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To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a plan for the deployment of Airborne Collision Avoidance System–X.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARRETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a plan for the deployment of Airborne Collision Avoidance System–X.

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 “Military Next-Gen Col-
5 lision Avoidance Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PLAN FOR DEPLOY-**
7 **MENT OF AIRBORNE COLLISION AVOIDANCE**
8 **SYSTEM–X.**

9 (a) ACAS–X ACTION PLAN.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
4 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and
5 Senate an action plan for advancing the deployment
6 of the Airborne Collision Avoidance System–X (in
7 this section referred to as “ACAS–X”), ACAS–Xa,
8 ACAS–Xr, ACAS–Xo, ACAS–Xu, ACAS–sXu,
9 ACAS–Xp.

10 (2) CONTENTS.—In developing the action plan
11 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall include—

12 (A) a strategic roadmap for the deploy-
13 ment of ACAS–X technology, including steps
14 required for widespread adoption among mili-
15 tary aircraft;

16 (B) actions and funding necessary to com-
17 plete any applicable research, development, test-
18 ing, evaluation, and standards development
19 needed to support the certification of such tech-
20 nology;

21 (C) ACAS–X interoperability consider-
22 ations for aircraft operators (including rotor-
23 craft operators) equipped with ADS–B Out and
24 ADS–B In equipment;

1 (D) an assessment of safety benefits for
2 aircraft operators equipping with such tech-
3 nology; and

4 (E) any recommendations for administra-
5 tive or legislative action, as determined appro-
6 priate by the Secretary, to advance such tech-
7 nology deployment.

8 (3) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary may
9 take actions, as appropriate, to implement the action
10 plan developed under paragraph (1).

11 (4) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after
12 the date on which the Secretary submits the action
13 plan under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall pro-
14 vide to the Committees on Armed Services of the
15 House of Representatives and Senate a briefing on
16 the contents of such action plan and any prospective
17 actions to implement such plan.

18 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “ADS–B In” means onboard avi-
20 onics equipment that receives and processes Auto-
21 matic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast trans-
22 missions that are broadcast in accordance with sec-
23 tions 91.225 and 91.227 of title 14, Code of Federal
24 Regulations (or any successor regulations), and
25 other aviation advisory information from ground sta-

1 tions, that provides the aircraft with awareness to
2 the location of other aircraft and traffic advisories.

3 (2) The term “ADS–B Out”—

4 (A) has the meaning given such term in
5 section 91.227 of title 14, Code of Federal Reg-
6 ulations; and

7 (B) includes equipment that broadcasts in-
8 formation from an aircraft in accordance with
9 sections 91.225 and 91.227 of such title 14 (or
10 any successor regulations).

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