure the success of implementation of this  
2       title.

3       (c) *BRIEFING*.—Not later than 15 days after submit-  
4       ting each implementation plan required under subsection  
5       (a), the Maritime Administrator and the Secretary of the  
6       department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall  
7       provide a briefing to the appropriate committees of Con-  
8       gress on the status of that implementation plan required  
9       under subsection (a).

10       (d) *BIANNUAL UPDATE*.—Not less frequently than bi-  
11       annually following the submission of the plans under sub-  
12       section (a) and for 2 years thereafter, the Maritime Admin-  
13       istrator and the Secretary of the department in which the  
14       Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the appropriate  
15       committees of Congress separate reports containing any up-  
16       dates on the implementation of such plans.

17       (e) *GAO REVIEW*.—The Comptroller General of the  
18       United States shall—

19               (1) not later than 2 years after the date of enact-  
20       ment of this Act, and biennially thereafter for 10  
21       years, conduct a review of the activities carried out  
22       in accordance with this title, and the amendments  
23       made by this title; and

24               (2) submit to the appropriate committees of Con-  
25       gress the results of each review.

1     ***DIVISION D—FUNDING TABLES***

2     ***SEC. 4001. AUTHORIZATION OF AMOUNTS IN FUNDING TA-***  
3                     ***BLES.***

4             *(a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever a funding table in this*  
5     *division specifies a dollar amount authorized for a project,*  
6     *program, or activity, the obligation and expenditure of the*  
7     *specified dollar amount for the project, program, or activity*  
8     *is hereby authorized, subject to the availability of appro-*  
9     *priations.*

10            *(b) MERIT-BASED DECISIONS.—A decision to commit,*  
11     *obligate, or expend funds with or to a specific entity on*  
12     *the basis of a dollar amount authorized pursuant to sub-*  
13     *section (a) shall—*

14                 *(1) be based on merit-based selection procedures*  
15     *in accordance with the requirements of sections 3201*  
16     *and 4024 of title 10, United States Code, or on com-*  
17     *petitive procedures; and*

18                 *(2) comply with other applicable provisions of*  
19     *law.*

20            *(c) RELATIONSHIP TO TRANSFER AND PROGRAMMING*  
21     *AUTHORITY.—An amount specified in the funding tables in*  
22     *this division may be transferred or reprogrammed under*  
23     *a transfer or reprogramming authority provided by another*  
24     *provision of this Act or by other law. The transfer or re-*  
25     *programming of an amount specified in such funding tables*

1 shall not count against a ceiling on such transfers or  
 2 reprogrammings under section 1001 of this Act or any other  
 3 provision of law, unless such transfer or reprogramming  
 4 would move funds between appropriation accounts.

5 (d) *APPLICABILITY TO CLASSIFIED ANNEX.*—This sec-  
 6 tion applies to any classified annex that accompanies this  
 7 Act.

8 (e) *ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.*—No oral or  
 9 written communication concerning any amount specified in  
 10 the funding tables in this division shall supersede the re-  
 11 quirements of this section.

## 12 **TITLE XLI—PROCUREMENT**

### 13 **SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT.**

<b>SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT</b> (In Thousands of Dollars)			
<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
<b>AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>			
<b>FIXED WING</b>			
003	SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS .....	291,472	306,472
	Fiber Optic Drone Procurement .....		[5,000]
	Program decrease .....		[-5,000]
	Solid Oxide Powered Long Range Reconnaissance Aircraft Procurement .....		[15,000]
004	UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS) .....	52,398	52,398
005	HADES PLATFORM, PAYLOADS/PED, AND INTEGRATION .....	227,569	227,569
<b>ROTARY</b>			
007	AH-64 APACHE BLOCK IIIA REMAN .....	1,552	1,552
009	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT FAMILY OF SYSTEMS AP .....	127,217	0
	Program realignment for operational test aircraft .....		[-127,217]
010	UH-60 BLACKHAWK M MODEL (MYP) .....	39,257	289,257
	6 additional aircraft .....		[250,000]
012	CH-47 HELICOPTER .....	210,645	591,645
	7 additional aircraft .....		[381,000]
<b>MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT</b>			
015	MQ-1 PAYLOAD .....	53,190	53,190
016	GRAY EAGLE MODS2 .....	2,556	2,556
017	AH-64 MODS .....	251,645	251,645
018	SCALABLE CONTROL INTERFACE (SCI) .....	2,061	2,061
019	CH-47 CARGO HELICOPTER MODS (MYP) .....	108,408	108,408
020	UTILITY HELICOPTER MODS .....	120,013	125,013
	UH-72 Limited User Test for ARNG helicopters .....		[5,000]
021	NETWORK AND MISSION PLAN .....	29,235	29,235
022	COMMS, NAV SURVEILLANCE .....	14,384	14,384
024	AVIATION ASSURED PNT .....	55,055	55,055
<b>GROUND SUPPORT AVIONICS</b>			
027	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY EQUIPMENT .....	125,050	125,050
028	CMWS .....	21,511	21,511
029	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCM) .....	140,636	140,636
<b>OTHER SUPPORT</b>			
030	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT .....	29,778	29,778
031	AIRCREW INTEGRATED SYSTEMS .....	15,229	15,229
032	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL .....	11,044	11,044
033	LAUNCHER, 2.75 ROCKET .....	3,864	3,864
<b>TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b> .....		<b>1,933,769</b>	<b>2,457,552</b>

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
<b>MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>			
<b>SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM</b>			
001	LOWER TIER AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AMD) SEN .....	2,036,358	2,036,358
002	TERMINAL HIGH ALTITUDE AREA DEFENSE (THAAD) .....	907,162	907,162
003	M-SHORAD—PROCUREMENT .....	712,690	712,690
004	MSE MISSILE .....	1,297,528	1,297,528
005	PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE (PRSM) .....	1,226,526	1,226,526
006	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2-I .....	1,626,004	1,556,004
	Unjustified growth .....		[−70,000]
007	MID-RANGE CAPABILITY (MRC) .....	370,351	370,351
<b>AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE SYSTEM</b>			
009	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MSLS (JAGM) .....	104,059	104,059
011	LONG-RANGE HYPERSONIC WEAPON .....	301,777	301,777
<b>ANTI-TANK/ASSAULT MISSILE SYS</b>			
012	JAVELIN (AAWS-M) SYSTEM SUMMARY .....	417,031	417,031
014	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) .....	1,014,937	1,014,937
015	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) AP .....	49,106	49,106
016	MLRS REDUCED RANGE PRACTICE ROCKETS (RRPR) .....	7,412	7,412
017	HIGH MOBILITY ARTILLERY ROCKET SYSTEM (HIMARS) .....	745,682	745,682
020	FAMILY OF LOW ALTITUDE UNMANNED SYSTEMS .....	139,191	139,191
<b>MODIFICATIONS</b>			
021	PATRIOT MODS .....	796,837	796,837
022	STINGER MODS .....	10,786	10,786
023	AVENGER MODS .....	6,823	6,823
024	MLRS MODS .....	289,496	289,496
025	HIMARS MODIFICATIONS .....	54,363	54,363
<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>			
026	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	6,698	6,698
<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT &amp; FACILITIES</b>			
027	AIR DEFENSE TARGETS .....	9,613	9,613
	<b>TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b> .....	<b>12,130,430</b>	<b>12,060,430</b>
<b>PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS AND TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES, ARMY</b>			
<b>TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES</b>			
001	ARMORED MULTI PURPOSE VEHICLE (AMPV) .....	1,150,759	1,150,759
003	ASSAULT BREACHER VEHICLE (ABV) .....	17,807	17,807
005	XM30 MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLE (MICV) .....	546,990	546,990
<b>MODIFICATION OF TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES</b>			
007	STRYKER UPGRADE .....	45,725	45,725
008	BRADLEY FIRE SUPPORT TEAM (BFIST) VEHICLE .....	4,863	4,863
009	BRADLEY PROGRAM (MOD) .....	161,979	161,979
010	M109 FOV MODIFICATIONS .....	74,070	74,070
011	PALADIN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT (PIM) .....	84,193	260,193
	Program increase .....		[176,000]
012	IMPROVED RECOVERY VEHICLE (Miss HERCULES) .....	106,036	106,036
013	JOINT ASSAULT BRIDGE .....	163,354	163,354
014	ABRAMS UPGRADE PROGRAM .....	654,969	654,969
015	VEHICLE PROTECTION SYSTEMS (VPS) .....	16,134	16,134
<b>WEAPONS &amp; OTHER COMBAT VEHICLES</b>			
019	MORTAR SYSTEMS .....	3,575	13,575
	Modular Turreted Mortar System .....		[10,000]
020	LOCATION & AZIMUTH DETERMINATION SYSTEM (LADS) .....	10,420	10,420
024	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON .....	372,641	372,641
<b>MOD OF WEAPONS AND OTHER COMBAT VEH</b>			
028	M777 MODS .....	1,569	1,569
030	M119 MODIFICATIONS .....	4,453	4,453
<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT &amp; FACILITIES</b>			
031	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (WOCV-WTCV) .....	512	512
032	PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT (WOCV-WTCV) .....	308,110	308,110
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS AND TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES, ARMY</b> .....	<b>3,728,159</b>	<b>3,914,159</b>
<b>PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY</b>			
<b>SMALL/MEDIUM CAL AMMUNITION</b>			
001	CTG, 5.56MM, ALL TYPES .....	114,418	134,418
	Program decrease .....		[−30,000]
	Program increase .....		[50,000]
002	CTG, 7.62MM, ALL TYPES .....	41,356	66,356
	Program decrease .....		[−15,000]
	Program increase .....		[40,000]
003	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON AMMUNITION .....	536,695	556,695
	6.8mm .....		[20,000]
004	CTG, HANDGUN, ALL TYPES .....	6,719	6,719
005	CTG, .50 CAL, ALL TYPES .....	50,861	115,861
	Program increase .....		[65,000]
006	CTG, 20MM, ALL TYPES .....	9,427	9,427



SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
007	CTG, 25MM, ALL TYPES .....	34,038	34,038
008	CTG, 30MM, ALL TYPES .....	164,116	164,116
009	CTG, 40MM, ALL TYPES .....	146,105	146,105
010	CTG, 50MM, ALL TYPES .....	58,221	58,221
	<b>MORTAR AMMUNITION</b>		
011	60MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES .....	67,727	67,727
012	81MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES .....	123,745	123,745
013	120MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES .....	192,826	192,826
	<b>TANK AMMUNITION</b>		
014	CARTRIDGES, TANK, 105MM AND 120MM, ALL TYPES .....	421,735	421,735
	<b>ARTILLERY AMMUNITION</b>		
015	ARTILLERY CARTRIDGES, 75MM & 105MM, ALL TYPES .....	48,841	48,841
016	ARTILLERY PROJECTILE, 155MM, ALL TYPES .....	120,703	120,703
018	ARTILLERY PROPELLANTS, FUZES AND PRIMERS, ALL .....	431,328	431,328
	<b>MINES</b>		
019	MINES & CLEARING CHARGES, ALL TYPES .....	47,012	47,012
021	MINE, AT, VOLCANO, ALL TYPES .....	4,026	4,026
	<b>ROCKETS</b>		
022	SHOULDER LAUNCHED MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES .....	50,235	50,235
023	ROCKET, HYDRA 70, ALL TYPES .....	92,772	92,772
	<b>OTHER AMMUNITION</b>		
024	CAD/PAD, ALL TYPES .....	11,615	11,615
025	DEMOLITION MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES .....	21,691	21,691
026	GRENADES, ALL TYPES .....	66,845	66,845
027	SIGNALS, ALL TYPES .....	44,927	44,927
028	SIMULATORS, ALL TYPES .....	11,508	11,508
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
030	AMMO COMPONENTS, ALL TYPES .....	4,109	4,109
031	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION (AMMO) .....	16,290	16,290
032	AMMUNITION PECULIAR EQUIPMENT .....	14,007	14,007
033	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION (AMMO) .....	18,712	18,712
034	CLOSEOUT LIABILITIES .....	101	101
	<b>PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT</b>		
035	INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES .....	2,331,763	2,351,763
	6.8mm equipping support .....		[10,000]
	6.8mm facilities .....		[10,000]
036	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS DEMILITARIZATION .....	161,179	161,179
037	ARMS INITIATIVE .....	3,935	3,935
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY</b>	<b>5,469,588</b>	<b>5,619,588</b>
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>		
	<b>TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>		
001	FAMILY OF SEMITRAILERS .....	129,602	129,602
003	GROUND MOBILITY VEHICLES (GMV) .....	526,796	526,796
004	ARNG HMMWV MODERNIZATION PROGRAM .....		100,000
	HMMWV ABS/ESC Rollover Mitigation .....		[100,000]
006	TRUCK, DUMP, 20T (CCE) .....	17,030	35,030
	M917A3 Heavy Dump Truck for the ARNG .....		[18,000]
007	FAMILY OF MEDIUM TACTICAL VEH (FMTV) .....	283,344	283,344
008	FAMILY OF COLD WEATHER ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (C .....	38,294	38,294
009	FIRETRUCKS & ASSOCIATED FIREFIGHTING EQUIP .....	40,203	40,203
010	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES (FHTV) .....	169,404	169,404
011	FAMILY OF COMMON TACTICAL TRUCKS .....	80,187	80,187
013	MODIFICATION OF IN SVC EQUIP .....	28,583	88,583
	Ground combat vehicle Organic Industrial Base .....		[60,000]
	<b>NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>		
014	NONTACTICAL VEHICLES, OTHER .....	12,029	12,029
	<b>COMM—JOINT COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
016	C2 INFRASTRUCTURE .....	1,293,203	933,203
	Program decrease .....		[−360,000]
017	C2 TRANSPORT .....	1,581,863	1,121,863
	Program decrease .....		[−460,000]
018	JCSE EQUIPMENT (USRDECOM) .....	39	39
	<b>COMM—SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
021	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE WIDEBAND SATCOM SYSTEMS .....	73,959	73,959
022	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING .....	243,303	243,303
	<b>COMM—COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
025	HANDHELD MANPACK SMALL FORM FIT (HMS) .....	516,045	516,045
026	ARMY LINK 16 SYSTEMS .....	33,711	33,711
027	UNIFIED COMMAND SUITE .....	20,187	20,187
028	COTS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT .....	5,188	5,188
030	ARMY COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS .....	54,428	54,428
	<b>COMM—INTELLIGENCE COMM</b>		
031	CI AUTOMATION ARCHITECTURE-INTEL .....	16,382	16,382
032	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE .....	243,732	208,732
	Program decrease .....		[−35,000]
	<b>INFORMATION SECURITY</b>		
033	INFORMATION SYSTEM SECURITY PROGRAM-ISSP .....	853	853

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
034	COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) .....	145,507	145,507
035	BIOMETRIC ENABLING CAPABILITY (BEC) .....	65	65
	<b>COMM—BASE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
036	INFORMATION SYSTEMS .....	133,046	127,046
	Unjustified growth .....		[−6,000]
037	BASE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION .....	50,644	50,644
038	INSTALLATION INFO INFRASTRUCTURE MOD PROGRAM .....	335,050	326,050
	Program decrease .....		[−9,000]
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—TACT INT REL ACT (TIARA)</b>		
042	TITAN .....	368,672	358,672
	Program decrease .....		[−10,000]
043	TERRESTRIAL LAYER SYSTEMS (TLS) .....	172,558	147,558
	Program decrease .....		[−25,000]
044	COLLECTION CAPABILITY .....	5,914	5,914
046	DCGS-A-INTEL .....	1,075	1,075
047	TROJAN .....	48,885	48,885
048	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIP (INTEL SPT) .....	12,441	12,441
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)</b>		
050	AIR VIGILANCE (AV) .....	106,497	106,497
052	ELECTRONIC WARFARE PLANNING & MGMT TOOLS (EWP) .....	46,570	46,570
053	FAMILY OF PERSISTENT SURVEILLANCE CAP. ....	163	163
054	COUNTERINTELLIGENCE/SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES .....	8,427	8,427
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL SURV. (TAC SURV)</b>		
056	SENTINEL MODS .....	485,840	485,840
059	BASE EXPEDITARY TARGETING AND SURV SYS .....	1,818	1,818
060	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION FAMILY OF SYSTEMS .....	18,000	18,000
061	FAMILY OF WEAPON SIGHTS (FWS) .....	15,340	15,340
062	ENHANCED PORTABLE INDUCTIVE ARTILLERY FUZE SE .....	13,228	13,228
063	SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS .....	9,848	9,848
064	FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED (FLIR) .....	84,134	84,134
065	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM (C-SUAS) .....	994,127	1,009,127
	Non-kinetic c-UAS swarm solutions .....		[15,000]
067	JOINT EFFECTS TARGETING SYSTEM (JETS) .....	7,663	7,663
068	COMPUTER BALLISTICS: LHMCB XM32 .....	6,382	6,382
069	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM .....	2,391	2,391
070	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS MODIFICATIONS .....	7,139	7,139
071	COUNTERFIRE RADARS .....	196,522	176,522
	Program decrease .....		[−10,000]
	Unjustified growth .....		[−10,000]
072	ADVANCED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SYSTEMS .....	397,286	397,286
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL C2 SYSTEMS</b>		
074	FIRE SUPPORT C2 FAMILY .....	3,559	3,559
075	AIR & MSL DEFENSE PLANNING & CONTROL SYS .....	61,127	61,127
076	LAMD BATTLE COMMAND SYSTEM .....	1,052,868	982,868
	Unjustified growth .....		[−70,000]
077	ALAMD FAMILY OF SYSTEMS (FOS) COMPONENTS .....	16,446	16,446
078	LIFE CYCLE SOFTWARE SUPPORT (LCSS) .....	5,265	5,265
082	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (ENFIRE) .....	16,673	16,673
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—AUTOMATION</b>		
083	ARMY TRAINING MODERNIZATION .....	4,303	4,303
084	AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING EQUIP .....	99,039	99,039
086	HIGH PERF COMPUTING MOD PGM (HPCMP) .....	75,004	75,004
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
087A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	1,577	1,577
	<b>CHEMICAL DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT</b>		
088	BASE DEFENSE SYSTEMS (BDS) .....	143	143
089	CBRN DEFENSE .....	65,020	65,020
	<b>BRIDGING EQUIPMENT</b>		
090	TACTICAL BRIDGE, FLOAT-RIBBON .....	35,806	35,806
	<b>ENGINEER (NON-CONSTRUCTION) EQUIPMENT</b>		
092	ROBOTICS AND APPLIQUE SYSTEMS .....	84,303	69,303
	Program decrease .....		[−15,000]
093	RENDER SAFE SETS KITS OUTFITS .....	12,461	12,461
094	FAMILY OF BOATS AND MOTORS .....	8,028	8,028
	<b>COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
095	HEATERS AND ECUS .....	15,021	15,021
097	GROUND SOLDIER SYSTEM .....	193,491	193,491
101	CARGO AERIAL DEL & PERSONNEL PARACHUTE SYSTEM .....	39,505	39,505
103	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5M (ENG SPT) .....	4,129	4,129
	<b>PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT</b>		
104	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, PETROLEUM & WATER .....	133,881	133,881
	<b>MEDICAL EQUIPMENT</b>		
105	COMBAT SUPPORT MEDICAL .....	93,705	103,705
	Modernization of field deployed mobile X-rays .....		[10,000]
	<b>MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT</b>		
106	MOBILE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS .....	58,997	58,997
	<b>CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT</b>		
107	CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT .....	72,582	72,582

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
<b>RAIL FLOAT CONTAINERIZATION EQUIPMENT</b>			
108	ARMY WATERCRAFT ESP .....	75,717	75,717
109	MANEUVER SUPPORT VESSEL (MSV) .....	104,705	166,705
	Army Autonomous Resupply Vessel .....		[62,000]
110	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (FLOAT/RAIL) .....	22,021	22,021
<b>GENERATORS</b>			
111	GENERATORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP .....	79,456	79,456
<b>MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT</b>			
112	FAMILY OF FORKLIFTS .....	6,238	6,238
<b>TRAINING EQUIPMENT</b>			
113	COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS SUPPORT .....	141,848	141,848
114	TRAINING DEVICES, NONSYSTEM .....	140,860	140,860
115	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (STE) .....	115,535	115,535
116	GAMING TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF ARMY TRAINING .....	4,180	4,180
<b>TEST MEASURE AND DIG EQUIPMENT (TMD)</b>			
117	INTEGRATED FAMILY OF TEST EQUIPMENT (IFTE) .....	18,570	18,570
118	TEST EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION (TEMOD) .....	53,597	53,597
<b>OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>			
119	PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (OPA3) .....	137,271	137,271
120	BASE LEVEL COMMON EQUIPMENT .....	19,889	19,889
121	MODIFICATION OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (OPA-3) .....	41,358	41,358
122	PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT (OTH) .....	362,356	362,356
123	BUILDING, PRE-FAB, RELOCATABLE .....	10,878	10,878
124	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR TEST AND EVALUATION .....	88,721	88,721
<b>OPA2</b>			
126	INITIAL SPARES—C&E .....	7,323	7,323
<b>TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>		<b>12,667,053</b>	<b>11,922,053</b>
<b>AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>			
<b>COMBAT AIRCRAFT</b>			
001	F/A-18E/F (FIGHTER) HORNET .....	49,088	49,088
002	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV .....	995,707	995,707
003	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV AP .....	651,081	651,081
004	JSF STOVL .....	62,363	62,363
005	JSF STOVL AP .....	77,963	77,963
006	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT) .....	3,044,450	3,044,450
007	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT) AP .....	429,295	429,295
009	H-1 UPGRADES (UH-1Y/AH-1Z) .....	5,974	5,974
010	P-8A POSEIDON .....	4,227,350	4,227,350
011	E-2D ADV HAWKEYE .....	2,075,025	1,725,025
	E-2D Multi-Year Procurement Cost Savings .....		[−350,000]
012	E-2D ADV HAWKEYE AP .....	550,000	495,000
	Excess to need .....		[−55,000]
<b>OTHER AIRCRAFT</b>			
015	KC-130J .....	1,601,906	1,601,906
016	MQ-4 TRITON .....	104,326	104,326
017	MQ-25 .....	771,177	771,177
018	MQ-25 AP .....	80,965	80,965
019	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS .....	118,600	118,600
020	OTHER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT .....	204,476	204,476
<b>MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT</b>			
021	F-18 A-D UNIQUE .....	36,951	36,951
022	F-18E/F AND EA-18G MODERNIZATION AND SUSTAINM .....	563,832	563,832
023	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS SERIES .....	179,603	179,603
024	AEA SYSTEMS .....	37,125	37,125
026	INFRARED SEARCH AND TRACK (IRST) .....	171,345	171,345
027	ADVERSARY .....	24,732	24,732
028	F-18 SERIES .....	858,716	858,716
029	H-53 SERIES .....	91,903	91,903
030	MH-60 SERIES .....	236,555	236,555
031	H-1 SERIES .....	304,267	304,267
032	E-2 SERIES .....	96,428	96,428
033	TRAINER A/C SERIES .....	12,359	12,359
034	C-130 SERIES .....	185,266	185,266
036	CARGO/TRANSPORT A/C SERIES .....	20,100	20,100
037	E-6 SERIES .....	270,832	270,832
038	EXECUTIVE HELICOPTERS SERIES .....	57,319	57,319
039	T-45 SERIES .....	191,139	191,139
040	POWER PLANT CHANGES .....	23,765	23,765
041	JPATS SERIES .....	28,059	28,059
043	COMMON ECM EQUIPMENT .....	365,990	365,990
044	COMMON AVIONICS CHANGES .....	246,728	222,056
	Program decrease .....		[−24,672]
045	COMMON DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM .....	11,028	11,028
046	ID SYSTEMS .....	3,199	3,199
047	P-8 SERIES .....	381,014	381,014
048	MAGTF EW FOR AVIATION .....	20,686	20,686
049	V-22 (TILT/ROTOR ACFT) OSPREY .....	641,715	641,715

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
050	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) .....	458,658	458,658
051	F-35 STOVL SERIES .....	428,881	428,881
052	F-35 CV SERIES .....	135,612	135,612
053	QRC .....	27,686	27,686
054	MQ-4 SERIES .....	157,849	157,849
	<b>AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
058	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	4,511,417	4,811,417
	F-35B Spare Parts .....		[150,000]
	F-35C Spare Parts .....		[150,000]
	<b>AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIP &amp; FACILITIES</b>		
059	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT .....	666,140	632,833
	Program decrease .....		[-33,307]
060	AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES .....	113,513	113,513
061	WAR CONSUMABLES .....	56,577	56,577
062	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES .....	61,970	61,970
063	SPECIAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	218,318	207,903
	Program decrease .....		[-10,415]
	<b>TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b> .....	<b>26,947,023</b>	<b>26,773,629</b>
	<b>WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>		
	<b>BALLISTIC MISSILES</b>		
001	CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE .....	750,387	750,387
	<b>MODIFICATION OF MISSILES</b>		
002	TRIDENT II MODS .....	3,912,267	3,912,267
	<b>STRATEGIC MISSILES</b>		
004	TOMAHAWK .....	1,015,106	1,015,106
	<b>TACTICAL MISSILES</b>		
005	AMRAAM .....	167,439	167,439
006	SIDEWINDER .....	174,750	174,750
007	JOINT ADVANCE TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM) .....	557,806	557,806
008	STANDARD MISSILE .....	733,159	733,159
010	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II .....	166,688	166,688
011	RAM .....	119,166	119,166
012	MSE MISSILE .....	97,835	97,835
013	JOINT AIR GROUND MISSILE (JAGM) .....	73,226	73,226
015	AERIAL TARGETS .....	179,931	179,931
016	OTHER MISSILE SUPPORT .....	3,877	3,877
017	LRASM .....	670,456	606,456
	Transfer to RDN-95 .....		[-64,000]
018	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) .....	75,972	75,972
019	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) AP .....	2,103	2,103
021	PRECISION ATTACK STRIKE MUNITION (PASM) .....	4,019	4,019
	<b>MODIFICATION OF MISSILES</b>		
022	TOMAHAWK MODS .....	799,139	799,139
023	ESSM .....	521,006	521,006
024	AARGM-ER .....	20	20
025	AARGM-ER AP .....	5,210	5,210
026	STANDARD MISSILES MODS .....	69,579	69,579
	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT &amp; FACILITIES</b>		
027	WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES .....	62,403	62,403
028	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS .....	640	640
	<b>ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
029	ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	43,261	43,261
	<b>TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP</b>		
030	SSTD .....	3,969	3,969
031	MK-48 TORPEDO .....	571,274	571,274
032	ASW TARGETS .....	47,277	47,277
	<b>MOD OF TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP</b>		
033	MK-54 TORPEDO MODS .....	112,126	112,126
034	MK-48 TORPEDO ADCAP MODS .....	67,279	67,279
035	MARITIME MINES .....	251,724	251,724
	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
036	TORPEDO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	160,445	160,445
037	ASW RANGE SUPPORT .....	4,438	4,438
	<b>DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION</b>		
038	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION .....	6,011	6,011
	<b>GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS</b>		
039	SMALL ARMS AND WEAPONS .....	13,946	13,946
	<b>MODIFICATION OF GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS</b>		
040	CIWS MODS .....	7,939	7,939
041	COAST GUARD WEAPONS .....	49,537	49,537
042	GUN MOUNT MODS .....	84,004	84,004
043	LCS MODULE WEAPONS .....	2,190	2,190
044	AIRBORNE MINE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEMS .....	14,265	14,265
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
046	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	167,242	167,242
	<b>TOTAL WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b> .....	<b>11,769,111</b>	<b>11,705,111</b>

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
<b>PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS</b>			
<b>NAVY AMMUNITION</b>			
001	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS .....	45,607	45,607
002	JDAM .....	96,935	96,935
003	AIRBORNE ROCKETS, ALL TYPES .....	92,145	92,145
004	MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION .....	14,832	14,832
005	PRACTICE BOMBS .....	46,782	46,782
006	CARTRIDGES & CART ACTUATED DEVICES .....	63,064	63,064
007	AIR EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES .....	121,059	121,059
008	JATOS .....	8,179	8,179
009	5 INCH/54 GUN AMMUNITION .....	44,136	44,136
010	INTERMEDIATE CALIBER GUN AMMUNITION .....	40,095	40,095
011	OTHER SHIP GUN AMMUNITION .....	43,106	43,106
012	SMALL ARMS & LANDING PARTY AMMO .....	48,801	48,801
013	PYROTECHNIC AND DEMOLITION .....	9,510	9,510
015	AMMUNITION LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	1,692	1,692
016	EXPEDITIONARY LOITERING MUNITIONS .....	165,662	165,662
<b>MARINE CORPS AMMUNITION</b>			
017	MORTARS .....	181,464	181,464
018	DIRECT SUPPORT MUNITIONS .....	29,715	29,715
019	INFANTRY WEAPONS AMMUNITION .....	142,179	142,179
020	COMBAT SUPPORT MUNITIONS .....	12,510	12,510
021	AMMO MODERNIZATION .....	19,009	19,009
022	ARTILLERY MUNITIONS .....	723,278	713,278
	Unjustified growth .....		[-10,000]
023	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	8,837	8,837
<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.</b>		<b>1,958,597</b>	<b>1,948,597</b>
<b>SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY</b>			
<b>FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SHIPS</b>			
001	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE .....	10,233,832	10,233,832
002	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE AP .....	4,763,342	4,888,342
	Additive manufacturing planning for submarine industrial base resilience .....		[45,000]
	Scaling of Low-Cost Titanium Manufacturing for Submarine Construction .....		[10,000]
	Submarine Workforce Pipeline .....		[70,000]
<b>OTHER WARSHIPS</b>			
003	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM .....	641,907	641,907
004	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AP .....	1,940,566	1,940,566
005	CVN-81 .....	1,447,882	1,447,882
006	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE .....	8,402,316	8,402,316
007	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE AP .....	4,143,618	4,143,618
009	BBG(X) AP .....	1,000,000	1,000,000
010	CVN REFUELING OVERHAULS .....	4,418,902	4,418,902
011	CVN REFUELING OVERHAULS AP .....	53,070	53,070
012	DDG 1000 .....	66,516	66,516
013	DDG-51 .....	2,954,238	3,954,238
	Incremental funding for an additional DDG-51 .....		[1,000,000]
017	FF(X) .....	1,429,000	1,429,000
<b>AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS</b>			
018	LPD FLIGHT II .....	2,188,700	2,188,700
019	LPD FLIGHT II AP .....	355,950	355,950
021	LHA REPLACEMENT .....	3,850,319	3,850,319
<b>AUXILIARIES, CRAFT AND PRIOR YR PROGRAM COST</b>			
026	AS SUBMARINE TENDER .....	4,444,000	3,564,000
	Program decrease .....		[-380,000]
	Reduction for incremental funding of submarine tender contract .....		[-500,000]
028	TAO FLEET OILER .....	1,946,063	1,946,063
031	TAGOS SURTASS SHIPS .....	610,664	580,664
	Program decrease .....		[-30,000]
035	STRATEGIC SEALIFT .....	450,000	450,000
036	OUTFITTING .....	741,270	741,270
037	SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR .....	733,895	733,895
038	SERVICE CRAFT .....	177,079	259,079
	Additional Yard, Repair, Berthing and Messing Barges .....		[82,000]
039	AUXILIARY PERSONNEL LIGHTER .....	83,000	83,000
040	BULK FUEL VESSEL .....	450,000	450,000
043	LCAC SLEP .....	37,998	37,998
045	COMPLETION OF PY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS .....	2,611,990	2,599,990
	Program decrease .....		[-12,000]
<b>TOTAL SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY</b>		<b>60,176,117</b>	<b>60,461,117</b>
<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>			
<b>SHIP PROPULSION EQUIPMENT</b>			
001	SURFACE POWER EQUIPMENT .....	22,668	22,668
<b>GENERATORS</b>			
002	SURFACE COMBATANT HM&E .....	103,871	103,871
<b>NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT</b>			

**SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
003	OTHER NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT .....	83,510	83,510
	<b>OTHER SHIPBOARD EQUIPMENT</b>		
004	SUB PERISCOPE, IMAGING AND SUPT EQUIP PROG .....	344,885	344,885
005	DDG MOD .....	1,000,278	1,000,278
006	FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT .....	177,708	177,708
007	COMMAND AND CONTROL SWITCHBOARD .....	2,259	2,259
008	LHA/LHD MIDLIFE .....	131,315	131,315
009	LCC 19/20 EXTENDED SERVICE LIFE PROGRAM .....	766	766
010	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT .....	22,506	22,506
011	SUBMARINE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	330,951	330,951
012	VIRGINIA CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	83,297	83,297
013	LCS CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	15,815	15,815
014	SUBMARINE BATTERIES .....	26,211	26,211
015	LPD CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	213,723	213,723
016	DDG 1000 CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	58,284	58,284
017	STRATEGIC PLATFORM SUPPORT EQUIP .....	72,163	72,163
018	DSSP EQUIPMENT .....	7,440	7,440
019	SMALL UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLES .....	585	585
020	LCAC .....	22,515	22,515
021	UNDERWATER EOD EQUIPMENT .....	20,575	20,575
022	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	69,425	69,425
023	CHEMICAL WARFARE DETECTORS .....	2,425	2,425
	<b>REACTOR PLANT EQUIPMENT</b>		
024	SHIP MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION .....	2,737,140	2,737,140
025	REACTOR COMPONENTS .....	519,821	519,821
	<b>OCEAN ENGINEERING</b>		
026	DIVING AND SALVAGE EQUIPMENT .....	33,013	33,013
	<b>SMALL BOATS</b>		
027	MEDIUM UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE (MUSVS) .....	121,130	121,130
028	STANDARD BOATS .....	97,746	152,746
	Additional 40ft Patrol Boats .....		[55,000]
	<b>PRODUCTION FACILITIES EQUIPMENT</b>		
029	OPERATING FORCES IPE .....	492,100	492,100
	<b>OTHER SHIP SUPPORT</b>		
030	LCS COMMON MISSION MODULES EQUIPMENT .....	30,565	30,565
031	LCS MCM MISSION MODULES .....	65,113	65,113
032	LCS SUW MISSION MODULES .....	1,719	1,719
033	LCS IN-SERVICE MODERNIZATION .....	315,272	125,272
	Insufficient justification .....		[-35,000]
	Program decrease .....		[-155,000]
034	SMALL & MEDIUM UUV .....	110,955	110,955
035	LARGE UUV .....	222,998	256,998
	Procurement of dual modality large displacement unmanned undersea vehicles .....		[34,000]
036	EXTRA LARGE UUV .....	135,802	135,802
	<b>LOGISTIC SUPPORT</b>		
037	LSD MIDLIFE & MODERNIZATION .....	240	240
	<b>SHIP SONARS</b>		
039	AN/SQQ-89 SURF ASW COMBAT SYSTEM .....	142,355	142,355
040	SSN ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT .....	454,161	454,161
	<b>ASW ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
042	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE SYSTEM .....	68,881	68,881
043	SSTD .....	14,857	14,857
044	FIXED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM .....	490,548	490,548
045	SURTASS .....	72,190	72,190
	<b>ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT</b>		
046	AN/SLQ-32 .....	653,483	653,483
	<b>RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT</b>		
047	SHIPBOARD IW EXPLOIT .....	701,667	701,667
048	MARITIME BATTLESPACE AWARENESS .....	8,652	8,652
	<b>OTHER SHIP ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
049	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY .....	33,932	33,932
050	NAVAL TACTICAL COMMAND SUPPORT SYSTEM (NTCSS) .....	10,108	10,108
051	ATDLs .....	52,758	52,758
052	NAVY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NCCS) .....	16,167	16,167
053	MINESWEEPING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT .....	14,879	14,879
054	NAVSTAR GPS RECEIVERS (SPACE) .....	43,097	43,097
055	AMERICAN FORCES RADIO AND TV SERVICE .....	289	289
	<b>AVIATION ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
056	ASHORE ATC EQUIPMENT .....	83,057	83,057
057	AFLOAT ATC EQUIPMENT .....	62,581	62,581
058	ID SYSTEMS .....	35,620	35,620
059	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM ( .....	2,976	2,976
060	NAVAL MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS .....	54,487	54,487
	<b>OTHER SHORE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
062	TACTICAL/MOBILE CI SYSTEMS .....	48,262	48,262
063	INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE (ISR) .....	11,824	11,824
064	CANES .....	493,046	486,046
	Program decrease .....		[-7,000]

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
065	RADAR .....	38,000	38,000
066	CANES-INTELL .....	43,028	43,028
067	GPETE .....	31,462	31,462
068	MASF .....	5,822	5,822
069	INTEG COMBAT SYSTEM TEST FACILITY .....	6,454	6,454
070	EMI CONTROL INSTRUMENTATION .....	3,435	3,435
071	IN-SERVICE RADARS AND SENSORS .....	338,946	338,946
	<b>SHIPBOARD COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
072	BATTLE FORCE TACTICAL NETWORK .....	125,661	125,661
073	SHIPBOARD TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS .....	50,350	50,350
074	SHIP COMMUNICATIONS AUTOMATION .....	156,605	156,605
075	COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS UNDER \$5M .....	15,097	15,097
	<b>SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
076	SUBMARINE BROADCAST SUPPORT .....	173,069	173,069
077	SUBMARINE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT .....	88,071	88,071
	<b>SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
078	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS .....	57,961	57,961
079	NAVY MULTIBAND TERMINAL (NMT) .....	57,768	57,768
080	MOBILE ADVANCED EHF TERMINAL (MAT) .....	202,305	202,305
	<b>CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
082	INFO SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM (ISSP) .....	349,099	349,099
083	MIO INTEL EXPLOITATION TEAM .....	1,063	1,063
	<b>CRYPTOLOGIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
084	CRYPTOLOGIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP .....	7,419	7,419
	<b>OTHER ELECTRONIC SUPPORT</b>		
091	COAST GUARD EQUIPMENT .....	67,106	67,106
	<b>DRUG INTERDICTION SUPPORT</b>		
092	OTHER DRUG INTERDICTION SUPPORT .....	57,568	57,568
	<b>SONOBUOYS</b>		
093	SONOBUOYS—ALL TYPES .....	300,151	550,151
	Additional Procurement of Sonobuoys .....		[250,000]
	<b>AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
094	MINOTAUR .....	4,831	4,831
095	WEAPONS RANGE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	119,900	119,900
096	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	69,065	69,065
097	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG) .....	23,551	23,551
098	ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRCRAFT LAUNCH SYSTEM (EMALS) .....	36,908	36,908
099	METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT .....	7,477	7,477
100	AIRBORNE MCM .....	9,507	9,507
101	AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	116,873	116,873
102	UMCS-UNMAN CARRIER AVIATION(UCA)MISSION CNTRL .....	211,216	211,216
	<b>SHIP GUN SYSTEM EQUIPMENT</b>		
103	SHIP GUN SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT .....	6,962	6,962
	<b>SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT</b>		
104	HARPOON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	195	195
105	SHIP MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	431,069	416,069
	Insufficient justification .....		[−15,000]
106	TOMAHAWK SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	116,208	116,208
	<b>FBM SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
107	CPS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	188,430	188,430
108	STRATEGIC MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIP .....	327,941	327,941
	<b>ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
109	SSN COMBAT CONTROL SYSTEMS .....	165,416	165,416
110	ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	25,105	25,105
	<b>OTHER ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
111	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL EQUIP .....	48,252	48,252
113	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	2,592	2,592
	<b>OTHER EXPENDABLE ORDNANCE</b>		
114	ANTI-SHIP MISSILE DECOY SYSTEM .....	606,241	606,241
115	SUBMARINE TRAINING DEVICE MODS .....	73,681	73,681
116	SURFACE TRAINING EQUIPMENT .....	218,181	218,181
	<b>CIVIL ENGINEERING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
117	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES .....	3,567	3,567
118	GENERAL PURPOSE TRUCKS .....	4,801	4,801
120	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE EQUIP .....	91,269	91,269
121	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT .....	17,107	17,107
122	TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	46,796	46,796
123	AMPHIBIOUS EQUIPMENT .....	53,916	53,916
124	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT .....	3,586	3,586
125	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	131,449	131,449
126	PHYSICAL SECURITY VEHICLES .....	998	998
	<b>SUPPLY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
127	SUPPLY EQUIPMENT .....	67,828	67,828
128	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION .....	4,732	4,732
129	SPECIAL PURPOSE SUPPLY SYSTEMS .....	323,644	323,644
	<b>TRAINING DEVICES</b>		
130	TRAINING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	10,608	10,608
131	TRAINING AND EDUCATION EQUIPMENT .....	331,016	331,016

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
	<b>COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
132	COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	55,202	55,202
133	MEDICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	54,862	54,862
135	NAVAL MIP SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	5,213	5,213
136	OPERATING FORCES SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	15,107	15,107
137	CAISR EQUIPMENT .....	33,975	33,975
138	ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	60,467	60,467
139	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT .....	218,037	191,037
	Insufficient justification .....		[-27,000]
140	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY .....	40,490	40,490
	<b>OTHER</b>		
142	NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISE SERVICE .....	223,647	216,647
	Unjustified growth .....		[-7,000]
143	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	7,131	7,131
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
143A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	42,813	42,813
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
144	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	765,711	765,711
	<b>TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b> .....	<b>18,866,679</b>	<b>18,959,679</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS</b>		
	<b>TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES</b>		
002	AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICLES .....	237,336	237,336
003	LAV PIP .....	68,825	68,825
	<b>ARTILLERY AND OTHER WEAPONS</b>		
004	155MM LIGHTWEIGHT TOWED HOWITZER .....	5,709	5,709
005	ARTILLERY WEAPONS SYSTEM .....	341,085	341,085
006	WEAPONS AND COMBAT VEHICLES UNDER \$5 MILLION .....	50,299	50,299
	<b>GUIDED MISSILES</b>		
008	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) .....	204,639	204,639
009	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) AP .....	14,391	14,391
010	GROUND BASED AIR DEFENSE .....	1,274,446	1,254,446
	Unjustified growth .....		[-20,000]
011	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-JAVELIN .....	63,020	63,020
012	FAMILY ANTI-ARMOR WEAPON SYSTEMS (FOAAWS) .....	808	808
013	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-TOW .....	1,265	1,265
014	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) .....	61,355	61,355
	<b>REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT</b>		
016	REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT .....	65,665	65,665
	<b>OTHER SUPPORT (TEL)</b>		
017	MODIFICATION KITS .....	1,047	1,047
	<b>COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NON-TEL)</b>		
018	ITEMS UNDER \$5 MILLION (COMM & ELEC) .....	140,929	140,929
	<b>RADAR + EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)</b>		
020	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR) .....	55,622	60,622
	Program increase .....		[5,000]
	<b>INTELL/COMM EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)</b>		
021	ELECTRO MAGNETIC SPECTRUM OPERATIONS (EMSO) .....	79,269	79,269
022	GCSS-MC .....	3,435	3,435
023	FIRE SUPPORT SYSTEM .....	136,070	146,070
	Fiber Optic Drone Procurement .....		[10,000]
024	INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	395,854	395,854
026	UNMANNED AIR SYSTEMS (INTEL) .....	262,815	262,815
028	UAS PAYLOADS .....	14,834	14,834
	<b>OTHER SUPPORT (NON-TEL)</b>		
029	MARINE CORPS ENTERPRISE NETWORK (MCEN) .....	190,282	190,282
030	COMMON COMPUTER RESOURCES .....	15,950	15,950
031	COMMAND POST SYSTEMS .....	442,308	442,308
032	RADIO SYSTEMS .....	764,001	764,001
034	COMM & ELEC INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT .....	37,640	37,640
035	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	19,854	19,854
036	UNMANNED EXPEDITIONARY SYSTEMS .....	1,001	1,001
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
039A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	2,029	2,029
	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES</b>		
040	COMMERCIAL CARGO VEHICLES .....	27,582	27,582
	<b>TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>		
041	MOTOR TRANSPORT MODIFICATIONS .....	22,460	22,460
042	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE .....	244,941	244,941
043	TRAILERS .....	136,438	136,438
	<b>ENGINEER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT</b>		
044	TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS .....	112,197	112,197
045	POWER EQUIPMENT ASSORTED .....	34,219	34,219
046	AMPHIBIOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	29,042	29,042
047	EOD SYSTEMS .....	24,297	24,297
	<b>MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT</b>		
048	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT .....	151,740	151,740
	<b>GENERAL PROPERTY</b>		



SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
049	FIELD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT .....	227,761	227,761
050	TRAINING DEVICES .....	136,639	136,639
051	FAMILY OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT .....	115,681	115,681
052	ULTRA-LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (ULTV) .....	972	972
	<b>OTHER SUPPORT</b>		
053	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	54,228	54,228
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
054	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	18,925	18,925
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS</b> .....	<b>6,288,905</b>	<b>6,283,905</b>
	<b>AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b>		
	<b>STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE</b>		
001	B-21 RAIDER .....	2,230,615	2,230,615
002	B-21 RAIDER AP .....	1,005,667	1,005,667
	<b>TACTICAL FORCES</b>		
003	F-35 .....	2,393,723	2,393,723
004	F-35 AP .....	738,103	738,103
005	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT .....	996,528	996,528
006	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT AP .....	150,500	150,500
007	F-15EX .....	2,656,716	2,656,716
009	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT .....	52,695	52,695
	<b>TACTICAL AIRLIFT</b>		
010	KC-46A MDAP .....	3,520,530	3,470,530
	BTAR early to need .....		[-50,000]
	<b>OTHER AIRLIFT</b>		
011	C-130J .....	636,680	916,680
	Additional C-130J weapon system trainer .....		[20,000]
	Two additional aircraft .....		[260,000]
	<b>UPT TRAINERS</b>		
012	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING T-7A .....	529,464	529,464
013	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING T-7A AP .....	69,690	69,690
	<b>HELICOPTERS</b>		
014	MH-139A .....	252,949	380,578
	Four additional aircraft .....		[127,629]
015	COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER .....	69,395	69,395
	<b>MISSION SUPPORT AIRCRAFT</b>		
016	C-37A .....	208,000	208,000
018	CIVIL AIR PATROL A/C .....	3,219	3,219
	<b>OTHER AIRCRAFT</b>		
020	TARGET DRONES .....	31,912	31,912
021	COMPASS CALL .....	660,000	660,000
024	RQ-20B PUMA .....	15,513	15,513
	<b>STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT</b>		
025	B-2A .....	178,668	178,668
026	B-1B .....	146,862	106,862
	Excessive growth .....		[-40,000]
027	B-52 .....	422,399	422,399
028	LARGE AIRCRAFT INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES .....	66,638	66,638
	<b>TACTICAL AIRCRAFT</b>		
029	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT MODS .....	822	822
031	F-15 .....	140,204	140,204
032	F-15EX .....	214,176	214,176
033	F-16 MODIFICATIONS .....	946,747	946,747
034	F-22A .....	1,052,088	1,052,088
035	F-35 MODIFICATIONS .....	335,973	335,973
036	F-15 EPAW .....	141,233	141,233
037	KC-46A MDAP .....	85,515	85,515
	<b>AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT</b>		
038	C-5 .....	10,308	10,308
039	C-17A .....	59,867	59,867
042	OSA-EA MODIFICATIONS .....	136,786	136,786
	<b>TRAINER AIRCRAFT</b>		
043	GLIDER MODS .....	164	164
044	T-6 .....	131,747	131,747
046	T-38 .....	84,452	84,452
	<b>OTHER AIRCRAFT</b>		
047	U-2 MODS .....	297	10,297
	Program increase .....		[10,000]
050	C-130 .....	23,546	23,546
051	C-130J MODS .....	315,308	315,308
052	C-135 .....	158,715	148,715
	Slow execution .....		[-10,000]
053	COMPASS CALL .....	506,265	506,265
054	CVR (CONNON ULF RECEIVER) INC 2 .....	18	18
055	RC-135 .....	252,846	252,846
056	E-3 .....	841	841
057	E-4 .....	30,779	30,779
058	H-1 .....	17,872	17,872

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
059	MH-139A MOD .....	5,021	5,021
061	HH60W MODIFICATIONS .....	46,662	46,662
062	HC/MC-130 MODIFICATIONS .....	257,742	257,742
063	OTHER AIRCRAFT .....	102,052	91,847
	Program decrease .....		[-10,205]
064	MQ-9 MODS .....	105,966	105,966
065	SOFTWARE DEFINED USER EQUIPMENT .....	25,847	25,847
066	SENIOR LEADER C3 SYSTEM—AIRCRAFT .....	32,654	32,654
067	CV-22 MODS .....	168,042	168,042
	<b>AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
068	INITIAL SPARES/REPAIR PARTS .....	1,441,052	1,741,052
	F-35A Spare Parts .....		[300,000]
	<b>COMMON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
071	AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT SUPPORT EQUIP .....	252,808	227,528
	Program decrease .....		[-25,280]
	<b>POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT</b>		
073	B-2B .....	95,457	95,457
074	B-52 .....	114	114
075	C-17A .....	3,027	3,027
076	CV-22 POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT .....	5,088	5,088
079	F-15EX .....	16,930	16,930
080	F-16 POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT .....	57,781	57,781
081	HC/MC-130 POST PROD .....	20,415	20,415
083	MQ-9 POST PROD .....	15,365	15,365
	<b>INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS</b>		
084	INDUSTRIAL RESPONSIVENESS .....	20,590	20,590
	<b>WAR CONSUMABLES</b>		
085	WAR CONSUMABLES .....	85,387	85,387
	<b>OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES</b>		
086	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES .....	2,528,401	2,528,401
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
088A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	15,800	15,800
	<b>TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>26,985,236</b>	<b>27,567,380</b>
	<b>MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b>		
	<b>MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT—BALLISTIC</b>		
001	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC .....	27,006	27,006
	<b>BALLISTIC MISSILES</b>		
003	GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT .....	107,602	107,602
	<b>STRATEGIC</b>		
005	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON .....	506,047	506,047
006	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON AP .....	456,810	456,810
	<b>TACTICAL</b>		
007	REPLAC EQUIP & WAR CONSUMABLES .....	23,575	23,575
009	AGM-183A AIR-LAUNCHED RAPID RESPONSE WEAPON .....	452,035	452,035
010	FAMILY OF AFFORDABLE MASS MISSILE (FAMM) .....	55,000	55,000
011	HYPERSONIC ATTACK CRUISE MISSILE .....	403,974	403,974
012	JOINT AIR-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE .....	967,866	967,866
013	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE .....	608,743	608,743
014	JOINT STRIKE MISSILE .....	384,607	384,607
015	LRASMO .....	500,916	500,916
016	SIDEWINDER (AIM-9X) .....	419,238	419,238
017	AMRAAM .....	115,856	115,856
019	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB .....	44,596	44,596
020	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II .....	194,509	194,509
021	STAND-IN ATTACK WEAPON (SIAW) .....	401,607	401,607
	<b>INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES</b>		
022	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS/POL PREVENTION .....	931	931
	<b>CLASS IV</b>		
023	ICBM FUZE MOD .....	169,747	169,747
025	MM III MODIFICATIONS .....	9,865	9,865
026	AIR LAUNCH CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM) .....	30,407	30,407
	<b>MISSILE SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
027	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (INITIAL) .....	15,621	15,621
028	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (REPLEN) .....	123,224	123,224
	<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>		
030	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAMS .....	168,578	168,578
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
030A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	622,814	622,814
	<b>TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>6,811,174</b>	<b>6,811,174</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE</b>		
	<b>ROCKETS</b>		
001	ROCKETS .....	102,059	102,059
	<b>CARTRIDGES</b>		
002	CARTRIDGES .....	157,508	157,508
	<b>BOMBS</b>		
003	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS .....	168,469	168,469

<b>SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>			
<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
004	MASSIVE ORDNANCE PENETRATOR (MOP) .....	755	755
005	JOINT DIRECT ATTACK MUNITION .....	129,568	129,568
006	B61-12 TRAINER .....	24,226	24,226
	<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>		
007	CAD/PAD .....	45,448	45,448
008	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) .....	7,168	7,168
009	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	626	626
010	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION .....	2,873	2,873
011	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5,000,000 .....	5,468	5,468
	<b>FLARES</b>		
013	EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES .....	99,180	99,180
	<b>FUZES</b>		
014	FUZES .....	141,149	141,149
	<b>SMALL ARMS</b>		
015	SMALL ARMS .....	25,619	25,619
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>910,116</b>	<b>910,116</b>
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b>		
	<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES</b>		
005	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE .....	103,304	103,304
	<b>MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT</b>		
009	MATERIALS HANDLING VEHICLES .....	2,132	2,132
	<b>MISSION SUPPORT VEHICLES</b>		
012	MISSION SUPPORT VEHICLES .....	439,892	439,892
	<b>COMM SECURITY EQUIPMENT(COMSEC)</b>		
014	COMSEC EQUIPMENT .....	374,613	374,613
	<b>INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS</b>		
016	INTERNATIONAL INTEL TECH & ARCHITECTURES .....	19,060	19,060
017	INTELLIGENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT .....	5,531	5,531
018	INTELLIGENCE COMM EQUIPMENT .....	37,717	37,717
	<b>ELECTRONICS PROGRAMS</b>		
019	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL & LANDING SYS .....	58,313	58,313
021	BATTLE CONTROL SYSTEM—FIXED .....	3,391	3,391
022	THEATER AIR CONTROL SYS IMPROVEMEN .....	11,640	11,640
023	3D EXPEDITIONARY LONG-RANGE RADAR .....	430,607	430,607
024	WEATHER OBSERVATION FORECAST .....	33,111	33,111
025	STRATEGIC COMMAND AND CONTROL .....	89,931	89,931
026	CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX .....	7,434	7,434
027	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS .....	23,927	23,927
028	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM .....	9,435	9,435
	<b>SPCL COMM-ELECTRONICS PROJECTS</b>		
029	GENERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY .....	234,417	234,417
033	AIR FORCE PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM .....	1,770,698	1,660,698
	Program decrease .....		[-110,000]
034	SAMTEC COMMUNICATIONS .....	17,641	17,641
035	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES .....	94,378	95,878
	BMGR LMR Upgrades .....		[1,500]
036	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMM N .....	279,516	279,516
037	WIDE AREA SURVEILLANCE (WAS) .....	17,000	17,000
038	C3 COUNTERMEASURES .....	163,127	163,127
040	THEATER BATTLE MGT C2 SYSTEM .....	460	460
041	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC) .....	23,778	23,778
	<b>AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
042	BASE INFORMATION TRANSPRT INFRAST (BITI) WIRED .....	125,702	125,702
043	AFNET .....	325,839	322,839
	Unjustified growth .....		[-3,000]
044	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE) .....	16,267	16,267
045	USCENTCOM .....	15,328	15,328
046	USSTRATCOM .....	5,013	5,013
047	USSPACECOM .....	195,370	195,370
	<b>ORGANIZATION AND BASE</b>		
048	TACTICAL C-E EQUIPMENT .....	162,835	162,835
049	NEXT GENERATION SURVIVAL RADIO (NGSR) .....	80,321	80,321
051	RADIO EQUIPMENT .....	36,874	36,874
052	BASE COMM INFRASTRUCTURE .....	158,113	158,113
	<b>MODIFICATIONS</b>		
053	COMM ELECT MODS .....	220,855	220,855
	<b>PERSONAL SAFETY &amp; RESCUE EQUIP</b>		
054	PERSONAL SAFETY AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT .....	87,994	87,994
	<b>DEPOT PLANT+MTRLS HANDLING EQ</b>		
055	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT .....	14,444	14,444
056	MECHANIZED MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIP .....	24,594	24,594
	<b>BASE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
057	BASE PROCURED EQUIPMENT .....	81,686	81,686
058	ENGINEERING AND EOD EQUIPMENT .....	247,989	247,989
059	MOBILITY EQUIPMENT .....	288,930	268,930
	Program decrease .....		[-20,000]
060	FUELS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FSE) .....	81,066	81,066

<b>SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>			
<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
061	BASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	68,127	68,127
	<b>SPECIAL SUPPORT PROJECTS</b>		
063	DARP RC135 .....	31,496	31,496
064	DCGS-AF .....	316,157	306,157
	Unjustified growth .....		[−10,000]
066	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAM .....	5,099,420	5,099,420
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
066A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	27,241,704	27,241,704
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
067	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS (CYBER) .....	8,657	8,657
068	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	14,129	14,129
	<b>TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>39,199,963</b>	<b>39,058,463</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE</b>		
	<b>SPACE PROCUREMENT, SF</b>		
001	AF SATELLITE COMM SYSTEM .....	54,391	54,391
003	AUXILIARY PAYLOADS .....	241,076	241,076
005	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS .....	459,466	459,466
007	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS) AP .....	139,700	139,700
011	GROUND MOVING TARGET INDICATOR (GMTI) .....	1,016,612	1,016,612
013	GENERAL INFORMATION TECH—SPACE .....	14,895	14,895
014	GPSIII FOLLOW ON .....	680,875	680,875
017	SPACEBORNE EQUIP (COMSEC) .....	95,061	95,061
018	MILSATCOM .....	38,067	38,067
020	SPECIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES .....	2,021,299	2,021,299
021	MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM .....	50,640	50,640
022	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH .....	3,370,958	3,370,958
024	PTES HUB .....	12,046	12,046
025	SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LAUNCH .....	835,197	835,197
026	SPACE DIGITAL INTEGRATED NETWORK (SDIN) .....	5,119	5,119
027	SPACE MODS .....	448,674	448,674
028	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM SPACE .....	64,885	64,885
029	WIDEBAND SATCOM OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS .....	81,483	81,483
	<b>SPARES</b>		
030	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	971	971
	<b>NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>		
031	USSF VEHICLES .....	6,032	6,032
	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
033	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT .....	7,906	7,906
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE</b> .....	<b>9,645,353</b>	<b>9,645,353</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>		
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD</b>		
002	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD .....	213,031	208,031
	Program decrease .....		[−5,000]
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS</b>		
006	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS .....	453	453
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DISA</b>		
007	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY .....	27,652	27,652
008	TELEPORT PROGRAM .....	93,512	93,512
009	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	24,013	24,013
010	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM NETWORK .....	392,650	392,650
012	WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATION AGENCY .....	611,216	611,216
013	SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE .....	81,584	81,584
015	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER .....	53,596	53,596
016	FOURTH ESTATE NETWORK OPTIMIZATION (4ENO) .....	60,808	60,808
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DLA</b>		
022	MAJOR EQUIPMENT .....	19,707	19,707
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS</b>		
024	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS .....	11,689	11,689
025	COUNTER-SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS .....	800,000	800,000
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY</b>		
029	BMDS AN/TPY-2 RADARS .....	17,840	17,840
030	SM-3 ILLAS .....	778,964	778,964
031	ARROW 3 UPPER TIER SYSTEMS .....	150,000	150,000
032	SHORT RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (SRBMD) .....	30,000	30,000
035	IRON DOME .....	20,000	20,000
036	AEGIS BMD HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE .....	39,256	39,256
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DHRA</b>		
037	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION .....	82,438	82,438
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY</b>		
040	VEHICLES .....	99	99
041	OTHER MAJOR EQUIPMENT .....	8,963	8,963
042	DTRA CYBER ACTIVITIES .....	900	900
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DMACT</b>		
044	MAJOR EQUIPMENT .....	6,854	6,854
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, USCYBERCOM</b>		
045	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	103,855	103,855

<b>SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>			
<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
045A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	3,587,405	3,587,405
	<b>AVIATION PROGRAMS</b>		
050	ROTARY WING UPGRADES AND SUSTAINMENT .....	185,930	185,930
051	SKYRAIDER II .....	59,894	279,894
	Program increase .....		[220,000]
053	NON-STANDARD AVIATION .....	72,650	110,290
	Non-Standard Aviations (NSAr) .....		[37,640]
055	MH-47 CHINOOK .....	168,411	168,411
056	CV-22 MODIFICATION .....	9,479	9,479
057	MQ-9 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE .....	75,841	75,841
059	AC/MC-130J .....	366,857	366,857
	<b>SHIPBUILDING</b>		
060	UNDERWATER SYSTEMS .....	76,879	76,879
	<b>AMMUNITION PROGRAMS</b>		
061	ORDNANCE ITEMS <\$5M .....	237,153	380,683
	Ground Organic Precision Strike Systems (GOPSS) .....		[25,519]
	Munitions War Reserves .....		[118,011]
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS</b>		
062	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS .....	319,241	319,241
064	OTHER ITEMS <\$5M .....	119,047	119,047
065	COMBATANT CRAFT SYSTEMS .....	33,858	33,858
066	SPECIAL PROGRAMS .....	130,462	130,462
067	TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	36,983	36,983
068	WARRIOR SYSTEMS <\$5M .....	511,016	635,125
	Advanced Tactical Pants .....		[5,000]
	Electromagnetic Warfare (EW) Family of Systems .....		[79,945]
	Ground Infil Protection Systems(GIPS) .....		[39,164]
069	COMBAT MISSION REQUIREMENTS .....	4,988	4,988
070	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE .....	28,074	28,074
071	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS .....	360,595	408,595
	Accelerated Fielding of Group 3 Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Capability .....		[36,000]
	Ground Infil Protection Systems(GIPS) .....		[12,000]
	<b>CBDP</b>		
072	CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS .....	223,166	223,166
073	CB PROTECTION & HAZARD MITIGATION .....	117,859	117,859
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE</b> .....	<b>10,354,868</b>	<b>10,923,147</b>
	<b>NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE EQUIPMENT</b>		
	<b>ARMY RESERVE</b>		
001	MISC EQUIPMENT—ARMY RESERVE .....	155,000	155,000
	<b>NAVY RESERVE</b>		
002	MISC EQUIPMENT—NAVY RESERVE .....	57,000	57,000
	<b>MARINE CORPS RESERVE</b>		
003	MISC EQUIPMENT—MARINE CORPS RESERVE .....	23,000	23,000
	<b>AIR FORCE RESERVE</b>		
004	MISC EQUIPMENT—AF RESERVE .....	155,000	155,000
	<b>ARMY NATIONAL GUARD</b>		
005	MISC EQUIPMENT—ARMY NATIONAL GUARD .....	305,000	305,000
	<b>AIR NATIONAL GUARD</b>		
006	MISC EQUIPMENT—AIR FORCE NATIONAL GUARD .....	305,000	305,000
	<b>TOTAL NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE EQUIPMENT</b> .....	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
	<b>DEFENSE STRATEGIC CAPITAL CREDIT PROGRAM</b>		
	<b>DEFENSE STRATEGIC CAPITAL CREDIT PROGRAM</b>		
001	OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAPITAL LOAN PROGRAM .....	216,000	216,000
	<b>TOTAL DEFENSE STRATEGIC CAPITAL CREDIT PROGRAM</b> ..	<b>216,000</b>	<b>216,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT</b> .....	<b>257,058,141</b>	<b>258,237,453</b>

1 **TITLE XLII—RESEARCH, DEVEL-**  
 2 **OPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**  
 3 **TION**

4 **SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**  
 5 **TION.**

SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
Line	Program Element	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY</b>		
		<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>		
001	0601102A	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	215,322	225,322
		Program increase .....		[10,000]
002	0601103A	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	63,102	83,102
		Program increase .....		[20,000]
003	0601104A	UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTERS .....	53,598	71,098
		Foundational Research for biotechnology .....		[5,000]
		Program increase .....		[10,000]
		Research Center of Excellence Partnership .....		[2,500]
005	0601275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE BASIC RESEARCH .....	64,031	64,031
006	0601601A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING BASIC RESEARCH.		2,500
		Army AI Integration Center .....		[2,500]
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>396,053</b>	<b>446,053</b>
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>		
009	0602135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) AP- PLIED RESEARCH.	26,523	29,023
		Enhanced Acoustic UAS Detection and Tracking .....		[2,500]
010	0602141A	LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY .....	232,046	239,546
		Applied Armaments Tech for Distributed Lethality .....		[2,500]
		Dynamic Digital Definition of Armaments Systems .....		[2,500]
		Program decrease .....		[-2,500]
		Rapid Apt Processing Technologies for Hypersonics .....		[5,000]
011	0602143A	SOLDIER LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY .....	68,018	90,518
		Advance Medical Simulation Science and Technologies for Warfighters .....		[15,000]
		Isostatic Pressure Advanced Armor Development .....		[2,500]
		Next Generation Ballistic Plate .....		[2,500]
		Pathfinder Air Assault .....		[2,500]
012	0602144A	GROUND TECHNOLOGY .....	44,146	46,646
		Research on the Soil-Structure Interaction of Buildings Subjected to Blast Loading from Hypersonic Strike Vehicles.		[2,500]
013	0602145A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY .....	70,540	75,540
		Standardized Army Battery for Enhanced Performance and Safety ....		[5,000]
014	0602146A	NETWORK C3I TECHNOLOGY .....	53,373	70,873
		Autonomous EMS Dominance & Edge Resilience .....		[2,500]
		Distributed Aperture Spectrum Dominance .....		[5,000]
		Enhancing Planning and Rehearsal for Large-Scale Combat Oper- ations.		[5,000]
		Group 3 autonomous operations in RF-contested environments .....		[5,000]
015	0602147A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES TECHNOLOGY .....	24,086	31,586
		Digital Arsenal for Solid Rocket Motors .....		[2,500]
		PRESTO-Fires Testbed .....		[5,000]
016	0602148A	FUTURE VERTICLE LIFT TECHNOLOGY .....	17,727	20,227
		UsS Platform Agnostic Intelligent Robotic Core .....		[2,500]
017	0602150A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY .....	36,113	43,613
		AI Integration and Security for IBCS .....		[5,000]
		C-UAS Testing and Research Center .....		[2,500]
021	0602183A	AIR PLATFORM APPLIED RESEARCH .....	43,700	53,700
		Ion-trap quantum computing systems .....		[10,000]
022	0602184A	SOLDIER APPLIED RESEARCH .....	2,429	2,429
023	0602213A	C3I APPLIED CYBER .....	63	63
024	0602275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	51,184	46,184
		Unjustified growth .....		[-5,000]
025	0602276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER APPLIED RESEARCH .....	9,857	9,857
026	0602345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS APPLIED RESEARCH.	22,871	22,871
027	0602386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—APPLIED RESEARCH .....	14,979	14,979
		Program decrease .....		[-2,500]
		Program increase .....		[2,500]

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
029	0602785A	MANPOWER/PERSONNEL/TRAINING TECHNOLOGY .....	14,275	14,275
030	0602787A	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY .....	149,221	142,221
		Program decrease .....		[-7,000]
030A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	32,883	32,883
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>914,034</b>	<b>987,034</b>
<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>				
031	0603002A	MEDICAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	17,876	17,876
		Unjustified growth .....		[-5,000]
		Wearable Blast Overpressure Monitoring System .....		[5,000]
032	0603007A	MANPOWER, PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	11,113	11,113
033	0603025A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEMONSTRATION .....	3,325	5,825
		Army EW Sensing and Hunting UAS Payload .....		[2,500]
035	0603041A	ALL DOMAIN CONVERGENCE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	3,575	3,575
036	0603042A	C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	1,211	3,711
		Imaging Cold Environments using Multispectral Airborne Networks ...		[2,500]
037	0603043A	AIR PLATFORM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	23,471	20,471
		Program decrease .....		[-3,000]
038	0603044A	SOLDIER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	3,951	3,951
039	0603116A	LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	31,812	39,312
		Drone Netting Enclosure System for Counter UAS Testing .....		[2,500]
		Future Armaments Scalable Technologies .....		[2,500]
		Secure Hypersonic Prototype Manufacturing .....		[2,500]
040	0603118A	SOLDIER LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	125,121	120,121
		Automated Paragliders for Paratroopers .....		[5,000]
		Program decrease .....		[-10,000]
041	0603119A	GROUND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	25,043	40,043
		Fuel cell multi-modular use development .....		[10,000]
		Intelligent Runway Technology Program .....		[2,500]
		Next Generation Cracked Armor Laminated Patch Repair Technology .....		[2,500]
043	0603135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	156,520	154,020
		Program decrease .....		[-2,500]
044	0603275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	156,326	149,326
		Unjustified growth .....		[-7,000]
045	0603276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	15,278	15,278
046	0603345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	33,129	33,129
047	0603386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—ADVANCED RESEARCH .....	22,402	22,402
048	0603457A	C3I CYBER ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	8,509	8,509
049	0603461A	HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING MODERNIZATION PROGRAM .....	215,090	210,090
		Program decrease .....		[-5,000]
050	0603462A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	118,207	143,607
		Advanced Passive Fire Protection Technologies .....		[5,400]
		Discontinuous thermoplastic materials .....		[10,000]
		Ground Vehicle Systems Center .....		[10,000]
051	0603463A	NETWORK C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	48,490	93,790
		Development and demonstration of prototype communications solutions at overseas installations .....		[15,000]
		Modular Radio Frequency (RF) Communications Technology .....		[7,000]
		OTM SATCOM Terminals .....		[23,300]
052	0603464A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	422,590	430,090
		Missile Delivered Launched Effects- Virtual Test Range .....		[7,500]
053	0603465A	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	14,984	19,984
		Program increase .....		[5,000]
054	0603466A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	63,924	78,924
		CWS Enhanced Swarm Defeat Capability .....		[15,000]
056	0603920A	HUMANITARIAN DEMINING .....	7,619	7,619
056A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	80,717	80,717
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>1,610,283</b>	<b>1,713,483</b>
<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>				
058	0603305A	ARMY MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION .....	8,367	12,367
		High Power Microwave (HPM) Against Lethal Threats (HALT) .....		[4,000]
059	0603308A	ARMY SPACE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION .....	59,573	91,573
		Gliding Offensive Lightweight Unmanned Munition (GOLUM) .....		[32,000]
061	0603619A	LANDMINE WARFARE AND BARRIER—ADV DEV .....	31,374	31,374
062	0603627A	SMOKE, OBSCURANT AND TARGET DEFEATING SYS-ADV DEV .....	5,596	5,596
063	0603639A	TANK AND MEDIUM CALIBER AMMUNITION .....	277,248	257,248
		Unjustified growth .....		[-20,000]
064	0603645A	ARMORED SYSTEM MODERNIZATION—ADV DEV .....	23,594	23,594
065	0603747A	SOLDIER SUPPORT AND SURVIVABILITY .....	4,109	4,109
066	0603766A	TACTICAL ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM—ADV DEV .....	98,331	113,331
		Harsh Environment Microelectronics Innovation .....		[15,000]
067	0603774A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	5,310	5,310

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
068	0603779A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY—DEM/VAL .....	19,499	19,499
069	0603790A	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT .....	5,145	5,145
071	0603804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ADV DEV .....	12,822	12,822
072	0603807A	MEDICAL SYSTEMS—ADV DEV .....	1,017	1,017
073	0603827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	56,122	56,122
074	0604017A	ROBOTICS DEVELOPMENT .....	20,290	20,290
075	0604019A	EXPANDED MISSION AREA MISSILE (EMAM) .....	235,593	210,593
		Program decrease .....		[-25,000]
077	0604035A	LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO) SATELLITE CAPABILITY .....	319	319
078	0604036A	MULTI-DOMAIN SENSING SYSTEM (MDSS) ADV DEV .....	99,471	99,471
079	0604037A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) ADV DEV ...	4,123	4,123
080	0604100A	ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES .....	10,077	10,077
084	0604114A	LOWER TIER AIR MISSILE DEFENSE (LTAMD) SENSOR .....	162,074	162,074
085	0604115A	TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES .....	314,671	304,271
		3D printed non-traditional battery manufacturing .....		[5,000]
		Program decrease .....		[-15,400]
086	0604117A	MANEUVER—SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE (M-SHORAD) .....	460,980	460,980
087	0604120A	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING (PNT) .....	18,993	18,993
088	0604121A	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT REFINEMENT & PROTOTYPING.	219,137	219,137
089	0604129A	ADVANCED POWER APPLICATIONS .....	48,000	48,000
091	0604135A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE FIRES .....	211,848	211,848
092	0604182A	HYPERSONICS .....	82,939	82,939
099	0305251A	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES AND FORCE SUPPORT .....	22,889	21,889
		Unjustified growth .....		[-1,000]
099A	999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	261,466	261,466
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.</b>	<b>2,780,977</b>	<b>2,775,577</b>
		<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>		
100	0604201A	AIRCRAFT AVIONICS .....	30,658	35,658
		Enhancing Cyber Resilience for Mission Assurance and Supply Chain Security.		[5,000]
101	0604270A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	2,807	2,807
102	0604601A	INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS .....	55,296	64,296
		Combat Aviation Aircrew Enhancement – Safety and Lethality .....		[4,000]
		Operational evaluation of an omnidirectional tactical throwable camera.		[5,000]
103	0604604A	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	23,763	23,763
104	0604611A	JAVELIN .....	10,217	10,217
105	0604622A	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	43,003	43,003
108	0604642A	LIGHT TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLES .....	6,142	6,142
110	0604710A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS—ENG DEV .....	418,427	418,427
111	0604713A	COMBAT FEEDING, CLOTHING, AND EQUIPMENT .....	6,701	6,701
112	0604715A	NON-SYSTEM TRAINING DEVICES—ENG DEV .....	29,685	31,685
		AI-Enabled Weapon System Sensor Integration for Training .....		[2,000]
113	0604741A	AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, CONTROL AND INTELLIGENCE—ENG DEV.	14,276	14,276
114	0604742A	CONSTRUCTIVE SIMULATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	5,618	5,618
115	0604746A	AUTOMATIC TEST EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT .....	9,625	9,625
116	0604760A	DISTRIBUTIVE INTERACTIVE SIMULATIONS (DIS)—ENG DEV ....	7,883	7,883
117	0604798A	BRIGADE ANALYSIS, INTEGRATION AND EVALUATION .....	26,602	26,602
118	0604802A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS—ENG DEV .....	124,881	174,881
		Battalion Mortar System Modernization .....		[10,000]
		Development of 120mm APFSDS Propellant .....		[10,000]
		Medium Caliber Ammunition Fuzing .....		[5,000]
		Solid Rocket Second Source Qualification Increase .....		[25,000]
119	0604804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV .....	65,238	65,238
120	0604805A	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS—ENG DEV ...	5,541	5,541
121	0604807A	MEDICAL MATERIEL/MEDICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV.	9,744	9,744
122	0604808A	LANDMINE WARFARE/BARRIER—ENG DEV .....	17,586	17,586
123	0604818A	ARMY TACTICAL COMMAND & CONTROL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE.	42,584	42,584
124	0604820A	RADAR DEVELOPMENT .....	58,260	58,260
126	0604827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—WARRIOR DEM/VAL .....	5,663	5,663
127	0604852A	SUITE OF SURVIVABILITY ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS—EMD .....	78,331	78,331
128	0604854A	ARTILLERY SYSTEMS—EMD .....	709,192	651,692
		Program decrease .....		[-7,500]
		Unjustified growth .....		[-50,000]
129	0605013A	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	121,525	116,525
		Program decrease .....		[-5,000]
130	0605018A	INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM-ARMY (IPPS-A) .....	102,694	102,694
131	0605030A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK CENTER (JTNC) .....	21,561	21,561
132	0605031A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK (JTN) .....	50,390	50,390
133	0605035A	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CHRCM) .....	11,573	11,573
134	0605036A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) .....	5,605	5,605
135	0605037A	EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND DETAINEE PROCESSING .....	5,513	5,513



**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
136	0605038A	NUCLEAR BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE (NBCRV) SENSOR SUITE.	13,864	13,864
137	0605041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER TOOL DEVELOPMENT .....	3,519	3,519
138	0605042A	TACTICAL NETWORK RADIO SYSTEMS (LOW-TIER) .....	3,804	3,804
139	0605047A	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM .....	4,777	4,777
141	0605051A	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY DEVELOPMENT .....	106,621	96,621
		Program decrease .....		[-10,000]
142	0605052A	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2—BLOCK 1 .....	175,352	175,352
143	0605053A	GROUND ROBOTICS .....	192,185	182,185
		Low expenditure rates .....		[-10,000]
144	0605054A	EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES .....	147,881	164,881
		Vertically integrated advanced processes .....		[17,000]
145	0605058A	TERMINAL HIGH ALTITUDE AREA DEFENSE (THAAD) RDTE .....	1,053,983	1,053,983
146	0605144A	NEXT GENERATION LOAD DEVICE—MEDIUM .....	2,380	2,380
147	0605148A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) EMD .....	35,769	35,769
151	0605224A	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE .....	49,594	49,594
152	0605231A	PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE (PRSM) .....	288,304	288,304
153	0605232A	HYPERSONICS EMD .....	446,616	446,616
154	0605233A	ACCESSIONS INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT (AIE) .....	33,770	33,770
155	0605235A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE CAPABILITY .....	82,550	82,550
157	0605241A	FUTURE LONG RANGE ASSAULT AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT .....	2,140,569	2,267,786
		Program realignment for operational test aircraft .....		[127,217]
159	0605244A	JOINT REDUCED RANGE ROCKET (JR3) .....	16,014	16,014
161	0605275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	99,691	99,691
162	0605330A	C2 TRANSPORT .....	45,370	45,370
163	0605331A	C2 APPLICATIONS .....	488,401	488,401
164	0605332A	C2 DATA .....	306,019	306,019
165	0605333A	C2 INFRASTRUCTURE .....	64,849	64,849
166	0605345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	816,433	816,433
167	0605347A	COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) DEVELOPMENT ..	359,182	359,182
169	0605457A	ARMY INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AIAMD) .....	126,623	126,623
170	0605531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS SYS DEV & DEMONSTRATION.	695	695
172	0605625A	MANNED GROUND VEHICLE .....	290,069	290,069
173	0605766A	NATIONAL CAPABILITIES INTEGRATION (MIP) .....	17,211	17,211
174	0605812A	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT PHASE (EMD).	2,749	2,749
175	0605830A	AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	951	951
176	0303032A	TROJAN—RH12 .....	3,946	3,946
178	0304270A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	125,301	125,301
178A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	89,121	89,121
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.</b>	<b>9,760,747</b>	<b>9,888,464</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>		
179	0604256A	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT .....	60,233	60,233
180	0604258A	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	16,488	16,488
181	0604759A	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT .....	106,140	106,140
182	0605103A	RAND ARROYO CENTER .....	10,737	10,737
183	0605301A	ARMY KWAJALEIN ATOLL .....	7,051	7,051
184	0605326A	CONCEPTS EXPERIMENTATION PROGRAM .....	55,596	55,596
186	0605601A	ARMY TEST RANGES AND FACILITIES .....	469,723	479,723
		Space Layer Representation to Enhance Near-Peer Readiness .....		[10,000]
187	0605602A	ARMY TECHNICAL TEST INSTRUMENTATION AND TARGETS .....	62,303	62,303
188	0605604A	SURVIVABILITY/LETHALITY ANALYSIS .....	31,283	31,283
189	0605606A	AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION .....	1,983	1,983
190	0605706A	MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS .....	19,013	19,013
191	0605709A	EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN ITEMS .....	10,481	10,481
192	0605712A	SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL TESTING .....	60,733	60,733
193	0605716A	ARMY EVALUATION CENTER .....	65,565	65,565
194	0605718A	ARMY MODELING & SIM X-CMD COLLABORATION & INTEG .....	15,608	15,608
195	0605801A	PROGRAMWIDE ACTIVITIES .....	52,978	52,978
196	0605803A	TECHNICAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES .....	27,004	27,004
197	0605805A	MUNITIONS STANDARDIZATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY .....	44,851	62,351
		Demilitarization Process for White Phosphorus Ammunition Items .....		[10,000]
		Production of Critical Chemicals in a Flexible Manufacturing Facility .....		[7,500]
198	0605857A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY MGMT SUPPORT .....	3,256	3,256
199	0605898A	ARMY DIRECT REPORT HEADQUARTERS—R&D - MHA .....	54,276	54,276
200	0606002A	RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE .....	118,585	118,585
201	0606003A	COUNTERINTEL AND HUMAN INTEL MODERNIZATION .....	5,802	5,802
202	0606118A	AIAMD SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & INTEGRATION .....	653,653	646,653
		Program decrease .....		[-7,000]
203	0606942A	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CYBER VULNERABILITIES ....	6,468	6,468
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b> .....	<b>1,959,810</b>	<b>1,980,310</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
205	0603778A	MLRS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	17,780	17,780

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
206	0605024A	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	6,613	16,613
		Secure Microelectronics for Anti-Tamper and Resilient Technology ....		[10,000]
207	0607101A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT.	488	488
208	0607131A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.	21,553	21,553
209	0607136A	BLACKHAWK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	35,147	35,147
210	0607137A	CHINOOK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	7,277	7,277
211	0607139A	IMPROVED TURBINE ENGINE PROGRAM .....		100,000
		Program increase .....		[100,000]
213	0607145A	APACHE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT .....	30,759	30,759
214	0607148A	AN/TQP-53 COUNTERFIRE TARGET ACQUISITION RADAR SYSTEM.	90,981	80,981
		Unjustified growth .....		[-10,000]
215	0607150A	INTEL CYBER DEVELOPMENT .....	13,694	13,694
216	0607212A	TENCAP ENHANCEMENTS .....	20,982	20,982
219	0607665A	FAMILY OF BIOMETRICS .....	1,640	1,640
220	0607865A	PATRIOT PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT .....	219,046	219,046
221	0203728A	JOINT AUTOMATED DEEP OPERATION COORDINATION SYSTEM (JADOCs).	11,255	11,255
222	0203735A	COMBAT VEHICLE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS .....	492,364	502,364
		Development and qualification of AGT1500 Abrams tank engine parts		[10,000]
224	0203752A	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	239	239
225	0203758A	DIGITIZATION .....	1,615	1,615
226	0203801A	MISSILE/AIR DEFENSE PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	2,054	2,054
229	0205778A	GUIDED MULTIPLE-LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM (GMLRS) .....	73,639	73,639
232	0303140A	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	15,932	15,932
234	0303142A	SATCOM GROUND ENVIRONMENT (SPACE) .....	4,870	4,870
237	0305179A	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS) .....	6,870	6,870
238	0305219A	MQ-1 GRAY EAGLE UAV .....	2,590	2,590
239	0708045A	END ITEM INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES .....	68,097	85,097
		Army depot directed energy readiness .....		[5,000]
		Digital Forge .....		[12,000]
239A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	47,342	47,342
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT ....</b>	<b>1,192,827</b>	<b>1,319,827</b>
<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>				
240	0608041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER—SOFTWARE PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT ....	94,095	91,095
		Program decrease .....		[-3,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>	<b>94,095</b>	<b>91,095</b>
<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY.</b>			<b>18,708,826</b>	<b>19,201,843</b>
<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY</b>				
<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>				
001	0601103N	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....		47,500
		Artificial Intelligence Maritime Maneuvering .....		[2,500]
		Multi-Frequency Satellite Data Reception and Technological Upgrades		[5,000]
		Program increase .....		[40,000]
002	0601153N	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	525,399	527,899
		Physiological Stress Response Program .....		[2,500]
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>525,399</b>	<b>575,399</b>
<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>				
003	0602114N	POWER PROJECTION APPLIED RESEARCH .....	38,838	43,838
		Hypersonics Correlation Modeling and Simulation .....		[5,000]
004	0602123N	FORCE PROTECTION APPLIED RESEARCH .....	137,779	145,279
		Arctic Unmanned Resilient Offshore Reconnaissance Asset (AURORA)		[5,000]
		USV Study.		
		Talent and Technology for Navy Power Systems .....		[2,500]
005	0602131M	MARINE CORPS LANDING FORCE TECHNOLOGY .....	57,567	60,067
		Unmanned Logistics .....		[2,500]
006	0602235N	COMMON PICTURE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	40,433	40,433
007	0602236N	WARFIGHTER SUSTAINMENT APPLIED RESEARCH .....	60,350	60,350
008	0602271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS APPLIED RESEARCH .....	74,603	74,603
009	0602435N	OCEAN WARFIGHTING ENVIRONMENT APPLIED RESEARCH .....	64,693	64,693
010	0602651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS APPLIED RESEARCH .....	4,105	4,105
011	0602747N	UNDERSEA WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	52,515	55,015
		Academic Partnerships for Submarine and Undersea Vehicle Research and Manufacturing.		[2,500]
012	0602750N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH .....	305,357	300,357
		Program decrease .....		[-5,000]
013	0602782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	24,634	34,634
		Procurement of undersea attritable systems .....		[10,000]

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
*(In Thousands of Dollars)*

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
015	0602861N	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT—ONR FIELD ACITIVITIES.	74,378	74,378
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>935,252</b>	<b>957,752</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>		
016	0603123N	FORCE PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	50,869	50,869
017	0603271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	8,635	8,635
018	0603273N	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS ...	114,767	114,767
019	0603640M	USMC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION (ATD) .....	287,897	292,897
		Advanced Technology Demonstration .....		[5,000]
020	0603651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	8,727	8,727
021	0603673N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	445,977	440,977
		Program decrease .....		[−5,000]
022	0603680N	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	79,132	116,632
		Pilot Program for Adaptive Electronic Warfare-Resilient and Quantum-Secure Autonomy small UAS Architecture Testing.		[2,500]
		Solid Rocket Second Source Qualification Increase .....		[25,000]
		Trusted Radiation-hardened integrated electronics .....		[10,000]
024	0603758N	NAVY WARFIGHTING EXPERIMENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS .....	66,395	76,395
		Deployable data centers that deliver remote and resilient edge computing.		[10,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>1,062,399</b>	<b>1,109,899</b>
		<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>		
027	0603128N	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM .....	35,706	35,706
029	0603207N	AIR/OCEAN TACTICAL APPLICATIONS .....	76,141	76,141
030	0603216N	AVIATION SURVIVABILITY .....	20,010	20,010
031	0603239N	NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES .....	7,726	7,726
032	0603254N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	20,070	20,070
033	0603261N	TACTICAL AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE .....	3,239	3,239
034	0603382N	ADVANCED COMBAT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY .....	32,263	38,263
		C-C Embedded Hypersonics Alternative PNT .....		[6,000]
035	0603502N	SURFACE AND SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTERMEASURES .....	32,451	32,451
036	0603506N	SURFACE SHIP TORPEDO DEFENSE .....	9,920	9,920
037	0603512N	CARRIER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	8,806	8,806
038	0603525N	PILOT FISH .....	1,339,052	1,339,052
039	0603536N	RETRACT JUNIPER .....	275,300	275,300
040	0603542N	RADIOLOGICAL CONTROL .....	704	704
042	0603561N	UNDERSEA WARFARE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT .....	132,885	138,885
		Automated System Operational Verification Test Capability for AN/ BYG-1.		[6,000]
044	0603563N	SHIP CONCEPT ADVANCED DESIGN .....	353,893	363,893
		Hybrid Robotic Automation Demonstration .....		[10,000]
045	0603564N	SHIP PRELIMINARY DESIGN & FEASIBILITY STUDIES .....	666,640	666,640
046	0603570N	ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS .....	392,426	392,426
047	0603573N	ADVANCED SURFACE MACHINERY SYSTEMS .....	269,961	274,961
		Integration of Insulated Bus Pipe (IBP) Into Warship Designs .....		[5,000]
048	0603576N	CHALK EAGLE .....	149,351	149,351
049	0603581N	LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP (LCS) .....	12,576	7,576
		Insufficient justification .....		[−5,000]
050	0603582N	COMBAT SYSTEM INTEGRATION .....	18,819	18,819
051	0603595N	OHIO REPLACEMENT .....	331,577	346,577
		Large-Scale Superstructures Cooperative Processing .....		[15,000]
052	0603596N	LCS MISSION MODULES .....	46,239	16,239
		Insufficient justification .....		[−30,000]
053	0603597N	AUTOMATED TEST AND RE-TEST (ATRT) .....	18,070	18,070
054	0603598N	ATRT ENTERPRISE RAPID CAPABILITY .....	87,585	97,585
		Digital Combat Console Capability for Aegis Low Altitude Air Defense Integration.		[10,000]
055	0603599N	FRIGATE DEVELOPMENT .....	212,041	212,041
056	0603609N	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS .....	10,216	10,216
057	0603635M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORT SYSTEM .....	521,995	501,995
		Unjustified growth .....		[−20,000]
058	0603654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT .....	43,568	43,568
059	0603713N	OCEAN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	15,903	25,903
		Expeditionary Lock-Out Dive Trainer .....		[10,000]
060	0603721N	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION .....	19,347	19,347
061	0603724N	NAVY ENERGY PROGRAM .....	59,591	156,591
		Program increase .....		[97,000]
062	0603725N	FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT .....	13,738	18,738
		Robotic Navy Firefighting .....		[5,000]
063	0603734N	CHALK CORAL .....	995,658	995,658
064	0603739N	NAVY LOGISTIC PRODUCTIVITY .....	929	929
065	0603746N	RETRACT MAPLE .....	655,551	655,551
066	0603748N	LINK PLUMERIA .....	498,853	498,853
067	0603751N	RETRACT ELM .....	87,999	87,999

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
068	0603764M	LINK EVERGREEN .....	593,835	593,835
069	0603790N	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT .....	5,513	5,513
070	0603795N	LAND ATTACK TECHNOLOGY .....	985	985
071	0603851M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TESTING .....	14,152	14,152
072	0603860N	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEMS—DEM/ VAL .....	73,813	73,813
073	0603889N	COUNTERDRUG RDT&E PROJECTS .....	6,500	6,500
074	0603925N	DIRECTED ENERGY AND ELECTRIC WEAPON SYSTEMS .....	94,825	97,325
		Containerized High Energy Laser with Integrated Optical-dazzler and Surveillance .....		[5,000]
		Containerized Maritime High Energy Laser Weapon System .....		[2,500]
		Unjustified growth .....		[–5,000]
076	0604027N	DIGITAL WARFARE OFFICE .....	182,205	176,205
		Unjustified growth .....		[–6,000]
077	0604028N	SMALL AND MEDIUM UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLES .....	24,598	24,598
078	0604029N	UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE CORE TECHNOLOGIES .....	62,460	62,460
081	0604112N	GERALD R. FORD CLASS NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVN 78—80) .....	111,241	111,241
082	0604127N	SURFACE MINE COUNTERMEASURES .....	17,762	17,762
083	0604272N	TACTICAL AIR DIRECTIONAL INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (TADIRCM) .....	14,974	14,974
084	0604286N	NAVY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING .....	10,016	10,016
085	0604289M	NEXT GENERATION LOGISTICS .....	24	24
086	0604292N	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT (MARITIME STRIKE) .....	5,314	5,314
087	0604295M	MARINE AVIATION DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION .....	47,152	95,152
		Vertical Takeoff and Landing Development for autonomous logistics in contested environments .....		[48,000]
088	0604320M	RAPID TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE .....	125,999	125,999
089	0604454N	LX (R) .....	18,574	18,574
090	0604536N	ADVANCED UNDERSEA PROTOTYPING .....	164,512	164,512
091	0604545N	ADVANCED SHIP BUILDING INDUSTRIAL BASE AND FUTURE SHIP EXPERIMENTAL .....		20,000
		Fielding of Uncrewed Surveillance Systems .....		[20,000]
092	0604636N	COUNTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (C-UAS) .....	20,833	20,833
093	0604659N	PRECISION STRIKE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM .....	206,873	206,873
094	0604707N	SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) ARCHITECTURE/EN- GINEERING SUPPORT .....	8,657	8,657
095	0604786N	OFFENSIVE ANTI-SURFACE WARFARE WEAPON DEVELOPMENT .....	104,527	168,527
		Transfer from WPN–17 .....		[64,000]
097	0605513N	UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE ENABLING CAPABILITIES .....	255,135	255,135
098	0605514M	GROUND BASED ANTI-SHIP MISSILE .....	16,307	16,307
100	0605518N	CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE (CPS) .....	1,341,416	1,341,416
101	0105519N	NUCLEAR-ARMED SEA-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (SLCM-N) SUPPORT .....		175,000
		Program adjustment .....		[175,000]
102	0307147M	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT .....	213,934	213,934
104	0303354N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT—MIP .....	3,206	3,206
105	0304240M	ADVANCED TACTICAL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM .....	1,979	1,979
107	0304797N	UNDERSEA ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / MACHINE LEARNING (AI/ML) .....	13,563	13,563
<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.</b>			<b>11,237,683</b>	<b>11,650,183</b>
<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>				
108	0603208N	TRAINING SYSTEM AIRCRAFT .....	80,617	80,617
109	0604038N	MARITIME TARGETING CELL .....	216,514	216,514
110	0604212N	OTHER HELO DEVELOPMENT .....	976	976
112	0604215N	STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT .....	4,399	4,399
113	0604216N	MULTI-MISSION HELICOPTER UPGRADE DEVELOPMENT .....	88,855	88,855
114	0604230N	WARFARE SUPPORT SYSTEM .....	73,080	73,080
115	0604231N	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS .....	73,534	73,534
116	0604234N	ADVANCED HAWKEYE .....	390,260	390,260
117	0604245M	H–1 UPGRADES .....	66,446	66,446
118	0604261N	ACOUSTIC SEARCH SENSORS .....	48,875	48,875
119	0604262N	V–22 .....	252,335	252,335
120	0604264N	AIR CREW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	21,582	21,582
121	0604269N	EA–18 .....	131,683	131,683
122	0604270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	168,985	168,985
123	0604273M	EXECUTIVE HELO DEVELOPMENT .....	69,438	69,438
124	0604274N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) .....	50,332	50,332
125	0604280N	JOINT TACTICAL RADIO SYSTEM—NAVY (JTRS-NAVY) .....	409,318	412,318
		TIMely Undersea Communications Network .....		[3,000]
126	0604282N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) INCREMENT II .....	497,011	457,011
		Program decrease .....		[–40,000]
127	0604307N	SURFACE COMBATANT COMBAT SYSTEM ENGINEERING .....	425,060	425,060
128	0604329N	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB) .....	64,428	64,428
129	0604366N	STANDARD MISSILE IMPROVEMENTS .....	539,279	539,279
130	0604373N	AIRBORNE MCM .....	8,567	8,567

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
131	0604378N	NAVAL INTEGRATED FIRE CONTROL—COUNTER AIR SYSTEMS ENGINEERING.	42,177	42,177
132	0604501N	ADVANCED ABOVE WATER SENSORS .....	67,900	67,900
133	0604503N	SUBMARINE SWFTS MODERNIZATION .....	195,361	195,361
134	0604504N	AIR CONTROL .....	41,610	41,610
135	0604512N	SHIPBOARD AVIATION SYSTEMS .....	30,970	30,970
136	0604516N	SHIP SURVIVABILITY .....	7,861	7,861
138	0604522N	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE RADAR (AMDR) SYSTEM .....	96,642	96,642
139	0604530N	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG) .....	60,518	60,518
140	0604558N	NEW DESIGN SSN .....	237,103	237,103
142	0604567N	SHIP CONTRACT DESIGN/ LIVE FIRE T&E .....	19,429	19,429
143	0604574N	NAVY TACTICAL COMPUTER RESOURCES .....	3,415	3,415
144	0604601N	MINE DEVELOPMENT .....	158,666	158,666
145	0604610N	LIGHTWEIGHT TORPEDO DEVELOPMENT .....	102,159	102,159
146	0604654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT .....	8,509	8,509
147	0604657M	USMC GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS—ENG DEV.	69,478	69,478
148	0604703N	PERSONNEL, TRAINING, SIMULATION, AND HUMAN FACTORS ....	8,316	8,316
149	0604727N	JOINT STANDOFF WEAPON SYSTEMS .....	1,447	1,447
150	0604755N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (DETECT & CONTROL) .....	156,167	156,167
151	0604756N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: HARD KILL) .....	296,261	296,261
152	0604757N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: SOFT KILL/EW) .....	196,761	196,761
153	0604761N	INTELLIGENCE ENGINEERING .....	6,426	6,426
154	0604771N	MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT .....	6,900	6,900
155	0604777N	NAVIGATION/ID SYSTEM .....	3,388	3,388
156	0604850N	SSN(X) .....	315,914	315,914
157	0605013M	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	14,380	14,380
158	0605013N	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	149,089	149,089
159	0605024N	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	3,459	3,459
160	0605180N	TACAMO MODERNIZATION .....	1,662,723	1,552,723
		Contract delay .....		[-110,000]
161	0605212M	CH-53K RDTE .....	139,273	139,273
162	0605215N	MISSION PLANNING .....	82,618	82,618
163	0605217N	COMMON AVIONICS .....	133,855	133,855
164	0605220N	SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR (SSC) .....	4,519	4,519
165	0605285N	NEXT GENERATION FIGHTER .....	68,498	68,498
167	0605450M	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE (JAGM) .....	189,866	189,866
168	0605500N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME AIRCRAFT (MMA) .....	87,173	87,173
169	0605504N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME (MMA) INCREMENT III .....	52,951	52,951
170	0605516N	LONG RANGE FIRES .....	186,735	186,735
171	0605611M	MARINE CORPS ASSAULT VEHICLES SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	12,461	12,461
172	0605813M	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) SYSTEM DEVELOP- MENT & DEMONSTRATION.	2,413	2,413
173	0204202N	DESTROYERS GUIDED MISSILE (DDG-1000) .....	50,166	50,166
174	0301377N	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW) .....	15,563	15,563
175	0302315N	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT .....	23,146	23,146
181	0304785N	ISR & INFO OPERATIONS .....	274,478	274,478
183	0306250M	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	8,962	8,962
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEM- ONSTRATION.</b>	<b>8,977,280</b>	<b>8,830,280</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>		
184	0604256N	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT .....	16,453	16,453
185	0604258N	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	22,653	17,653
		Unjustified growth .....		[-5,000]
186	0604759N	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT .....	112,458	104,458
		Unjustified growth .....		[-8,000]
187	0605152N	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—NAVY .....	4,336	4,336
188	0605154N	CENTER FOR NAVAL ANALYSES .....	28,310	28,310
191	0605853N	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT .....	124,898	124,898
192	0605856N	STRATEGIC TECHNICAL SUPPORT .....	4,260	4,260
193	0605863N	RDT&E SHIP AND AIRCRAFT SUPPORT .....	170,699	170,699
194	0605864N	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT .....	470,492	470,492
195	0605865N	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CAPABILITY .....	31,902	31,902
196	0605866N	NAVY SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) SUPPORT .....	21,498	21,498
197	0605867N	SEW SURVEILLANCE/RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT .....	25,144	25,144
198	0605873M	MARINE CORPS PROGRAM WIDE SUPPORT .....	70,013	70,013
199	0605898N	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D .....	33,533	33,533
200	0606295M	MARINE AVIATION DEVELOPMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUP- PORT.	19,165	19,165
201	0606355N	WARFARE INNOVATION MANAGEMENT .....	35,931	35,931
202	0606942N	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CYBER VULNERABILITIES ....	11,282	11,282
203	0305327N	INSIDER THREAT .....	2,214	2,214
204	0902498N	MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS (DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT AC- TIVITIES).	2,054	2,054
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>1,207,295</b>	<b>1,194,295</b>

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>				
208	0604840M	F-35 C2D2 .....	469,779	469,779
209	0604840N	F-35 C2D2 .....	428,545	428,545
210	0605520M	MARINE CORPS AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS .....	133,041	133,041
211	0607658N	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY (CEC) .....	120,782	120,782
212	0101221N	STRATEGIC SUB & WEAPONS SYSTEM SUPPORT .....	1,051,736	1,051,736
213	0101224N	SSBN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	65,856	65,856
214	0101226N	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	114,279	114,279
215	0101402N	NAVY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS .....	88,572	88,572
216	0204136N	F/A-18 SQUADRONS .....	271,429	278,429
		Spiking Neuromorphic Advanced Processing .....		[7,000]
218	0204229N	TOMAHAWK AND TOMAHAWK MISSION PLANNING CENTER (TMPC) .....	76,653	76,653
219	0204311N	INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM .....	71,901	71,901
220	0204313N	SHIP-TOWED ARRAY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS .....	954	954
221	0204413N	AMPHIBIOUS TACTICAL SUPPORT UNITS (DISPLACEMENT CRAFT) .....	1,526	1,526
222	0204460M	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR) .....	66,255	66,255
223	0204571N	CONSOLIDATED TRAINING SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	115,839	115,839
224	0204575N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) READINESS SUPPORT .....	198,560	198,560
225	0205601N	ANTI-RADIATION MISSILE IMPROVEMENT .....	80,491	72,442
		Program decrease .....		[-8,049]
227	0205632N	MK-48 ADCAP .....	123,011	123,011
228	0205633N	AVIATION IMPROVEMENTS .....	108,505	97,655
		Program decrease .....		[-10,850]
229	0205675N	OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS .....	252,893	252,893
230	0206313M	MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS .....	268,983	248,983
		Program decrease .....		[-20,000]
232	0206623M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS .....	79,031	79,031
233	0206624M	MARINE CORPS COMBAT SERVICES SUPPORT .....	19,915	19,915
234	0206625M	USMC INTELLIGENCE/ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS .....	149,055	139,055
		Program decrease .....		[-10,000]
235	0207161N	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES .....	122,518	110,267
		Program decrease .....		[-12,251]
236	0207163N	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM) .....	24,675	24,675
237	0207255N	MQ-25 STINGRAY .....	513,308	513,308
238	0208043N	PLANNING AND DECISION AID SYSTEM (PDAS) .....	3,491	3,491
242	0303138N	AFLOAT NETWORKS .....	68,369	68,369
243	0303140N	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	79,128	79,128
244	0305192N	MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (MIP) ACTIVITIES .....	5,187	5,187
247	0305220N	MQ-4C TRITON .....	10,515	10,515
248	0305232M	RQ-11 UAV .....	19,842	19,842
249	0305241N	MULTI-INTELLIGENCE SENSOR DEVELOPMENT .....	49,898	49,898
250	0305242M	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) PAYLOADS (MIP) .....	20,750	20,750
251	0305421N	MQ-4C TRITON MODERNIZATION .....	344,890	344,890
252	0307577N	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD) .....	787	787
253	0308601N	MODELING AND SIMULATION SUPPORT .....	16,401	16,401
254	0702207N	DEPOT MAINTENANCE (NON-IF) .....	8,097	8,097
255	0708730N	MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (MARITECH) .....	1,710	1,710
255A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	2,755,838	2,755,838
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b> ....	<b>8,402,995</b>	<b>8,348,845</b>
<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>				
256	0608013N	RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM .....	13,017	13,017
257	0608231N	MARITIME TACTICAL COMMAND AND CONTROL (MTC2)—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM .....	25,299	25,299
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b> .....	<b>38,316</b>	<b>38,316</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY</b> .....	<b>32,386,619</b>	<b>32,704,969</b>
<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE</b>				
<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>				
001	0601102F	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	296,535	301,535
		Program increase .....		[5,000]
002	0601103F	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	91,394	96,394
		Program increase .....		[5,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>387,929</b>	<b>397,929</b>
<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>				
003	0602020F	FUTURE AF CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH .....	44,029	44,029
005	0602102F	MATERIALS .....	139,872	152,872
		Advanced Composites in Hypersonics and Attritable Aircraft Research .....		[10,000]
		Metals Affordability Initiative .....		[3,000]

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
*(In Thousands of Dollars)*

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
007	0602202F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS APPLIED RESEARCH .....	103,170	103,170
008	0602203F	AEROSPACE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES .....	397,809	402,809
		Reusable Hypersonics Development and Transition .....		[5,000]
009	0602204F	AEROSPACE SENSORS .....	164,962	169,962
		Microelectronic manufacturing development .....		[5,000]
011	0602298F	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT— MAJOR HEAD- QUARTERS ACTIVITIES.	10,285	10,285
012	0602336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS TECH EXPLORATION .....	27,031	27,031
013	0602602F	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS .....	130,146	125,146
		Program decrease .....		[-5,000]
014	0602605F	DIRECTED ENERGY TECHNOLOGY .....	91,798	91,798
015	0602788F	DOMINANT INFORMATION SCIENCES AND METHODS .....	149,174	174,174
		Autonomous Battle Management Across the full Spectrum of Conflict ..		[2,500]
		Distributed Quantum Networking Testbed and Quantum Cloud Com- puting Environment.		[2,500]
		Future Flag Operational Experimentation Testbed .....		[2,500]
		Ion-Trap Quantum Computer for Air Platform Applied Research ac- tivities.		[5,000]
		Photonic Quantum Computing .....		[2,500]
		Quantum entanglement distribution research .....		[10,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>1,258,276</b>	<b>1,301,276</b>
<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>				
016	0603032F	FUTURE AF INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY DEMOS .....	282,004	282,004
017	0603112F	ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR WEAPON SYSTEMS .....	32,808	37,808
		Hypersonics manufacturing development .....		[5,000]
018	0603199F	SUSTAINMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T) .....	13,277	13,277
019	0603203F	ADVANCED AEROSPACE SENSORS .....	72,149	72,149
020	0603211F	AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY DEV/DEMO .....	260,212	312,712
		Advanced High Mach Turbine Engines Using Additive Manufacturing		[2,500]
		CCA Propulsion Integration .....		[20,000]
		Hybrid Integrated Turret for Extended-Capability High-Energy La- sers.		[2,500]
		Solid Rocket Second Source Qualification Increase .....		[25,000]
		Turboelectric Adaptive Engine Demonstration .....		[2,500]
022	0603273F	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS ...	165,949	172,949
		Smart Thermal Protection Systems (TPS) for Next-Gen Systems .....		[7,000]
023	0603456F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOP- MENT.	20,338	20,338
024	0603601F	CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY .....	131,397	128,397
		Program decrease .....		[-3,000]
025	0603605F	ADVANCED WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY .....	13,744	13,744
026	0603680F	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	99,908	102,408
		Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Reality Readiness .....		[2,500]
027	0603788F	BATTLESPACE KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRA- TION.	31,938	46,938
		Nationwide Integration of Time Resiliency for Operations .....		[2,500]
		Scalable Collaborative Autonomy for Unmanned Systems .....		[2,500]
		Secure Hardened Architecture for Radiation Environments .....		[10,000]
028	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D .....	29,109	24,109
		Program decrease .....		[-5,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b> .....	<b>1,152,833</b>	<b>1,226,833</b>
<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTO- TYPES</b>				
030	0603036F	MODULAR ADVANCED MISSILE .....	15,099	15,099
031	0603260F	INTELLIGENCE ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	4,012	4,012
033	0603742F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY .....	25,888	25,888
034	0603790F	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT .....	2,320	2,320
035	0603851F	INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE—DEM/VAL .....	72,112	72,112
036	0604001F	NC3 ADVANCED CONCEPTS .....	14,394	14,394
037	0604003F	ADVANCED BATTLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ABMS) .....	1,040,945	1,035,945
		Program decrease .....		[-5,000]
039	0604005F	NC3 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPING .....	61,355	61,355
041	0604009F	AFWERX .....	3,589	6,089
		Ultra-Short Takeoff and Landing Aircraft Development .....		[2,500]
042	0604010F	NEXT GENERATION ADAPTIVE PROPULSION .....	513,681	462,313
		Program decrease .....		[-51,368]
043	0604015F	LONG RANGE STRIKE—BOMBER .....	2,862,677	2,862,677
046	0604033F	HYPERSONICS PROTOTYPING .....	345,769	345,769
047	0604041F	FAMILY OF AFFORDABLE MASS MISSILES (FAMM) .....	525,223	472,701
		Program decrease .....		[-52,532]
048	0604060F	NORAD & USNORTHCOM (N&C) EXPERIMENTATION .....	39,257	39,257
049	0604183F	HYPERSONICS PROTOTYPING—HYPERSONIC ATTACK CRUISE MISSILE (HACM).	806,142	806,142
050	0604257F	ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND SENSORS .....	38,756	38,756
052	0604317F	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER .....	2,196	2,196
053	0604327F	HARD AND DEEPLY BURIED TARGET DEFEAT SYSTEM (HDBTDS) PROGRAM.	186,385	186,385

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
054	0604336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS PROTOTYPING .....	91,550	91,550
055	0604343F	ADVANCED TANKER SYSTEMS .....	13,036	13,036
056	0604414F	CYBER RESILIENCY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS-ACS .....	44,377	44,377
057	0604609F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS & CONCEPT MATURATION .....	57,575	57,575
058	0604668F	JOINT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JTMS) .....	57,802	57,802
059	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D .....	5,136	5,136
060	0604858F	TECH TRANSITION PROGRAM .....	166,061	163,455
		AI Hardware and Software for Sensors and Countermeasures .....		[5,000]
		Critical Additive Advanced Manufacturing .....		[9,000]
		Program decrease .....		[-16,606]
061	0604860F	OPERATIONAL ENERGY AND INSTALLATION RESILIENCE .....	61,000	183,000
		Program increase .....		[122,000]
064	0606004F	NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT .....	1,105	26,105
		B-52 Agile Pod Advanced Sensor Fusion Software Development .....		[25,000]
065	0606005F	DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OFFICE .....	183,398	183,398
067	0207147F	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT .....	1,373,740	1,236,366
		Program decrease .....		[-137,374]
068	0207179F	AUTONOMOUS COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS .....	57,217	51,496
		Program decrease .....		[-5,721]
069	0207420F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION .....	1,692	1,692
071	0207455F	THREE DIMENSIONAL LONG-RANGE RADAR (3DELRR) .....	22,335	22,335
072	0207522F	AIRBASE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (ABADS) .....	85,305	85,305
073	0207606F	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT (JSE) .....	302,801	302,801
074	0208030F	WAR RESERVE MATERIEL—AMMUNITION .....	14,663	14,663
075	0302060F	LOOKING GLASS NEXT .....	65,277	65,277
076	0303010F	AF ISR DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE .....	24,455	24,455
077	0305236F	COMMON DATA LINK EXECUTIVE AGENT (CDL EA) .....	26,401	23,761
		Program decrease .....		[-2,640]
079	0305913F	PERSISTENT SURVEILLANCE .....	29,325	29,325
080	0701200F	ENTERPRISE SELECT CLASS II .....	949	949
081	0708051F	RAPID SUSTAINMENT MODERNIZATION (RSM) .....	27,475	27,475
082	0808736F	SPECIAL VICTIM ACCOUNTABILITY AND INVESTIGATION .....	1,652	1,652
083	0808737F	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION .....	4,271	4,271
084	0901410F	CONTRACTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM .....	25,815	25,815
085	1206415F	U.S. SPACE COMMAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT.	34,719	34,719
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>	<b>9,338,932</b>	<b>9,231,201</b>
		<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>		
086	0604200F	FUTURE ADVANCED WEAPON ANALYSIS & PROGRAMS .....	35,142	35,142
087	0604201F	PNT RESILIENCY, MODS, AND IMPROVEMENTS .....	710,780	710,780
088	0604222F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORT .....	86,921	86,921
089	0604270F	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	260,233	220,233
		Program decrease .....		[-40,000]
090	0604281F	TACTICAL DATA NETWORKS ENTERPRISE .....	110,151	110,151
091	0604287F	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT .....	8,743	8,743
092	0604288F	SURVIVABLE AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (SAOC) .....	2,218,921	2,218,921
093	0604602F	ARMAMENT/ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT .....	96,762	87,086
		Program decrease .....		[-9,676]
094	0604604F	SUBMUNITIONS .....	3,599	3,599
095	0604617F	AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT .....	19,348	19,348
096	0604706F	LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS .....	21,328	21,328
097	0604735F	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES .....	132,783	119,505
		Program decrease .....		[-13,278]
098	0604932F	LONG RANGE STANDOFF WEAPON .....	565,679	565,679
100	0605056F	OPEN ARCHITECTURE MANAGEMENT .....	43,482	39,134
		Program decrease .....		[-4,348]
101	0605223F	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING .....	72,174	64,957
		Program decrease .....		[-7,217]
102	0605238F	GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT EMD .....	4,521,370	4,521,370
103	0605296F	MICROELECTRONICS SECURE ENCLAVE .....	224,664	220,664
		Unjustified growth .....		[-4,000]
104	0101125F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS MODERNIZATION .....	23,066	23,066
105	0102417F	OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR .....	173,975	173,975
106	0207039F	COGNITIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE .....	50,496	50,496
107	0207110F	F-47 .....	5,037,904	4,971,525
		Program decrease .....		[-66,379]
108	0207279F	ISOLATED PERSONNEL SURVIVABILITY AND RECOVERY .....	16,001	16,001
109	0207328F	STAND IN ATTACK WEAPON .....	115,882	115,882
110	0207407F	ELECTROMAGNETIC BATTLE MANAGEMENT (EMBM) .....	45,322	45,322
111	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING .....	6,501	6,501
112	0303008F	SATURN .....	4,771	4,771
116	0305282F	JOINT FIRES NETWORK (JFN) .....	313,982	313,982
117	0401221F	KC-46A TANKER SQUADRONS .....	543,788	315,788
		Program decrease .....		[-228,000]
118	0401319F	VC-25B .....	555,195	555,195
119	0401334F	LARGE AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY SYSTEMS (LASS) .....	17,996	17,996



**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
120	0701212F	AUTOMATED TEST SYSTEMS .....	15,900	15,900
121	0804772F	TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS .....	4,947	4,947
<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.</b>			<b>16,057,806</b>	<b>15,684,908</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>				
123	0604256F	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT .....	44,526	44,526
124	0604759F	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT .....	235,405	220,405
		Program decrease .....		[-15,000]
125	0605101F	RAND PROJECT AIR FORCE .....	13,312	13,312
127	0605712F	INITIAL OPERATIONAL TEST & EVALUATION .....	13,562	13,562
128	0605807F	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT .....	1,802,502	1,747,802
		Digital Knowledge Model Upgrades .....		[5,300]
		Hypersonic Ground Testing Modernization .....		[30,000]
		Program decrease .....		[-90,000]
131	0605829F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CYBER, NETWORK, & BUS SYS .....	439,592	437,592
		Program decrease .....		[-2,000]
132	0605831F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CAPABILITY INTEGRATION .....	1,206,669	1,206,669
134	0605833F	ACQ WORKFORCE- NUCLEAR SYSTEMS .....	342,650	342,650
135	0605898F	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D .....	6,209	6,209
136	0605976F	FACILITIES RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT.	367,369	367,369
137	0605978F	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT	298,924	298,924
138	0606017F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND MATURATION .....	21,678	19,511
		Program decrease .....		[-2,167]
139	0606398F	MANAGEMENT HQ—T&E .....	7,507	7,507
140	0208201F	OFFENSIVE SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (SUAS) .....	30,187	30,187
141	0303255F	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION, AND COMPUTERS (C4)—STRATCOM.	18,068	18,068
142	0308602F	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION SERVICES (EIS) .....	80,342	80,342
143	0702806F	ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....	12,132	10,919
		Program decrease .....		[-1,213]
144	0804776F	ADVANCED DISTRIBUTED LEARNING .....	238	238
145	0901215F	PRODUCTIVITY INVESTMENTS .....	4,017	4,017
147	1001004F	INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES .....	4,514	4,514
<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>			<b>4,949,403</b>	<b>4,874,323</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>				
148	0604222F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORT .....	10,029	10,029
149	0604233F	SPECIALIZED UNDERGRADUATE FLIGHT TRAINING .....	22,071	22,071
150	0604283F	BATTLE MGMT COM & CTRL SENSOR DEVELOPMENT .....	44,187	44,187
152	0604840F	F-35 C3D2 .....	1,128,748	1,138,748
		Supply Chain Advanced Manufacturing .....		[10,000]
153	0605018F	AF INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM (AF-IPPS) .....	31,777	31,777
154	0605024F	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE AGENCY .....	130,610	117,549
		Program decrease .....		[-13,061]
155	0605117F	FOREIGN MATERIEL ACQUISITION AND EXPLOITATION .....	4,676	4,676
156	0605229F	HH-60W .....	87,881	87,881
157	0605278F	HC/MC-130 RECAP RDT&E .....	34,932	34,932
158	0606018F	NC3 INTEGRATION .....	36,521	36,521
159	0101113F	B-52 SQUADRONS .....	1,478,648	1,478,648
160	0101122F	AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM) .....	570	570
161	0101126F	B-1B SQUADRONS .....	273,552	273,552
162	0101127F	B-2 SQUADRONS .....	418,178	398,178
		Slow execution .....		[-20,000]
163	0101213F	MINUTEMAN SQUADRONS .....	79,313	79,313
164	0101316F	WORLDWIDE JOINT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS .....	44,424	44,424
165	0101318F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—GLOBAL STRIKE .....	56,203	56,203
166	0101328F	ICBM REENTRY VEHICLES .....	733,182	733,182
168	0102110F	MH-139A .....	7,046	7,046
169	0102326F	REGION/SECTOR OPERATION CONTROL CENTER MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.	709	709
171	0202834F	AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT—GENERAL .....	1,028	1,028
172	0203345F	OPERATIONS SECURITY (OPSEC) .....	45,000	45,000
173	0205219F	MQ-9 UAV .....	16,723	16,723
174	0205671F	JOINT COUNTER RCIED ELECTRONIC WARFARE .....	2,816	2,816
176	0207133F	F-16 SQUADRONS .....	527,739	527,739
177	0207134F	F-15E SQUADRONS .....	322,889	322,889
178	0207136F	MANNED DESTRUCTIVE SUPPRESSION .....	8,128	8,128
179	0207138F	F-22A SQUADRONS .....	950,375	950,375
180	0207142F	F-35 SQUADRONS .....	47,388	47,388
181	0207146F	F-15EX .....	133,274	133,274
182	0207161F	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES .....	98,861	93,975
		Dual Mode APKWS .....		[5,000]
		Program decrease .....		[-9,886]
183	0207163F	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM) .....	53,277	53,277
184	0207172F	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM) .....	500,422	500,422
187	0207242F	SPECIAL PROGRAM APPLICATIONS .....	35,149	35,149

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
188	0207247F	AF TENCAP .....	50,913	50,913
189	0207249F	PRECISION ATTACK SYSTEMS PROCUREMENT .....	14,602	14,602
190	0207253F	COMPASS CALL .....	66,514	66,514
191	0207268F	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	205,938	205,938
192	0207325F	JOINT AIR-TO-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE (JASSM) .....	133,092	133,092
193	0207327F	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB) .....	25,497	25,497
194	0207410F	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC) .....	158,871	142,984
		Program decrease .....		[-15,887]
195	0207412F	CONTROL AND REPORTING CENTER (CRC) .....	18,137	18,137
196	0207418F	AFSPECWAR—TACP .....	5,206	5,206
198	0207431F	COMBAT AIR INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM ACTIVITIES .....	33,700	33,700
199	0207438F	THEATER BATTLE MANAGEMENT (TBM) C4I .....	7,014	7,014
200	0207439F	ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE INT REPROG (EWIR) .....	73,523	73,523
202	0207452F	DCAPES .....	5,254	5,254
203	0207457F	AIR FORCE SPECIAL WARFARE (SPECWAR) .....	24,423	24,423
204	0207461F	FLIGHT OPERATIONS SYSTEMS .....	15,978	15,978
205	0207521F	AIR FORCE CALIBRATION PROGRAMS .....	2,220	2,220
207	0207590F	SEEK EAGLE .....	36,710	36,710
208	0207611F	READINESS DECISION SUPPORT ENTERPRISE .....	6,823	6,823
209	0207697F	DISTRIBUTED TRAINING AND EXERCISES .....	83,659	73,659
		Program decrease .....		[-10,000]
210	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING .....	6,644	28,644
		AI-enabled maintenance intelligence platforms across air education and training command .....		[22,000]
211	0208006F	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS .....	122,175	109,958
		Program decrease .....		[-12,217]
212	0208007F	TACTICAL DECEPTION .....	48,857	43,972
		Program decrease .....		[-4,885]
213	0208087F	DISTRIBUTED CYBER WARFARE OPERATIONS .....	71,868	69,868
		Unjustified growth .....		[-2,000]
214	0208088F	AF DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	76,758	76,758
218	0208288F	INTEL DATA APPLICATIONS .....	7,511	17,511
		FireFly algorithm development .....		[10,000]
219	0301025F	GEOBASE .....	403	403
226	0301377F	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW) .....	1,343	1,343
228	0301401F	AF MULTI-DOMAIN NON-TRADITIONAL ISR BATTLESPACE AWARENESS .....	2,754	2,754
229	0302015F	E-4B NATIONAL AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (NAOC) .....	50,873	50,873
230	0302315F	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT .....	4,024	4,024
233	0303131F	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN) .....	254,837	254,837
234	0303133F	HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO SYSTEMS .....	33,215	33,215
235	0303140F	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	117,658	117,658
236	0303248F	ALL DOMAIN COMMON PLATFORM .....	71,312	71,312
238	0304100F	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM (SMPES) .....	89,663	89,663
239	0304109F	THRESHER .....	109	109
242	0304260F	AIRBORNE SIGINT ENTERPRISE .....	98,319	98,319
243	0304310F	COMMERCIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS .....	1,713	1,713
246	0304784F	LONG ENDURANCE—AIRBORNE ISR .....	16,570	16,570
249	0305022F	ISR MODERNIZATION & AUTOMATION DVMT (IMAD) .....	16,188	16,188
250	0305099F	GLOBAL AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (GATM) .....	4,210	4,210
251	0305103F	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE .....	318	318
252	0305111F	WEATHER SERVICE .....	29,331	29,331
253	0305114F	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, APPROACH, AND LANDING SYSTEM (ATCALS) .....	61,895	61,895
254	0305116F	AERIAL TARGETS .....	1,704	1,704
257	0305128F	SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES .....	9,642	9,642
258	0305146F	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES .....	2,469	2,469
259	0305155F	THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPON STORAGE & SECURITY SYSTEM .....	24,364	24,364
261	0305179F	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS) .....	18,266	18,266
262	0305206F	AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS .....	34,273	34,273
263	0305207F	MANNED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS .....	17,114	17,114
264	0305208F	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	85,365	85,365
266	0305221F	NETWORK-CENTRIC COLLABORATIVE TARGETING .....	9,146	9,146
268	0305240F	ISR TRANSPORT AND PROCESSING .....	312,037	277,037
		Program decrease .....		[-35,000]
269	0305249F	AF JWICS ENTERPRISE .....	19,324	19,324
270	0305600F	INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURES .....	62,000	62,000
271	0305836F	C2IMERA .....	11,393	11,393
272	0305903F	COCOM MOBILE COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTERS (MCCCS) .....	2,013	2,013
273	0305984F	PERSONNEL RECOVERY COMMAND & CTRL (PRC2) .....	1,783	1,783
274	0307577F	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD) .....	3,151	3,151
275	0401119F	C-5 AIRLIFT SQUADRONS (IF) .....	76,233	76,233
276	0401130F	C-17 AIRCRAFT (IF) .....	178,130	198,130
		C-17 Mobility Connectivity increase .....		[20,000]
277	0401132F	C-130J PROGRAM .....	16,628	16,628
278	0401134F	LARGE AIRCRAFT IR COUNTERMEASURES (LAIRCM) .....	12,323	12,323

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
279	0401218F	KC-135S .....	121,742	141,742
		KC-135 Mobility Connectivity increase .....		[20,000]
280	0401318F	CV-22 .....	45,699	45,699
281	0401334F	LARGE AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY SYSTEMS (LASS) .....	50,111	50,111
283	0708610F	LOGISTICS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (LOGIT) .....	21,518	21,518
284	0801380F	AF LVC OPERATIONAL TRAINING (LVC-OT) .....	23,472	23,472
285	0804743F	OTHER FLIGHT TRAINING .....	1,950	1,950
286	0901202F	JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY AGENCY .....	2,035	2,035
287	0901218F	CIVILIAN COMPENSATION PROGRAM .....	4,248	4,248
288	0901220F	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION .....	2,678	2,678
289	0901226F	AIR FORCE STUDIES AND ANALYSIS AGENCY .....	81,252	65,002
		Program decrease .....		[-16,250]
291	0901538F	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	3,316	3,316
292	0901554F	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACNTNG AND MGT SYS (DEAMS) .....	38,301	38,301
293	1201921F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—SPACE ACTIVITIES .....	700	700
293A	999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	29,113,107	29,113,107
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b> ....	<b>39,930,435</b>	<b>39,878,249</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE</b>	<b>73,075,614</b>	<b>72,594,719</b>
		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, SPACE FORCE</b>		
		<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>		
001	0601102SF	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	20,833	20,833
002	0601103SF	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	14,426	14,426
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>35,259</b>	<b>35,259</b>
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>		
004	1206601SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY .....	234,190	256,690
		Hypersonic weapons advancement .....		[2,500]
		In-Space Operational Technologies .....		[10,000]
		Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Quantum System demonstration .....		[10,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>234,190</b>	<b>256,690</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>		
005	1206310SF	SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT .....	313,738	313,738
006	1206616SF	SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO .....	126,427	139,927
		Operational Spacecraft Capability Bridge Effort .....		[13,500]
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>440,165</b>	<b>453,665</b>
		<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>		
007	0604002SF	SPACE FORCE WEATHER SERVICES RESEARCH .....	3,581	6,581
		Enhancing U.S. Air Force Academy Rocket Propulsion Curriculum ...		[3,000]
008	1203010SF	SPACE FORCE IT, DATA ANALYTICS, DIGITAL SOLUTIONS .....	45,971	45,971
010	1203622SF	SPACE WARFIGHTING ANALYSIS .....	128,546	128,546
011	1203710SF	EO/IR WEATHER SYSTEMS .....	144,434	144,434
012	1203955SF	SPACE ACCESS, MOBILITY & LOGISTICS (SAML) .....	9,724	9,724
013	1206410SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPING .....	1,246,316	1,246,316
014	1206427SF	SPACE SYSTEMS PROTOTYPE TRANSITIONS (SSPT) .....	87,730	87,730
015	1206438SF	SPACE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY .....	62,031	62,031
016	1206458SF	TECH TRANSITION (SPACE) .....	241,056	241,056
017	1206617SF	OPERATIONAL TEST & TRAINING INFRASTRUCTURE .....	265,215	265,215
018	1206730SF	SPACE SECURITY AND DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	102,140	102,140
019	1206760SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL ENTERPRISE SERVICE (PTES) .....	155,885	155,885
020	1206761SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL SERVICE (PTS) .....	449,434	449,434
022	1206857SF	SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE .....	9,950	9,950
023	1206862SF	TACTICALLY RESPONSIVE SPACE .....	86,306	86,306
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>	<b>3,038,319</b>	<b>3,041,319</b>
		<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>		
024	1203269SF	GPS III FOLLOW-ON (GPS IIF) .....	123,793	123,793
025	1206421SF	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS .....	43,702	43,702
026	1206422SF	WEATHER SYSTEM FOLLOW-ON .....	34,756	34,756
027	1206425SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS SYSTEMS .....	1,317,841	1,317,841
028	1206431SF	ADVANCED EHF MILSATCOM (SPACE) .....	10,157	10,157
030	1206440SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GROUND .....	761,425	761,425
031	1206442SF	NEXT GENERATION OPIR .....	209,851	209,851
032	1206443SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GEO .....	485,703	485,703
033	1206444SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—POLAR .....		415,000
		Next Generation OPIR, Block 0 Polar .....		[415,000]
034	1206445SF	COMMERCIAL SATCOM (COMSATCOM) INTEGRATION .....	68,554	68,554
035	1206446SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO) .....	3,564,176	3,564,176

<b>SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
036	1206447SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT (MEO).	1,413,662	1,413,662
037	1206771SF	COMMERCIAL SERVICES .....	23,752	73,752
		Program increase .....		[50,000]
038	1206853SF	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)—EMD	2,748	2,748
039	1206855SF	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS) .....	1,838,718	1,838,718
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.</b>	<b>9,898,838</b>	<b>10,363,838</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>		
042	1206392SF	ACQ WORKFORCE—SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS .....	260,731	260,731
043	1206398SF	SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER—MHA .....	13,717	13,717
044	1206399SF	SSC ENTERPRISE ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION .....	230,848	230,848
045	1206759SF	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT—SPACE .....	65,731	65,731
046	1206860SF	ROCKET SYSTEMS LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE) .....	19,965	19,965
047	1206864SF	SPACE TEST PROGRAM (STP) .....	29,598	29,598
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>620,590</b>	<b>620,590</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
049	1201212SF	SERVICE-WIDE SUPPORT (NOT OTHERWISE ACCOUNTED FOR) ..	28,425	28,425
051	1203040SF	DCO-SPACE .....	481,251	481,251
052	1203109SF	NARROWBAND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS .....	855,860	855,860
053	1203110SF	SATELLITE CONTROL NETWORK (SPACE) .....	92,537	92,537
054	1203154SF	LONG RANGE KILL CHAINS .....	1,392,025	1,392,025
055	1203155SF	SPACE-BASED MOVING TARGET INDICATOR .....	253,355	253,355
056	1203156SF	DATA TRANSPORT AND NETWORKING .....	164,974	164,974
057	1203165SF	NAVSTAR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (SPACE AND CONTROL SEGMENTS).	115,000	115,000
058	1203173SF	SPACE AND MISSILE TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER .....	22,487	22,487
059	1203174SF	SPACE INNOVATION, INTEGRATION AND RAPID TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	10,538	10,538
060	1203182SF	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM (SPACE) .....	56,781	56,781
061	1203330SF	SPACE SUPERIORITY ISR .....	64,290	64,290
064	1203906SF	NCMC—ITW/AA SYSTEM .....	25,092	25,092
065	1203909SF	BALLISTIC MISSILE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (BMEWS) .....	128,630	128,630
066	1203913SF	NUDET DETECTION SYSTEM (SPACE) .....	114,004	114,004
067	1203940SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS OPERATIONS .....	294,902	294,902
068	1206423SF	GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM III—OPERATIONAL CONTROL SEGMENT.	332,313	332,313
072	1206772SF	RAPID RESILIENT COMMAND AND CONTROL (R2C2) .....	109,190	109,190
073	1207440SF	AUTOMATE SAT C2 .....	1,524,300	804,900
		Program decrease .....		[-719,400]
074	1208053SF	JOINT TACTICAL GROUND SYSTEM .....	92,731	92,731
074A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	17,330,381	17,330,381
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT ....</b>	<b>23,489,066</b>	<b>22,769,666</b>
		<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>		
075	1208248SF	SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS/PLANNING/TASKING SW .....	617,062	631,062
		Expanded Commercial Space Domain Awareness .....		[9,000]
		Space Command & Control—Software Pilot Program .....		[5,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>	<b>617,062</b>	<b>631,062</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, SPACE FORCE.</b>	<b>38,373,489</b>	<b>38,172,089</b>
		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>		
		<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>		
001	0601000BR	DTRA BASIC RESEARCH .....	15,070	15,070
003	0601108DSZ	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	17,667	17,667
004	0601110DSZ	BASIC RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	87,091	97,091
		Program increase .....		[10,000]
006	0601120DSZ	NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM .....	165,488	215,488
		Pilot Program To Support Advanced Technology Centers At Community Colleges.		[50,000]
007	0601122E	EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES .....	387,633	387,633
008	0601228DSZ	HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES/MINORITY INSTITUTIONS.	99,706	125,706
		Program increase .....		[26,000]
009	0601384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	27,425	27,425
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>800,080</b>	<b>886,080</b>
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>		
011	0602000DSZ	JOINT MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY .....	32,145	32,145
012	0602023E	ACCESS AND AWARENESS .....	110,096	110,096
013	0602024E	WARFIGHTING PERFORMANCE .....	364,141	364,141

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
*(In Thousands of Dollars)*

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
014	0602025E	MAKING, MAINTAINING, SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS .....	1,624,523	1,624,523
017	0602128D8Z	PROMOTION AND PROTECTION STRATEGIES .....	4,260	4,260
018	0602230D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION .....	43,405	43,405
019	0602234D8Z	LINCOLN LABORATORY RESEARCH PROGRAM .....	10,045	18,045
		Program increase .....		[8,000]
020	0602251D8Z	APPLIED RESEARCH FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF S&T PRIORITIES.	59,560	59,560
022	0602384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	207,186	197,186
		Program decrease .....		[−10,000]
023	0602668D8Z	CYBER SECURITY RESEARCH .....	18,575	23,575
		Pacific Intelligence and Innovation Initiative .....		[5,000]
029	0602718BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION APPLIED RESEARCH.	157,287	157,287
030	0602751D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI) APPLIED RESEARCH.	7,069	7,069
031	0602890D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH .....	50,408	50,408
032	0602891D8Z	FSRM MODELLING .....	6,635	6,635
033	1160401BB	SOF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	50,856	55,856
		Radio Consolidation and Procurement .....		[5,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>2,746,191</b>	<b>2,754,191</b>
<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>				
034	0603000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	64,251	64,251
036	0603055D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT .....	165,060	205,060
		Program increase .....		[20,000]
		TRISO development .....		[20,000]
038	0603122D8Z	COMBATING TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	73,618	323,618
		Emerging Tech Cooperation .....		[50,000]
		Israel Counter UXS Program .....		[100,000]
		Israel Subterranean Cooperation .....		[100,000]
039	0603133D8Z	FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING .....	24,950	24,950
040	0603142D8Z	MISSION ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION (ME&I) .....	144,454	144,454
041	0603160BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	509,160	509,160
043	0603180C	ADVANCED RESEARCH .....	482,573	545,573
		Hypersonic and counter-hypersonic testing from unmanned surface vessels.		[60,000]
		power source for directed energy missile defense satellite system .....		[3,000]
044	0603183D8Z	JOINT HYPERSONIC TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT & TRANSITION.	424,422	454,422
		Acceleration of hypersonic system development .....		[10,000]
		AI Enhanced Hypersonic Seeker .....		[10,000]
		UCAH Classified AI/ML and Quantum Computing Infrastructure Project.		[10,000]
045	0603225D8Z	JOINT DOD-DOE MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	45,375	45,375
048	0603288D8Z	ANALYTIC ASSESSMENTS .....	36,917	36,917
049	0603289D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE ANALYSIS AND CONCEPTS .....	51,960	51,960
050	0603330D8Z	QUANTUM APPLICATION .....	60,333	60,333
051	0603331D8Z	FUTURE GENERATION WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES .....	5,000	5,000
052	0603342D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT (DIU) .....	522,559	540,559
		Off Grid Tactical Power Systems Pilot Program .....		[10,000]
		ONRAMP expansion and innovation acceleration activities .....		[3,000]
		Operator Embedded National Security Innovation Partnerships .....		[5,000]
053	0603375D8Z	TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION .....	982,694	917,694
		Program decrease .....		[−45,000]
		Unjustified growth .....		[−20,000]
054	0603379D8Z	ADVANCED TECHNICAL INTEGRATION .....	79,268	79,268
055	0603384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	310,308	310,308
056	0603467E	DARPA ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	1,568,124	1,568,124
057	0603468E	ADVANCED COMPLEX SYSTEMS .....	540,362	540,362
058	0603469E	ADVANCED ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES .....	331,007	331,007
059	0603618D8Z	JOINT ELECTRONIC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	49,083	49,083
060	0603662D8Z	NETWORKED COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES .....	696,297	661,297
		Program decrease .....		[−20,000]
		Unjustified growth .....		[−15,000]
062	0603680D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE MANUFACTURING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.	581,847	599,347
		Advanced Robotics and Maintenance Automation .....		[10,000]
		Manufacturing Advancement for Novel Technology Innovation and Sustainment.		[5,000]
		Manufacturing of advanced composites for hypersonics aided by digital engineering.		[2,500]
063	0603680S	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	49,787	52,287
		Domestic Tantalum processing capability .....		[2,500]
064	0603712S	GENERIC LOGISTICS R&D TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS .....	18,791	18,791
065	0603716D8Z	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM .....	60,774	60,774
066	0603720S	MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT.	139,923	139,923

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
072	0603781D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE .....	10,227	10,227
073	0603834D8Z	BIOSURVEILLANCE PROGRAM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	9,800	9,800
074	0603838D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION ACCELERATION (DIA) .....	310,977	293,477
		Program decrease .....		[-22,500]
		UAS Affordable Domestic Propulsion .....		[5,000]
075	0603924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	201,125	206,125
		Ultra-Short Pulsed Laser (USPL) Weapons .....		[5,000]
076	0603941D8Z	TEST & EVALUATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY .....	3,834,080	3,580,302
		Common Enterprise Range Network .....		[5,000]
		Hypersonics Testing and Evaluation Workforce Development .....		[10,000]
		Program decrease .....		[-233,778]
		Unjustified growth .....		[-35,000]
077	0603945D8Z	INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION INITIATIVES .....	158,345	154,345
		Program decrease .....		[-4,000]
080	1160402BB	SOF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	126,085	126,085
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>12,669,536</b>	<b>12,720,258</b>
<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>				
081	0603161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS, ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPES.	44,685	44,685
082	0603600D8Z	WALKOFF .....	227,158	227,158
083	0603851D8Z	ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.	125,066	125,066
085	0603882C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SEGMENT	1,360,611	1,360,611
086	0603884BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—DEM/VAL ....	391,307	391,307
087	0603884C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSORS .....	865,420	868,420
		Deep Sentry .....		[3,000]
088	0603890C	BMD ENABLING PROGRAMS .....	1,457,437	1,180,437
		Program decrease .....		[-277,000]
089	0603891C	SPECIAL PROGRAMS—MDA .....	1,742,778	1,742,778
090	0603892C	AEGIS BMD .....	927,870	979,870
		Aegis Guam Weapon System (AGS) capability enhancements, threat sets.		[52,000]
091	0603896C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL, BATTLE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS (C2BMC).	939,987	939,987
092	0603898C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE JOINT WARFIGHTER SUPPORT ...	50,430	50,430
093	0603904C	MISSILE DEFENSE INTEGRATION & OPERATIONS CENTER (MDIOC).	57,892	57,892
094	0603906C	REGARDING TRENCH .....	29,807	29,807
095	0603907C	SEA BASED X-RAND RADAR (SBX) .....	274,204	274,204
096	0603913C	ISRAELI COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS .....	300,000	300,000
097	0603914C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST .....	1,065,474	1,065,474
098	0603915C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TARGETS .....	518,506	538,506
		Advanced Target Front End (ATFE) Configuration 3 (C3) Risk Reduction.		[10,000]
		Unmanned sea-based launch platforms .....		[10,000]
099	0603923D8Z	COALITION WARFARE .....	10,082	10,082
101	0604016D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CORROSION PROGRAM .....	2,675	2,675
102	0604023D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS COMPONENT PROTOTYPING .....	7,893	7,893
103	0604102C	GUAM DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT .....	212,413	232,413
		Program acceleration .....		[20,000]
104	0604115C	TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES .....	59,700	84,700
		Solid Rocket Second Source Qualification Increase .....		[25,000]
106	0604125D8Z	ADVANCED MANUFACTURING COMPONENTS AND PROTOTYPES	52,122	52,122
107	0604162D8Z	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ELIMINATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	945	945
108	0604181C	HYPERSONIC DEFENSE .....	213,783	263,783
		GPI Acceleration .....		[50,000]
109	0604250D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES .....	2,626,130	2,626,130
110	0604294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS .....	156,743	159,243
		Pilot Program on Semiconductor Antitampering and Authenticity Validation.		[2,500]
111	0604331D8Z	RAPID PROTOTYPING PROGRAM .....	238,800	308,800
		Multi-Mission Optionally Piloted Vessel prototyping .....		[70,000]
114	0604400D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) UNMANNED SYSTEM COMMON DEVELOPMENT.	2,024	2,024
115	0604539D8Z	DEFENSE AUTONOMOUS WARFARE GROUP .....	1,000,000	1,000,000
116	0604551BR	CATAPULT INFORMATION SYSTEM .....	7,500	7,500
117	0604555D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY PROTOTYPING—NON S&T .....	53,505	93,505
		Program increase .....		[40,000]
119	0604679D8Z	OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAPITAL (OSC) .....	18,955	18,955
120	0604682D8Z	SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC ANALYSIS .....	2,802	2,802
122	0604791D8Z	MULTI-DOMAIN JOINT OPERATIONS (MDJO) .....	32,001	32,001
123	0604797D8Z	JOINT ENERGETIC TRANSITION OFFICE .....	6,278	6,278
124	0604826J	JOINT C5 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY ASSESSMENTS.	28,314	28,314

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
125	0604834D8Z	BIOSURVEILLANCE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPING	7,000	7,000
126	0604873C	LONG RANGE DISCRIMINATION RADAR (LRDR) .....	125,074	125,074
127	0604874C	IMPROVED HOMELAND DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS .....	1,344,824	1,344,824
129	0604878C	AEGIS BMD TEST .....	61,969	61,969
130	0604879C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSOR TEST .....	52,919	52,919
131	0604880C	LAND-BASED SM-3 (LBSM3) .....	25,102	25,102
132	0604887C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE SEGMENT TEST .....	53,761	53,761
133	0604924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPE.	44,485	44,485
134	0202057C	SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT .....	2,146	2,146
135	0208059JCY	CYBERCOM ACTIVITIES .....	31,735	31,735
137	0208086JCY	CYBER TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (CTE) .....	120,814	111,814
		Program decrease .....		[-9,000]
139	0305103C	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE .....	2,160	2,160
140	0305245D8Z	INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND INNOVATION INVESTMENTS	15,047	15,047
142	1206895C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM SPACE PROGRAMS .....	95,819	95,819
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.</b>	<b>17,094,152</b>	<b>17,090,652</b>
		<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>		
144	0604123D8Z	CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CDAO)—DEM/VAL ACTIVITIES.	11,197	11,197
145	0604133D8Z	ALPHA-1 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES .....	969,825	929,825
		Program decrease .....		[-10,000]
		Unjustified growth .....		[-30,000]
146	0604161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS, SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	14,919	14,919
147	0604384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—EMD .....	261,947	234,447
		Program decrease .....		[-27,500]
148	0604771D8Z	JOINT TACTICAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (JTIDS)	10,200	10,200
149	0605000BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	16,713	16,713
150	0605013BL	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	13,620	13,620
151	0605021SE	HOMELAND PERSONNEL SECURITY INITIATIVE .....	9,334	9,334
152	0605022D8Z	DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY PROGRAM .....	5,943	5,943
153	0605027D8Z	OSD(C) IT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES .....	273,253	268,253
		Program decrease .....		[-5,000]
154	0605080S	DEFENSE AGENCY INITIATIVES (DAI)—FINANCIAL SYSTEM .....	51,265	51,265
156	0605210D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT CAPABILITIES .....	7,918	7,918
157	0605294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS .....	51,202	51,202
158	0605310D8Z	MILITARY AVIATION AND INSTALLATION ASSURANCE SITING CLEARINGHOUSE.	4,072	4,072
159	0605649D8Z	ACQUISITION INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY (AI2) .....	92,689	92,689
160	0605755D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	3,090	3,090
161	0605772D8Z	NUCLEAR COMMAND, CONTROL, & COMMUNICATIONS .....	2,985	2,985
162	0205401JCA	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (JIATF-401)	580,348	580,348
164	0305282K	JOINT FIRES NETWORK (JFN) .....	35,000	35,000
165	0305304D8Z	REAL PROPERTY ANALYTICS .....	2,573	2,573
166	0305310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	12,751	12,751
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.</b>	<b>2,430,844</b>	<b>2,358,344</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>		
168	0603829J	JOINT CAPABILITY EXPERIMENTATION .....	12,332	12,332
169	0604122D8Z	JADC2 DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIMENTATION ACTIVITIES .....	2,109,895	2,079,895
		Unjustified growth .....		[-30,000]
171	0604774D8Z	DEFENSE READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (DRRS) .....	8,921	8,921
172	0604875D8Z	JOINT SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT .....	11,094	11,094
173	0604940D8Z	CENTRAL TEST AND EVALUATION INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT (CTEIP).	1,153,754	1,113,754
		Program decrease .....		[-15,000]
		Unjustified growth .....		[-25,000]
175	0605001E	MISSION SUPPORT .....	108,101	108,101
176	0605100D8Z	JOINT MISSION ENVIRONMENT TEST CAPABILITY (JMETC) .....	234,700	234,700
177	0605126J	JOINT INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANIZATION (JIAMDO).	69,820	69,820
179	0605131D8Z	LIVE FIRE TESTING .....	9,020	9,020
180	0605142D8Z	SYSTEMS ENGINEERING .....	21,992	21,992
181	0605151D8Z	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—OSD .....	5,255	5,255
182	0605161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....	21,862	21,862
183	0605170D8Z	SUPPORT TO NETWORKS AND INFORMATION INTEGRATION .....	26,878	26,878
184	0605200D8Z	GENERAL SUPPORT TO OSD(INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY) ..	10,695	10,695
185	0605384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	89,467	89,467
192	0605711D8Z	CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS .....	10,913	10,913
193	0605790D8Z	SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR)/ SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (STTR) ADMINISTRATION.	8,435	8,435
194	0605797D8Z	MAINTAINING TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE .....	35,512	35,512

**SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
195	0605798D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS .....	165,450	165,450
196	0605801KA	DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC) .....	57,576	57,576
197	06058038E	R&D IN SUPPORT OF DOD ENLISTMENT, TESTING AND EVALUATION.	34,359	34,359
198	0605804D8Z	DEVELOPMENT TEST AND EVALUATION .....	35,106	35,106
199	0605898E	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D .....	5,383	5,383
200	0605998KA	MANAGEMENT HQ—DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC).	3,489	3,489
201	0606005D8Z	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES .....	19,260	19,260
202	0606100D8Z	BUDGET AND PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS .....	10,678	10,678
203	0606114D8Z	ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP (AWG) SUPPORT .....	11,668	11,668
205	0606220D8Z	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR ENTERPRISE TRANSFORMATION AND MODERNIZATION.	75,000	77,000
		Acquisition Workforce Data Analytics Capability .....		[2,000]
206	0606225D8Z	ODNA TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE ANALYSIS .....	3,264	3,264
207	0606300D8Z	DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD .....	6,307	6,307
208	0606301D8Z	AVIATION SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES .....	986	15,986
		Health and Usage Monitoring Systems modernization .....		[10,000]
		HUMS .....		[5,000]
209	0606771D8Z	CYBER RESILIENCY AND CYBERSECURITY POLICY .....	30,746	30,746
211	0606775D8Z	JOINT PRODUCTION ACCELERATOR CELL (JPAC) .....	6,215	6,215
212	0606829D8Z	SUSTAINMENT TRANSITION CAPABILITIES .....	29,408	29,408
215	0304571J	JOINT STAFF ANALYTICAL SUPPORT .....	5,088	5,088
216	0207834D8Z	BIO SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM .....	7,000	7,000
217	0208045K	C4I INTEROPERABILITY .....	72,581	72,581
218	0303169D8Z	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAPID ACQUISITION .....	6,416	6,416
219	0305172K	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS .....	5,566	5,566
221	0305208K	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	2,951	2,951
222	0305248J	JOINT STAFF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DATA OFFICER (OCDO) ACTIVITIES.	67,007	67,007
223	0804768J	COCOM EXERCISE ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING TRANSFORMATION (CE2T2)—NON-MILA.	90,424	90,424
225	08087378E	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION .....	5,768	5,768
226	0901598C	MANAGEMENT HQ—MDA .....	31,863	31,863
228A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	36,977	36,977
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>4,775,182</b>	<b>4,722,182</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
229	0604011D8Z	NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G).	5,893	5,893
231	0604538D8Z	ECONOMIC DEFENSE UNIT (EDU) .....	403,903	403,903
232	0607162D8Z	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ELIMINATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT.	2,931	2,931
233	0607210D8Z	INDUSTRIAL BASE ANALYSIS AND SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT .....	1,177,356	1,234,856
		Digital Twin Center of Excellence For Army Ground Vehicles Center and Naval Special Warfare Systems.		[2,500]
		Domestic manufacturing capability for advanced reactive materials ....		[40,000]
		Expanding Engineering Research & Development Capability for Maritime Industrial Base.		[5,000]
		Next Generation Fiber Production Line .....		[2,500]
		Program decrease .....		[-2,500]
		Public-Private Advanced Manufacturing Initiative in the Indo-Pacific		[10,000]
234	0607310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION MODERNIZATION .....	11,304	11,304
235	0607327T	GLOBAL THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (G-TSCMIS).	6,010	6,010
236	0607384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE (OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT).	82,695	82,695
237	0607385BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	4,108	9,108
		Operational Rapid Multi-Pathogen Diagnostic Tool .....		[5,000]
238	0607757D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.	2,794	2,794
239	0208085JCY	ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS .....	155,613	155,613
240	0208097JCY	CYBER COMMAND AND CONTROL (CYBER C2) .....	85,958	85,958
241	0208099JCY	DATA AND UNIFIED PLATFORM (D&UP) .....	84,687	84,687
245	0302019K	DEFENSE INFO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING AND INTEGRATION.	13,312	13,312
246	0302609V	COUNTERING THREATS AUTOMATED PLATFORM .....	11,710	11,710
247	0303126K	LONG-HAUL COMMUNICATIONS—DCS .....	10,508	10,508
248	0303131K	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN).	10,307	10,307
250	0303140D8Z	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	35,214	35,214
252	0303140K	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	33,502	33,502
253	0303153K	DEFENSE SPECTRUM ORGANIZATION .....	49,466	49,466
254	0303171K	JOINT PLANNING AND EXECUTION SERVICES .....	10,615	10,615
257	0303430V	FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.	50,900	50,900
265	0305104D8Z	DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE (DIB) CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE.	17,077	17,077



<b>SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
<b>Line</b>	<b>Program Element</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
269	0305146V	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES .....	6,751	6,751
270	0305172D8Z	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS .....	18,912	18,912
272	0305186D8Z	POLICY R&D PROGRAMS .....	11,740	11,740
275	0305199D8Z	NET CENTRICITY .....	55,673	55,673
282	0305387D8Z	HOMELAND DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM .....	1,730	1,730
283	0305601K	MISSION PARTNER ENVIRONMENTS .....	15,464	15,464
293	0306250JCY	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	1,303,094	1,308,094
		Pathfinder .....		[15,000]
		Unjustified growth .....		[−10,000]
294	0307609V	NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (NISS) .....	19,840	19,840
297	0708012K	LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES .....	2,051	2,051
298	0708012S	PACIFIC DISASTER CENTERS .....		2,500
		Program increase .....		[2,500]
299	0708047S	DEFENSE PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM .....	2,829	2,829
302	1160403BB	AVIATION SYSTEMS .....	216,781	216,781
303	1160405BB	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	109,227	109,227
304	1160408BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS .....	279,478	310,178
		Ground Infil Protection Systems(GIPS) .....		[25,700]
		Next Generation Geospatial Intelligence Data Awareness .....		[5,000]
305	1160431BB	WARRIOR SYSTEMS .....	435,074	468,108
		Electromagnetic Warfare (EW) Family of Systems .....		[3,500]
		Ground Infil Protection Systems(GIPS) .....		[4,000]
		Ground Organic Precision Strike Systems (GOPSS) .....		[5,000]
		Low Cost, Platform Agnostic Lethal Packages (Warhead and Elec- tronic Safe and Arm Device (ESAD)) for Group 1 Drones.		[12,000]
		Munitions War Reserves .....		[8,534]
306	1160432BB	SPECIAL PROGRAMS .....	25,761	25,761
309	1160483BB	MARITIME SYSTEMS .....	351,721	351,721
310	1160490BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE .....	25,747	40,747
		Hybrid Threats Analytical Platform (HTAP) .....		[15,000]
311	1203610K	TELEPORT PROGRAM .....	22,244	22,244
311A	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	8,923,353	9,102,253
		Foreign Materiel Program .....		[168,900]
		Forward Based Theater Foreign Materiel Exploitation .....		[10,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT ....</b>	<b>14,093,333</b>	<b>14,420,967</b>
<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PRO-</b>				
<b>GRAMS</b>				
312	0608140D8Z	ENTERPRISE PLATFORMS AND CAPABILITIES—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	481,775	475,775
		Unjustified growth .....		[−6,000]
313	0608500D8Z	WEAPONERING CODE SUSTAINMENT .....	23,071	23,071
314	0608648D8Z	ACQUISITION VISIBILITY—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM .....	64,364	64,364
316	0608776D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT FIELDING .....	433,867	430,867
		Program decrease .....		[−3,000]
317	0303150K	GLOBAL COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM .....	124,329	124,329
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>	<b>1,127,406</b>	<b>1,118,406</b>
<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE.</b>			<b>55,736,724</b>	<b>56,071,080</b>
<b>GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA FUND</b>				
<b>RESEARCH, DEV, TEST &amp; EVAL*</b>				
009	0604139D8Z	GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA—MDA .....	367,000	367,000
015	0901159D8Z	GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA .....	30,971	30,971
		<b>SUBTOTAL RESEARCH, DEV, TEST &amp; EVAL*</b>	<b>397,971</b>	<b>397,971</b>
		<b>TOTAL GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA FUND .....</b>	<b>397,971</b>	<b>397,971</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>				
001	0605118OTE	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION .....	101,365	151,542
		Program increase .....		[50,177]
002	0605131OTE	LIVE FIRE TEST AND EVALUATION .....	11,000	108,109
		Program increase .....		[97,109]
003	0605814OTE	OPERATIONAL TEST ACTIVITIES AND ANALYSES .....		76,492
		Program increase .....		[76,492]
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>112,365</b>	<b>336,143</b>
		<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE.</b>	<b>112,365</b>	<b>336,143</b>
		<b>TOTAL RDT&amp;E .....</b>	<b>218,791,608</b>	<b>219,478,814</b>

# **TITLE XLIII—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

## **SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.**

<b>SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>			
<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY</b>			
<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>			
010	MANEUVER UNITS .....	5,309,790	5,309,790
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES .....	375,682	375,682
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE .....	1,193,028	1,193,028
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS .....	2,395,049	2,395,049
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	1,273,674	1,273,674
060	AVIATION ASSETS .....	1,930,557	1,930,557
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	7,186,195	7,186,195
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS .....	888,277	888,277
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	2,022,115	2,142,115
	Ground combat vehicle sustainment .....		[120,000]
100	MEDICAL READINESS .....	786,815	796,815
	TC3Sim: Battlefield Trauma Readiness .....		[10,000]
110	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	10,390,174	10,390,174
120	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZA- TION .....	5,435,364	5,440,864
	Army National Guard Controlled Humidity Preservation .....		[5,500]
130	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	287,812	287,812
140	ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES .....	383,610	383,610
150	RESET .....	117,880	117,880
160	US AFRICA COMMAND .....	693,812	835,812
	COCO ISR .....		[45,000]
	Information Operations .....		[94,000]
	Technology Experimentation and Demonstration .....		[3,000]
170	US EUROPEAN COMMAND .....	510,862	513,862
	including amount for Classified Program .....		[40,000]
	Technology Experimentation and Demonstration .....		[3,000]
180	US SOUTHERN COMMAND .....	464,769	467,769
	Technology Experimentation and Demonstration .....		[3,000]
190	US FORCES KOREA .....	77,775	77,775
200	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	366,311	358,311
	Unjustified growth .....		[–8,000]
210	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY .....	579,954	579,954
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>42,669,505</b>	<b>42,945,005</b>
<b>MOBILIZATION</b>			
220	STRATEGIC MOBILITY .....	53,602	53,602
230	ARMY PREPOSITIONED STOCKS .....	1,125,709	1,125,709
	including amount for maintenance of APS–2 in the USEUCOM AOR .....		[380,000]
240	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS .....	3,172	3,172
	<b>SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION</b> .....	<b>1,182,483</b>	<b>1,182,483</b>
<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>			
250	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	193,530	193,530
260	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	70,431	70,431
270	ONE STATION UNIT TRAINING .....	96,115	96,115
280	SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS .....	503,896	503,896
290	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	1,204,230	1,204,230
300	FLIGHT TRAINING .....	1,381,437	1,381,437
310	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	201,481	201,481
320	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	609,925	609,925
330	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	712,092	712,092
350	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	216,256	216,256
360	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	218,683	218,683
370	JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS .....	218,598	218,598
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b> .....	<b>5,626,674</b>	<b>5,626,674</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>			
390	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	1,483,938	1,311,438

<b>SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>			
<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
	Program decrease .....		[-172,500]
400	CENTRAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES .....	703,829	703,829
410	LOGISTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES .....	634,879	634,879
420	AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT .....	525,732	525,732
430	ADMINISTRATION .....	402,276	393,276
	Program decrease .....		[-9,000]
440	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	2,252,914	2,222,914
	Program decrease .....		[-30,000]
450	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT .....	324,069	324,069
460	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT .....	961,851	961,851
470	OTHER SERVICE SUPPORT .....	2,179,562	2,179,562
480	ARMY CLAIMS ACTIVITIES .....	139,480	139,480
490	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT .....	308,271	308,271
500	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS .....	434,778	434,778
510	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT .....	37,654	37,654
520	INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS .....	760,520	760,520
530	MISC. SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS .....	28,681	28,681
590A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	3,457,587	3,457,587
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>14,636,021</b>	<b>14,424,521</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
600	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-417,800
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-417,800]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....		<b>-417,800</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY</b> .....	<b>64,114,683</b>	<b>63,760,883</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES .....	15,213	15,213
020	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE .....	674,766	674,766
030	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS .....	121,223	121,223
040	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	664,612	664,612
050	AVIATION ASSETS .....	37,490	72,490
	Aviation force structure .....		[35,000]
060	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	380,473	380,473
070	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS .....	41,301	41,301
080	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	37,429	37,429
090	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	577,337	577,337
100	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZA- TION .....	411,093	411,093
110	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	27,810	27,810
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	2,725	2,725
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY .....	19,422	19,422
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>3,010,894</b>	<b>3,045,894</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>		
140	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	15,237	11,237
	Program decrease .....		[-4,000]
150	ADMINISTRATION .....	11,708	11,708
160	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	4,165	4,165
170	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT .....	7,300	7,300
180	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT .....	63,330	63,330
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>101,740</b>	<b>97,740</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
210	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-34,700
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-34,700]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....		<b>-34,700</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE</b> .....	<b>3,112,634</b>	<b>3,108,934</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	MANEUVER UNITS .....	807,777	807,777

**SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**  
**(In Thousands of Dollars)**

<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES .....	233,114	233,114
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE .....	1,143,423	1,143,423
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS .....	84,598	84,598
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	344,161	344,161
060	AVIATION ASSETS .....	1,096,948	1,096,948
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	864,172	873,672
	GAMER live training capability .....		[9,500]
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS .....	93,367	93,367
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	171,055	171,055
100	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	1,326,854	1,326,854
110	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZA- TION .....	1,065,363	1,065,363
120	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	1,116,559	1,116,559
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	6,831	6,831
140	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY .....	24,785	24,785
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>8,379,007</b>	<b>8,388,507</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>		
150	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	6,604	6,604
160	ADMINISTRATION .....	50,221	55,221
	Center for the Study of the National Guard .....		[5,000]
170	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	24,846	24,846
180	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT .....	239,142	239,142
190	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT .....	4,004	4,004
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>324,817</b>	<b>329,817</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
200	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-83,000
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-83,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....		<b>-83,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD</b> .....	<b>8,703,824</b>	<b>8,635,324</b>
	<b>COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP</b>		
	<b>COUNTER-ISIL TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)</b>		
010	COUNTER-ISIL TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF) .....	303,099	253,099
	Program decrease .....		[-50,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL COUNTER-ISIL TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)</b> .....	<b>303,099</b>	<b>253,099</b>
	<b>TOTAL COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP</b> .....	<b>303,099</b>	<b>253,099</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS .....	8,324,572	8,324,572
020	FLEET AIR TRAINING .....	3,128,764	3,128,764
030	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT .....	1,469,165	1,469,165
040	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	2,219,583	2,219,583
050	AVIATION LOGISTICS .....	2,664,360	2,664,360
060	MISSION AND OTHER SHIP OPERATIONS .....	7,424,752	7,424,752
070	SHIP OPERATIONS SUPPORT & TRAINING .....	1,713,065	1,713,065
080	SHIP DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	14,292,873	14,292,873
090	SHIP DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	2,597,722	2,567,722
	Program decrease .....		[-45,000]
	Small Shipyard Grants .....		[15,000]
100	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE ...	1,821,744	1,821,744
110	MEDICAL READINESS .....	661,800	661,800
120	SPACE SYSTEMS AND SURVEILLANCE .....	572,000	572,000
130	WARFARE TACTICS .....	1,038,456	1,038,456
140	OPERATIONAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY .....	496,272	496,272
150	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES .....	2,476,987	2,476,987
160	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DEPOT OPERATIONS SUP- PORT .....	62,570	62,570
170	COMBATANT COMMANDERS CORE OPERATIONS .....	105,379	105,379
180	COMBATANT COMMANDERS DIRECT MISSION SUPPORT .....	1,994,139	1,994,139
190	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	662,040	653,040

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
	Unjustified growth .....		[-9,000]
200	STRATEGIC AND REGIONAL STRIKE DETERRENCE .....	2,220,083	2,220,083
210	WEAPONS MAINTENANCE .....	1,833,006	1,833,006
220	OTHER WEAPON SYSTEMS SUPPORT .....	834,752	834,752
230	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION .....	2,196,932	2,185,932
	Unjustified growth .....		[-11,000]
240	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION .....	4,891,828	4,891,828
250	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	6,069,456	6,069,456
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>71,772,300</b>	<b>71,722,300</b>
	<b>MOBILIZATION</b>		
260	SHIP PREPOSITIONING AND SURGE .....	378,073	378,073
270	READY RESERVE FORCE .....	881,029	881,029
280	SHIP ACTIVATIONS/INACTIVATIONS .....	831,641	956,641
	Platform Supply Vessel .....		[125,000]
300	COAST GUARD SUPPORT .....	27,729	27,729
	<b>SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION</b> .....	<b>2,118,472</b>	<b>2,243,472</b>
	<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>		
310	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	198,743	198,743
320	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	17,813	27,813
	U.S. Naval Sea Cadets .....		[10,000]
330	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS .....	193,797	193,797
340	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	1,163,755	1,173,755
	Generative AI and Spatial Computing for Warfighter Performance .....		[10,000]
350	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	280,521	280,521
360	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	504,282	504,282
370	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	261,140	261,140
380	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	75,600	75,600
390	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	60,191	60,191
400	JUNIOR ROTC .....	60,219	60,219
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b> .....	<b>2,816,061</b>	<b>2,836,061</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>		
410	ADMINISTRATION .....	1,396,823	1,479,056
	Integrated Data Management Systems for Military Personnel		
	Harmful Behaviors Prevention .....		[5,000]
	Support for Navy Tuition Assistance Funding .....		[77,233]
430	CIVILIAN MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT .....	244,308	244,308
450	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT .....	642,260	642,260
470	FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATION .....	5,517	5,517
480	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT .....	60,440	60,440
490	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	279,134	279,134
510	PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT .....	605,530	605,530
520	ACQUISITION, LOGISTICS, AND OVERSIGHT .....	822,580	822,580
530	INVESTIGATIVE AND SECURITY SERVICES .....	1,076,664	1,076,664
760A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	728,457	728,457
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>5,861,713</b>	<b>5,943,946</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
770	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-307,900
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-307,900]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....		<b>-307,900</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY</b> .....	<b>82,568,546</b>	<b>82,437,879</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	OPERATIONAL FORCES .....	3,113,102	3,113,102
020	FIELD LOGISTICS .....	2,807,429	2,807,429
030	DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	344,750	344,750
040	MARITIME PREPOSITIONING .....	280,543	280,543
050	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	351,199	351,199
060	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION .....	3,629,008	3,629,008
070	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	3,175,027	3,175,027
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>13,701,058</b>	<b>13,701,058</b>

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>			
080	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	45,521	45,521
090	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	1,346	1,346
100	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	242,438	242,438
110	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	64,994	64,994
120	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	838,526	838,526
130	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	363,287	363,287
140	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	47,840	47,840
150	JUNIOR ROTC .....	33,292	33,292
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING .....</b>	<b>1,637,244</b>	<b>1,637,244</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>			
180	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	154,026	154,026
190	ADMINISTRATION .....	416,349	416,349
300A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	80,140	80,140
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>650,515</b>	<b>650,515</b>
<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>			
310	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-80,300
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-80,300]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>		<b>-80,300</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MA- RINE CORPS .....</b>	<b>15,988,817</b>	<b>15,908,517</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE OPERATING FORCES</b>			
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS .....	787,622	787,622
020	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT .....	9,733	9,733
030	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	215,547	215,547
040	AVIATION LOGISTICS .....	27,703	27,703
050	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS .....	19,652	19,652
060	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES .....	196,376	196,376
070	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	288	288
080	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION .....	30,811	30,811
090	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION .....	59,386	59,386
100	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	111,177	111,177
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>1,458,295</b>	<b>1,458,295</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>			
110	ADMINISTRATION .....	2,747	2,747
120	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT .....	14,944	14,944
130	ACQUISITION AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT .....	1,230	1,230
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>18,921</b>	<b>18,921</b>
<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>			
150	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-20,600
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-20,600]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>		<b>-20,600</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE .....</b>	<b>1,477,216</b>	<b>1,456,616</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS RESERVE OPERATING FORCES</b>			
010	OPERATING FORCES .....	142,416	142,416
020	DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	23,213	23,213
030	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION .....	100,709	100,709
040	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	128,902	128,902
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>395,240</b>	<b>395,240</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>			
050	ADMINISTRATION .....	9,440	9,440
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>9,440</b>	<b>9,440</b>
<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>			

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
070	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-7,000
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-7,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>		<b>-7,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MA- RINE CORPS RESERVE .....</b>	<b>404,680</b>	<b>397,680</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES .....	1,798,263	1,798,263
020	COMBAT ENHANCEMENT FORCES .....	3,117,205	3,117,205
030	AIR OPERATIONS TRAINING (OJT, MAINTAIN SKILLS) .....	2,770,832	2,780,832
	Point Defense Battle Lab Program .....		[10,000]
040	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE .....	6,092,998	6,092,998
050	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZA- TION .....	6,100,395	6,105,395
	Advanced Nuclear Energy Demonstration Project .....		[5,000]
060	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT .....	320,297	320,297
070	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT .....	11,647,415	11,647,415
080	FLYING HOUR PROGRAM .....	7,265,480	7,265,480
090	BASE SUPPORT .....	11,318,037	11,318,037
100	GLOBAL C3I AND EARLY WARNING .....	1,214,408	1,214,408
110	OTHER COMBAT OPS SPT PROGRAMS .....	2,146,977	2,121,977
	Program decrease .....		[-25,000]
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	1,155,815	1,146,815
	Unjustified growth .....		[-9,000]
130	TACTICAL INTEL AND OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES .....	1,992,280	1,992,280
140	MEDICAL READINESS .....	561,626	561,626
150	US NORTHCOM/NORAD .....	746,165	746,165
160	US STRATCOM .....	656,448	656,448
170	US CENTCOM .....	405,438	405,438
180	US SOCOM .....	42,261	42,261
190	US TRANSCOM .....	694	694
210	USSPACECOM .....	555,147	555,147
210A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	81,694	81,694
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>59,989,875</b>	<b>59,970,875</b>
	<b>MOBILIZATION</b>		
220	AIRLIFT OPERATIONS .....	3,782,668	3,782,668
230	MOBILIZATION PREPAREDNESS .....	321,889	321,889
	<b>SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION .....</b>	<b>4,104,557</b>	<b>4,104,557</b>
	<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>		
240	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	267,971	267,971
250	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	70,462	70,462
260	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) .....	143,686	143,686
270	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	589,549	589,549
280	FLIGHT TRAINING .....	1,122,297	1,122,297
290	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	280,908	280,908
300	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	192,608	192,608
310	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	254,720	254,720
320	EXAMINING .....	7,261	7,261
330	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	232,768	232,768
340	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	354,678	354,678
350	JUNIOR ROTC .....	114,790	114,790
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING .....</b>	<b>3,631,698</b>	<b>3,631,698</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>		
360	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS .....	1,124,763	1,124,763
370	TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES .....	159,721	159,721
380	ADMINISTRATION .....	1,292,758	1,294,758
	Integrated Data Management Systems for Military Personnel Harmful Behaviors Prevention .....		[5,000]
	Program decrease .....		[-3,000]
390	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	43,892	43,892
410	OTHER SERVICEWIDE ACTIVITIES .....	1,666,547	1,666,547
420	CIVIL AIR PATROL .....	32,984	32,984
430	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT .....	58,936	58,936
440	SECURITY PROGRAMS .....	202,400	202,400
450	INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT .....	77,853	77,853

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
450A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	1,653,652	1,653,652
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>6,313,506</b>	<b>6,315,506</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
460	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-408,800
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-408,800]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....		<b>-408,800</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>74,039,636</b>	<b>73,613,836</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	GLOBAL C3I & EARLY WARNING .....	1,056,824	1,056,824
020	SPACE LAUNCH OPERATIONS .....	415,322	415,322
030	SPACE OPERATIONS .....	1,266,939	1,266,939
040	EDUCATION & TRAINING .....	783,168	783,168
050	SPECIAL PROGRAMS .....	733,761	733,761
060	DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	83,803	83,803
070	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZA- TION .....	1,384,326	1,384,326
080	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS AND SYSTEM SUPPORT .....	2,096,381	2,096,381
090	SPACE OPERATIONS -BOS .....	551,196	551,196
100	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	289,958	289,958
100A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	118,478	118,478
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>8,780,156</b>	<b>8,780,156</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>		
110	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS .....	36,164	36,164
120	ADMINISTRATION .....	449,597	449,597
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>485,761</b>	<b>485,761</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
130	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-54,400
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-54,400]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....		<b>-54,400</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE</b> .....	<b>9,265,917</b>	<b>9,211,517</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RE- SERVE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES .....	2,138,964	2,138,964
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS .....	217,542	221,542
	Program increase .....		[4,000]
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE .....	787,861	787,861
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZA- TION .....	187,022	187,022
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	654,233	654,233
060	BASE SUPPORT .....	632,638	632,638
070	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	1,655	1,655
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>4,619,915</b>	<b>4,623,915</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>		
080	ADMINISTRATION .....	100,998	100,998
090	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	11,620	11,620
100	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERS MGMT (ARPC) .....	15,893	15,893
110	AUDIOVISUAL .....	561	561
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>129,072</b>	<b>129,072</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
120	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-52,100
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-52,100]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....		<b>-52,100</b>



SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE .....</b>	<b>4,748,987</b>	<b>4,700,887</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD</b>		
	<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS .....	2,744,277	2,744,277
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS .....	663,367	663,367
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE .....	1,210,460	1,210,460
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZA- TION .....	531,241	531,241
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	1,632,461	1,632,461
060	BASE SUPPORT .....	1,128,729	1,128,729
070	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT .....	26,354	26,354
080	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	81,720	81,720
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>8,018,609</b>	<b>8,018,609</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>		
090	ADMINISTRATION .....	64,249	64,249
100	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	47,831	47,831
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE- WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>112,080</b>	<b>112,080</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
110	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-50,800
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-50,800]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>		<b>-50,800</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD .....</b>	<b>8,130,689</b>	<b>8,079,889</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF .....	534,218	534,218
020	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—JTEEP .....	1,393,798	1,393,798
030	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—CYBER .....	9,103	9,103
040	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—PSYOP .....	325,609	340,609
	AI-based IO agentic Assessment .....		[15,000]
050	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND COMBAT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES .....	2,589,383	3,017,983
	Accelerated Fielding of Group 3 Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Capability .....		[3,600]
	Maritime Mission Support Vessel .....		[425,000]
060	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MAINTENANCE .....	1,388,865	1,437,629
	Electromagnetic Warfare (EW) Family of Systems .....		[1,286]
	Ground Infil Protection Systems(GIPS) .....		[15,340]
	Ground Organic Precision Strike Systems (GOPSS) .....		[3,639]
	Munitions War Reserves .....		[2,888]
	Non-Standard Aviations (NSAv) .....		[15,611]
	USASOC Dive Tank and Compression Chamber .....		[10,000]
070	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MANAGEMENT/OPER- ATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	180,691	180,691
080	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND THEATER FORCES .....	3,695,859	3,706,622
	Cognitive Performance Initiative .....		[7,500]
	Manpower for TSOC Next .....		[3,263]
090	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CYBERSPACE ACTIVI- TIES .....	78,512	78,512
100	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND INTELLIGENCE .....	1,130,849	1,138,849
	Identity and Signature Management .....		[8,000]
110	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	1,796,851	1,812,851
	Identity and Signature Management .....		[11,000]
	USSOCOM Lessons Learned Program .....		[5,000]
120	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	1,880,381	1,872,381
	Unjustified growth .....		[-8,000]
130	USCYBERCOM HEADQUARTERS .....	303,726	303,726
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>15,307,845</b>	<b>15,826,972</b>
	<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>		
140	DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY .....	193,017	193,017
150	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF .....	173,748	173,748

<b>SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>			
<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
160	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	30,040	30,040
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING .....</b>	<b>396,805</b>	<b>396,805</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>		
170	CIVIL MILITARY PROGRAMS .....	118,488	374,488
	National Guard Youth Challenge Program (NGYCP) .....		[198,000]
	Senator Robert J. Dole Greatest Generation Education Program		[5,000]
	STARBASE .....		[53,000]
180	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY—CYBER .....	3,825	3,825
190	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY .....	611,600	611,600
200	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY .....	1,462,988	1,462,988
210	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY—CYBER .....	42,367	42,367
220	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY .....		
	CY .....	1,035,974	1,035,974
240	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY—CYBER .....		
	CY—CYBER .....	16,885	16,885
250	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY—CYBER .....	49,611	49,611
260	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY .....	1,505,352	1,510,352
	Modernization of DOD Drug Testing .....		[5,000]
290	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY .....	3,873,222	3,873,222
300	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY—CYBER .....	602,017	602,017
310	DEFENSE LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY .....	147,620	147,620
320	DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY .....	585,610	585,610
330	DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY .....	207,551	207,551
340	DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE .....	160,358	160,358
350	DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY .....	3,780,757	4,393,834
	Additional International Security Cooperation Programs—		
	EUCOM .....		[210,000]
	including amount for Baltic Security Initiative .....		[175,000]
	Defense Institute for International Legal Studies .....		[1,396]
	Institute for Security Governance .....		[1,681]
	Prior-year authorization .....		[400,000]
360	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ADMINISTRATION .....	47,101	47,101
370	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY .....	637,514	637,514
390	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY—CYBER .....	73,477	73,477
400	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY .....	3,493,232	3,563,232
	Impact Aid .....		[50,000]
	Impact Aid Students with Disabilities .....		[20,000]
410	MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY .....	487,235	487,235
420	OFFICE OF THE LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY COOPERATION .....		
	Program increase .....	142,597	152,597
	Program increase .....		[10,000]
430	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—JIATF .....	431,652	431,652
470	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—CYBER .....	81,163	124,163
	DIB Cybersecurity .....		[4,000]
	Enterprise Unified Data Library .....		[15,000]
	Senior Military College DoD Cyber Institutes .....		[24,000]
480	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE .....	3,832,831	3,875,831
	Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI) .....		[30,000]
	Legacy Resource Management Program .....		[8,000]
	Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP) .....		[5,000]
510	WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES .....	536,546	536,546
510A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	24,579,358	24,637,358
	Automated Man-made Vertical Obstruction/Obstacle Detection		
	Software Integration .....		[15,000]
	Forward Based Theater Foreign Materiel Exploitation .....		[21,100]
	Machine Speed Intelligence Fusion .....		[8,000]
	Personnel adjustments .....		[13,900]
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>48,546,931</b>	<b>49,645,008</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
520	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-1,380,803
	Foreign currency fluctuations .....		[-900,000]
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-480,803]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>		<b>-1,380,803</b>

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DE- FENSE-WIDE .....</b>	<b>64,251,581</b>	<b>64,487,982</b>
	<b>UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES ADMINISTRATION AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES</b>		
010	US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES, DE- FENSE .....	21,698	21,698
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND ASSOCI- ATED ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>21,698</b>	<b>21,698</b>
	<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES .....</b>	<b>21,698</b>	<b>21,698</b>
	<b>DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORK- FORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
010	ACQ WORKFORCE DEV FD .....	37,478	97,478
	Defense Civilian Training Corps .....		[30,000]
	IP cadre .....		[30,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVEL- OPMENT .....</b>	<b>37,478</b>	<b>97,478</b>
	<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUI- TION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND ....</b>	<b>37,478</b>	<b>97,478</b>
	<b>OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE</b>		
010	OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER AND CIVIC AID .....	78,187	115,335
	Program increase .....		[37,148]
	<b>SUBTOTAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE .....</b>	<b>78,187</b>	<b>115,335</b>
	<b>TOTAL OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DIS- ASTER, AND CIVIC AID .....</b>	<b>78,187</b>	<b>115,335</b>
	<b>COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT FSU THREAT REDUCTION</b>		
010	COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION .....	221,332	221,332
	<b>SUBTOTAL FSU THREAT REDUCTION .....</b>	<b>221,332</b>	<b>221,332</b>
	<b>TOTAL COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT .....</b>	<b>221,332</b>	<b>221,332</b>
	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY</b>		
050	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY .....	282,444	282,444
	<b>SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY .....</b>	<b>282,444</b>	<b>282,444</b>
	<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY .....</b>	<b>282,444</b>	<b>282,444</b>
	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY</b>		
060	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY .....	305,246	305,246
	<b>SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY .....</b>	<b>305,246</b>	<b>305,246</b>
	<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY .....</b>	<b>305,246</b>	<b>305,246</b>
	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE</b>		
070	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE .....	320,060	320,060
	<b>SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE ...</b>	<b>320,060</b>	<b>320,060</b>
	<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE .....</b>	<b>320,060</b>	<b>320,060</b>
	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE DEFENSE-WIDE</b>		

<b>SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE</b> (In Thousands of Dollars)			
<i>Line</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>FY 2027 Request</i>	<i>House Authorized</i>
080	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE .....	8,957	8,957
	<b>SUBTOTAL DEFENSE-WIDE .....</b>	<b>8,957</b>	<b>8,957</b>
	<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DE- FENSE .....</b>	<b>8,957</b>	<b>8,957</b>
	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES DEFENSE-WIDE</b>		
090	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FORMERLY USED SITES ..	238,927	246,927
	Program increase .....		[8,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL DEFENSE-WIDE .....</b>	<b>238,927</b>	<b>246,927</b>
	<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES .....</b>	<b>238,927</b>	<b>246,927</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE .....</b>	<b>338,624,638</b>	<b>337,672,520</b>

1 **TITLE XLIV—MILITARY**

2 **PERSONNEL**

3 **SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

<b>SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL</b> (In Thousands of Dollars)			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>FY 2027 Request</i>	<i>House Authorized</i>
	<b>Military Personnel .....</b>	<b>190,771,931</b>	<b>190,021,931</b>
	Historical unobligated balances .....		[-750,000]
	<b>MERHCF .....</b>	<b>14,349,269</b>	<b>14,349,269</b>

4 **TITLE XLV—OTHER**

5 **AUTHORIZATIONS**

6 **SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.**

<b>SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS</b> (In Thousands of Dollars)			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>FY 2027 Request</i>	<i>House Authorized</i>
	INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS .....	20,563	20,563
	<b>SUPPLY MANAGEMENT—ARMY</b>		
	<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY .....</b>	<b>20,563</b>	<b>20,563</b>
	<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY</b>		
	NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTERS .....	266,212	266,212
	<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY .....</b>	<b>266,212</b>	<b>266,212</b>
	<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE</b>		
	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
	CRITICAL SPARES .....	4,245,563	4,245,563
	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS .....	194,851	194,851
	<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE ..</b>	<b>4,440,414</b>	<b>4,440,414</b>
	<b>NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND</b>		

<b>SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>FY 2027 Request</i>	<i>House Authorized</i>
DEFENSE STOCKPILE .....	5,700	5,700
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE</b>		
<b>TRANSACTION FUND</b> .....	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,700</b>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>		
DEFENSE FINANCE OPERATIONS—DIRECT .....	273,760	273,760
DOD MARKET FLUCTUATION ACCOUNT (FUEL) .....	1,000,000	1,000,000
UNDISTRIBUTED .....		–400,000
WCF cash balances .....		[–400,000]
<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE- WIDE</b> .....	<b>1,273,760</b>	<b>873,760</b>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY</b>		
COMMISSARY OPERATIONS .....	1,501,344	1,501,344
<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY</b> .....	<b>1,501,344</b>	<b>1,501,344</b>
<b>CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUC- TION, DEFENSE</b>		
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE</b>		
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION .....	55,972	55,972
<b>TOTAL CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION, DEFENSE</b> .....	<b>55,972</b>	<b>55,972</b>
<b>DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG AC- TIVITIES, DEFENSE</b>		
COUNTER-NARCOTICS SUPPORT .....	658,191	658,191
DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM .....	135,745	135,745
NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM .....	117,418	117,418
NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS .....	6,648	9,648
Program increase .....		[3,000]
<b>TOTAL DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER- DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEFENSE</b> .....	<b>918,002</b>	<b>921,002</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>		
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE .....	501,371	501,371
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL—CYBER .....	2,073	2,073
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION .....	1,506	1,506
PROCUREMENT .....	1,393	1,393
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>	<b>506,343</b>	<b>506,343</b>
<b>COMBAT AND OPERATIONAL MEDICINE PROGRAM</b>		
IN-HOUSE CARE .....	10,863,317	10,994,317
Dental Readiness .....		[131,000]
CONSOLIDATED HEALTH SUPPORT .....	2,375,175	2,375,175
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT .....	2,600,177	2,600,177
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES .....	304,382	304,382
EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	349,460	349,460
BASE OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS .....	2,463,042	2,450,042
Program decrease .....		[–13,000]
R&D RESEARCH .....	41,924	66,924
Endometrial cancer research .....		[25,000]
R&D EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT .....	185,153	185,153
R&D ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	361,241	428,841
Blast Overpressure .....		[6,000]
Cryopreserved Platelet Development .....		[5,000]
Freeze-Dried Platelet Hemostatics .....		[5,000]
Joint Neuroscience Demonstration Program .....		[10,000]
Musculoskeletal resilience .....		[7,000]
Pathogen Reduced Freeze-Dried Cryoprecipitate Manufac- turing Technology .....		[7,600]

**SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<i>Item</i>	<i>FY 2027 Request</i>	<i>House Authorized</i>
<i>Pathogen reduction technology Funding .....</i>		[7,000]
<i>Physics-based Neutralizations of Threats to Human tissues and Organs Research .....</i>		[5,000]
<i>Resilient Optimization of Load &amp; Integrated Neuro- musculoskeletal Anabolism Research .....</i>		[15,000]
<i>R&amp;D DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION .....</i>	186,018	214,018
<i>Study of direct electrical nerve stimulation on lower limb amputees .....</i>		[13,000]
<i>Thermal Burn and Concurrent Pulmonary Therapies .....</i>		[15,000]
<i>R&amp;D ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT .....</i>	124,662	124,662
<i>R&amp;D MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT .....</i>	100,912	100,912
<i>R&amp;D CAPABILITIES ENHANCEMENT .....</i>	19,452	30,452
<i>Advanced Vital Intervention Airborne Training for Emer- gencies (AVIATE) .....</i>		[11,000]
<i>PROC INITIAL OUTFITTING .....</i>	25,555	25,555
<i>PROC REPLACEMENT &amp; MODERNIZATION .....</i>	231,382	231,382
<i>PROC JOINT OPERATIONAL MEDICINE INFORMATION SYS- TEM .....</i>	31,203	31,203
<i>PROC MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM—DESKTOP TO DATACENTER .....</i>	78,588	78,588
<b>TOTAL COMBAT AND OPERATIONAL MEDI- CINE PROGRAM .....</b>	<b>20,341,643</b>	<b>20,591,243</b>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR CARE PROGRAM</b>		
<i>PRIVATE SECTOR CARE .....</i>	22,175,472	22,175,472
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR CARE PROGRAM .....</b>	<b>22,175,472</b>	<b>22,175,472</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS .....</b>	<b>51,505,425</b>	<b>51,358,025</b>

1 **TITLE XLVI—MILITARY**  
2 **CONSTRUCTION**  
3 **SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.**

**SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<i>Account</i>	<i>State/Country and Installation</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>FY 2027 Request</i>	<i>House Agreement</i>
	<i>Alabama</i>			
<i>Army</i>	<i>Anniston Army Depot</i>	<i>Access Control Point (INC) .....</i>	0	53,000
<i>Army</i>	<i>Anniston Army Depot</i>	<i>Consolidated Shipping and Receiving Facility (De- sign) .....</i>	0	5,400
<i>Army</i>	<i>Anniston Army Depot</i>	<i>Welding Shop (Design) .....</i>	0	4,940
	<i>Alaska</i>			
<i>Army</i>	<i>Fort Wainwright</i>	<i>Barracks (INC 2) .....</i>	24,000	24,000
	<i>Florida</i>			
<i>Army</i>	<i>Naval Air Station Key West</i>	<i>Command and Control Facility (INC 2) .....</i>	160,000	160,000
	<i>Germany</i>			
<i>Army</i>	<i>Gryfenuechr</i>	<i>Underground Electric Lines .....</i>	12,800	12,800
	<i>Guam</i>			
<i>Army</i>	<i>Joint Region Marianas</i>	<i>PDI: Guam Def Sys, ELAMD, PH 2 (INC 2) .....</i>	190,000	190,000
<i>Army</i>	<i>Joint Region Marianas</i>	<i>PDI: Guam Def Sys, ELAMD, PH 3 .....</i>	155,000	60,000
<i>Army</i>	<i>Joint Region Marianas</i>	<i>PDI: Land Acquisition .....</i>	29,000	0
	<i>Hawaii</i>			
<i>Army</i>	<i>Fort Shafter</i>	<i>CTC: Clearwell and Booster Pump .....</i>	71,000	71,000
<i>Army</i>	<i>Helemano</i>	<i>CTC: Wells and Storage Tanks .....</i>	72,000	72,000
<i>Army</i>	<i>Schofield Barracks</i>	<i>CTC: Elevated Tank and Distribution Lines .....</i>	26,000	26,000
<i>Army</i>	<i>Schofield Barracks</i>	<i>CTC: Water Storage Tank .....</i>	21,000	21,000
<i>Army</i>	<i>Schofield Barracks</i>	<i>Fire Station .....</i>	30,000	30,000
<i>Army</i>	<i>Wheeler Army Air Field</i>	<i>Aircraft Maintenance Hangar (INC 1) .....</i>	90,000	90,000
	<i>Italy</i>			
<i>Army</i>	<i>Caserma Renato Del Din</i>	<i>Access Control Point .....</i>	17,000	17,000

<b>SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>
	Japan			
Army	Kadena Air Base	CTC: Vehicle Maintenance Shop .....	69,000	69,000
	Louisiana			
Army	Fort Polk	Rotational Unit Billeting Area .....	0	157,000
	New York			
Army	Fort Drum	Automated Record Fire Plus Range .....	25,000	25,000
	North Carolina			
Army	Fort Bragg	CTC: Aircraft Maintenance Hangar .....	31,000	31,000
	Oklahoma			
Army	Fort Sill	Automated-Aided Instruction Building .....	0	94,000
	Texas			
Army	Fort Bliss	Shipping and Receiving Building .....	35,000	35,000
Army	Fort Hood	Vehicle Maintenance Shop .....	0	81,000
Army	Joint Base San Antonio	Adv Ind Training Barracks-METC (INC) .....	303,000	103,000
	Washington			
Army	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	Airfield Fire and Rescue Station .....	89,000	89,000
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design .....	173,421	173,421
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Host Nation Support .....	53,521	53,521
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Minor Construction .....	178,626	178,626
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PDI: Minor Construction .....	76,270	76,270
<b>Military Construction, Army Total .....</b>			<b>1,931,638</b>	<b>2,002,978</b>
	Australia			
Navy	Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin	PDI: Aircraft Maintenance Hangar (INC) .....	46,958	46,958
Navy	Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin	PDI: Maintenance Support Facs (INC) .....	33,955	33,955
	California			
Navy	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	Fire/Emergency Response Station (53 Area) Replace	43,000	43,000
Navy	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	Landfill Liner Phase III and IV .....	53,150	53,150
Navy	Naval Base Coronado	Ford Class CVN Infrastructure Upg., Pier Lima (INC).	33,000	33,000
Navy	Naval Air Station Lemoore	Strike Fighter Center of Excellence Pacific (INC) .....	155,939	155,939
Navy	Naval Support Activity Monterey	Naval Innovation Center (INC) .....	50,000	50,000
Navy	Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu	Community & Airfield Area Flood Protection .....	164,000	164,000
	Connecticut			
Navy	Naval Submarine Base New London	Submarine Pier 8 Replacement (INC) .....	142,124	142,124
Navy	Naval Submarine Base New London	Weapons Magazine & Ordnance Operations Fac. (INC).	79,600	79,600
	District of Columbia			
Navy	Naval Research Laboratory	Biomolecular Science & Synthetic Biology Lab .....	157,000	157,000
	Federated States of Micronesia			
Navy	Yap	PDI: Yap Port and Harbor Improvements (INC) .....	142,235	142,235
	Florida			
Navy	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	Communications Infrastructure (INC) .....	46,075	46,075
Navy	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Cape Canaveral Railhead & Transfer Facilities .....	60,990	60,990
Navy	Naval Air Station Whiting Field	Child Development Center (Design) .....	0	4,135
Navy	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	Multi Aircraft Paint & Strip (Design) .....	0	28,225
	Georgia			
Navy	Albany	Consolidated Communication Facility .....	86,350	86,350
Navy	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	Transit Protection Program Facility (INC) .....	100,000	100,000
Navy	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	Trident Refit Fac. Expansion (Columbia Sub) (INC)	30,000	30,000
	Guam			
Navy	Andersen Air Force Base	PDI: Joint Consolidated Communications Center (INC).	132,416	132,416
Navy	Apra Heights	PDI: Inner Apra Harbor Resiliency (INC) .....	13,400	13,400

**SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**  
(In Thousands of Dollars)

<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>
Navy	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Defense Access Roads III (INC) .....	0	16,500
Navy	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Joint Communication Upgrade (INC) .....	60,000	60,000
Navy	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Polaris Point Electrical Capacity Upgrade .....	122,000	22,000
Navy	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: Polaris Point Submarine Pier (INC) .....	171,800	171,800
	Hawaii			
Navy	Ford Island	Pacific Warfighting Center Expansion .....	183,760	183,760
Navy	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Dry Dock 3 Replacement (INC) .....	507,453	507,453
Navy	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Water Treatment Plant (INC) .....	248,170	248,170
Navy	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	3d Mlr Armory Expansion .....	76,550	76,550
Navy	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	ATC CO M Compound .....	134,090	34,090
Navy	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	Main Gate Entry Control Point .....	49,260	49,260
Navy	Kauai	PDI: Airfield Pavement Upgrades (INC) .....	142,470	142,470
	Japan			
Navy	Kadena Air Base	Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Facility .....	31,780	31,780
	Maine			
Navy	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	Multi-Mission Drydock #1 Extension (INC) .....	50,755	50,755
Navy	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	Power Reliability & Water Resilience Upgrade (INC) .....	138,875	138,875
	Maryland			
Navy	United States Naval Academy	Storm Water Management Facilities .....	0	86,020
	Nevada			
Navy	Naval Air Station Fallon	Range Training Complex Improvements .....	387,570	387,570
	North Carolina			
Navy	Camp Lejeune	Amphibious Combat Vehicle (ACV) Shelters (INC) .....	0	24,140
Navy	Camp Lejeune	10th Marines Operational Complex (INC) .....	77,520	77,520
Navy	Camp Lejeune	Ammunition Supply Point Upgrade Phase II (INC) .....	15,451	15,451
Navy	Camp Lejeune	Combat Water Survival Training Facility .....	141,880	141,880
Navy	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	CTC: Aircraft Maintenance Hangar .....	47,560	47,560
Navy	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	CTC: CH-53K Gearbox Repair and Test Facility .....	17,941	17,941
Navy	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	F-35 Aircraft Sustainment Ctr (INC) .....	89,181	89,181
Navy	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	Maintenance Facility & Marine Air Group HQS (INC).	62,575	62,575
Navy	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	2D LAAD Maintenance and Operations Facilities (Design).	0	19,390
	Federated States of Micronesia			
Navy	Palau	PDI: Palau Port and Harbor Improvements (INC) ...	384,560	384,560
	Pennsylvania			
Navy	Mechanicsburg	Machinery Control Development Center (INC) .....	79,140	79,140
	Rhode Island			
Navy	Naval Station Newport	Consolidated RDT&E Integration Laboratory .....	40,000	40,000
Navy	Naval Station Newport	Next Generation Submarine Platform Facility .....	73,000	73,000
Navy	Naval Station Newport	Submarine Payload Integration Laboratory .....	40,000	40,000
	South Carolina			
Navy	Charleston Air Force Base	Nuclear Power Training Fac Simulation Expan (INC).	161,700	161,700
	Spain			
Navy	Rota	UH for Permanent Party .....	64,080	64,080
	Virginia			
Navy	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek—Ft Story	Child Development Center .....	65,640	65,640
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	Pier 10 Replacement (Design) .....	0	15,800
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	Child Development Center .....	93,040	10,000
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	Child Development Center .....	84,940	84,940
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	Electrical Distribution System Upgrades (INC) .....	124,965	124,965
Navy	Naval Station Norfolk	MQ-25 Aircraft Laydown Facilities (INC) .....	54,622	54,622
Navy	Oceana Naval Air Station	Child Development Center .....	104,340	34,340
Navy	Portsmouth	Dry Dock 3 Modernization (INC) .....	189,353	189,353
Navy	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	CTC: Containerized Long Weapons Storage Magazine	16,170	16,170
Navy	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	CTC: Conventional Prompt Strike Test Facility .....	13,710	13,710
Navy	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	Weapons Magazines (INC) .....	100,782	100,782
	Washington			



<b>SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>						
<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>		
Navy	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	Columbia Submarine Repair Facility Expansion (INC).	64,000	64,000		
Navy	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	Columbia Submarine Training Facility Expansion ...	90,900	90,900		
Navy	Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton	Missile Assembly Building Replacement .....	195,227	195,227		
Navy	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard	Multi-Mission Dry Dock (INC) .....	245,000	245,000		
Navy	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	EA-18G Aircraft Regional Service Facility .....	202,000	202,000		
Navy	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	Design .....	1,163,477	1,163,477		
Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction .....	142,764	142,764		
Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction .....	146,460	146,460		
<b>Military Construction, Navy Total .....</b>			<b>8,266,703</b>	<b>8,107,873</b>		
Alabama						
AF	Redstone Arsenal	Space Force Operational Facility .....	250,000	250,000		
AF	Redstone Arsenal	USSPACECOM HQ .....	450,000	450,000		
Alaska						
AF	Eielson Air Force Base	Jparc Range Operations Center .....	91,000	50,000		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Joint Integrated Test and Training Ctr (INC) .....	42,000	42,000		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- ADAL Field Training Detachment (Ftd) .....	56,000	56,000		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Conventional Munitions Complex .....	132,300	132,300		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Dormitory .....	451,500	451,500		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Flight Simulator .....	93,800	93,800		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Fuel Cell Maintenance .....	31,250	31,250		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Infrastructure & Utilities .....	422,100	422,100		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Low Observable Aircraft Structural Maintenance.	63,250	63,250		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Operations and Generation Hangar .....	127,500	127,500		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- PGM Relocation .....	359,100	359,100		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Public Traffic Route Realignment .....	50,000	50,000		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Squadron 1-1 Airfield Pavements .....	125,250	125,250		
AF	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR- Squadron 1-1 Flowthrough Hangars .....	154,000	154,000		
Arizona						
AF	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	Hangar/Aircraft Maintenance Unit .....	15,000	15,000		
Arkansas						
AF	Little Rock Air Force Base	Child Development Center .....	27,000	27,000		
California						
AF	Edwards Air Force Base	Construct Vehicle Search Area Afrl Gate Ecp .....	0	4,500		
AF	Beale Air Force Base	Multi-Domain Operations Complex .....	126,000	126,000		
Colorado						
AF	Schriever Space Force Base	Space Force Operational Facility .....	250,000	250,000		
Djibouti						
AF	Chabelley Airfield	Chabelley Power Plant and Primary Dist .....	27,000	27,000		
Federated States of Micronesia						
AF	Yap Airfield	PDI: Runway Extension (INC) .....	27,000	27,000		
Florida						
AF	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Base Support Warehouse .....	64,000	64,000		
AF	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Command Facility .....	85,000	85,000		
AF	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Communications Plant Warehouse .....	48,400	48,400		
AF	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Launch Support Facility .....	84,000	84,000		
AF	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	LRS Vehicle Maintenance Facility .....	80,400	80,400		

**SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**  
**(In Thousands of Dollars)**

<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>
AF	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	Security Forces Operations Facility .....	48,000	48,000
AF	Tyndall Air Force Base	AFCEC RDT&E Facilities and Gate .....	160,000	80,000
AF	Georgia Moody Air Force Base	Military Working Dog Flight Operations Facility .....	0	15,870
AF	Hawaii Maui	Secure Integration Support Lab W/ Land Acq .....	3,600	3,600
AF	Japan Kadena Air Base	Theater Strategic Communications Hub .....	99,000	60,000
AF	Mississippi Columbus Air Force Base	T-7A Allied Support .....	11,800	11,800
AF	Missouri Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 ADAL Field Training Detachment, B152 .....	89,000	89,000
AF	Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 Weapons Loader Trainer .....	80,000	80,000
AF	Montana Malmstrom Air Force Base	Sentinel Land Acquisition (INC) .....	43,500	43,500
AF	Malmstrom Air Force Base	Sentinel Operations & Maint. Complex (INC) .....	95,000	95,000
AF	Nevada Creech Air Force Base	RPA Reconnaissance Operations/Training Facility ...	0	36,000
AF	Creech Air Force Base	Mission Support Facility .....	0	55,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 2-Bay Fuel Cell (F-35) .....	52,000	52,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Age Washrack .....	500	500
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Aircraft Washrack & Support Facility .....	4,000	4,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Apron Complex .....	192,500	192,500
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Combined Operations Maintenance Hangar (Comb).	177,800	177,800
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Consolidated Maintenance Facility .....	32,000	32,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Fuel Cell .....	28,000	28,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Fuel Station .....	10,000	10,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Low Observable Corrosion Repair Facility .....	38,700	38,700
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Maintenance Training Facility .....	29,000	29,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 R-11 East Side Shade Structure .....	1,800	1,800
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Repair Munitions Admin Facility .....	4,600	4,600
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Re-Programming Lab .....	61,000	61,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Simulator Facility .....	62,000	62,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Weapons Load Training Facility .....	34,000	34,000
AF	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 Weapons Storage Facility .....	2,800	2,800
AF	New Jersey Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	Well No.6 and Wellhouse .....	0	11,500
AF	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	Well No.5 and Wellhouse .....	0	11,000
AF	New Mexico Cannon Air Force Base	Dormitory .....	10,000	10,000
AF	Kirtland Air Force Base	Space Force Operational Facility .....	250,000	250,000
AF	North Dakota Grand Forks Air Force Base	Space Force Operational Facility .....	250,000	250,000
AF	Minot Air Force Base	Sentinel Consolidated Vehicle Maintenance Complex ..	124,000	49,000
AF	Minot Air Force Base	Sentinel Security Forces Operations Complex .....	108,000	68,000
AF	Ohio Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	Human Performance Wing Laboratory (INC) .....	0	21,000
AF	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	Advanced Materials Research Lab (Design) .....	0	9,000
AF	Oklahoma Tinker Air Force Base	E-7 AWACS Squadron Operations Facility .....	0	55,000
AF	Tinker Air Force Base	Bomber Agile Common Hangar (INC) .....	112,000	112,000
AF	Oregon Mountain Home Air Force Base	Homeland Defense Over-the-Horizon Radar (INC) ....	33,650	33,650
AF	Spain Moron	Parking Apron .....	75,500	75,500
AF	Tennessee Arnold Air Force Base	Installation Access Control Point Gate 2 Upgrade .....	0	20,000
AF	Texas Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 Flight Simulator Facility .....	63,000	63,000
AF	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 Low Observable Corrosion Control Fac .....	74,000	74,000
AF	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 Utilities Site Improvements Electric .....	23,000	23,000
AF	Fort Sam Houston	METC—Barracks/Ships/Dorms #1 (INC) .....	308,000	308,000
AF	Goodfellow Air Force Base	Pipeline Student Dormitory .....	12,000	12,000
AF	Joint Base San Antonio	MWD Large Capacity Kennel .....	180,000	80,000

<b>SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>
AF	Lackland Air Force Base	91 Cyber Operations Center .....	96,000	40,000
	Utah			
AF	Hill Air Force Base	F-35 Maintenance Facility, Phase 1 (INC) .....	100,000	100,000
AF	Hill Air Force Base	T-7A Depot Maintenance Complex (INC) .....	72,000	72,000
	Virginia			
AF	Joint Base Langley-Eustis	Fuel System Maintenance Dock .....	49,000	49,000
	Wake Island			
AF	Wake Island	PDI: Aircraft Park, Apron (Wake) Phase 1 (INC) .....	129,000	129,000
	Worldwide Unspecified			
AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design .....	1,820,607	1,849,607
AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design .....	670,005	670,005
AF	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction .....	315,810	315,810
	Wyoming			
AF	F.E. Warren Air Force Base	GBSD Operations Group Facility .....	171,000	31,000
AF	F.E. Warren Air Force Base	GBSD Utility Corridor (INC) .....	461,158	461,158
<b>Military Construction, Air Force Total .....</b>			<b>10,601,180</b>	<b>10,298,050</b>
	Alabama			
Def-Wide	Maxwell Air Force Base	Maxwell Elementary/Middle School Addition .....	44,000	44,000
Def-Wide	Redstone Arsenal	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	0	90,000
	Bahrain			
Def-Wide	Naval Support Activity Bahrain	Power Generation .....	0	5,900
	Belgium			
Def-Wide	Brussels	Brussels Unit School Annex .....	33,000	33,000
	California			
Def-Wide	Camp Roberts	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	0	79,000
	Colorado			
Def-Wide	Def Reutil and Mktg Ofc-Colorado Springs	General Purpose Warehouse .....	85,000	85,000
	Florida			
Def-Wide	Eglin Air Force Base	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	0	43,000
Def-Wide	Homestead Air Reserve Base	SOF Climate Controlled Tactical Storage Warehouse	33,000	33,000
Def-Wide	Naval Air Station Jacksonvilleville	Ambulatory Care Center Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) Replacement.	40,000	40,000
	Germany			
Def-Wide	Army Garrison Ansbach	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	0	72,000
Def-Wide	Baumholder	Baumholder Middle/High School .....	140,000	20,000
Def-Wide	Ramstein Air Base	Vehicle Fueling Facility .....	20,500	20,500
Def-Wide	Rhine Ordnance Barracks	Medical Center Replacement (INC 13) .....	95,002	95,002
	Guam			
Def-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GDS, Command Center (INC) .....	99,700	99,700
Def-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GDS, ELAMD, Ph1 (INC) .....	75,113	75,113
Def-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GDS, ELAMD, PH3 .....	179,446	179,446
	Japan			
Def-Wide	Camp Butler	PDI: Truck Offload Facilities .....	37,900	37,900
Def-Wide	Yokota Air Base	PDI: Bulk Storage Tanks PH 2 .....	88,200	88,200
	Kentucky			
Def-Wide	Fort Knox	Scott Middle School .....	117,000	37,000
	Korea			
Def-Wide	Kunsan Air Base	Ambulatory Care Center Replacement .....	65,000	65,000
	Maryland			
Def-Wide	Bethesda Naval Hospital	MEDCEN Addition/Alteration (INC 10) .....	87,275	87,275
Def-Wide	Bethesda Naval Hospital	Support Facilities Replacement (INC) .....	55,000	55,000
Def-Wide	Fort Meade	Cyber National Mission Force Mission Operations Facility (INC).	98,411	98,411
Def-Wide	Fort Meade	NSAW East Campus Building #5 (INC 2) .....	180,000	180,000
Def-Wide	Fort Meade	NSAW East Campus Site Infrastructure .....	52,000	52,000
	Nevada			
Def-Wide	Creech Air Force Base	Ambulatory Care Center Addition/Alteration .....	25,381	25,381
	North Carolina			
Def-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF Operations Ammunition Supply Point Phase 2	0	65,000
Def-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF Battalion Operations Facility (Design) .....	0	6,400
Def-Wide	Camp Lejeune	SOF Marine Raider Battalion Operations Facility ...	80,000	80,000
Def-Wide	Camp Lejeune	SOF Operational Support Facility .....	72,000	72,000
Def-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF Operational Training Facility .....	50,000	50,000

<b>SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>
	Pennsylvania			
Def-Wide	Defense Distribution Center, Susquehanna	Microgrid .....	0	58,000
	Puerto Rico			
Def-Wide	Fort Buchanan	Emergency Water Treatment System .....	0	33,500
	Texas			
Def-Wide	Brooks Army Medical Center	Power Generation and Energy Upgrades .....	0	55,500
	United Kingdom			
Def-Wide	Menwith Hill Station	Fire Station Replacement .....	35,000	35,000
Def-Wide	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	Hospital Replacement, Phase 2 (INC) .....	78,000	78,000
	Utah			
Def-Wide	Camp Williams	Nsaw Consolidation—Mission Facility (INC) .....	50,000	50,000
	Virginia			
Def-Wide	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek—Fl Story	SOF Launch & Recovery Facility .....	36,000	36,000
	Wake Island			
Def-Wide	Def Fuel Spt Point Wake Island	PDI: Fueling Facilities .....	100,000	100,000
	Washington			
Def-Wide	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	SOF Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility .....	35,000	35,000
Def-Wide	Yakima Training Center	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	0	73,000
Def-Wide	Naval Base Kitsap	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	0	132,690
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (DHA) .....	45,813	45,813
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (DODEA) .....	26,625	26,625
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (MDA) .....	42,846	42,846
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (SOCOM) .....	81,628	81,628
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (DLA) .....	100,511	100,511
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design .....	16,783	16,783
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (NSA) .....	33,700	33,700
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design—Joint Analysis Center of Excellence .....	5,000	5,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Energy Resilience & Conservation Investment Program.	694,307	0
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design (ERCIP) .....	39,346	39,346
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Exercise Related Minor Construction .....	13,328	17,648
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM Military Construction Pilot Program	27,740	27,740
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Minor Construction (SOCOM) .....	24,500	24,500
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PAX System Support .....	13,000	13,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UFC System Support .....	12,000	12,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction (DODEA) .....	10,000	10,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction (DLA) .....	14,237	14,237
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction .....	3,000	3,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction (NSA) .....	9,000	9,000
Def-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction (MDA) .....	2,659	2,659
	Wyoming			
Def-Wide	F.E. Warren Air Force Base	Power Generation and Microgrid With Geothermal Heating and Cooling.	0	51,717
<b>Military Construction, Defense-Wide Total .....</b>			<b>3,402,951</b>	<b>3,278,671</b>
	Worldwide Unspecified			
NATO	NATO Security Investment Program	NATO Security Investment Program .....	604,270	604,270

<b>SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>
<b>NATO Security Investment Program Total .....</b>			<b>604,270</b>	<b>604,270</b>
	<i>Florida</i>			
Army NG	Camp Blanding	Automated Multi Purpose Training Range .....	28,000	28,000
	<i>Guam</i>			
Army NG	Barrigada	National Guard Readiness Center Alteration .....	0	20,000
	<i>Idaho</i>			
Army NG	Orchard Training Area	Mission Training Complex (Small) .....	27,000	27,000
	<i>Indiana</i>			
Army NG	Shelbyville Armory	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition/Alteration (INC).	0	27,500
	<i>Louisiana</i>			
Army NG	Abbeville	National Guard Readiness Center .....	23,000	23,000
	<i>Massachusetts</i>			
Army NG	Camp Edwards	National Guard Readiness Center .....	43,000	43,000
	<i>New York</i>			
Army NG	Colonie Readiness Center	National Guard Readiness Center .....	90,000	90,000
	<i>North Carolina</i>			
Army NG	Salisbury Readiness Complex	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition/Alteration (INC).	0	69,000
	<i>Oklahoma</i>			
Army NG	Tulsa Army Aviation Support Facility	Aircraft Maintenance Bay .....	18,500	18,500
	<i>Washington</i>			
Army NG	Yakima Training Center	Dining Facility .....	18,000	18,000
	<i>West Virginia</i>			
Army NG	Martinsburg Readiness Center	National Guard Readiness Center Add/Alt .....	20,000	20,000
	<i>Worldwide Unspecified Locations</i>			
Army NG	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design .....	71,909	71,909
Army NG	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction .....	19,500	19,500
<b>Military Construction, Army National Guard Total .....</b>			<b>358,909</b>	<b>475,409</b>
	<i>Colorado</i>			
Army Res	Fort Carson	Equipment Concentration Site .....	92,000	92,000
	<i>Illinois</i>			
Army Res	Fort Sheridan	Area Maintenance Support Activity .....	38,000	38,000
	<i>Virginia</i>			
Army Res	Richmond Reserve Center	Army Reserve Center .....	48,000	48,000
	<i>Worldwide Unspecified Locations</i>			
Army Res	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design .....	10,413	10,413
Army Res	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction .....	21,500	21,500
<b>Military Construction, Army Reserve Total .....</b>			<b>209,913</b>	<b>209,913</b>
	<i>Florida</i>			
N/MC Res	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	Ramp Expansion & Rtc .....	47,000	47,000
	<i>Texas</i>			
N/MC Res	Fort Worth	Hangar 1050 Modernization (INC) .....	56,870	56,870
	<i>Worldwide Unspecified Locations</i>			
N/MC Res	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MCNR Design .....	6,578	6,578
	<i>Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>			
N/MC Res	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MCNR Unspecified Minor Construction .....	2,522	2,522
N/MC Res	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	USMCR Design .....	19,302	19,302
<b>Military Construction, Naval Reserve Total .....</b>			<b>132,272</b>	<b>132,272</b>
	<i>Alaska</i>			
Air NG	Eielson Air Force Base	BCE Pavements and Grounds Facility .....	0	16,000
	<i>Iowa</i>			
Air NG	Sionx City	Repair Runway 13-31 (INC) .....	0	38,500
	<i>Michigan</i>			
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	Mitigate Runway Encroachment .....	110,000	110,000
	<i>Selfridge Air National Guard Base</i>			
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	Taxiway Alpha Extension .....	28,000	28,000
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	Taxiway Bravo Extension .....	24,000	24,000

<b>SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	F-15EX Maintenance Complex Phase 3 .....	0	60,000
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	F-15EX Maintenance Complex Phase 2 .....	0	65,000
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	Mcca KC-46 ADAL Aircrew Training Facility .....	0	35,000
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	KC-46 ASE Complex (Design) .....	0	4,300
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	KC-46 ADAL Parking Apron (Design) .....	0	1,400
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	Mcca KC-46 ADAL SQ Ops B17 .....	0	38,000
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	F-15EX Maintenance Complex Phase 1 .....	0	65,000
Air NG	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	KC-46 Dual Bay Hangar (Design) .....	0	21,200
	Missouri			
Air NG	Rosecrans Air National Guard Base	Aircraft Parking Apron .....	0	63,000
	Oregon			
Air NG	Kingsley Air Force Base	F-35 FTU Academic Training Center .....	80,000	80,000
	Texas			
Air NG	Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth	C-130J ADAL Maintenance Hangar B1676 .....	27,000	27,000
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Air NG	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design .....	110,656	110,656
Air NG	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design .....	136,565	136,565
Air NG	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Construction .....	9,000	9,000
<b>Military Construction, Air National Guard Total .....</b>			<b>525,221</b>	<b>932,621</b>
	Pennsylvania			
AF Res	Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station	Communications Facility .....	19,500	19,500
	Worldwide Unspecified			
AF Res	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Design .....	1,347	1,347
AF Res	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Unspecified Minor Military Construction .....	1,325	1,325
<b>Military Construction, Air Force Reserve Total .....</b>			<b>22,172</b>	<b>22,172</b>
	Germany			
FH Con Army	South Camp Vilseck	FH Replacement Construction (44 Units) .....	95,060	36,060
	Japan			
FH Con Army	Camp Zama	FH Improvement Construction (68 Units) .....	106,356	106,356
	Worldwide Unspecified			
FH Con Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Family Housing Design .....	39,079	39,079
<b>Family Housing Construction, Army Total .....</b>			<b>240,495</b>	<b>181,495</b>
	Worldwide Unspecified			
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Furnishings .....	18,177	18,177
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Leased Housing .....	132,820	132,820
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Maintenance of Real Property Facilities .....	172,866	172,866
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Management Account .....	42,802	42,802
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Military Housing Privatization Initiative .....	42,026	42,026
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Miscellaneous .....	92	92
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Services .....	10,130	10,130
FH Ops Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	Utilities .....	49,494	49,494
<b>Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Army Total .....</b>			<b>468,407</b>	<b>468,407</b>
	District of Columbia			

<b>SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b> <b>(In Thousands of Dollars)</b>				
<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>
<i>FH Con Navy</i>	<i>Marine Barracks Wash- ington (8th Street &amp; I)</i>	<i>CTC: W/H Revitalization, Quarters #1 (1 Units) .....</i>	<i>1,532</i>	<i>1,532</i>
	<i>Guam</i>			
<i>FH Con Navy</i>	<i>Joint Region Marianas</i>	<i>CTC: Replace Andersen Housing PH V (74 Units) ....</i>	<i>25,876</i>	<i>25,876</i>
<i>FH Con Navy</i>	<i>Joint Region Marianas</i>	<i>CTC: Replace Andersen Housing PH VI (52 Units) ..</i>	<i>44,920</i>	<i>44,920</i>
<i>FH Con Navy</i>	<i>Joint Region Marianas</i>	<i>CTC: Replace Andersen Housing Phase 8 (62 Units)</i>	<i>33,771</i>	<i>33,771</i>
<i>FH Con Navy</i>	<i>Joint Region Marianas</i>	<i>Replace Andersen Housing PH 9 (149 Units) (INC)</i>	<i>144,495</i>	<i>144,495</i>
	<i>Japan</i>			
<i>FH Con Navy</i>	<i>Yokosuka Naval Base</i>	<i>W/H &amp; Utility Revit, Ikego Th Ph6 (32 Units) .....</i>	<i>44,128</i>	<i>44,128</i>
	<i>Worldwide Unspecified</i>			
<i>FH Con Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Design .....</i>	<i>14,971</i>	<i>14,971</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Con Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Navy Southeast MHIPI (2nd Restructure) (100 Units)</i>	<i>52,177</i>	<i>52,177</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<b>Family Housing Construction, Navy And Marine Corps Total .....</b>			<b>361,870</b>	<b>361,870</b>
	<i>Worldwide Unspecified</i>			
<i>FH Ops Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Furnishings .....</i>	<i>17,252</i>	<i>17,252</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Housing Privatization Support .....</i>	<i>60,997</i>	<i>60,997</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Leasing .....</i>	<i>66,242</i>	<i>66,242</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Maintenance .....</i>	<i>119,152</i>	<i>119,152</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Management .....</i>	<i>54,612</i>	<i>54,612</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Miscellaneous .....</i>	<i>445</i>	<i>445</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Services .....</i>	<i>14,394</i>	<i>14,394</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops Navy</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Utilities .....</i>	<i>52,515</i>	<i>52,515</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<b>Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Navy And Marine Corps Total .....</b>			<b>385,609</b>	<b>385,609</b>
	<i>Alaska</i>			
<i>FH Con AF</i>	<i>Joint Base Elmendorf- Richardson</i>	<i>MHIPI Restructure—JBER Phase II (1,194 Units) ...</i>	<i>156,964</i>	<i>156,964</i>
	<i>Japan</i>			
<i>FH Con AF</i>	<i>Yokota Air Base</i>	<i>Yokota PAIP 10 PH 1 (32 Units) .....</i>	<i>36,100</i>	<i>36,100</i>
	<i>United Kingdom</i>			
<i>FH Con AF</i>	<i>Royal Air Force</i>	<i>Croughton (Replacement) (12 Units) .....</i>	<i>24,104</i>	<i>24,104</i>
	<i>Croughton</i>			
	<i>Worldwide Unspecified</i>			
<i>FH Con AF</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Design .....</i>	<i>25,854</i>	<i>25,854</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<b>Family Housing Construction, Air Force Total .....</b>			<b>243,022</b>	<b>243,022</b>
	<i>Worldwide Unspecified</i>			
<i>FH Ops AF</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Furnishings .....</i>	<i>28,691</i>	<i>28,691</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops AF</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Housing Privatization .....</i>	<i>40,627</i>	<i>40,627</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops AF</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Leasing .....</i>	<i>5,523</i>	<i>5,523</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops AF</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Maintenance .....</i>	<i>160,528</i>	<i>160,528</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops AF</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Management .....</i>	<i>64,841</i>	<i>64,841</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops AF</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Miscellaneous .....</i>	<i>2,492</i>	<i>2,492</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops AF</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Services .....</i>	<i>12,957</i>	<i>12,957</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops AF</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Utilities .....</i>	<i>51,097</i>	<i>51,097</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<b>Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Air Force Total .....</b>			<b>366,756</b>	<b>366,756</b>
	<i>Worldwide Unspecified</i>			
<i>FH Ops DW</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Furnishings .....</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>93</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops DW</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Furnishings .....</i>	<i>566</i>	<i>566</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			
<i>FH Ops DW</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide</i>	<i>Leasing (NSA) .....</i>	<i>14,320</i>	<i>14,320</i>
	<i>Locations</i>			

<b>SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b> (In Thousands of Dollars)				
<b>Account</b>	<b>State/Country and Installation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Agreement</b>
<i>FH Ops DW</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>Leasing (DLA) .....</i>	34,693	34,693
<i>FH Ops DW</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>Leasing (DSCA) .....</i>	8,792	8,792
<i>FH Ops DW</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>Maintenance .....</i>	37	37
<i>FH Ops DW</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>Utilities (DLA) .....</i>	4,548	4,548
<i>FH Ops DW</i>	<i>Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>Utilities (NSA) .....</i>	15	15
<b>Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Defense-Wide Total .....</b>			<b>63,064</b>	<b>63,064</b>
<i>FHIF</i>	<i>Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>Administrative Expenses—FHIF .....</i>	8,412	8,412
<b>DOD Family Housing Improvement Fund Total .....</b>			<b>8,412</b>	<b>8,412</b>
<i>UHIF</i>	<i>Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>Administrative Expenses—UHIF .....</i>	501	501
<b>Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund Total .....</b>			<b>501</b>	<b>501</b>
<i>BRAC</i>	<i>Worldwide Unspecified Base Realignment &amp; Closure, Army</i>	<i>Base Realignment and Closure .....</i>	151,293	151,293
<b>Base Realignment and Closure—Army Total .....</b>			<b>151,293</b>	<b>151,293</b>
<i>BRAC</i>	<i>Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>Base Realignment &amp; Closure .....</i>	108,325	158,325
<b>Base Realignment and Closure—Navy Total .....</b>			<b>108,325</b>	<b>158,325</b>
<i>BRAC</i>	<i>Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>DOD BRAC Activities—Air Force .....</i>	111,381	111,381
<b>Base Realignment and Closure—Air Force Total .....</b>			<b>111,381</b>	<b>111,381</b>
<i>BRAC</i>	<i>Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations</i>	<i>INT-4: DLA Activities .....</i>	1,318	1,318
<b>Base Realignment and Closure—Defense-wide Total .....</b>			<b>1,318</b>	<b>1,318</b>
<b>Military Construction, Total .....</b>			<b>28,565,682</b>	<b>28,565,682</b>

1 **TITLE XLVII—DEPARTMENT OF**  
2 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**  
3 **PROGRAMS**  
4 **SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**  
5 **PROGRAMS.**

<b>SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS</b> (In Thousands of Dollars)		
<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>House Authorized</b>
<b>Energy And Water Development, And Related Agencies Appropriation Summary:</b>		
<i>Nuclear Energy .....</i>	160,000	160,000
<i>Defense Uranium Enrichment D&amp;D .....</i>	253,000	0



SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Program	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
<b>Atomic Energy Defense Activities</b>		
<b>National nuclear security administration:</b>		
Weapons activities .....	27,441,159	27,586,159
Defense nuclear nonproliferation .....	2,389,595	2,389,595
Naval reactors .....	2,393,692	2,243,692
Federal salaries and expenses .....	577,097	577,097
<b>Total, National Nuclear Security Administration .....</b>	<b>32,801,543</b>	<b>32,796,543</b>
<b>Environmental and other defense activities:</b>		
Defense environmental cleanup .....	6,983,318	7,194,318
Other defense activities .....	1,184,721	1,184,721
<b>Total, Environmental &amp; other defense activities .....</b>	<b>8,168,039</b>	<b>8,379,039</b>
<b>Total, Atomic Energy Defense Activities .....</b>	<b>40,969,582</b>	<b>41,175,582</b>
<b>Total, Discretionary Funding .....</b>	<b>41,382,582</b>	<b>41,335,582</b>
<b>Nuclear Energy</b>		
Idaho sitewide safeguards and security .....	160,000	160,000
<b>Total, Nuclear Energy .....</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>
<b>Defense Uranium Enrichment D&amp;D</b>		
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D Program .....	253,000	0
Program decrease .....		[-253,000]
<b>Total, Defense Uranium Enrichment D&amp;D .....</b>	<b>253,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Weapons Activities</b>		
<b>Stockpile Management</b>		
<b>Stockpile Major Modernization</b>		
B61-13 .....	46,428	46,428
W80-4 LEP .....	1,048,340	1,048,340
W80-5 Modification Program .....	0	50,000
Program adjustment .....		[50,000]
W87-1 Modification Program .....	913,231	913,231
W93 Program .....	1,106,106	1,106,106
Future Programs .....	99,794	99,794
<b>Total, Stockpile Major Modernization .....</b>	<b>3,213,899</b>	<b>3,263,899</b>
<b>Stockpile services</b>		
Stockpile Operations .....	1,885,290	1,885,290
Weapons Dismantlement and Disposition .....	90,760	90,760
Production Operations .....	1,146,586	1,146,586
Nuclear Enterprise Assurance .....	121,015	121,015
<b>Subtotal, Stockpile Services .....</b>	<b>3,243,651</b>	<b>3,243,651</b>
<b>Total, Stockpile Management .....</b>	<b>6,457,550</b>	<b>6,507,550</b>
<b>Production Modernization</b>		
<b>Primary Capability Modernization</b>		
<b>Plutonium Modernization</b>		
<b>Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization</b>		
<b>Los Alamos Pit Production .....</b>	<b>1,460,791</b>	<b>1,460,791</b>
21-D-512 Plutonium Pit Production Project, LANL .....	812,100	812,100
07-D-220-04 Transuranic Liquid Waste Facility, LANL .....	10,000	10,000
04-D-125 Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement Project, LANL .....	110,000	110,000
<b>Subtotal, Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization .....</b>	<b>2,392,891</b>	<b>2,392,891</b>
<b>Savannah River Plutonium Modernization</b>		
<b>Savannah River Pit Production .....</b>	<b>302,000</b>	<b>302,000</b>
21-D-511 Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility, SRS .....	1,946,523	1,946,523
<b>Subtotal, Savannah River Plutonium Modernization .....</b>	<b>2,248,523</b>	<b>2,248,523</b>
Enterprise Pit Production Support .....	270,897	270,897
<b>Total, Plutonium Modernization .....</b>	<b>4,912,311</b>	<b>4,912,311</b>
<b>High Explosives and Energetics</b>		
High Explosives & Energetics .....	251,765	251,765
<b>Total, High Explosives and Energetics .....</b>	<b>251,765</b>	<b>251,765</b>
<b>Total, Primary Capability Modernization .....</b>	<b>5,164,076</b>	<b>5,164,076</b>
<b>Secondary Capability Modernization</b>		
Secondary Capability Modernization .....	1,728,546	1,728,546
06-D-141 Uranium Processing Facility, Y-12 .....	290,000	365,000
Commissioning risk reduction and early casting demonstration .....		[75,000]

SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Program	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
<b>Total, Secondary Capability Modernization</b>	<b>2,018,546</b>	<b>2,093,546</b>
<b>Tritium and Defense Fuels Program</b>		
Tritium and Defense Fuels Program	880,781	880,781
<b>Total, Tritium and Defense Fuels Program</b>	<b>880,781</b>	<b>880,781</b>
<b>Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization</b>		
Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization	258,008	258,008
26-D-511 MESA Photolithography Capability (MPC), SNL	51,000	51,000
22-D-513 Power Sources Capability, SNL	140,000	140,000
<b>Total, Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization</b>	<b>449,008</b>	<b>449,008</b>
Capability Based Investments	203,163	203,163
Warhead Assembly Modernization	47,965	47,965
18-D-680 Material Staging Capability, PX	22,500	42,500
Program acceleration		[20,000]
<b>Total, Production Modernization</b>	<b>8,786,039</b>	<b>8,881,039</b>
<b>Stockpile Research, Technology, and Engineering</b>		
<b>Assessment Science</b>		
Assessment Science	1,243,267	1,243,267
26-D-512 LANSCE Modernization Project (LAMP), LANL	15,200	15,200
24-D-513 Z-pinch Experimental Underground System (ZEUS) Test Bed Facilities Improvement (ZTBFI), NNSS	91,700	91,700
17-D-640 U1a Complex Enhancements Project, NNSS	154,142	154,142
<b>Total, Assessment Science</b>	<b>1,504,309</b>	<b>1,504,309</b>
<b>Engineering</b>		
Engineering	230,043	230,043
26-D-513 Combined Radiation Environments for Survivability Test- ing, SNL	105,000	105,000
<b>Total, Engineering</b>	<b>335,043</b>	<b>335,043</b>
Rapid & Advanced Capabilities	499,209	499,209
<b>Inertial Confinement Fusion</b>		
Inertial Confinement Fusion	829,736	829,736
26-D-514 NIF Enhanced Fusion Yield Capability, LLNL	84,000	84,000
<b>Total, Inertial Confinement Fusion</b>	<b>913,736</b>	<b>913,736</b>
Advanced Simulation and Computing	909,765	909,765
Weapon Technology and Manufacturing Maturation	405,413	405,413
<b>Total, Stockpile Research, Technology, and Engineering</b>	<b>4,567,475</b>	<b>4,567,475</b>
<b>Infrastructure and Operations</b>		
Operations of facilities	1,752,310	1,752,310
Safety and environmental operations	217,902	217,902
Maintenance and repair of facilities	1,384,323	1,384,323
Recapitalization	1,203,127	1,203,127
<b>Construction:</b>		
27-D-512 Plutonium Engineering Support Building, LANL	88,700	88,700
25-D-511 PULSE New Access, NNSS	50,000	50,000
23-D-517 Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade, LANL	65,000	65,000
<b>Total, Construction</b>	<b>203,700</b>	<b>203,700</b>
<b>Total, Infrastructure and operations</b>	<b>4,761,362</b>	<b>4,761,362</b>
<b>Secure transportation asset</b>		
Operations and equipment	443,075	443,075
Program direction	143,996	143,996
<b>Total, Secure transportation asset</b>	<b>587,071</b>	<b>587,071</b>
<b>Defense Nuclear Security</b>		
Operations and Maintenance	1,305,793	1,305,793
<b>Total, Defense nuclear security</b>	<b>1,305,793</b>	<b>1,305,793</b>
Information technology and cybersecurity	935,000	935,000
Legacy contractor pensions	40,869	40,869
<b>Total, Weapons Activities</b>	<b>27,441,159</b>	<b>27,586,159</b>
<b>Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation</b>		
<b>Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs</b>		
<b>Material management and minimization</b>		
Reactor Conversion and Uranium Supply	117,820	117,820

SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Program	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
Nuclear Material Removal and Elimination .....	68,945	68,945
Plutonium Disposition .....	79,039	79,039
<b>Total, Material management &amp; minimization .....</b>	<b>265,804</b>	<b>265,804</b>
<b>Global material security</b>		
International nuclear security .....	61,013	61,013
Radiological security .....	193,104	193,104
Nuclear smuggling detection and deterrence .....	136,457	136,457
<b>Total, Global material security .....</b>	<b>390,574</b>	<b>390,574</b>
Nonproliferation and arms control .....	214,494	214,494
<b>Defense nuclear nonproliferation R&amp;D</b>		
Proliferation Detection .....	296,170	296,170
Nuclear Detonation Detection .....	318,447	318,447
Forensics R&D .....	30,000	30,000
Nonproliferation Stewardship Program .....	174,383	174,383
<b>Total, Defense nuclear nonproliferation R&amp;D .....</b>	<b>819,000</b>	<b>819,000</b>
<b>Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs .....</b>	<b>1,689,872</b>	<b>1,689,872</b>
<b>Nuclear counterterrorism and incident response program</b>		
Emergency Management .....	35,045	35,045
Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation .....	650,550	650,550
<b>Total, Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program .....</b>	<b>685,595</b>	<b>685,595</b>
Legacy contractor pensions .....	14,128	14,128
<b>Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation .....</b>	<b>2,389,595</b>	<b>2,389,595</b>
<b>Naval Reactors</b>		
Naval reactors operating .....	1,551,574	1,551,574
Program direction .....	71,841	71,841
<b>Construction:</b>		
25-D-530 Naval Examination Acquisition Project .....	80,000	80,000
14-D-901 Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project, NRF .....	691,953	541,953
Program decrease .....		[-150,000]
<b>Total, Construction .....</b>	<b>771,953</b>	<b>621,953</b>
Use of prior-year balances .....	-1,676	-1,676
<b>Total, Naval Reactors .....</b>	<b>2,393,692</b>	<b>2,243,692</b>
<b>Federal Salaries And Expenses</b>		
Program Direction .....	577,097	577,097
<b>Total, Federal Salaries And Expenses .....</b>	<b>577,097</b>	<b>577,097</b>
<b>Defense Environmental Cleanup</b>		
<b>Closure sites:</b>		
Closure sites administration .....	500	500
<b>Richland:</b>		
River corridor and other cleanup operations .....	69,000	134,000
Project increase .....		[65,000]
Central plateau remediation .....	795,124	795,124
Richland community and regulatory support .....	12,000	12,000
Construction: .....		0
24-D-401 Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility Supercell 11		
Expansion Proj .....	0	6,000
Project increase .....		[6,000]
<b>Total, Construction—Richland .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Total, Richland .....</b>	<b>876,124</b>	<b>947,124</b>
<b>Office of River Protection:</b>		
Waste Treatment Immobilization Plant Commissioning .....	466,000	466,000
Rad liquid tank waste stabilization and disposition .....	984,000	984,000
<b>Construction:</b>		
01-D-16D High-Level Waste Facility .....	330,000	430,000
Project increase .....		[100,000]
15-D-409 Low Activity Waste Pretreatment System .....	75,000	75,000

SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Program	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
23–D–403, Hanford 200 West Area Tank Farms Risk Management Project .....	90,000	90,000
<b>Total, Construction—Office of River Protection .....</b>	<b>495,000</b>	<b>595,000</b>
<b>Total, Office of River Protection .....</b>	<b>1,945,000</b>	<b>2,045,000</b>
<b>Idaho National Laboratory:</b>		
Idaho cleanup and waste disposition .....	472,726	472,726
Idaho community and regulatory support .....	3,295	3,295
<b>Construction:</b>		
22–D–403 Idaho Spent Nuclear Fuel Staging Facility .....	2,000	2,000
23–D–403—Calcine Construction .....	2,000	2,000
<b>Total, Construction—Idaho .....</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Total, Idaho National Laboratory .....</b>	<b>480,021</b>	<b>480,021</b>
<b>NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites</b>		
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory .....	1,955	1,955
<b>Nuclear facility D &amp; D</b>		
Separations Process Research Unit .....	950	950
Nevada Site .....	64,835	64,835
Sandia National Laboratories .....	1,030	1,030
Los Alamos National Laboratory .....	293,937	293,937
<b>Total, NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites .....</b>	<b>362,707</b>	<b>362,707</b>
<b>Oak Ridge Reservation:</b>		
OR Nuclear facility D & D .....	289,297	289,297
<b>Total, OR Nuclear facility D &amp; D .....</b>	<b>289,297</b>	<b>289,297</b>
U233 Disposition Program .....	70,000	70,000
OR cleanup and disposition .....	85,800	85,800
<b>Construction:</b>		
17–D–401 On-site waste disposal facility .....	57,828	57,828
<b>Total, Construction—Oak Ridge .....</b>	<b>57,828</b>	<b>57,828</b>
<b>Total, OR cleanup and waste disposition .....</b>	<b>213,628</b>	<b>213,628</b>
OR community & regulatory support .....	5,100	5,100
OR technology development and deployment .....	3,500	3,500
<b>Total, Oak Ridge Reservation .....</b>	<b>511,525</b>	<b>511,525</b>
<b>Savannah River Sites:</b>		
Savannah River risk management operations .....	465,620	465,620
<b>Total, Savannah River Risk Management Operations .....</b>	<b>465,620</b>	<b>465,620</b>
SR Community and Regulatory Support .....	5,450	5,450
Savannah River National Laboratory Operations & Maintenance .....	90,719	90,719
Radioactive Liquid Tank Waste Stabilization and Disposition .....	1,066,000	1,106,000
Program increase .....		[40,000]
<b>Construction:</b>		
20–D–401 Saltstone Disposal Unit #10, 11, 12 .....	82,500	82,500
<b>Total, Construction—Savannah River sites .....</b>	<b>82,500</b>	<b>82,500</b>
<b>Total, Savannah River sites .....</b>	<b>1,710,289</b>	<b>1,750,289</b>
<b>Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</b>		
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant .....	400,020	400,020
<b>Construction:</b>		
21–D–401 Hoisting Capability Project .....	72,000	72,000
<b>Total, Construction—Waste Isolation Pilot Plant .....</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>
<b>Total, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant .....</b>	<b>472,020</b>	<b>472,020</b>
Program Direction .....	297,318	297,318
Program Support .....	20,320	20,320
Safeguards and Security .....	291,482	291,482
Technology Development and Deployment .....	16,012	16,012
<b>Total, Defense Environmental Cleanup .....</b>	<b>6,983,318</b>	<b>7,194,318</b>
<b>Other Defense Activities</b>		
<b>Environment, health, safety and security</b>		
Program direction .....	81,179	81,179
Environment, Health, Safety & Security .....	150,761	150,761
<b>Total, Environment, Health, safety and security .....</b>	<b>231,940</b>	<b>231,940</b>

SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Program	FY 2027 Request	House Authorized
<b>Office of Enterprise Assessments</b>		
Program direction .....	56,632	56,632
Enterprise Assessments .....	32,183	32,183
<b>Total, Office of Enterprise Assessments .....</b>	<b>88,815</b>	<b>88,815</b>
Specialized security activities .....	471,082	471,082
<b>Office of Legacy Management</b>		
Legacy management .....	177,716	177,716
Program direction .....	22,670	22,670
<b>Total, Office of Legacy Management .....</b>	<b>200,386</b>	<b>200,386</b>
Defense-related administrative support .....	187,475	187,475
Office of hearings and appeals .....	5,023	5,023
<b>Subtotal, Other Defense Activities .....</b>	<b>1,184,721</b>	<b>1,184,721</b>
<b>Total, Other Defense Activities .....</b>	<b>1,184,721</b>	<b>1,184,721</b>

Union Calendar No. 606

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2D Session

**H. R. 8800**

[Report No. 119-698]

**A BILL**

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

JUNE 15, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed