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To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish test and training corridors for small unmanned aircraft systems and associated capabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. GUEST, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Mr. MCGUIRE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Small Unmanned Air-
5 craft Systems Operational Test, Evaluation, and Training
6 Corridor Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH TEST AND TRAINING**
2 **CORRIDORS FOR SMALL UNMANNED AIR-**
3 **CRAFT SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED CAPABILI-**
4 **TIES.**

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

10 (b) FACILITIES.—The Secretary of Defense may con-
11 struct new facilities, or use existing facilities available to
12 the Department of Defense, to support one or more test
13 and training corridors established or designated under
14 subsection (a) that collectively address each of the func-
15 tions described in subsection (c).

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

21 (1) small unmanned aircraft systems and asso-
22 ciated autonomy software, kinetic and nonkinetic
23 payloads, sensors, communications, and navigation
24 technology;

25 (2) kinetic and nonkinetic counter small-un-
26 manned aircraft system capabilities, including high

1 power microwave, high energy laser, and electronic
2 warfare capabilities, and any requisite autonomy
3 software, sensors, and command and control capa-
4 bilities;

5 (3) small to medium caliber counter unmanned
6 aircraft systems ammunition and weapon systems,
7 low collateral damage weapons and munitions, and
8 drone-versus-drone capabilities;

9 (4) the acceleration of the integration of mod-
10 ular payloads onto multiple unmanned aircraft sys-
11 tems and counter unmanned aircraft systems and
12 platforms;

13 (5) the reduction in time-to-field for lethal and
14 non-lethal drone-enabled munitions and munition
15 payload capabilities; and

16 (6) standardization of payload-to-platform
17 interfaces.

18 (d) SITE SELECTION.—In establishing or designating
19 one or more test and training corridors under subsection
20 (a), the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Di-
21 rector of the Test Resource Management Center and the
22 Secretaries of the military departments, shall—

23 (1) identify potential locations within the na-
24 tional airspace system that would be conducive to
25 conducting testing, evaluation, and training activities

1 with respect to small unmanned aircraft systems and
2 counter-small unmanned aircraft capabilities, with
3 prioritization of sites that best support the test and
4 training corridor functions described in subsection
5 (c);

6 (2) assess whether existing test and evaluation
7 facilities, including Government-owned and non-Gov-
8 ernment owned facilities, could be used to meet cur-
9 rent and future requirements with respect to such
10 testing, evaluation and training;

11 (3) identify any additional resources required to
12 establish or designate, and operate the corridor, in-
13 cluding military construction costs and personnel
14 and manning costs;

15 (4) identify any sensors and capabilities needed
16 to adequately simulate operationally realistic envi-
17 ronments in the corridor, including environments
18 with denied or degraded—

19 (A) communications;

20 (B) electromagnetic spectrum; and

21 (C) global positioning system;

22 (5) identify any interagency, legal, regulatory,
23 or policy impediments to carrying out testing, eval-
24 uation, and training activities with respect to small
25 unmanned aircraft systems and counter-small un-

1 manned aircraft capabilities within the national air-
2 space system, including any impediments to the use
3 of—

4 (A) electronic warfare;

5 (B) directed energy (such as high-powered
6 microwave and high energy lasers);

7 (C) GPS jamming and spoofing;

8 (D) spectrum enabled and cellular-network
9 enabled systems and capabilities; and

10 (E) other relevant capabilities;

11 (6) consult with interagency partners to develop
12 recommendations for—

13 (A) addressing any impediments identified
14 under paragraph (4); and

15 (B) ensuring the safety of testing and
16 training activities conducted in the national air-
17 space system; and

18 (7) consider diverse geographic regions across
19 the United States.

20 (e) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
21 days after establishing or designating a test and training
22 corridor under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense
23 shall submit to the congressional defense committees (as
24 such term is defined in section 101(a)(16) of title 10,

1 United States Code) a written notification that de-
2 scribes—

3 (1) the location of the corridor;

4 (2) any funding, personnel, or other resources
5 required to support the corridor; and

6 (3) any agreements with other Federal agencies
7 that may be required to safely operate the corridor
8 in the national airspace system.

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