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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for requirements relating to documentation for major acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THANEDAR (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “DHS Acquisition Doc-
5 umentation Integrity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION DOCUMENTATION.**
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3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title VIII of the
4 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 391 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 837. MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

7 “(a) DOCUMENTATION.—For each major acquisition
8 program, regardless of acquisition pathway, the Secretary,
9 acting through the Under Secretary for Management,
10 shall require the head of each relevant component or office
11 of the Department to carry out the following:

12 “(1) Maintain acquisition documentation that is
13 complete, accurate, timely, valid, and tailored to
14 risk, and that includes the following:

15 “(A) Performance requirements refined
16 from identified mission needs that are validated
17 consistent with departmental policy.

18 “(B) An analysis of potential options to
19 address such needs.

20 “(C) A complete life-cycle cost estimate,
21 together with supporting documentation.

22 “(D) Verification of such estimate against
23 independent cost estimates, and reconciliation
24 of any differences.

25 “(E) A cost-benefit analysis, together with
26 supporting documentation.

1 “(F) An integrated master schedule, to-
2 gether with supporting documentation.

3 “(G) Plans for conducting technical re-
4 views, such as systems engineering, and test
5 and evaluation activities throughout develop-
6 ment to support production and deployment de-
7 cisions.

8 “(H) An acquisition strategy that outlines
9 the planned acquisition approach, including the
10 acquisition pathway.

11 “(I) A logistics and support plan for oper-
12 ating deployed capabilities until such capabili-
13 ties are disposed of or retired.

14 “(J) An acquisition program baseline that
15 is traceable to the parameters of the program
16 required under subparagraphs (A), (C), and
17 (F), and documents any key program changes.

18 “(2) Prepare complete life-cycle cost estimates
19 and integrated master schedules for major acquisi-
20 tion programs pursuant to subparagraphs (C) and
21 (F), respectively, of paragraph (1), in a manner con-
22 sistent with best practices as identified by the Comp-
23 troller General of the United States.

24 “(3) Ensure any revisions to the acquisition
25 documentation maintained pursuant to paragraph

1 (1) are reviewed and approved in accordance with
2 departmental policy.

3 “(b) MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM BREACH RE-
4 PORT.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as possible, but
6 not later than 30 days, after the relevant Chief Ac-
7 quisition Executive (or equivalent officer or official
8 of the Department) becomes aware of a breach of a
9 major acquisition program, the Under Secretary for
10 Management shall submit to Committee on Home-
11 land Security of the House of Representatives and
12 the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
13 mental Affairs of the Senate a report relating there-
14 to.

15 “(2) ELEMENTS.—A report submitted in ac-
16 cordance with paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
17 lowing with respect to a breach of a major acquisi-
18 tion program:

19 “(A) A detailed description of such breach,
20 and an explanation of its cause.

21 “(B) The projected impact to performance,
22 cost, and schedule of such program as a result
23 of such breach.

24 “(C) An updated acquisition program base-
25 line of such program as a result of such breach,

1 and a complete history of changes to the origi-
2 nal acquisition program baseline.

3 “(D) An updated acquisition schedule of
4 such program as a result of such breach, and
5 a complete history of changes to the original
6 schedule.

7 “(E) A full life-cycle cost analysis of such
8 program.

9 “(F) A remediation plan for such breach
10 that identifies corrective actions and any result-
11 ing issues or risks.

12 “(G) A description of how progress imple-
13 menting such plan will be measured and mon-
14 itored.

15 “(3) ADDITIONAL ELEMENT.—If a likely cost
16 overrun is greater than 20 percent, or a likely delay
17 is greater than 12 months, from the costs or sched-
18 ule, respectively, described in the acquisition pro-
19 gram baseline for a major acquisition program, the
20 Under Secretary for Management shall include in
21 the applicable report submitted in accordance with
22 paragraph (1) a written determination, with a sup-
23 porting explanation, of whether—

24 “(A) the asset or service to be acquired
25 under such program is essential to the accom-

1 plishment of the mission of the relevant compo-
2 nent or office of the Department;

3 “(B) there are any alternatives to such
4 asset or service that would provide equal or
5 greater capability in both a more cost-effective
6 and timely manner;

7 “(C) the relevant updated acquisition
8 schedule and estimates for full life-cycle costs
9 are reasonable; and

10 “(D) the management structure for such
11 program is adequate to manage and control
12 cost, schedule, and performance.

13 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) ACQUISITION PROGRAM BASELINE.—The
15 term ‘acquisition program baseline’ means a sum-
16 mary of the cost, schedule, and performance param-
17 eters, expressed in standard, measurable, quan-
18 titative terms, which must be met in order to accom-
19 plish the goals of a major acquisition program.

20 “(2) BREACH.—The term ‘breach’ means, with
21 respect to a major acquisition program, any of the
22 following:

23 “(A) A likely cost overrun greater than 15
24 percent of the acquisition program baseline.

1 “(B) A likely delay of more than 180 days
2 in the delivery schedule.

3 “(C) An anticipated failure of any key per-
4 formance threshold under the acquisition pro-
5 gram baseline.

6 “(3) MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM.—The term
7 ‘major acquisition program’ means a Department
8 capital asset, services, or hybrid acquisition program
9 that is estimated by the Secretary to require an
10 eventual total expenditure of at least \$300 million
11 (based on fiscal year 2026 constant dollars) over its
12 life-cycle, or a program identified by the Chief Ac-
13 quisition Officer of the Department as a major pro-
14 gram due to size, risk, or strategic significance.”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
16 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
17 amended by adding after the item relating to section 836
18 the following new item:

 “Sec. 837. Major acquisition program requirements.”.

