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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Armed Services, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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 “National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

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 2 **CONTENTS.**

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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
4 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

5 SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF THIS ACT.

6 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purposes
7 of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of
8 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest state-
9 ment titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation”
10 for this Act, jointly submitted for printing in the Congres-

1 sional Record by the Chairmen of the House and Senate
 2 Budget Committees, provided that such statement has
 3 been submitted prior to the vote on passage in the House
 4 acting first on the conference report or amendment be-
 5 tween the Houses.

6 **DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF**
 7 **DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**
 8 **TITLE I—PROCUREMENT**
 9 **Subtitle A—Authorization of**
 10 **Appropriations**

11 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
 13 fiscal year 2026 for procurement for the Army, the Navy
 14 and the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Space Force,
 15 and Defense-wide activities, as specified in the funding
 16 table in section 4101.

17 **Subtitle B—Army Programs**

18 **SEC. 111. STRATEGY FOR ARMY TACTICAL WHEELED VEHI-**
 19 **CLE PROGRAM.**

20 Section 112(a) of the National Defense Authorization
 21 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 7013 note; Public
 22 Law 118–31) is amended by inserting “2027,” after “fis-
 23 cal years 2025,”.

1 **Subtitle C—Navy Programs**

2 **SEC. 121. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR COLUMBIA-**
3 **CLASS SUBMARINE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY.**—Beginning in fiscal
5 year 2026, the Secretary of the Navy may enter into one
6 or more contracts for the procurement of not more than
7 five Columbia-class submarines.

8 (b) **CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-**
9 **MENTS.**—A contract entered into under subsection (a)
10 shall provide that any obligation of the United States to
11 make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after
12 fiscal year 2026 is subject to the availability of appropria-
13 tions or funds for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

14 (c) **LIMITATION ON TERMINATION LIABILITY.**—A
15 contract for the construction of Columbia-class sub-
16 marines entered into under subsection (a) shall include a
17 clause that limits the liability of the United States to the
18 contractor for any termination of the contract. The max-
19 imum liability of the United States under the clause shall
20 be limited to the total amount of funding obligated to the
21 contract at the time of termination.

22 **SEC. 122. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITIES FOR MEDIUM**
23 **LANDING SHIPS.**

24 (a) **CONTRACT AUTHORITY.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal years 2026
2 and 2027, the Secretary of the Navy may enter into
3 one or more contracts for the procurement of not
4 more than 15 Medium Landing Ships.

5 (2) PROCUREMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH EX-
6 ISTING CONTRACTS.—The ships authorized to be
7 procured under paragraph (1) may be procured as
8 additions to existing contracts covering the Medium
9 Landing Ship program.

10 (b) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—A contract may not
11 be entered into under subsection (a) unless the Secretary
12 of the Navy certifies to the congressional defense commit-
13 tees, in writing, not later than 30 days before entry into
14 the contract, each of the following, which shall be prepared
15 by the milestone decision authority (as defined in section
16 4251(e) of title 10, United States Code) for the Medium
17 Landing Ship program:

18 (1) The use of such a contract is consistent
19 with the Department of the Navy’s projected force
20 structure requirements for such ships.

21 (2) The use of such a contract will result in sig-
22 nificant savings compared to the total anticipated
23 costs of carrying out the program through annual
24 contracts.

1 (3) There is a reasonable expectation that
2 throughout the contemplated contract period the
3 Secretary of the Navy will request funding for the
4 contract at the level required to avoid contract can-
5 cellation.

6 (4) There is a stable design for the property to
7 be acquired and the technical risks associated with
8 such property are not excessive.

9 (5) The estimates of the cost of the contract
10 and the anticipated cost avoidance through the use
11 of the contract are realistic.

12 (6) During the fiscal year in which the contract
13 is to be awarded—

14 (A) sufficient funds will be available to
15 perform the contract in such fiscal year; and

16 (B) the future-years defense program sub-
17 mitted to Congress under section 221 of title
18 10, United States Code, for such fiscal year will
19 include the funding required to execute the pro-
20 gram without cancellation.

21 (c) AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The
22 Secretary of the Navy may enter into one or more con-
23 tracts for advance procurement associated with the ships
24 for which authorization to enter into a contract is provided
25 under subsection (a), and for systems and subsystems as-

1 sociated with such ships in economic order quantities when
 2 cost savings are achievable.

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

9 **SEC. 123. RECAPITALIZATION OF NAVY WATERBORNE SE-**
 10 **CURITY BARRIERS; MODIFICATION OF PROHI-**
 11 **BITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
 12 **LEGACY WATERBORNE SECURITY BARRIERS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 130 of the John S.
 14 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 15 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 1665), as
 16 most recently amended by section 123 of the Servicemem-
 17 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense
 18 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
 19 159), is further amended—

20 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**; RE-**
 21 **CAPITALIZATION**” after “**BARRIERS**”;

22 (2) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) by striking “subsections (b) and (c)”
 24 and inserting “subsection (b)”; and

1 (B) by striking “through 2025” and in-
2 serting “through 2026”;

3 (3) by striking subsection (b);

4 (4) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
5 subsections (b) and (c), respectively;

6 (5) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by
7 striking “subsection (c)(2)” and inserting “sub-
8 section (b)(2)”; and

9 (6) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section (d):

11 “(d) RECAPITALIZATION.—

12 “(1) PLAN SUBMISSION.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April
14 1, 2026, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit
15 to the congressional defense committees a re-
16 capitalization plan to replace legacy waterborne
17 security barriers for Navy ports.

18 “(B) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by
19 subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

20 “(i) A Navy requirements document
21 that specifies key performance parameters
22 and key system attributes for new water-
23 borne security barriers for Navy ports.

24 “(ii) A certification that the level of
25 capability specified under clause (i) will ex-

ceed that of legacy waterborne security barriers for Navy ports.

“(iii) The acquisition strategy for the recapitalization of waterborne security barriers for Navy ports, which shall meet or exceed the requirements specified under clause (i).

“(iv) A certification that any contract for new waterborne security barriers for a Navy port will be awarded in accordance with the requirements for full and open competition set forth in sections 3201 through 3205 of title 10, United States Code.

“(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of the Navy shall implement the plan required by paragraph (1) by not later than September 30, 2027.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents in section 2(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, and at the beginning of title I of division A of such Act, are each amended by striking the item relating to section 130 and inserting the following new item:

“Sec. 130. Prohibition on availability of funds for Navy port waterborne security barriers; recapitalization.”.

1 **SEC. 124. MODIFICATION TO LIMITATIONS ON NAVY ME-**
2 **DIUM AND LARGE UNMANNED SURFACE VES-**
3 **SELS.**

4 (a) REPEAL.—Section 122 of the William M. (Mac)
5 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
6 Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3425) is re-
7 pealed.

8 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Navy may
9 not award a detail design or construction contract or other
10 agreement, or obligate funds from a procurement account,
11 for a covered program unless such contract or other agree-
12 ment includes a requirement for an operational dem-
13 onstration of not less than 720 continuous hours without
14 preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance, emer-
15 gent repair, or any other form of repair or maintenance,
16 on any of the following:

17 (1) The main propulsion system, including the
18 fuel and lube oil systems.

19 (2) The electrical generation and distribution
20 system.

21 (c) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of the Navy may
22 not accept delivery of articles constructed under a contract
23 or other agreement for a covered program until the Sec-
24 retary certifies to the congressional defense committees
25 that the operational demonstration described in subsection
26 (b) has been successfully completed.

1 (d) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of the Navy may
 2 not make contract financing payments for a contract or
 3 other agreement entered into for a covered program great-
 4 er than 90 percent for small businesses and 80 percent
 5 for all other businesses until the certification described in
 6 subsection (c) is submitted.

7 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) COVERED PROGRAM.—The term “covered
 9 program” means a program for—

10 (A) medium unmanned surface vessels; or

11 (B) large unmanned surface vessels.

12 (2) OPERATIONAL DEMONSTRATION.—The term
 13 “operational demonstration” means a land-based or
 14 sea-based test of the systems concerned in vessel-
 15 representative form, fit, and function.

16 **SEC. 125. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
 17 **TAGOS SHIP PROGRAM.**

18 (a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to
 19 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
 20 for fiscal year 2026 for the Navy may be obligated or ex-
 21 pended for the scope of work, including priced or unpriced
 22 options, for the construction, advance procurement, or
 23 long-lead material of any ships in the TAGOS surveillance
 24 towed-array sensor system ship program unless the Sec-
 25 retary of the Navy submits the report described in sub-

1 section (b) to the Committee on Armed Service of the Sen-
2 ate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House
3 of Representatives not later than 90 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act.

5 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of the Navy shall sub-
6 mit to the Committee on Armed Service of the Senate and
7 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives a report on the following:

9 (1) Progress made on basic and functional de-
10 sign completion for TAGOS surveillance towed-array
11 sensor system ships and how compliance with section
12 8669c of title 10, United States Code, will be main-
13 tained.

14 (2) The accuracy, timeliness, and completeness
15 of the Navy's provisioning of contract baseline de-
16 sign, general arrangement drawings, and other gov-
17 ernment-furnished information to the prime con-
18 tractor for such ships.

19 (3) The ability of the functional design of such
20 ships to meet program requirements, including speed
21 requirements.

22 (4) The adherence of the Navy to performance-
23 based requirements and the ability of the prime con-
24 tractor for such ships to make design choices to
25 meet those requirements, commensurate with its re-

1 sponsibility for cost and schedule in the contract
2 structure.

3 (5) Alternative solutions to meeting the general
4 set of Navy requirements for anti-submarine warfare
5 covered by such ships, including unmanned solu-
6 tions.

7 **SEC. 126. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS RELAT-**
8 **ING TO AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIP RE-**
9 **QUIREMENT.**

10 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Navy
11 shall submit with the defense budget materials for fiscal
12 year 2027 (as submitted to Congress in support of the
13 budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31,
14 United States Code) a 30-year shipbuilding plan that
15 meets the requirement under section 8062(b) of title 10,
16 United States Code, to maintain 31 amphibious warfare
17 ships.

18 (b) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
19 Defense shall submit with the defense budget materials
20 for fiscal year 2027 (as submitted to Congress in support
21 of the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of
22 title 31, United States Code) a certification as to whether
23 such materials support the requirement under section
24 8062(b) of title 10, United States Code, to maintain 31
25 amphibious warfare ships.

1 (c) LIMITATION.—

2 (1) PLAN.—If the Secretary of the Navy does
3 not submit the 30-year shipbuilding plan described
4 in subsection (a) as required by such subsection, not
5 more than 75 percent of the funds authorized to be
6 appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
7 for fiscal year 2026 for Administration and Service-
8 Wide Activities, Operation and Maintenance, Navy,
9 may be obligated or expended until the date on
10 which the Secretary of the Navy submits to the con-
11 gressional defense committees such plan.

12 (2) CERTIFICATION.—If the Secretary of De-
13 fense does not submit the certification described in
14 subsection (a) as required by such subsection, or
15 certifies that the materials described in such sub-
16 section do not support the requirement described in
17 such subsection, not more than 75 percent of the
18 funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or
19 otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for Of-
20 fice of the Secretary of Defense, Operation and
21 Maintenance, Defense-Wide, may be obligated or ex-
22 pended until the date on which the Secretary of De-
23 fense submits to the congressional defense commit-
24 tees defense budget materials that support the re-
25 quirement under section 8062(b) of title 10, United

1 States Code, to maintain 31 amphibious warfare
2 ships.

3 (d) AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SHIP DEFINED.—In this
4 section, the term “amphibious warfare ship” has the
5 meaning given that term in section 8062(h) of title 10,
6 United States Code.

7 **SEC. 127. TEMPORARY UNAVAILABILITY OF AMPHIBIOUS**
8 **WARFARE SHIPS.**

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

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

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘tem-
15 porarily unavailable’ with respect to an amphibious war-
16 fare ship means that the ship has not surpassed its
17 planned availability by a margin of—

18 “(A) greater than 100 percent of the nominal
19 duration of that availability in 2026 or 2027;

20 “(B) greater than 75 percent of the nominal
21 duration of that availability in 2028 or 2029;

22 “(C) greater than 50 percent of the nominal
23 duration of that availability in 2030 or 2031; and

1 “(D) greater than 25 percent of the nominal
 2 duration of that availability in 2032 or any year
 3 thereafter.”.

4 **Subtitle D—Air Force Programs**

5 **SEC. 131. B-21 BOMBER AIRCRAFT PROGRAM ACCOUNT-** 6 **ABILITY MATRICES.**

7 (a) SUBMITTAL OF MATRICES.—Concurrent with the
 8 President’s annual budget request submitted to Congress
 9 under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for
 10 fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of the Air Force shall sub-
 11 mit to the congressional defense committees and the
 12 Comptroller General of the United States—

13 (1) the matrices described in subsection (b) re-
 14 lating to the B-21 bomber aircraft program; and

15 (2) the estimate, as of the date of such submis-
 16 sion, for the program’s average procurement unit
 17 cost, acquisition unit cost, and life-cycle costs.

18 (b) MATRICES DESCRIBED.—The matrices described
 19 in this subsection are the following:

20 (1) PROGRAM GOALS AND EXECUTION.—A ma-
 21 trix that identifies, in six-month increments, plans
 22 for and progress in achieving key milestones and
 23 events, and specific performance metric goals and
 24 actuals for the development, production, and
 25 sustainment of the B-21 bomber aircraft program,

1 which shall be subdivided, at a minimum, according
2 to the following:

3 (A) Technology readiness levels of major
4 components, and associated risks and key dem-
5 onstration events through maturity (technology
6 readiness level 7) for baseline and moderniza-
7 tion efforts.

8 (B) Engine design maturity, and plans and
9 progress of engine test events.

10 (C) Software development progress and re-
11 lated metrics, including—

12 (i) percent of capabilities complete
13 and system features complete; and

14 (ii) software quality metrics.

15 (D) Manufacturing progress and related
16 metrics for the prime contractor and key sup-
17 pliers, including—

18 (i) manufacturing readiness levels
19 through level 8;

20 (ii) touch labor hours; and

21 (iii) scrap, rework, and repair.

22 (E) System verification and key ground
23 and flight test events for developmental and
24 operational testing, including—

25 (i) percent complete;

1 (ii) time on condition;

2 (iii) sorties; and

3 (iv) test points.

4 (F) Aircraft reliability, availability, and
5 maintainability metrics, including—

6 (i) mean time to repair;

7 (ii) operational availability;

8 (iii) mission capable; and

9 (iv) cost per flying hour.

10 (G) Operations and sustainment plans and
11 progress, including—

12 (i) main operating base setup;

13 (ii) training system deliveries;

14 (iii) depot maintenance; and

15 (iv) technology data packages.

16 (2) COST.—A matrix expressing, in six-month
17 increments, the total cost for the Air Force service
18 cost position for the engineering and manufacturing
19 development phase and production lots of the B-21
20 bomber aircraft, and a matrix expressing the total
21 cost for the prime contractor's estimate for such
22 phase and production lots, each of which shall be
23 phased over the entire engineering and manufac-
24 turing development period and subdivided according
25 to the costs of the following:

- 1 (A) Air vehicle.
- 2 (B) Propulsion.
- 3 (C) Mission systems.
- 4 (D) Vehicle subsystems.
- 5 (E) Air vehicle software.
- 6 (F) Systems engineering.
- 7 (G) Program management.
- 8 (H) System test and evaluation.
- 9 (I) Support and training systems.
- 10 (J) Contract fee.
- 11 (K) Engineering changes.
- 12 (L) Direct mission support, including con-
- 13 gressional general reductions.
- 14 (M) Government testing.

15 (c) SEMIANNUAL UPDATE OF MATRICES.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the date on which the Secretary of the Air
18 Force submits the matrices required by subsection
19 (a), concurrent with the submittal of each annual
20 budget request to Congress under section 1105 of
21 title 31, United States Code, thereafter, and not
22 later than 180 days after each such submittal, the
23 Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the con-
24 gressional defense committees and the Comptroller

1 General updates to the matrices described in sub-
 2 section (b).

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each update submitted under
 4 paragraph (1) shall detail progress made toward the
 5 goals identified in the matrix described in subsection
 6 (b)(1) and provide updated cost estimates.

7 (d) ASSESSMENT BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF
 8 THE UNITED STATES.—Not less frequently than annually,
 9 the Comptroller General shall—

10 (1) review the sufficiency of each matrix re-
 11 ceived under this section; and

12 (2) submit to the congressional defense commit-
 13 tees an assessment of such matrix, including by
 14 identifying cost, schedule, or performance trends.

15 (e) REPEAL.—Section 238 of the National Defense
 16 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–
 17 328; 130 Stat. 2067) is repealed.

18 **SEC. 132. BOMBER AIRCRAFT FORCE STRUCTURE AND**
 19 **TRANSITION ROADMAP.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
 22 Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense com-
 23 mittees a comprehensive roadmap detailing the planned
 24 force structure, basing, modernization, and transition

1 strategy for the bomber aircraft fleet of the Air Force
2 through fiscal year 2040.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap required by sub-
4 section (a) shall include the following:

5 (1) A detailed schedule and rationale for the
6 planned divestment of B–1 bomber aircraft, includ-
7 ing location-specific retirements, infrastructure dis-
8 position, and mitigation of any resulting capability
9 gaps.

10 (2) A transition plan for the operational field-
11 ing of B–21 bomber aircraft, including basing deci-
12 sions, training and sustainment plans, operational
13 concepts, and anticipated initial operational capa-
14 bility and full operational capability timelines.

15 (3) A strategy for integrating units of the Air
16 National Guard and the Air Force Reserve into B–
17 21 bomber aircraft operations, including planned
18 force structure, association, training, and mobiliza-
19 tion models.

20 (4) An update on—

21 (A) modernization efforts for B–52 bomber
22 aircraft, including engine replacement, radar
23 upgrades, and digital integration efforts; and

1 (B) the expected service life and mission
2 profile of B-52 bomber aircraft through the
3 2050s.

4 (5) A detailed timeline with key milestones for
5 each of the elements described in paragraphs (1)
6 through (4), including programmatic decision points,
7 resourcing requirements, risk assessments, and co-
8 ordination with other components of the Air Force
9 Global Strike Command and the Air Combat Com-
10 mand.

11 (c) OBJECTIVE.—The roadmap required by sub-
12 section (a) shall support a deliberate and balanced transi-
13 tion to a modernized, dual-capable bomber aircraft force
14 that ensures long-range strike capacity, survivability, and
15 deterrence in both nuclear and conventional mission sets,
16 with a minimum of 100 B-21 bomber aircraft as directed
17 by prior Acts of Congress.

18 (d) FORM.—The roadmap required by subsection (a)
19 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
20 a classified annex.

21 **SEC. 133. REQUIREMENT FOR AN INTELLIGENCE, SURVEIL-**
22 **LANCE, AND RECONNAISSANCE ROADMAP**
23 **FOR THE AIR FORCE.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the

1 Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense com-
2 mittees a comprehensive roadmap detailing the strategic
3 plan for the development, acquisition, modernization, and
4 integration of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnais-
5 sance (ISR) capabilities of the Air Force.

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap required by sub-
7 section (a) shall include the following:

8 (1) A strategic assessment of current (as of the
9 date on which the roadmap is submitted) and pro-
10 jected intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance
11 requirements for the Air Force across all domains,
12 including air, space, and cyberspace.

13 (2) An inventory of current (as of the date on
14 which the roadmap is submitted) intelligence, sur-
15 veillance, and reconnaissance platforms, sensors, and
16 associated data-processing systems, including the
17 mission capabilities, operational status, and expected
18 service life for each.

19 (3) A plan for the modernization or divestment
20 of legacy airborne intelligence, surveillance, and re-
21 connaissance systems, with justification for each de-
22 cision.

23 (4) A detailed outline of planned investments
24 and capabilities in emerging intelligence, surveil-
25 lance, and reconnaissance technologies, including—

- 1 (A) artificial intelligence;
- 2 (B) machine learning;
- 3 (C) space-based intelligence, surveillance,
- 4 and reconnaissance; and
- 5 (D) autonomous or remotely piloted plat-
- 6 forms.

7 (5) An assessment of the integration of intel-
8 ligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance data into
9 command and control networks, including interoper-
10 ability with joint, interagency, and allied partners.

11 (6) A risk assessment identifying potential ca-
12 pability gaps, threats, and mitigation strategies.

13 (7) A description of the roles and responsibil-
14 ities of the components of the intelligence, surveil-
15 lance, and reconnaissance effort of the Air Force in
16 implementing the roadmap.

17 (8) A proposed timeline and milestones for the
18 implementation of the roadmap over the next ten fis-
19 cal years.

20 (c) FORM.—The roadmap required by subsection (a)
21 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but shall include
22 a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 134. ANNUAL REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
2 **UNIFIED DATALINK STRATEGY.**

3 Section 1527 of the National Defense Authorization
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
5 2223 note) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
7 section (d); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection (c):

10 “(c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days
11 after the date of the enactment of the National Defense
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, and not less fre-
13 quently than once each year thereafter through December
14 31, 2032, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
15 congressional committees an annual report on the imple-
16 mentation of the strategy.”.

17 **SEC. 135. PLAN FOR OPEN MISSION SYSTEMS OF F-35 AIR-**
18 **CRAFT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
20 develop a plan to establish an open mission systems com-
21 puting environment that is controlled by the Federal Gov-
22 ernment on the F–35 aircraft of the Department of De-
23 fense.

24 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required under subsection
25 (a) shall do the following:

1 (1) Enable the portability of software applica-
2 tions between the F-35 aircraft, the F-22 aircraft,
3 and the Next Generation Air Dominance initiative of
4 the Air Force.

5 (2) Enable the integration of new open mission
6 system software, or changes to existing open mission
7 system software, with minimal integration work re-
8 quired by the prime contractor of the air vehicle.

9 (3) Eliminate or minimize aircraft airworthiness
10 impacts due to software changes within the open
11 mission systems computing environment.

12 (4) Enable the rapid upgrade of onboard proc-
13 essors.

14 (5) Leverage a Federal Government reference
15 architecture.

16 (6) Ensure control by the Federal Government
17 over the airworthiness and security processes, as well
18 as ownership by the Federal Government of the open
19 mission system technical documentation and data
20 rights.

21 (7) Be capable of connection to all relevant air-
22 craft apertures sufficient to meet current and future
23 combat requirements, including cockpit connectivity
24 via ethernet.

1 (8) Leverage modern commercial software lan-
 2 guages and techniques necessary to support reliable,
 3 high-throughput, and low-latency use-cases.

4 (9) Be applicable across all blocks and variants
 5 of the F-35 aircraft.

6 (c) REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1, 2026,
 8 the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the
 9 congressional defense committees a report that in-
 10 cludes the plan required under subsection (a).

11 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
 12 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
 13 but may contain a classified annex.

14 **SEC. 136. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON RETIRE-**
 15 **MENT OF F-15E AIRCRAFT.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9062(l)(1) of title 10,
 17 United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
 19 by striking “September 30, 2029” and inserting
 20 “September 30, 2027”; and

21 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “68 F-
 22 15E aircraft” and inserting “34 F-15E aircraft”.

23 (b) REPEAL.—Section 150 of the Servicemember
 24 Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Au-

1 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
2 159; 138 Stat. 1812) is amended—

3 (1) by striking subsection (a);

4 (2) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as
5 subsections (a) and (b), respectively; and

6 (3) in the section heading, by striking “**PROHI-**
7 **BITION ON RETIREMENT OF F-15E AIRCRAFT**
8 **AND**”.

9 **SEC. 137. PROHIBITION ON RETIREMENT OF A-10 AIR-**
10 **CRAFT.**

11 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
12 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
13 for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense may
14 be obligated or expended to retire, prepare to retire, or
15 otherwise divest A-10 aircraft to an inventory level below
16 103.

17 (b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Air
18 Force may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) with
19 respect to a specific unit if—

20 (1) the Secretary submits to the congressional
21 defense committees a written certification that a de-
22 tailed recapitalization plan has been developed for
23 the affected unit, including follow on mission assign-
24 ments, aircraft reallocation, personnel adjustments,
25 and community impact mitigation; and

1 (2) a period of 30 days has elapsed following
2 the date of such submission.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) A-10 AIRCRAFT.—The term “A-10 air-
5 craft” means any aircraft of the Air Force des-
6 ignated A-10 Thunderbolt II.

7 (2) RETIRE.—The term “retire” includes the
8 permanent removal of an aircraft from the oper-
9 ational inventory, reassignment to storage, or place-
10 ment into backup aircraft inventory or excess status.

11 **SEC. 138. EXTENSION OF LIMITATIONS AND MINIMUM IN-**
12 **VENTORY REQUIREMENT RELATING TO RQ-4**
13 **AIRCRAFT.**

14 Section 9062(m)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
15 is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
16 by striking “September 30, 2029” and inserting “Sep-
17 tember 30, 2030”.

18 **SEC. 139. EXPANSION OF AIR REFUELER FLEET.**

19 (a) PRIMARY MISSION AIRCRAFT INVENTORY.—Not-
20 withstanding any limit on primary mission aircraft inven-
21 tory established before the date of the enactment of this
22 Act, Secretary of the Air Force shall retain operational
23 KC-135 Stratotankers as primary mission aircraft inven-
24 tory as such aircraft are replaced by KC-46 aircraft in

1 order to meet air refueling requirements of the Air Force
2 and the United States Transportation Command.

3 (b) REASSIGNMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air
5 Force shall reassign KC–135 Stratotankers that are
6 retained as primary mission aircraft inventory and
7 replaced by KC–46 aircraft to Air Refueling Wings
8 that have the capacity to expand their primary mis-
9 sion aircraft inventory fleet of KC–135
10 Stratotankers.

11 (2) CRITERIA.—The Secretary of the Air Force
12 shall reassign KC–135 Stratotankers under para-
13 graph (1) based on the ability of an Air Refueling
14 Wing to—

15 (A) man the additional aircraft; and

16 (B) support pilot training requirements.

17 **SEC. 140. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO C-130 AIRCRAFT.**

18 (a) EXTENSION OF MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIRE-
19 MENT.—Section 146(a)(3)(B) of the James M. Inhofe Na-
20 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023
21 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2455), as most recently
22 amended by section 145(a) of the Servicemember Quality
23 of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization
24 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.

1 1810), is further amended by striking “2025” and insert-
 2 ing “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
 6 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
 7 263; 136 Stat. 2455), as most recently amended by sec-
 8 tion 145(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-
 9 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 10 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 1810), is fur-
 11 ther amended by striking “2025” and inserting “2028”.

12 (c) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
 13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
 14 ally thereafter through fiscal year 2028, the Secretary of
 15 the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense
 16 committees a report detailing the following:

17 (1) The total number and variant types of C–
 18 130 aircraft in the inventory of the Air Force.

19 (2) Any planned retirements, divestments, or
 20 reductions to the fleet of such aircraft.

21 (3) Modernization and recapitalization efforts,
 22 including block upgrades and procurement sched-
 23 ules.

24 (4) Planned basing actions for fielding C-130J
 25 aircraft to recapitalize C-130H aircraft.

1 **SEC. 141. INFORMATION ON FUTURE LARGE AND OVER-**
2 **SIZED AIR CARGO TRANSPORTATION SERV-**
3 **ICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall so-
5 licit from industry information on acquiring services of an
6 airplane that—

7 (1) is, as of June 2025, under development as
8 a civilian aircraft;

9 (2) would be capable of carrying space launch
10 vehicles and other Department of Defense articles
11 not more than 300 feet long that cannot be or, as
12 of June 2025, are not readily transported in an air-
13 plane due to cargo dimensions;

14 (3) could enter service not later than December
15 31, 2035;

16 (4) could provide and supplement large and
17 oversized fixed wing air cargo transportation services
18 to support the readiness and logistical needs of the
19 Department by December 31, 2035, and thereafter;
20 and

21 (5) could provide to the Department at least
22 2,000 hours and not more than 7,500 hours of air-
23 plane time for at least two and not more than five
24 years beginning when such airplane could enter serv-
25 ice.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than April 1, 2026, the Sec-
 2 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
 3 committees a report on the results of the solicitation re-
 4 quired by subsection (a).

5 **TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOP-**
 6 **MENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**
 7 **TION**

8 **Subtitle A—Authorization of**
 9 **Appropriations**

10 **SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
 12 fiscal year 2026 for the use of the Department of Defense
 13 for research, development, test, and evaluation, as speci-
 14 fied in the funding table in section 4201.

15 **Subtitle B—Program Require-**
 16 **ments, Restrictions, and Limita-**
 17 **tions**

18 **SEC. 211. MODIFICATIONS TO DEFENSE RESEARCH CAPAC-**
 19 **ITY BUILDING PROGRAM.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2026 and each fis-
 21 cal year thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
 22 that all funding opportunities executed in Program Ele-
 23 ment 0601228D8Z, or successor program element, shall
 24 include separate funding solicitations each focused to-
 25 ward—

1 (1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities
2 and Tribal Colleges and Universities; and

3 (2) Minority-Serving Institutions that are not
4 described in paragraph (1).

5 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) The term “Historically Black College or
7 University” has the meaning given the term “part B
8 institution” in section 322 of the Higher Education
9 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

10 (2) The term “Minority-Serving Institution”
11 means an eligible institution described in section
12 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
13 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

14 (3) The term “Tribal College or University”
15 has the meaning given the term in section 316(b) of
16 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
17 1059c(b)).

18 **SEC. 212. PROGRAM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE RE-**
19 **SEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**
20 **TION CENTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
21 **FENSE.**

22 (a) MAKING PERMANENT AND IMPROVING PILOT
23 PROGRAM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE RESEARCH,
24 DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION CENTERS OF
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Chapter 305 of title

1 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
 2 the following new section:

3 **“§ 4145. Program for the enhancement of the re-**
 4 **search, development, test, and evaluation**
 5 **centers of the Department of Defense**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense and
 7 the Secretaries of the military departments shall jointly
 8 carry out a program to demonstrate methods for the more
 9 effective development of technology and management of
 10 functions at eligible centers.

11 “(b) ELIGIBLE CENTERS.—For purposes of the pro-
 12 gram, the eligible centers are—

13 “(1) the science and technology reinvention lab-
 14 oratories, as designated by section 4121(b) of this
 15 title;

16 “(2) the test and evaluation centers which are
 17 activities specified as part of the Major Range and
 18 Test Facility Base in Department of Defense Direc-
 19 tive 3200.11;

20 “(3) the Defense Advanced Research Projects
 21 Agency;

22 “(4) the Defense Innovation Unit;

23 “(5) the Strategic Capabilities Office (SCO);

24 and

25 “(6) the Office of Strategic Capital.

1 “(c) PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 3 the head of each eligible center shall submit to the
 4 Assistant Secretary concerned a proposal on, and
 5 implement, alternative and innovative methods of ef-
 6 fective management and operations of eligible cen-
 7 ters, rapid project delivery, support, experimen-
 8 tation, prototyping, and partnership with universities
 9 and private sector entities—

10 “(A) to generate greater value and effi-
 11 ciencies in research and development activities;

12 “(B) to enable more efficient and effective
 13 operations of supporting activities, such as—

14 “(i) facility management, construc-
 15 tion, and repair;

16 “(ii) business operations;

17 “(iii) personnel management policies
 18 and practices; and

19 “(iv) intramural and public outreach;
 20 and

21 “(C) to enable more rapid deployment of
 22 warfighter capabilities.

23 “(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—(A) The head of an
 24 eligible center described in paragraph (1) or (2) of
 25 subsection (b) shall implement each method pro-

1 posed under paragraph (1) of this subsection unless
2 such method is disapproved in writing by the Assist-
3 ant Secretary concerned within 60 days of receiving
4 a proposal from an eligible center.

5 “(B) The Director of the Defense Advanced Re-
6 search Projects Agency, the Defense Innovation
7 Unit, the Strategic Capabilities Office and the Office
8 of Strategic Capital shall implement each method
9 proposed under paragraph (1) unless such method is
10 disapproved in writing by the Deputy Secretary of
11 Defense within 60 days of receiving a proposal from
12 the Director.

13 “(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘Assistant
14 Secretary concerned’ means—

15 “(i) the Assistant Secretary of the Air
16 Force for Acquisition, with respect to matters
17 concerning the Air Force;

18 “(ii) the Assistant Secretary of the Army
19 for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, with
20 respect to matters concerning the Army; and

21 “(iii) the Assistant Secretary of the Navy
22 for Research, Development, and Acquisition,
23 with respect to matters concerning the Navy.

24 “(d) WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR DEMONSTRATION AND
25 IMPLEMENTATION.—The head of an eligible center may

1 waive any regulation, restriction, requirement, guidance,
 2 policy, procedure, or departmental instruction that would
 3 affect the implementation of a method proposed under
 4 subsection (c)(1), unless such implementation would be
 5 prohibited by a provision of a Federal statute or common
 6 law.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 233 of the Na-
 8 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017
 9 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 4141 note prec.) is re-
 10 pealed.

11 **SEC. 213. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ASSIGNMENT TO**
 12 **DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS**
 13 **AGENCY OF PRIVATE SECTOR PERSONNEL**
 14 **WITH CRITICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-**
 15 **MENT EXPERTISE.**

16 Section 232(e) of the Carl Levin and Howard P.
 17 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for
 18 Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 10 U.S.C. 4091
 19 note prec.) is amended by striking “September 30, 2025”
 20 and inserting “September 30, 2030”.

21 **SEC. 214. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CERTAIN**
 22 **NAVY SOFTWARE.**

23 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
 24 this Act may be obligated or expended for the autonomy

1 baseline manager or the common control system of the
2 Navy unless—

3 (1) the Secretary of the Navy submits to the
4 congressional defense committees—

5 (A) the original baseline schedule of key
6 capability deliverables and the current schedule
7 as of the date of submission;

8 (B) the original cost estimate and the cur-
9 rent cost estimate as of the date of submission,
10 including the total funding received for the pro-
11 gram;

12 (C) all reports of test and experimentation
13 events, including a comparison of performance
14 to alternative industry capabilities;

15 (D) the unaltered assessment of the De-
16 fense Innovation Unit on a market assessment
17 of industry capabilities compared to the capa-
18 bilities of the autonomy baseline manager and
19 the common control system of the Navy; and

20 (E) an assessment that the program is de-
21 livering new capabilities at a pace and quality
22 that meets or exceeds industry capabilities; and

23 (2) the Chief of Naval Operations validates to
24 the congressional defense committees that the pro-
25 gram meets operational user needs of the Navy.

1 **SEC. 215. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RE-**
3 **SEARCH AND ENGINEERING.**

4 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
5 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
6 operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, and available to
7 the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research
8 and Engineering for travel purposes, not more than 80
9 percent may be obligated or expended until the date on
10 which the Under Secretary submits to the congressional
11 defense committees the report required by section 245(d)
12 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
13 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
14 (Public Law 118–159).

15 **SEC. 216. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS BETWEEN CERTAIN**
16 **FOREIGN ENTITIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF**
17 **HIGHER EDUCATION CONDUCTING DEPART-**
18 **MENT OF DEFENSE-FUNDED RESEARCH.**

19 (a) PROHIBITION.—Beginning on January 1, 2027,
20 a covered institution may not enter into a contract with
21 a covered nation or a foreign entity of concern.

22 (b) WAIVERS.—

23 (1) AUTHORITY.—Subject to the provisions of
24 this subsection and subsection (c), the Secretary of
25 Defense may, or their designee, pursuant to a re-
26 quest submitted under paragraph (2) of this sub-

1 section, issue a waiver of the prohibition set forth in
2 subsection (a).

3 (2) SUBMISSION.—

4 (A) FIRST WAIVER REQUESTS.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—A covered institu-
6 tion that desires to enter into a contract
7 with a foreign entity of concern or a cov-
8 ered nation may submit to the Secretary of
9 Defense, not later than 120 days before
10 the institution enters into such a contract,
11 a request to waive the prohibition set forth
12 in subsection (a) with respect to such con-
13 tract.

14 (ii) CONTENTS OF WAIVER RE-
15 QUEST.—A waiver request submitted by a
16 covered institution under clause (i) shall
17 include—

18 (I) the complete and unredacted
19 text of the proposed contract for
20 which the waiver is being requested,
21 and if such original contract is not in
22 English, a translated copy of the text
23 into English (in a manner that com-
24 plies with subsection (e)); and

25 (II) a statement that—

1 (aa) is signed by the Presi-
2 dent or compliance officer of the
3 institution designated in accord-
4 ance with subsection (f); and

5 (bb) includes information
6 that demonstrates that such con-
7 tract is for the benefit of the in-
8 stitution's mission and students
9 and will promote the security,
10 stability, and economic vitality of
11 the United States.

12 (B) RENEWAL WAIVER REQUESTS.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—A covered institu-
14 tion that has entered into a contract pur-
15 suant to a waiver issued under this section,
16 the term of which is longer than the 1-year
17 waiver period and the terms and conditions
18 of which remain the same as the proposed
19 contract submitted as part of the request
20 for such waiver, may submit, not later
21 than 120 days before the expiration of
22 such waiver period, a request for a renewal
23 of such waiver for the remainder of the
24 contract term, but not to exceed a 4-year

1 period (which shall include any information
2 requested by the Secretary).

3 (ii) TERMINATION.—If a covered in-
4 stitution fails to submit a request under
5 clause (i) or is not granted a renewal
6 under such clause, such institution shall
7 terminate such contract on the last day of
8 the original 1-year waiver period.

9 (3) WAIVER ISSUANCE.—The Secretary of De-
10 fense—

11 (A) not later than 60 days before a covered
12 institution enters into a contract pursuant to a
13 waiver request under paragraph (2)(A), or be-
14 fore a contract described in paragraph (2)(B)(i)
15 is renewed pursuant to a renewal request under
16 such paragraph, shall notify the covered institu-
17 tion—

18 (i) if the waiver or renewal will be
19 issued by the Secretary; and

20 (ii) in a case in which the waiver or
21 renewal will be issued, the date on which
22 the 1-year waiver period starts;

23 (B) may only issue a waiver under this
24 subsection to a covered institution if the Sec-
25 retary of Defense determines that the contract

1 for which the waiver is being requested will
2 both—

3 (i) benefit the institution's mission
4 and students; and

5 (ii) promote the security, stability,
6 and economic vitality of the United States;
7 and

8 (C) shall, when making the determination
9 described in subparagraph (B)(ii), base such
10 determination on the following factors:

11 (i) The reasons for which the foreign
12 entity of concern or covered nation has
13 been so designated, and why those reasons
14 do not apply to the contract for which
15 waiver is being sought.

16 (ii) The foreign entity of concern or
17 covered nation's history of involvement
18 with covered institutions.

19 (iii) The degree to which such a con-
20 tract could provide access to information
21 or technology which could materially ben-
22 efit the national security of a covered na-
23 tion or harm the national security of the
24 United States.

1 (4) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later
2 than 15 calendar days prior to issuing a waiver
3 under this subsection, the Secretary of Defense shall
4 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the
5 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the
6 House of Representatives written notice of the intent
7 of the Secretary to issue such waiver together with
8 a justification for such waiver.

9 (5) APPLICATION OF WAIVERS.—A waiver
10 issued under this subsection to a covered institution
11 with respect to a contract shall only—

12 (A) waive the prohibition under subsection
13 (a) for a 1-year period, or for the remainder of
14 the term of the contract, but not to exceed 4
15 years; and

16 (B) apply to the terms and conditions of
17 the proposed contract submitted as part of the
18 request for such waiver.

19 (c) CONTRACTS PRIOR TO DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a covered in-
21 stitution that entered into contract with a covered
22 nation or foreign entity of concern prior to January
23 1, 2027, and which contract remains in effect on
24 such date, the Secretary shall notify the congres-

1 sional defense committees within 90 days of enact-
2 ment of this Act.

3 (2) RENEWAL.—A covered institution that has
4 entered into a contract described in paragraph (1),
5 the term of which is longer than the waiver period
6 described in subparagraph (B) of such paragraph
7 and the terms and conditions of which remain the
8 same as the contract submitted as part of the re-
9 quest required under subparagraph (A) of such
10 paragraph, may submit a request for renewal of the
11 waiver issued under such paragraph in accordance
12 with subsection (c)(2)(B).

13 (d) DESIGNATION DURING CONTRACT TERM.—In
14 the case of a covered institution that enters into a contract
15 with a foreign source that is not a covered nation or a
16 foreign entity of concern but which, during the term of
17 such contract, is redesignated as a covered nation or for-
18 eign entity of concern, such institution shall terminate
19 such contract not later than 120 days after the Secretary
20 notifies the covered institution of such designation or im-
21 mediately requests a waiver.

22 (e) TRANSLATION REQUIREMENT.—Any information
23 required to be disclosed under this section with respect
24 to a contract that is not in English shall be translated,
25 for purposes of such disclosure, by a person that is not

1 an affiliated entity or agent of the covered nation or for-
2 eign entity of concern involved with such contract.

3 (f) COMPLIANCE OFFICER.—Each covered institution
4 applying for a waiver under subsection (c), shall identify
5 a compliance officer, who shall—

6 (1) be a current employee or legally authorized
7 agent of such institution; and

8 (2) be responsible, on behalf of such institution,
9 for personally certifying—

10 (A) compliance with the prohibition under
11 this section; and

12 (B) the truth and accuracy of any informa-
13 tion contained in such a waiver request.

14 (g) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 1286(f) of the John
15 S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
16 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232;10 U.S.C. 4001 note)
17 is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and on the
19 periodic reviews conducted pursuant to subsection
20 (e)” and inserting “, on the periodic reviews con-
21 ducted pursuant to subsection (e), and the waivers
22 issued under section 216 of the National Defense
23 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
25 following new subparagraph:

1 “(C) With respect to waivers described in
2 paragraph (1), the following:

3 “(i) The terms and contents of any
4 waivers issued under section 216 of the
5 National Defense Authorization Act for
6 Fiscal Year 2026 in the period covered by
7 the report;

8 “(ii) any trends in—

9 “(I) the number of waivers issued
10 under such section over time; and

11 “(II) the types of contracts to
12 which such waivers pertain; and

13 “(iii) the processes used by the Sec-
14 retary to verify that covered institutions
15 (as defined in such section) are in compli-
16 ance with the requirements of such sec-
17 tion.”.

18 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B),
20 the term “contract” means—

21 (i) any agreement or memorandum of un-
22 derstanding for the acquisition, by purchase,
23 lease, or barter, of property or services by or
24 from a covered nation or foreign entity of con-
25 cern; or

1 (ii) any affiliation, agreement, or similar
2 transaction with a covered nation or foreign en-
3 tity of concern that involves the use or ex-
4 change of the name, likeness, time, services, or
5 resources of a covered institution.

6 (B) The term “contract” does not include—

7 (i) an agreement solely or primarily for the
8 purposes of conducting a study-abroad program
9 wherein students at covered institutions in the
10 United States travel to a covered nation to
11 study;

12 (ii) an arms-length agreement for the ac-
13 quisition by purchase, lease, or barter of prop-
14 erty or services for the covered institution from
15 a foreign entity of concern; or

16 (iii) an agreement pertaining to a pre-ex-
17 isting campus or other satellite facility of a cov-
18 ered institution located in a covered nation or
19 a joint facility of a covered institution and an-
20 other entity located in a covered nation, unless
21 that facility could provide access to information
22 or technology which could materially benefit the
23 national security of a covered nation or harm
24 the national security of the United States.

1 (2) The term “covered institution” means an
2 institution of higher education that conducts re-
3 search funded by the Department of Defense.

4 (3) The term “covered nation” has the meaning
5 given that term in section 4872(d) of title 10,
6 United States Code.

7 (4) The term “foreign entity of concern” means
8 any person or entity—

9 (A) listed on the Department of Com-
10 merce’s Entity List (Supplement No. 4 to part
11 744 of the Export Administration Regulations),
12 or successor list;

13 (B) included in the list of Chinese military
14 companies operating in the United States most
15 recently submitted under section 1260H(b)(1)
16 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
17 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
18 (Public Law 115–283;10 U.S.C. 113 note); or

19 (C) identified on the list published under
20 section 1286(c)(9)(A) of the John S. McCain
21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
22 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232;10 U.S.C.
23 4001 note).

24 (5) The term “institution of higher education”
25 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of

1 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 1002).

3 **SEC. 217. WESTERN REGIONAL RANGE COMPLEX DEM-**
4 **ONSTRATION.**

5 (a) DEMONSTRATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary
6 shall carry out a demonstration of a joint multi-domain
7 kinetic and non-kinetic testing and training environment
8 across military departments by interconnecting existing
9 ranges and training sites in the western States to improve
10 joint multi-domain training and further testing, research,
11 and development.

12 (b) USE OF EXISTING RANGES AND CAPABILITIES.—
13 The demonstration carried out pursuant to subsection (a)
14 shall use existing ranges and range capability, unless ca-
15 pability gaps are identified in the process of planning spe-
16 cific demonstration activities.

17 (c) ACTIVITIES.—The demonstration carried out pur-
18 suant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

- 19 (1) Electromagnetic spectrum operations.
- 20 (2) Electromagnetic warfare.
- 21 (3) Operations that blend kinetic and non-ki-
22 netic effects.
- 23 (4) Operations in the information environment.
- 24 (5) Joint All Domain Command and Control
25 (JADC2).

1 (6) Information warfare, including the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (A) Intelligence, surveillance, and recon-
4 naissance.

5 (B) Offensive and defense cyber oper-
6 ations.

7 (C) Electromagnetic warfare.

8 (D) Space operations.

9 (E) Psychological operations.

10 (F) Public affairs.

11 (G) Weather operations.

12 (d) TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF INITIAL DEM-
13 ONSTRATION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Sec-
14 retary shall seek to complete an initial demonstration,
15 interconnecting two or more ranges or testing sites of two
16 or more military departments in the western States, sub-
17 ject to availability of appropriations, not later than one
18 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pro-
21 vide the congressional defense committees a briefing on—

22 (1) a phased implementation plan and design to
23 connect ranges and testing sites in the western
24 States, including the initial demonstration required
25 by subsection (d);

1 (2) how the design architecture of the plan is
 2 in alignment with recommendations of the 2020 De-
 3 partment of Defense Electromagnetic Spectrum Su-
 4 periority Strategy; and

5 (3) how the design architecture will support
 6 high-periodicity training, testing, research, and de-
 7 velopment.

8 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT.—The term
 10 “information environment” means the aggregate of
 11 individuals, organizations, and systems that collect,
 12 process, and disseminate, or act on information.

13 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 14 the Secretary of Defense.

15 (g) TERMINATION.—This section shall terminate on
 16 September 30, 2028.

17 **SEC. 218. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR DEPART-**
 18 **MENT OF DEFENSE POLICIES FOR MANAGE-**
 19 **MENT AND CERTIFICATION OF LINK 16 MILI-**
 20 **TARY TACTICAL DATA LINK NETWORK.**

21 Section 228(b) of the National Defense Authorization
 22 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
 23 4571 note) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “the Ne-
 25 vada Test and Training Range, Restricted Area

1 2508, Warning Area 151/470, Warning Area 386,
 2 and the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex” and
 3 inserting “military special use airspace including all
 4 prohibited areas, restricted areas, warning areas,
 5 and military operational areas”;

6 (2) in paragraph (2), in the matter before sub-
 7 paragraph (A), by striking “training, and large-scale
 8 exercises.” and inserting “regular training, and
 9 large-scale exercises. Under such processes, approval
 10 of Link 16 operations shall be presumed and denial
 11 of Link 16 operations shall be accompanied with
 12 substantiated evidence demonstrating compromise of
 13 safety due to electromagnetic interference.”; and

14 (3) in paragraph (5), by inserting “regular” be-
 15 fore “training”.

16 **SEC. 219. ADVANCED ROBOTIC AUTOMATION FOR MUNI-**
 17 **TIONS MANUFACTURING.**

18 (a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the
 19 Army shall carry out a program to support the maturation
 20 and expansion of robotic automation capabilities for muni-
 21 tions manufacturing at government-owned, contractor-op-
 22 erated production facilities.

23 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the program
 24 under subsection (a) shall include the following:

1 (1) The design and integration of inherently
2 safe, scalable robotic load, assemble, and pack
3 (LAP) systems for munitions production.

4 (2) The demonstration of increased throughput
5 and production capacity, while reducing manual han-
6 dling of energetic materials.

7 (3) The development of cyber-hardened data in-
8 frastructure for secure integration of factory-floor
9 operations with enterprise systems.

10 (4) Support for workforce upskilling and train-
11 ing in robotics, automation, and advanced manufac-
12 turing technologies.

13 (5) The evaluation of applicability across mul-
14 tiple munition types and organic industrial base
15 sites.

16 (c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the program
17 under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army shall co-
18 ordinate with the Joint Program Executive Office Arma-
19 ments and Ammunition and other relevant components of
20 the Department of the Army.

21 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
22 Secretary of Defense shall provide the congressional de-
23 fense committees a briefing on the program carried out
24 under subsection (a). Such briefing shall cover—

25 (1) the progress made under the program;

1 (2) lessons learned; and

2 (3) recommendations for the wider adoption of
3 robotic automation technologies within the defense
4 industrial base.

5 **SEC. 220. DUAL-USE AND DEFENSE ADVANCED MANUFAC-**
6 **TURING INNOVATION HUBS.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
8 shall establish one or more dual-use advanced manufac-
9 turing hubs that co-locate and share resources among pub-
10 lic and private stakeholders from industry, academia, gov-
11 ernment, nongovernment agencies, and workforce and eco-
12 nomic development resources. The hub or hubs should
13 span the full spectrum of advanced manufacturing capa-
14 bilities and cover the full development timeline between
15 prototyping and fielding.

16 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—A hub established under sub-
17 section (a) shall—

18 (1) utilize, to the maximum extent possible, the
19 Department of Defense Manufacturing Innovation
20 Institutes (MII) and encourage the MIIs to coordi-
21 nate efforts in a joint manner;

22 (2) provide shared advanced manufacturing in-
23 frastructure and equipment, such as high-speed
24 metal printers and material testing laboratories;

1 (3) establish a process to provide advanced
2 manufacturing capability, including on shared classi-
3 fied space as needed;

4 (4) utilize, to the maximum extent possible, the
5 Defense Logistics Agency's Joint Additive Manufac-
6 turing Model Exchange (JAMMEX) as a central
7 data repository for technical data packages for ad-
8 vanced manufacturing;

9 (5) build on the Defense Innovation Unit's Blue
10 Manufacturing Initiative and Blue Manufacturing
11 Marketplace to match hardware and software manu-
12 facturers in defense technology with advanced manu-
13 facturing providers; and

14 (6) meet annual production benchmarks for de-
15 fense applications.

16 (c) RECOMMENDATION.—Not later than September
17 30, 2026, the Under Secretary of Defense shall submit
18 to the congressional defense committees a recommenda-
19 tion for the appropriate number of regional hubs to be
20 established under subsection (a) for the Department of
21 Defense to meet its sustainment needs and such require-
22 ments, specifications, and capabilities as the regional hubs
23 may require.

1 **SEC. 220A. ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND ADDITIVE**
2 **MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ADVANCED MANU-
4 FACTURING PROGRAM.—Not later than December 31,
5 2027, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the
6 Secretaries of the military departments, shall aim to qual-
7 ify and approve for manufacturing and delivery not fewer
8 than 1,000,000 parts or components of the Department
9 of Defense that use advanced manufacturing techniques,
10 with funding subject to the availability of appropriations
11 or other funds. In doing so, the Secretary shall ensure that
12 expedited processes for adoption of advanced manufac-
13 turing products are utilized across the components of the
14 Department of Defense and lifecycle phases for new and
15 existing systems.

16 (b) PROGRAM TO ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURE CER-
17 TAIN TYPES OF UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.—Not later
18 than September 30, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall
19 carry out a program to certify new materials and processes
20 to manufacture 25 to 100 percent of the parts of one of
21 each type of the following unmanned aerial system (UAS)
22 categories using advanced or additive manufacturing tech-
23 niques:

24 (1) Small unmanned aerial systems used as tac-
25 tical loitering munitions.

1 (2) Small unmanned aerial systems used for
2 surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

3 (3) Small unmanned aerial systems used for lo-
4 gistics missions.

5 (c) PROGRAM TO CERTIFY ADDITIVELY MANUFAC-
6 TURED PARTS FOR MILITARY SYSTEMS WITH DIMIN-
7 ISHING MANUFACTURING SOURCES AND MATERIAL
8 SHORTAGES.—

9 (1) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than Sep-
10 tember 30, 2026, the Under Secretary of Defense
11 for Acquisition and Sustainment shall, in coordina-
12 tion with the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-
13 search and Engineering and the Secretaries of the
14 military departments, carry out a program to
15 produce replacement parts for military systems with
16 diminishing manufacturing sources and material
17 shortages using advanced or additive manufacturing
18 techniques.

19 (2) TESTED PARTS.—In carrying out the pro-
20 gram required by paragraph (1), the Under Sec-
21 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
22 shall select not less than five parts for test, evalua-
23 tion, and certification under the program.

24 (3) TEST AND EVALUATION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the
2 program required by paragraph (1), the Under
3 Secretary shall use additive manufacturing
4 techniques to manufacture the parts selected
5 pursuant to paragraph (2) and then test and
6 evaluate the manufactured parts.

7 (B) EVALUATION.—Evaluation under sub-
8 paragraph (A) shall be based on performance
9 rather than specifications.

10 (4) SHARING OF RESULTS AND DATA.—In car-
11 rying out the program required by paragraph (1),
12 the Under Secretary shall share test data across all
13 military departments and establish mechanisms for
14 data reciprocity for test and evaluation results for
15 additively manufactured parts across all military de-
16 partments.

17 (5) LIST OF OBSOLETE PARTS.—The Under
18 Secretary shall, in coordination with the Secretaries
19 of the military departments, make a list of all parts
20 for military systems with diminishing manufacturing
21 sources and material shortages.

22 (6) NEW LICENSING AGREEMENTS.—The
23 Under Secretary shall, in coordination with the Sec-
24 retaries of the military departments, create new li-
25 censing agreements with owners of intellectual prop-

1 erty for the platforms with parts included in the list
 2 required by paragraph (5) that allow additive manu-
 3 facture of the parts.

4 (d) PROGRAM TO ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURE
 5 METAL PARTS.—

6 (1) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Under Sec-
 7 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
 8 shall carry out a program across all military depart-
 9 ments to additively manufacture three commonly
 10 used metal parts of each military department, such
 11 as titanium, stainless steel, and aluminum.

12 (2) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than
 13 September 30, 2026, the Under Secretary shall—

14 (A) complete an assessment to determine
 15 how to additively manufacture 10 metal parts
 16 of each military department, with a preference
 17 for parts that require long lead times to manu-
 18 facture or have sole-source suppliers; and

19 (B) submit to the congressional defense
 20 committees a report on the findings of the
 21 Under Secretary with respect to the assessment
 22 completed under subparagraph (A).

23 (e) PROGRAM TO ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURE PARTS
 24 FOR GROUND COMBAT SYSTEMS.—The Under Secretary
 25 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall, in co-

1 ordination with the Secretary of the Army and the Direc-
2 tor of the Defense Logistics Agency—

3 (1) identify sustainment vulnerabilities in the
4 ground equipment supply chain of the Army, includ-
5 ing at the manufacturing arsenals and maintenance
6 depots of the Army that comprise the Organic In-
7 dustrial Base, where additive manufacturing could
8 be used to repair, upgrade, or modernize ground
9 combat systems;

10 (2) choose not less than five parts that have
11 long lead times for fabricating the greatest degree of
12 customized specifications or have the most limited
13 quantity in inventory and additively manufacture re-
14 placement parts for them;

15 (3) create a critical parts list identifying parts
16 and components across ground combat systems with
17 long lead times eligible to be additively manufac-
18 tured; and

19 (4) develop plans, in coordination with Army
20 Development Command, to integrate additive manu-
21 facturing techniques and technologies in the design,
22 production, and sustainment of next-generation com-
23 bat vehicles and their technologies. The developed
24 technologies should prioritize interoperability across

1 military platforms and integration with other mili-
 2 tary services.

3 **SEC. 220B. IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ADVANCED MAN-**
 4 **UFACTURING.**

5 (a) LEADERSHIP CHANGES.—

6 (1) JOINT DEFENSE MANUFACTURING TECH-
 7 NOLOGY PANEL.—Section 4842(b)(1) of title 10,
 8 United States Code, is amended by striking “The
 9 Chair of” and all that follows through “programs.”
 10 and inserting the following: “The Panel shall be co-
 11 chaired by the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-
 12 quisition and Sustainment and the Under Secretary
 13 of Defense for Research and Engineering.”.

14 (2) JOINT ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING WORK-
 15 ING GROUP.—The Joint Additive Manufacturing
 16 Working Group shall be co-chaired by the Under
 17 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
 18 Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for
 19 Research and Engineering.

20 (3) CONSORTIUM ON ADDITIVE MANUFAC-
 21 TURING FOR DEFENSE CAPABILITY DEVELOP-
 22 MENT.—Section 223 of the National Defense Au-
 23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C.
 24 4841 note) is amended—

1 (A) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
2 section (d); and

3 (B) by inserting after subsection (b) the
4 following new subsection (c):

5 “(c) CO-CHAIRS.—The Consortium shall be co-
6 chaired by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
7 and Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for
8 Research and Engineering.”.

9 (b) ADVANCED MANUFACTURING GUIDANCE AND
10 MANUAL.—

11 (1) GUIDANCE, DOD I UPDATE, AND MANUAL
12 REQUIRED.—Not later than September 30, 2026,
13 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
14 Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for
15 Research and Engineering, in consultation with the
16 Secretaries of the military departments, shall—

17 (A) develop guidance to incorporate inno-
18 vations in advanced manufacturing in such a
19 way that the Department of Defense can better
20 and faster deliver capabilities, sustain oper-
21 ations, and protect the warfighter with the lat-
22 est technology while still ensuring quality, reli-
23 ability, and compatibility;

24 (B) update Department of Defense In-
25 struction 5000.93 (relating to use of additive

1 manufacturing in the Department of Defense)
2 dated June 10, 2021, to waive the requirement
3 to maintain records of all additively produced
4 end-items put into operational use where the
5 additively produced part meets or exceeds per-
6 formance of the traditionally manufactured end-
7 item;

8 (C) create a manual in accordance with
9 such instruction that gets at the technical
10 standards required to qualify parts, compo-
11 nents, or products that use advanced manufac-
12 turing technologies and techniques; and

13 (D) not later than March 1, 2026, provide
14 the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
15 ate and the House of Representatives a briefing
16 on plans to update the guidance developed
17 under subparagraph (A) and the updates made
18 under subparagraph (B).

19 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out para-
20 graph (1), the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-
21 quisition and Sustainment and the Under Secretary
22 of Defense for Research and Engineering shall con-
23 sider the 2016 Department of Defense Additive
24 Manufacturing Roadmap, the 2021 Department of
25 Defense Additive Manufacturing Strategy, the 2022

1 National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing, and
2 Department of Defense Instruction 5000.93.

3 (3) ALIGNMENT.—The Under Secretary of De-
4 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the
5 Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engi-
6 neering shall ensure that the guidance on the use of
7 advanced manufacturing required by paragraph
8 (1)(A)—

9 (A) aligns with Department of Defense ac-
10 quisition to prioritize flexibility, interoperability,
11 and domestic sourcing; and

12 (B) requires the Department to prefer
13 United States manufacturers and equipment
14 and document a justification whenever the De-
15 partment uses a foreign source; and

16 (C) requires the Department to partner
17 with and direct funds to the Department's
18 Manufacturing Innovation Institutes whenever
19 feasible.

20 (4) ELEMENTS.—

21 (A) GUIDANCE.—The guidance required by
22 paragraph (1)(A) shall include guidance for all
23 types of advanced manufacturing, including the
24 following:

25 (i) Additive manufacturing.

- 1 (ii) Advanced materials.
- 2 (iii) Advanced composite materials.
- 3 (iv) Robotics and automation.
- 4 (v) Laser, machining, and welding.
- 5 (vi) Nanotechnology.
- 6 (vii) Network and information tech-
- 7 nology integration.

8 (B) MANUAL.—(i) The guidance required
9 by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) shall uti-
10 lize expedited qualification and testing proce-
11 dures established in section 865 of the National
12 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
13 and result in a manual under subparagraph (C)
14 of such paragraph to establish standardized
15 processes to qualify parts and components pro-
16 duced by advanced manufacturing techniques
17 and technologies based on performance, rather
18 than specifications for testing and evaluation.

19 (ii) The process described in clause (i)
20 shall include a methodology for standardizing
21 technical production specifications, testing proc-
22 esses, and data reciprocity to share and accept
23 test results of the same additively manufactured
24 parts across all military departments.

1 (iii) The process described in clause (i)
2 shall include test and evaluation results that fa-
3 cilitate data reciprocity across military depart-
4 ments, removing the need for each military de-
5 partment to independently validate the same
6 parts another military department has already
7 validated.

8 (iv) The manual shall include steps to
9 allow for streamlined incremental qualification,
10 rather than complete requalification, when the
11 design and manufacturing process incorporates
12 changes.

13 (v) The process described in clause (i) shall
14 explore the option for third-party, external cer-
15 tification for companies that cannot afford or
16 do not have the in-house expertise to do this on
17 their own but have the technology that the De-
18 partment needs.

19 (C) ADVANCED MATERIALS AND AD-
20 VANCED COMPOSITE MATERIALS RESEARCH.—
21 The guidance required by paragraph (1)(A) and
22 the manual required by paragraph (1)(C)—

23 (i) shall cover requirements for devel-
24 opment, test, and evaluation of the mate-
25 rial properties of advanced materials and

1 advanced composite materials used in ad-
2 vanced manufacturing, including metals,
3 polymers, ceramics, composites, and hybrid
4 metals;

5 (ii) should include how to incorporate
6 integrated computational materials engi-
7 neering to predict the material properties
8 and the distribution of those properties in
9 additively manufactured parts and scale-up
10 additive manufacturing; and

11 (iii) shall include a list of rec-
12 ommendations for the types of amounts of
13 critical metals to stockpile for the Depart-
14 ment's use in additive manufacturing,
15 which should be accessible to users of the
16 Defense Logistics Agency's Joint Additive
17 Manufacturing Model Exchange
18 (JAMMEX).

19 (D) CYBERSECURITY.—(i) The guidance
20 required by paragraph (1)(A) and the manual
21 required by paragraph (1)(C) shall include cy-
22 bersecurity standards and guidelines for ad-
23 vanced manufacturing developed in consultation
24 with the Chief Information Officer.

1 (ii) The guidance and manual should ad-
2 dress the unique challenges that advanced man-
3 ufacturing poses to Department information
4 networks.

5 (iii) The guidance and manual shall in-
6 clude matters relating to cybersecurity compli-
7 ance.

8 (iv) The guidance and manual shall call for
9 periodic security and compliance reviews.

10 (E) MODELING AND SIMULATION.—The
11 guidance and manual required by paragraph
12 (1)—

13 (i) shall include software-driven, arti-
14 ficial intelligence-enabled modeling and
15 simulation techniques for design, develop-
16 ment, test, and evaluation to the maximum
17 extent possible; and

18 (ii) should include integrating mod-
19 eling and simulation at every level, from
20 enterprise to individual operation, includ-
21 ing utilizing digital engineering.

22 (F) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.—(i) The
23 guidance required by paragraph (1)(A) and the
24 manual required by paragraph (1)(C) shall in-

1 clude processes and contracting mechanisms to
2 protect and manage intellectual property.

3 (ii) The processes and contracting mecha-
4 nisms described in clause (i) shall be designed
5 to incentivize innovation while allowing the De-
6 partment to additively manufacture parts and
7 products for military systems at scale and on
8 demand in case of contingency or crisis. This
9 can include new licensing agreements with
10 terms and conditions that allow for innovative
11 intellectual property strategies.

12 (iii) The guidance and manual shall in-
13 clude considerations to incorporate the Defense
14 Logistics Agency's Joint Additive Manufac-
15 turing Model Exchange (JAMMEX).

16 (G) QUALITY ASSURANCE.—(i) The guid-
17 ance required by paragraph (1)(A) and the
18 manual required by paragraph (1)(C) shall in-
19 clude processes, materials, and technologies to
20 ensure continuous quality control throughout
21 the entire manufacturing process and post-pro-
22 duction.

23 (ii) The guidance and manual shall incor-
24 porate the process window qualification method-
25 ology, which is designed to be machine-agnostic,

1 or independent of specific machine brands or
2 software providers, as well as the following:

3 (I) Real-time process monitoring
4 leveraging machine sensors and software
5 analytics to detect and instantly mitigate
6 deviations prevents defects and unauthor-
7 ized parameter changes.

8 (II) Integration of machine learning
9 algorithms that analyze production data in
10 real-time allows the identification of anom-
11 alies indicative of potential quality or secu-
12 rity threats, enabling proactive mitigation.

13 (III) Software-defined quality assur-
14 ance protocols enforce standardized, re-
15 peatable verification processes, greatly im-
16 proving reliability and simplifying security
17 audits.

18 (H) PROLIFERATION OF ADDITIVE MANU-
19 FACTURING CAPABILITIES.—The guidance re-
20 quired by paragraph (1) shall include a plan
21 that includes phasing and funding requirements
22 to proliferate advanced manufacturing tech-
23 nologies and techniques across the entire De-
24 partment, at the enterprise level to tactical
25 operational units. This guidance shall—

1 (i) identify end-user access and oper-
2 ational needs for advanced manufacturing
3 and associated resourcing, infrastructure,
4 and basing requirements;

5 (ii) establish logistics models for pro-
6 duction of additively manufactured parts in
7 the continental United States and at for-
8 ward operating locations;

9 (iii) improve supply chain risk man-
10 agement; and

11 (iv) stimulate supply chain agility
12 within the Department.

13 (I) TRAINING.—The guidance required by
14 paragraph (1)(A) shall include training pro-
15 gram requirements, phasing, and sequencing to
16 ensure each warfighter is equipped with the
17 knowledge and skills to use advanced manufac-
18 turing techniques and technologies efficiently
19 and safely. The guidance shall—

20 (i) outline which military occupational
21 specialty career fields to train in advanced
22 manufacturing equipment, techniques, and
23 procedures with each military service and
24 the degree of proficiency and training time
25 required;

1 (ii) explore partnerships to establish
2 apprenticeships and skilled technician
3 training pipelines to support Department
4 of Defense research and development pro-
5 grams and programs of record; and

6 (iii) consider creating new initiatives
7 within existing transition assistance pro-
8 grams to create pathways for members of
9 the Armed Forces to receive the training
10 necessary to adapt their military skills to
11 civilian jobs in advanced manufacturing.

12 (5) MANUAL REQUIRED.—The manual created
13 under paragraph (1)(C) shall be a service-agnostic,
14 vendor-agnostic manual on advanced manufacturing
15 techniques and technologies for the Department of
16 Defense—

17 (A) to standardize across the military de-
18 partments the technical parameters for manu-
19 facturing parts and products using advanced
20 manufacturing techniques;

21 (B) to outline the categories and levels of
22 risk associated with such parts and products,
23 including distinguishing between safety-critical
24 and non-safety-critical parts and providing ex-
25 pedited approvals for low-risk parts through

1 standardized material datasets and pre-qualified
2 manufacturing protocols;

3 (C) to lay out the processes for qualifica-
4 tion and certification across categories of such
5 parts and products;

6 (D) to establish data reciprocity for test
7 and evaluation data across all military depart-
8 ments with respect to qualifying such parts and
9 products;

10 (E) to utilize the Defense Logistics Agen-
11 cy's Joint Additive Manufacturing Model Ex-
12 change (JAMMEX) as the central data reposi-
13 tory for technical data packages for advanced
14 manufacturing; and

15 (F) to incorporate new proposed qualifica-
16 tion approaches proposed by industry consor-
17 tiums, Manufacturing Innovation Institutes,
18 and Small Business Innovation Research
19 (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Trans-
20 fer (STTR) programs.

21 (6) TIMELINE.—

22 (A) INITIAL.—The Secretary shall ensure
23 that the guidance required by paragraph (1)(A)
24 goes into effect in fiscal year 2026 by providing
25 guidance with respect to the top three essential

1 metals each military department needs to main-
 2 tain its operational platforms.

3 (B) SUBSEQUENT.—The Secretary shall
 4 ensure that the guidance required by paragraph
 5 (1)(A) goes into effect not later than January
 6 1, 2027, for all essential metals not covered by
 7 subparagraph (A).

8 (7) ADVANCED MANUFACTURING DEFINED.—In
 9 this subsection, the term “advanced manufacturing”
 10 means a manufacturing process using the following:

11 (A) Additive manufacturing.

12 (B) Wire-arc additive manufacturing.

13 (C) Powder bed fusion manufacturing.

14 (D) Other manufacturing capabilities simi-
 15 lar to those listed in subparagraphs (A) through
 16 (C).

17 **SEC. 220C. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
 18 **FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION**
 19 **WITH CERTAIN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.**

20 (a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection
 21 (b), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
 22 this Act or otherwise made available for the Department
 23 of Defense for fiscal year 2026 may be obligated or ex-
 24 pended to award a grant or contract to an institution of
 25 higher education for the specific purposes of conducting

1 fundamental research in collaboration with a covered enti-
2 ty.

3 (b) WAIVER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary of
5 Defense for Science and Technology may waive the
6 limitation under subsection (a), on a case-by-case
7 basis, with respect to an individual grant or contract
8 for an institution of higher education if the Assist-
9 ant Secretary determines that such a waiver is in
10 the national security interests of the United States.

11 (2) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE.—Not later than
12 30 days after the date on which an award is made
13 by the Department of Defense involving an institu-
14 tion of higher education with respect to which a
15 waiver is made under paragraph (1), the Assistant
16 Secretary of Defense for Science and Technology
17 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
18 of the Senate and the House of Representatives no-
19 tice of such waiver.

20 (c) REPORT ANNEX.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—On an annual basis, as a
22 classified or controlled unclassified information
23 annex to the annual report required by section
24 1286(f) of the John S McCain National Defense Au-
25 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law

115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report annex on the compliance of the Department of Defense and institutions of higher education with the requirements of this section.

(2) CONTENTS.—Each report annex submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include, for each waiver issued under subsection (b) during the period covered by the report—

(A) a justification for the waiver; and

(B) a detailed description of the type and extent of any collaboration between an institution of higher education and a covered entity allowed pursuant to the waiver, including identification of the institution of higher education and the covered entities involved, the type of technology involved, the duration of the collaboration, and terms and conditions on intellectual property assignment, as applicable, under the collaboration agreement.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “collaboration” means coordinated activity between an institution of higher education and a covered entity and includes—

1 (A) sharing of research facilities, re-
2 sources, or data;

3 (B) sharing of technical know-how;

4 (C) any financial or in-kind contribution
5 intended to produce a research product;

6 (D) sponsorship or facilitation of research
7 fellowships, visas, or residence permits;

8 (E) joint ventures, partnerships, or other
9 formalized agreements for the purpose of con-
10 ducting research or sharing resources, data, or
11 technology;

12 (F) inclusion of researchers as consultants,
13 advisors, or members of advisory or review
14 boards; and

15 (G) such other activities as may be deter-
16 mined by the Secretary of Defense.

17 (2) The term “covered entity”—

18 (A) means an academic institution that is
19 included in the most recently updated list devel-
20 oped pursuant to 1286(c)(9) of the John S.
21 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for
22 Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10
23 U.S.C. 4001 note); and

24 (B) includes any individual employed by
25 such an academic institution.

1 (3) The term “fundamental research” has the
2 meaning given that term in National Security Deci-
3 sion Directive-189 (NSSD-189), National Policy on
4 the Transfer of Scientific, Technical and Engineer-
5 ing Information, dated September 21, 1985, or any
6 successor document.

7 (4) The term “institution of higher education”
8 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of
9 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)
10 and includes—

11 (A) any department, program, project, fac-
12 ulty, researcher, or other individual, entity, or
13 activity of such institution; and

14 (B) any branch of such institution within
15 or outside the United States.

16 **Subtitle C—Plans, Reports, and** 17 **Other Matters**

18 **SEC. 221. CATALYST PATHFINDER PROGRAM.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than January 1,
20 2027, the Secretary of the Army shall establish a soldier-
21 inspired innovation program—

22 (1) that creates partnerships between oper-
23 ational units of the Army and leading national re-
24 search universities to provide a unique platform for
25 university-based researchers and small businesses to

1 collaborate directly with soldiers on cutting-edge ap-
2 plied research and development; and

3 (2) to integrate soldiers into the early-stage
4 problem identification process and include them in
5 the solution development process to ensure technical
6 solutions are meeting soldier needs and enhancing
7 lethality.

8 (b) DESIGNATION.—The program established pursu-
9 ant to subsection (a) shall be known as the “Catalyst
10 Pathfinder Program” (in this section the “Program”).

11 (c) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the Program, the
12 Secretary shall—

13 (1) establish activities at all active-duty divi-
14 sions of the Army to accelerate the incorporation of
15 soldier insights into capability development;

16 (2) establish policies that streamline collabora-
17 tion between soldiers, Army Futures Command, and
18 academic institutions;

19 (3) establish a governance board that includes
20 representatives from the research, development, test,
21 and evaluation, acquisition, requirements, industry,
22 and academic communities;

23 (4) promote transition of successful Program
24 projects to Army programs; and

1 (5) implement an adaptive experimentation
 2 force capability to support technology experimen-
 3 tation activities throughout the solution development
 4 cycle

5 (d) TREATMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Program shall
 6 be treated as a research, development, test, and evaluation
 7 activity in the Army’s input to the Future Year Defense
 8 Program.

9 **SEC. 222. EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR ANNUAL REPORTS**
 10 **ON CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY AREAS SUP-**
 11 **PORTIVE OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STRAT-**
 12 **EGY.**

13 Section 217(c)(1) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-
 14 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
 15 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note) is
 16 amended, in the matter before subparagraph (A), by strik-
 17 ing “December 1, 2025” and inserting “December 1,
 18 2030”.

19 **SEC. 223. EVALUATION OF ADDITIONAL TEST CORRIDORS**
 20 **FOR HYPERSONIC AND LONG-RANGE WEAP-**
 21 **ONS.**

22 (a) EVALUATION REQUIRED.—To assess impact ef-
 23 fectiveness and increase the cadence of testing and train-
 24 ing for long-range and hypersonic systems, the Secretary
 25 of Defense shall, acting through the Under Secretary of

1 Defense for Research and Engineering and the Director
2 of the Test Resource Management Center and in consulta-
3 tion with requirements owners of long-range and
4 hypersonic systems of the Armed Forces, evaluate—

5 (1) the comparative advantages of episodic and
6 permanent special activity airspace designated by
7 the Federal Aviation Administration for use by the
8 Department of Defense suitable for the test and
9 training of long-range and hypersonic systems; and

10 (2) requirements for continental test ranges, in-
11 cluding—

12 (A) attributes, including live, virtual, and
13 constructive capabilities;

14 (B) scheduling and availability;

15 (C) safety;

16 (D) end strength;

17 (E) facilities, infrastructure, radar, and re-
18 lated systems;

19 (F) launch locations including—

20 (i) Bearpaw Air Traffic Control As-
21 signed Airspace, Montana;

22 (ii) Mountain Home Range Complex,
23 Idaho;

24 (iii) Fallon Range Training Complex,
25 Nevada;

1 (iv) Utah Test and Training Range,
2 Utah;

3 (v) Nevada Test and Training Range,
4 Nevada;

5 (vi) Green River Test Complex, Utah;
6 and

7 (vii) White Sands Missile Range, New
8 Mexico;

9 (G) impact areas within the White Sands
10 Missile Range, New Mexico; and

11 (H) such other characteristics as the Sec-
12 retary considers appropriate.

13 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than December 1, 2026,
14 the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Armed
15 Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Serv-
16 ices of the House of Representatives a briefing on the find-
17 ings of the Secretary with respect to the evaluation con-
18 ducted pursuant to subsection (a), including an assess-
19 ment of the completion date.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) The term “impact area” means the point at
22 which a test terminates.

23 (2) The term “launch location” means the point
24 from which a test is initiated.

1 **SEC. 224. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

2 Chapter 9 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
3 by redesignating the section 222e that was added by sec-
4 tion 211 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
5 Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) as section 222f.

6 **SEC. 225. CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED PROGRAMS FOR**
7 **TEST AND EVALUATION OVERSIGHT.**

8 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Director of Operational
9 Test and Evaluation shall include in the annual report re-
10 quired by section 139(h) of title 10, United States Code,
11 an assessment of the operational and live fire test and
12 evaluation activities for—

- 13 (1) Golden Dome software development;
14 (2) the Joint Fires Network; and
15 (3) the Cryptographic Modernization Program.

16 (b) ALTERNATE PATHWAY.—For any effort under
17 subsection (a) assigned to the software acquisition path-
18 way pursuant to section 3603 of title 10, United States
19 Code, the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation
20 shall assess the effort in accordance with the alternative
21 test and evaluation pathway established in this Act.

1 **SEC. 226. PROHIBITION ON MODIFICATION OF INDIRECT**
2 **COST RATES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**
3 **EDUCATION AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-**
4 **TIONS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may
6 not change or modify indirect cost rates (otherwise known
7 as facilities and administration cost rates) for Department
8 of Defense grants and contracts awarded to institutions
9 of higher education and nonprofit organizations (as those
10 terms are defined in part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal
11 Regulations) until the Secretary makes the certification
12 described under subsection (b).

13 (b) CERTIFICATION.—A certification under this sub-
14 section is a certification to the congressional defense com-
15 mittees that the Department of Defense—

16 (1) working with the extramural research com-
17 munity, including representatives from universities,
18 university associations, independent research insti-
19 tutes, and private foundations, has developed an al-
20 ternative indirect cost model that has—

21 (A) reduced the indirect cost rate for all
22 applicable institutions of higher education and
23 nonprofit organizations (compared to indirect
24 rates for fiscal year 2025); and

25 (B) optimized payment of legitimate and
26 essential indirect costs involved in conducting

1 Department of Defense research to ensure
2 transparency and efficiency for Department of
3 Defense-funded grants and contracts; and
4 (2) established an implementation plan with
5 adequate transition time to change budgeting and
6 accounting processes for affected institutions of
7 higher education and nonprofit organizations.

8 **SEC. 227. ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION FOR**
9 **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES,**
10 **TECHNOLOGIES, AND ADOPTION.**

11 The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
12 Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-
13 search and Engineering shall establish a working group
14 to coordinate and support international activities that fa-
15 cilitate information-sharing, enhance interoperability, ex-
16 plore joint research and development opportunities, iden-
17 tify technology licensing requirements, incorporate ad-
18 vanced manufacturing capabilities into combined trainings
19 and exercises, and set technical expertise and training
20 standards for advanced manufacturing techniques, tech-
21 nologies, and adoption. The countries involved should be
22 those with which the United States has reciprocal defense
23 procurement agreements or security of supply arrange-
24 ments.

1 **Subtitle D—Biotechnology**

2 **SEC. 231. BIOTECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT OFFICE.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL.—Not later
4 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
5 the Secretary of Defense shall designate a senior official,
6 with relevant biotechnology experience, from a position
7 within the Department of Defense that was in effect on
8 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act—

9 (1) to be the senior official for biotechnology
10 issues;

11 (2) to be the head the Biotechnology Manage-
12 ment Office established under subsection (b); and

13 (3) to carry out the responsibilities for the of-
14 fice in subsection (c).

15 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY MANAGE-
16 MENT OFFICE.—Not later than 120 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
18 shall, with input from the senior official designated under
19 subsection (a), charter and establish, under the authority,
20 direction, and control of the Deputy Secretary of Defense,
21 a Biotechnology Management Office to foster the develop-
22 ment, acquisition and sustainment of broad-based bio-
23 technology capabilities for the Department.

24 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The office established under
25 subsection (b) shall be responsible for the following:

1 (1) Maintaining and executing the Defense Bio-
2 technology Strategy required by section
3 **【BAG25949】**, including development and execution
4 of a long-term research, development, acquisition,
5 and sustainment roadmap.

6 (2) Updating policies and guidance within the
7 Department relating to the acquisition, adoption,
8 and transition of biotechnology-based products into
9 Department use.

10 (3) Coordinating with activities across the De-
11 partment, the Federal Government, industry, aca-
12 demia, and international partners relating to bio-
13 technology.

14 (4) Proposing options for streamlining the regu-
15 latory or acquisition process of the Department.

16 (5) Conducting, as may be needed, global com-
17 petition analyses, net assessment or forecasting to
18 support decisionmakers on biotechnology advances.

19 (6) Supporting the development of public-pri-
20 vate partnerships with academia, industry, and other
21 State and local government partners, including
22 through the development or fostering of regionally
23 focused innovation ecosystems.

1 (7) Identifying biotechnology workforce and
2 training gaps across the workforce of the Depart-
3 ment.

4 (8) Such other responsibilities as the Secretary
5 considers appropriate.

6 (d) SUNSET.—The office established pursuant to sub-
7 section (a) shall terminate on September 30, 2035.

8 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the des-
9 ignation of the senior official pursuant to subsection (a),
10 the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense
11 committees a briefing on the proposed scope of the charter
12 for the office to be established pursuant to subsection (b),
13 as well as implementation plans for preliminary activities
14 the office will pursue during the proceeding one-year pe-
15 riod.

16 **SEC. 232. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BIOTECHNOLOGY**
17 **STRATEGY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
19 Secretary of Defense shall, in coordination with the Under
20 Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and
21 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
22 Sustainment, submit to the Committee on Armed Services
23 of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of
24 the House of Representatives a strategy on the national
25 security implications of emerging biotechnologies, includ-

1 ing the future role that biotechnology will play in defense,
2 and means to improve industry, interagency, and inter-
3 national relationships in this sector.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required pursuant to
5 subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

6 (1) How the Department of Defense will de-
7 velop and expand a network of commercial facilities
8 for the biomanufacture of products that are critical
9 for defense needs.

10 (2) Review and update of military specifications
11 in order to better incorporate or substitute current
12 products with biotechnology-based products.

13 (3) Updated plans and policies for the Depart-
14 ment to enter into advance market commitments
15 and offtake agreements for biotechnology products
16 that have defense applications.

17 (4) A description of how the Department could
18 better incorporate military-relevant applications of
19 emerging biotechnology into wargaming exercises,
20 tabletop exercises, or other net assessment analyses.

21 (5) The benefits and costs of issuing a research
22 grand challenge, or a series of challenges, that focus
23 on making biotechnology predictably engineerable
24 and how the Department would implement such re-
25 search grand challenge, or challenges.

1 (6) Development of a biotechnology regulation
2 science and technology program within the Depart-
3 ment, including development of digital infrastructure
4 to support simplified regulation and the development
5 of biometrology tools.

6 (7) Updated plans and policies for inter-govern-
7 mental support that the Department could provide
8 in encouraging member countries of the North At-
9 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to aggregate de-
10 mand and pool purchasing power for biotechnology
11 products.

12 (8) Review of plans and guidance on how the
13 Department can work to develop, integrate, and dis-
14 seminate biotechnology research initiatives across
15 member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Or-
16 ganization, and how the Department might coordi-
17 nate with international stakeholders to utilize the
18 combined research capabilities of such member coun-
19 tries to drive a biotechnology development approach.

20 **SEC. 233. DEFINING GUIDELINES AND POLICIES ON THE**
21 **USE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR THE ARMED**
22 **FORCES.**

23 (a) GUIDELINES AND POLICIES REQUIRED.—Not
24 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
25 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall, after coordinating

1 with the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and En-
2 gineering, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
3 and Sustainment, the Under Secretary of Defense for Pol-
4 icy and external stakeholders, including representation
5 from industry and academia, develop guidelines and poli-
6 cies on the ethical and responsible development and de-
7 ployment of biotechnology within the Department of De-
8 fense and the Armed Forces.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—The guidelines and policies devel-
10 oped pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) Definitions of ethical and responsible devel-
12 opment and use of biotechnology.

13 (2) Guidelines relating to ethical and respon-
14 sible development and use of biotechnology.

15 (3) Policies relating to informed consent of
16 members of the Armed Forces participating in bio-
17 technology development.

18 (4) Policies relating to reversibility and heri-
19 table treatment of potential biotechnology applica-
20 tions.

21 (5) Policies relating to biotechnologies and their
22 potential effects on the environment.

23 (6) Policies relating to human performance en-
24 hancement.

1 (7) Policies relating to the compliance and obli-
2 gations of the Department to the United Nations Bi-
3 ological Weapons Convention, and other inter-
4 national agreements pertaining to the laws of armed
5 conflict.

6 (8) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
7 siders appropriate.

8 (c) REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—No later than one year after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
11 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
12 a report outlining the guidelines and policies devel-
13 oped pursuant to subsection (a), including the meth-
14 odologies through which the guidelines and policies
15 were developed.

16 (2) FORM.—The report submitted pursuant to
17 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
18 form, but may include a classified annex.

19 (d) BIENNIAL BRIEFINGS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act and not
22 less frequently than once every two years thereafter
23 until November 1, 2031, the Secretary shall provide
24 to the congressional defense committees a briefing
25 on the implementation of the guidelines and policies

1 developed pursuant to subsection (a), including a
2 discussion of any adjustments made to the policies
3 and such recommendations for legislative or admin-
4 istrative action as the Secretary may have to ensure
5 their successful implementation.

6 (2) FINAL BRIEFING.—The final briefing pro-
7 vided pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be provided
8 during the 60-day period ending on November 1,
9 2031.

10 **SEC. 234. ENHANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BIODEFENSE**
11 **CAPACITY.**

12 (a) CLARIFICATION OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBIL-
13 ITIES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
15 shall direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
16 Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical and Biological De-
17 fense Programs, in consultation with the Director of
18 the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, to enter into
19 memoranda of understanding with other depart-
20 ments and agencies of the Federal Government to
21 clarify the roles and responsibilities of those depart-
22 ments and agencies for building biodefense capabili-
23 ties internationally in execution of national security
24 and other policies of the Federal Government, with
25 the Secretary focused on working with defense coun-

1 terparts in countries that are allies of the United
2 States.

3 (2) ELEMENTS OF MEMORANDA OF UNDER-
4 STANDING.—The memoranda of understanding en-
5 tered into under paragraph (1) shall address how
6 each relevant department or agency selects partner
7 countries and the feasibility of coordinating efforts
8 with each such country.

9 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF BIODEFENSE CAPABILI-
10 TIES.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the As-
11 sistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence,
12 Chemical and Biological Defense programs, shall provide
13 to the Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency
14 global authority to support development of biodefense ca-
15 pabilities and capacities in countries that are allies of the
16 United States, subject to review and input on an as-needed
17 basis by leadership of the Department of Defense and the
18 relevant combatant commands.

19 **TITLE III—OPERATION AND** 20 **MAINTENANCE**

21 **Subtitle A—Authorization of** 22 **Appropriations**

23 **SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
25 fiscal year 2026 for the use of the Armed Forces and other

1 activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for
2 expenses, not otherwise provided for, for operation and
3 maintenance, as specified in the funding table in section
4 4301.

5 **Subtitle B—Energy and** 6 **Environment**

7 **SEC. 311. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GUIDELINES REGARD-** 8 **ING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL** 9 **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
12 shall rescind all existing Department of Defense directives
13 regarding the implementation of the National Environ-
14 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) (in
15 this section referred to as “NEPA”) and replace those di-
16 rectives with a new directive with uniform guidance that
17 the military departments and other agencies of the De-
18 partment of Defense must implement.

19 (b) ELEMENTS OF NEW NEPA DIRECTIVE.—The
20 new directive required under subsection (a) shall ensure
21 that all components of the Department of Defense comply
22 with the requirements under NEPA, including the up-
23 dated guidelines established under title III of division C
24 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–
25 5; 137 Stat. 38).

1 (c) DESIGNATION REQUIRED.—Not later than 90
 2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 3 retary of Defense shall designate an appropriate official
 4 of the Department of Defense responsible for imple-
 5 menting the NEPA directive established under subsection
 6 (a) and ensuring the timely execution of all reviews re-
 7 quired under NEPA without unnecessary regulatory
 8 delays.

9 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 10 tion shall be construed to amend or override any provision
 11 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
 12 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

13 **SEC. 312. REQUIREMENT TO SUPPORT TRAINING ON WILD-**
 14 **FIRE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE.**

15 Section 351 of the National Defense Authorization
 16 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 32 U.S.C.
 17 501 note) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph
 18 (1), by striking “may” and inserting “shall”.

19 **SEC. 313. USE OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS BY DE-**
 20 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

21 (a) EXPEDITIONARY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYS-
 22 TEMS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
 24 may use expeditionary solid waste disposal systems
 25 for the destruction of illicit contraband, including

1 seized counterfeit materials, unauthorized military
2 gear, and classified materials.

3 (2) AVAILABILITY OF SYSTEMS.—The expedi-
4 tionary solid waste disposal systems units deployed
5 under subsection (a) shall be—

6 (A) equipped to support operations related
7 to border security and the elimination of con-
8 traband; and

9 (B) made available to military installa-
10 tions, forward operating bases, and partner se-
11 curity forces as needed to assist in countering
12 infiltration and unauthorized use of military as-
13 sets of the United States.

14 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF OPEN-AIR BURN PITS
15 TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN MATERIAL.—The Secretary of
16 Defense may not use open-air burn pits for the disposal
17 of illicit contraband, classified military equipment, or haz-
18 ardous waste materials.

19 **SEC. 314. MODIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY AND USE OF EN-**
20 **ERGY COST SAVINGS.**

21 Section 2912 of title 10, United States Code, is
22 amended—

23 (1) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) by striking “The amount” and insert-
25 ing “(1) The amount”;

1 (B) by striking “additional operational en-
2 ergy” and all that follows through the period at
3 the end and inserting “operational energy ini-
4 tiatives.”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall design oper-
8 ational energy initiatives under paragraph (1) to advance
9 the objectives of the Department in the areas of energy
10 resilience and fuel efficiency.

11 “(3) Operational energy initiatives carried out under
12 paragraph (1) may directly contribute to enhanced mission
13 and combat capabilities, fund operational environment
14 training activities, or establish programs to incentivize de-
15 monstrable reductions in energy expenditures within the
16 department, agency, or instrumentality credited with
17 achieving the energy cost savings under subsection (a).”;

18 (2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “The Sec-
19 retary of Defense may transfer amounts described in
20 subsection (a) that remain available for obligation”
21 and inserting “Not later than 60 days after being
22 notified of amounts described in subsection (a) that
23 remain available for obligation, the Secretary of De-
24 fense shall transfer such amounts”; and

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

3 “(f) OPERATIONAL ENERGY COST SAVINGS DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘operational energy cost
5 savings’ means the monetary savings achieved through
6 measures to reduce energy expenditures relative to the
7 amount that would have been necessary to sustain an
8 equivalent level of capability in the absence of such meas-
9 ures.”.

10 **SEC. 315. AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO**
11 **DESTROY OR DISPOSE OF PERFLUOROALKYL**
12 **OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may de-
14 stroy or dispose of a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl sub-
15 stance using innovative technologies that—

16 (1) are cost effective; and

17 (2) are permitted or approved by a Federal or
18 State agency that regulates the destruction or dis-
19 posal of such a substance.

20 (b) UPDATE OF GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall up-
21 date the PFAS Destruction and Disposal Guidance of the
22 Department of Defense, or any successor similar guidance,
23 to reflect the requirements under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 316. MODIFICATION TO RESTRICTION ON PROCURE-**
2 **MENT OR PURCHASING OF PERSONAL PRO-**
3 **TECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS**
4 **CONTAINING PERFLUOROALKYL SUB-**
5 **STANCES OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUB-**
6 **STANCES.**

7 Section 345 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
8 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
9 263; 10 U.S.C. 3201 note prec.) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “if such equip-
11 ment contains an intentionally added perfluoroalkyl
12 substance or polyfluoroalkyl substance” and insert-
13 ing “unless such equipment meets the specifications
14 set forth in Standard 1970 of the National Fire Pro-
15 tection Association”; and

16 (2) in subsection (d)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “does not
18 contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl sub-
19 stances or polyfluoroalkyl substances” and in-
20 serting “meets the specifications set forth in
21 Standard 1970 of the National Fire Protection
22 Association”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “does not
24 contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl sub-
25 stances or polyfluoroalkyl substances” and in-
26 serting “meets the specifications set forth in

1 Standard 1970 of the National Fire Protection
2 Association”.

3 **SEC. 317. PROVISION OF BOTTLED WATER TO COMMU-**
4 **NITIES WITH PRIVATE DRINKING WATER**
5 **CONTAMINATED WITH PERFLUOROALKYL**
6 **AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES FROM**
7 **ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), on and
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 of Defense shall provide bottled water to communities with
11 private drinking water wells where contamination from
12 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances resulting
13 from activities of the Department of Defense has, at one
14 point in time, exceeded the maximum contaminant level
15 for such substances established by the Environmental Pro-
16 tection Agency if the Secretary, as of the day before the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, provided bottled water
18 to the community because of such contamination.

19 (b) TERMINATION OF REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
20 retary is not required to provide bottled water to a com-
21 munity under subsection (a) if all impacted households in
22 the community are connected to a municipal drinking
23 water distribution system or the Secretary has successfully
24 remediated the contamination from perfluoroalkyl and

1 polyfluoroalkyl substances to meet or exceed both Federal
2 and state drinking water standards for such substances.

3 **SEC. 318. REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT BY**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF CERTAIN**
5 **ITEMS CONTAINING PERFLUOROOCTANE**
6 **SULFONATE OR PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID.**

7 Section 333 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-
8 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
9 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 3062 note) is repealed.

10 **SEC. 319. REPEAL OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON INCIN-**
11 **ERATION BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF**
12 **PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES,**
13 **POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES, AND**
14 **AQUEOUS FILM FORMING FOAM.**

15 Section 343 of the National Defense Authorization
16 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C.
17 2701 note) is repealed.

18 **SEC. 320. INTERIM RESPONSES TO ADDRESS RELEASES OR**
19 **THREATENED RELEASES OF**
20 **PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**
21 **SUBSTANCES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, con-
23 sistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response,
24 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601
25 et seq.), shall take actions specified in subsection (b) to

1 address any release or threatened release of perfluoroalkyl
2 and polyfluoroalkyl substances at a covered facility.

3 (b) ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN.—

4 (1) CONDUCT OF PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT
5 AND SITE INSPECTION.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—If a preliminary assess-
7 ment or site investigation for perfluoroalkyl and
8 polyfluoroalkyl substances has not been con-
9 ducted at a covered facility, the Secretary shall
10 conduct expeditiously such assessment or inves-
11 tigation, as the case may be, to determine
12 whether there has been a release or there is a
13 threatened release of perfluoroalkyl or
14 polyfluoroalkyl substances at the facility.

15 (B) PRESUMED RELEASE.—Each covered
16 facility that has or has had a fire training pit
17 or similar facility shall be presumed, for pur-
18 poses of subparagraph (A), to have had a re-
19 lease of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl sub-
20 stances.

21 (2) CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM RESPONSE AC-
22 TIONS.—

23 (A) DETERMINATION OF POTENTIAL IN-
24 TERIM RESPONSE ACTIONS.—A preliminary as-
25 sessment or site investigation under paragraph

1 (1)(A) shall include, along with any other mat-
2 ters required pursuant to the Comprehensive
3 Environmental Response, Compensation, and
4 Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.),
5 a description and analysis of potential interim
6 response actions that can be taken to reduce
7 immediate public exposure to the release of
8 perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, in-
9 cluding preventing an imminent and substantial
10 endangerment.

11 (B) ACTIONS INCLUDED.—Interim re-
12 sponse actions to be considered under subpara-
13 graph (A) shall include the following:

14 (i) Provision of bottled water.

15 (ii) Connection to public water sys-
16 tems for members of the public using pri-
17 vate wells.

18 (iii) Provision of filtration systems for
19 public water systems.

20 (iv) Provision of filtration systems for
21 private residences.

22 (3) REVIEW.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
24 make the preliminary assessment or site inves-
25 tigation conducted under paragraph (1)(A) with

1 respect to a covered facility available for review
2 to the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
3 tection Agency, the relevant State environ-
4 mental regulatory agencies, any Indian tribal
5 government whose tribal lands may be affected
6 by the release or threatened release of
7 perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances,
8 and members of the public.

9 (B) REVIEW PERIOD.—The period for re-
10 view under subparagraph (A) shall be not less
11 than 60 days and shall be extended if the Ad-
12 ministrator requests additional review time.

13 (4) EXPEDITED IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-
14 retary of Defense shall expedite the implementation
15 of any interim response actions selected by the Sec-
16 retary for implementation pursuant to the consider-
17 ation conducted under paragraph (2) and the review
18 under paragraph (3), with special priority provided
19 to covered facilities located within a sole or principal
20 drinking water source as designated by the Adminis-
21 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency
22 under section 1424(e) of the Safe Drinking Water
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 300h–3(e)).

24 (c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

1 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 270 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 Senate and the House of Rep-
5 resentatives a report containing an identification of
6 the following:

7 (A) Which covered facilities have had a
8 preliminary assessment or site investigation
9 completed pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A).

10 (B) Which covered facilities have had a
11 preliminary assessment or site investigation ini-
12 tiated pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A) but not
13 completed by the time the report is due to be
14 submitted, and when such assessment or inves-
15 tigation is projected to be completed.

16 (C) Which covered facilities have not had
17 a preliminary assessment or site investigation
18 initiated pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A) but
19 are required to have one pursuant to such sub-
20 section.

21 (D) Which covered facilities are not re-
22 quired to have a preliminary assessment or site
23 investigation conducted pursuant to subsection
24 (b)(1)(A).

1 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
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 Senate and the House of Rep-
5 resentatives a report on—

6 (A) which covered facilities have had in-
7 terim response actions selected for implementa-
8 tion under subsection (b);

9 (B) what those interim response actions
10 are;

11 (C) the projected initiation dates for those
12 interim response actions;

13 (D) the projected completion dates for
14 those interim response actions; and

15 (E) an explanation as to why any interim
16 response action considered in the preliminary
17 assessment or site investigation conducted pur-
18 suant to subsection (b)(1)(A) was not adopted.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) COVERED FACILITY.—The term “covered
21 facility” means a facility subject to section 2701(c)
22 of title 10, United States Code.

23 (2) RELEASE; RESPONSE.—The terms “release”
24 and “response” have the meanings given those terms
25 in section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
(42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

Subtitle C—Logistics and Sustainment

SEC. 321. SURFACE SHIP SUSTAINMENT AND READINESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with this section, the Secretary of the Navy shall implement processes to improve the materiel condition and combat readiness of Navy surface ships maintained and repaired at private shipyards by ensuring a stable and responsive industrial base capable of meeting operational and combat surge demands.

(b) REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORITIES.—

(1) TYPE COMMANDER LEADERSHIP.—

(A) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of the Navy shall designate type commanders as the primary authorities for surface ship maintenance.

(B) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Type commanders designated under subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) lead the sustainment of surface ships;

(ii) oversee all maintenance and repair activities at private shipyards; and

1 (iii) be responsible for setting prior-
2 ities, approving contracts, and ensuring
3 fleet readiness.

4 (C) REGIONAL MAINTENANCE CENTERS.—
5 The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that re-
6 gional maintenance centers act in a supporting
7 role under the direction of type commanders.

8 (2) DECISION-MAKING BY KEY PERSONNEL.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—For each ship under-
10 going maintenance at a private shipyard, the
11 project manager, the port engineer, and the
12 ship commanding officer—

13 (i) may jointly decide what work is
14 done during the maintenance period, in-
15 cluding the ability to adjust priorities with-
16 in agreed budgets and schedules; and

17 (ii) shall report directly to the type
18 commander concerned.

19 (B) CONTRACTING OFFICERS.—Con-
20 tracting officers shall support the decisions de-
21 scribed in subparagraph (A)(i) by managing
22 funds and contracts.

23 (3) STABLE WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUC-
24 TURE.—The Secretary of the Navy shall provide a
25 stable, predictable workload to private shipyards and

1 other critical suppliers through a multi-year, multi-
2 ship contract by ship class—

3 (A) to allow the shipyard and other critical
4 suppliers to maintain a stable workforce;

5 (B) to promote investment in the necessary
6 facilities; and

7 (C) to prevent layoffs and rehiring cycles
8 that reduce efficiency.

9 (4) SHIP-SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS.—The Sec-
10 retary of the Navy shall ensure that specific ship-
11 yards shall have multi-year contracts for specified
12 ships for repeated maintenance work to improve
13 knowledge of ship condition and accelerate repairs,
14 with excusable deviations such as homeport changes.

15 (5) COLLABORATIVE PLANNING.—The Sec-
16 retary of the Navy shall ensure that shipyards, alter-
17 ations installation teams (when assigned), and Navy
18 teams, including project managers and port engi-
19 neers, work together in continuous maintenance ac-
20 tivities to plan maintenance and ensure realistic
21 schedules and priorities.

22 (6) ROLES FOR LARGE AND SMALL SHIP-
23 YARDS.—The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure
24 that—

1 (A) criteria for multi-year awards place
2 heavy emphasis on strong teaming between
3 large and small shipyard businesses;

4 (B) large and small shipyards establish
5 multi-year teaming relationships and work in
6 both the planning and execution phases of
7 scheduled availabilities and emergency repairs;
8 and

9 (C) small shipyards have guaranteed work
10 percentages and planning responsibilities.

11 (7) PARTS AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary of
12 the Navy shall establish rotatable pools and procure
13 spare parts ahead of time to create a pool of parts
14 that can be quickly used for repairs.

15 (8) TRAINING.—The Secretary of the Navy
16 shall train program managers and port engineers for
17 specific ship classes prior to assigning such individ-
18 uals to complex maintenance availabilities.

19 (9) FUNDING FOR WORKFORCE AND FACILI-
20 TIES.—The Secretary of the Navy may allocate
21 funds annually to private shipyards to sustain a
22 minimum workforce and maintain repair facilities, in
23 such amounts and under such conditions as the Sec-
24 retary determines appropriate.

1 (10) SMALL BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS.—The
2 Secretary of the Navy shall issue guidance to ad-
3 dress set-aside requirements for small businesses
4 that enables the roles for large and small shipyards
5 described in paragraph (6).

6 (c) IMPLEMENTATION FLEXIBILITY.—In carrying
7 out this section, the Secretary of the Navy may—

8 (1) determine specific methods, contract types,
9 funding levels, and operational details consistent
10 with the requirements and authorities under this
11 section; and

12 (2) adapt existing processes or develop new ap-
13 proaches to carry out such requirements and au-
14 thorities.

15 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense com-
18 mittees a report detailing the following:

19 (1) How the Navy will implement the require-
20 ments of this section, including with respect to the
21 roles of type commanders, regional maintenance cen-
22 ters, project managers, port engineers, ship com-
23 manding officers, and contracting officers.

1 (2) The planned funding approach for work-
2 force stability, shipyard assignments, and spare
3 parts procurement.

4 (3) A timeline for initial implementation, in-
5 cluding any pilot programs, and full deployment
6 across all regional maintenance centers.

7 (4) Metrics to measure success, such as on-time
8 completion of maintenance, cost control, and readi-
9 ness improvements.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) PORT ENGINEER.—The term “port engi-
12 neer” means the technical expert on a ship’s condi-
13 tion who advises on repairs and standards.

14 (2) PROJECT MANAGER.—The term “project
15 manager” means the individual responsible for over-
16 seeing a ship’s maintenance period.

17 (3) REGIONAL MAINTENANCE CENTER.—The
18 term “regional maintenance center” means an orga-
19 nization of the Navy that supports ship maintenance
20 in a specific region, such as in Norfolk, Virginia,
21 San Diego, California, Mayport, Florida, Everett,
22 Washington, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

23 (4) SHIP COMMANDING OFFICER.—The term
24 “ship commanding officer” means the commanding

1 officer of a Navy surface ship undergoing mainte-
2 nance.

3 (5) TYPE COMMANDER.—The term “type com-
4 mander” means the flag officer in charge of a sur-
5 face force, such as Commander, Naval Surface
6 Force Atlantic, and Commander, Naval Surface
7 Force, Pacific Fleet.

8 (f) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on Janu-
9 ary 1, 2031.

10 **SEC. 322. TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT FOR SURFACE**
11 **SHIP MAINTENANCE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy shall
13 investigate, and, as feasible, qualify, approve, integrate,
14 and fully adopt into contract requirements advanced tech-
15 nologies and processes for Navy surface ship maintenance
16 on an expedited timeline to enhance readiness, reduce
17 costs, and address delays in maintenance and repair activi-
18 ties.

19 (b) SPECIFIED ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES AND
20 PROCESSES.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Sec-
21 retary of the Navy shall prioritize qualification of the fol-
22 lowing:

23 (1) Automated weld inspection for robotic weld
24 defect detection.

- 1 (2) Real-time sustainment monitoring for sen-
2 sor-based health tracking.
- 3 (3) Advanced blast and painting for automated
4 hull coating systems.
- 5 (4) Press connect fittings for no-hot-work pipe
6 repairs.
- 7 (5) Robotic tank inspection for confined space
8 condition assessments.
- 9 (6) Additive manufacturing for on-demand 3D-
10 printed parts.
- 11 (7) Augmented reality support for augmented
12 reality-guided repairs.
- 13 (8) Cold spray repair for metal surface restora-
14 tion.
- 15 (9) Predictive maintenance algorithms for arti-
16 ficial intelligence-driven failure prediction.
- 17 (10) Automated nondestructive testing for
18 robotic material evaluation.
- 19 (11) Autonomous underwater vehicles for hull
20 inspection submersibles.
- 21 (12) Digital twin technology for virtual ship
22 modeling.
- 23 (13) High-pressure waterjet cleaning for rust
24 and paint removal.

1 (14) Modular maintenance platforms for stand-
2 ardized repair setups.

3 (15) Smart coatings for self-healing, anti-foul-
4 ing surfaces.

5 (16) Laser ablation for laser-based surface
6 preparation.

7 (17) Drone-based inspection for uncrewed
8 structural surveys.

9 (18) Electrochemical corrosion mitigation for
10 corrosion prevention systems.

11 (19) Smart pigging for internal pipe
12 diagnostics.

13 (20) Modular overhaul kits for pre-packaged re-
14 pair solutions.

15 (21) Plasma coating for durable surface protec-
16 tion.

17 (22) High-velocity oxygen fuel coating for high-
18 velocity wear protection.

19 (23) Portable diagnostics for handheld trouble-
20 shooting tools.

21 (c) OPEN QUALIFICATION PROCESS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy
23 shall establish a process for private entities to sub-
24 mit proposals for advanced technologies or processes
25 not specified in subsection (b).

1 (2) EVALUATION.—The Secretary of the Navy
2 shall evaluate any proposal submitted pursuant to
3 the process established under paragraph (1) not
4 later than 90 days after the date of such submission.

5 (3) PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS.—A proposal
6 submitted pursuant to the process established under
7 paragraph (1) shall demonstrate potential to im-
8 prove maintenance efficiency, safety, or cost-effec-
9 tiveness.

10 (4) QUALIFICATION DECISION.—The Secretary
11 of the Navy shall make a qualification decision with
12 respect to a proposal submitted pursuant to the
13 process established under paragraph (1) based on
14 technical merit and the need of the Navy.

15 (d) THIRD-PARTY REVIEW.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—For any advanced tech-
17 nology or process included in a proposal submitted
18 pursuant to the process established under subsection
19 (c) and not selected for qualification or approval, the
20 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
21 Sustainment shall enter into a contract with an
22 independent third-party reviewer to assess the deci-
23 sion.

24 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—A contract entered
25 into under paragraph (1) shall require the inde-

1 pendent third-party reviewer to, not later than 90
2 days after the date of the decision concerned, submit
3 to Congress an unaltered report that—

4 (A) evaluates the rationale of the Sec-
5 retary;

6 (B) states agreement or disagreement with
7 the decision and rationale; and

8 (C) includes recommendations if applica-
9 ble.

10 (e) PRIORITY.—The Secretary of the Navy may
11 prioritize advanced technologies and processes under this
12 section based on operational needs, budget constraints,
13 and compatibility with existing systems, if the Secretary
14 includes justifications for such prioritization in the report
15 required by subsection (g).

16 (f) UPDATES.—The Secretary of the Navy shall up-
17 date policies, specifications, guidance, and contracts to in-
18 tegrate and fully adopt advanced technologies and proc-
19 esses as required by subsection (a).

20 (g) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
22 of the Navy shall submit to Congress a report detailing
23 timelines to qualify and approve each advanced technology
24 or process specified in subsection (b) and any additional
25 advanced technologies or processes identified pursuant to

1 the process established under subsection (c), including es-
 2 timated implementation dates or justifications for non-
 3 pursuit.

4 **SEC. 323. DELEGATION TO UNITED STATES TRANSPOR-**
 5 **TATION COMMAND OF MITIGATING**
 6 **VULNERABILITIES AND RISKS ASSOCIATED**
 7 **WITH CONTESTED LOGISTICS FOR DEPART-**
 8 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date rec-
 10 ommended under subsection (c)(2)(B)(v), the United
 11 States Transportation Command shall be responsible
 12 for—

13 (1) mitigating vulnerabilities and risks associ-
 14 ated with contested logistics for the Department of
 15 Defense on a global basis; and

16 (2) planning and operations of the Joint De-
 17 ployment and Distribution Enterprise (in this sec-
 18 tion referred to as the “JDDE”) relating to con-
 19 tested logistics across all domains, including the
 20 movement of forces and material from the source of
 21 supply to the designated point of need of the com-
 22 mander of the combatant command receiving sup-
 23 port.

24 (b) REQUIRED COORDINATION.—In carrying out the
 25 responsibilities under subsection (a), the Commander of

1 the United States Transportation Command shall coordi-
2 nate with the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the
3 Joint Chiefs of Staff, the secretaries of the military de-
4 partments, the commanders of the combatant commands,
5 the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, the Director
6 of National Intelligence, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
7 rity, and the Secretary of Transportation.

8 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
11 Commander of the United States Transportation
12 Command, in coordination with the Secretary of De-
13 fense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the
14 Secretary of each military department, the com-
15 manders of the combatant commands, the Director
16 of the Defense Logistics Agency, the Director of Na-
17 tional Intelligence, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
18 rity, and the Secretary of Transportation shall sub-
19 mit to the congressional defense committees a report
20 that provides an in-depth gap assessment on the
21 ability of the JDDE to project, maneuver, and sus-
22 tain the joint force in contested environments and
23 provide recommendations to resolve or mitigate
24 those gaps.

1 (2) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—The report re-
2 quired under paragraph (1) shall—

3 (A) be oriented on—

4 (i) mitigating risks;

5 (ii) improving the ability of the JDDE
6 to operate in contested environments; and

7 (iii) establishing the Commander of
8 United States Transportation Command to
9 be the element responsible for global con-
10 tested logistics; and

11 (B) include—

12 (i) a description of the organizational
13 responsibilities of elements of the JDDE
14 as of the date of the report and the ability
15 of the JDDE to project, maneuver, and
16 sustain the joint force;

17 (ii) a description of the intent and ca-
18 pability of adversaries to the United States
19 to disrupt the ability of the JDDE to
20 project, maneuver, and sustain the joint
21 force;

22 (iii) a description of the responsibil-
23 ities to protect the operations of the
24 JDDE, to include physical protection and

1 protection of command and control systems
2 of the JDDE from cyber threats;

3 (iv) recommendations for changes in
4 statutes, authorities, resources, responsibil-
5 ities, and processes within the JDDE to
6 establish the Commander of United States
7 Transportation Command to be the ele-
8 ment responsible for global contested logis-
9 tics; and

10 (v) a recommended date, not later
11 than one year after the date on which the
12 report is submitted to the congressional de-
13 fense committees, for the United States
14 Transportation Command to assume re-
15 sponsibility for contested logistics from the
16 source of supply to the designated point of
17 need of the commander of the combatant
18 command receiving support.

19 (3) FORM.—The report required under para-
20 graph (1) may be submitted in classified form, but
21 if so, shall include an unclassified executive sum-
22 mary.

23 (d) BRIEFINGS.—

24 (1) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than 180
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Commander of the United States Transportation
2 Command shall provide to the congressional defense
3 committees an interim briefing on the development
4 of the report required under subsection (c).

5 (2) FINAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 Commander of the United States Transportation
8 Command shall provide to the congressional defense
9 committees a final briefing on the report required
10 under subsection (c).

11 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except to the extent
12 that, before January 1, 2026, a responsibility specified in
13 subsection (a) was a specific function of one of agencies
14 or components specified in subsection (b), nothing under
15 this section shall be construed as—

16 (1) limiting any other function of those agencies
17 or components; or

18 (2) requiring the transfer of any function, per-
19 sonnel, or asset from those agencies or components
20 to the United States Transportation Command.

21 (f) CONTESTED LOGISTICS DEFINED.—In this sec-
22 tion, the term “contested logistics” means logistics that
23 occur under conditions in which an adversary or compet-
24 itor deliberately seeks or has sought to deny, disrupt, de-

1 stroy, or defeat friendly force logistics operations, facili-
2 ties, and activities across any of the multiple domains.

3 **SEC. 324. REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

4 **AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS NEAR COMMERCIAL**
5 **AIRPORTS.**

6 (a) RISK MITIGATION.—The Secretary of Defense
7 shall require all aircraft of the Department of Defense
8 that operate near commercial airports to be equipped with
9 position broadcast technology and shall direct the develop-
10 ment of standard operating procedures that maximize the
11 use of such technology.

12 (b) COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL AVIATION AD-
13 MINISTRATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop
14 a program for sharing aviation safety data for aircraft of
15 the Department of Defense, to include near misses and
16 mishaps, with the Federal Aviation Administration.

17 (c) REPORTS ON NEAR MISSES.—

18 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed
21 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
22 tives a report on the number of near misses that air-
23 craft of the Department have had with commercial
24 aircraft during the 10-year period preceding such
25 date of enactment.

1 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
3 nually thereafter through 2030, the Secretary shall
4 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
5 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on
6 the number of near misses that aircraft of the De-
7 partment have had with commercial aircraft during
8 the previous fiscal year.

9 (3) ELEMENTS.—Each report under this sub-
10 section shall include, with respect to each near miss
11 covered under the report, the following:

12 (A) The date, time, and location of the
13 near miss.

14 (B) A description of all aircraft involved in
15 the near miss.

16 (C) Any changes to protocols, standard op-
17 erating procedures, or policy, as appropriate,
18 that were made based on the near miss.

19 (4) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report under this
20 subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form,
21 but may include a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 325. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF SEMIANNUAL**
2 **BRIEFINGS ON OPERATIONAL STATUS OF AM-**
3 **PHIBIOUS WARSHIP FLEET.**

4 Section 352 of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
6 229) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “September
8 30, 2026” and inserting “September 30, 2028”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(6) Details regarding the maintenance and
12 service life extension plan for the amphibious war-
13 ship that retains an operationally available amphib-
14 ious warship until the end of the Obligation and
15 Work Limiting Date for the construction contract
16 for a replacement amphibious warship, as necessary
17 to meet the requirements under section 8062 of title
18 10, United States Code.”.

19 **SEC. 326. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OF ARMY ORGANIC**
20 **INDUSTRIAL BASE SITES.**

21 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
22 not take any action to close, mothball, divest, deactivate,
23 or otherwise render inoperable any facility that is part of
24 the organic industrial base of the Army, including any
25 depot, arsenal, ammunition plant, manufacturing center,

1 or facility of a center of industrial and technical excellence,
2 unless—

3 (1) a similar or replacement facility has already
4 been created; and

5 (2) the action is authorized—

6 (A) in accordance with the provisions of
7 this section; or

8 (B) pursuant to an Act of Congress.

9 (b) SCOPE.—The prohibition in subsection (a) applies
10 to all facilities operated or maintained as part of the or-
11 ganic industrial base of the Army, whether Government-
12 owned and Government-operated or Government-owned
13 and contractor-operated.

14 (c) EXCEPTION FOR SAFETY.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
16 may suspend operations or limit access to a facility
17 covered by this section if such action is necessary to
18 address an imminent threat to the health and safety
19 of personnel or to mitigate substantial environmental
20 hazards.

21 (2) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
22 fense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
23 mittees a report that describes any action taken
24 under paragraph (1) not later than 15 days after

1 the date on which such suspension of operations or
2 limitation of access is initiated.

3 (d) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
5 may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) if the
6 Secretary determines that such a waiver is necessary
7 to address a critical national security interest of the
8 United States.

9 (2) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Not later than
10 30 days prior to exercising the waiver under para-
11 graph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
12 sional defense committees—

13 (A) a written notification of the intent to
14 waive the prohibition;

15 (B) a detailed justification for the waiver,
16 including an assessment of the national security
17 interest at stake;

18 (C) an evaluation of potential impacts to
19 the readiness, industrial base capacity, and
20 surge requirements of the Army; and

21 (D) a description of any mitigation meas-
22 ures to be implemented.

23 (e) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-

1 nually thereafter for five years, the Secretary of the
2 Army shall submit to the congressional defense com-
3 mittees a report on the status of all facilities in the
4 organic industrial base of the Army.

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
6 graph (a) shall include—

7 (A) a list of all facilities in the organic in-
8 dustrial base of the Army and the operational
9 status of each facility;

10 (B) any planned changes in mission, work-
11 load, or operating status of each facility;

12 (C) any planned investments or divest-
13 ments that may affect the capability or capacity
14 of any such facility; and

15 (D) a description of any action by the Sec-
16 retary of Defense taken pursuant to subsection
17 (c) or (d) during the one-year period preceding
18 submission of the report.

19 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) MOTHBALL.—The term “mothball” means
21 placing a facility in inactive status while maintaining
22 it in a condition such that it could be reactivated at
23 some future time.

24 (2) ORGANIC INDUSTRIAL BASE OF THE
25 ARMY.— The term “organic industrial base of the

1 Army” means the network of Government-owned fa-
 2 cilities that provide manufacturing, maintenance,
 3 storage, and readiness support for Army materiel
 4 and munitions, including the facilities listed in the
 5 Army Organic Industrial Base Modernization Imple-
 6 mentation Plan, dated April 12, 2022.

7 **SEC. 327. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONAL PROP-**
 8 **ERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICE UNDER OFFICE**
 9 **OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**
 10 **FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
 12 date of the enactment of this Act—

13 (1) the Defense Personal Property Management
 14 Office of the Department of Defense shall be estab-
 15 lished within the Office of the Under Secretary of
 16 Defense for Personnel and Readiness; and

17 (2) the Office of the Under Secretary of De-
 18 fense for Personnel and Readiness shall assume re-
 19 sponsibility for all functions, personnel, and other
 20 matters of the Defense Personal Property Manage-
 21 ment Office.

22 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days after the
 23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
 24 shall prescribe regulations to implement subsection (a).

1 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of De-
3 fense for Personnel and Readiness shall brief the Commit-
4 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of
5 Representatives on the plan and timeline for the imple-
6 mentation of subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 328. INTEGRATION OF COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE**
8 **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES**
9 **INTO LOGISTICS OPERATIONS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall fa-
11 cilitate the integration of currently available and suitable
12 commercial artificial intelligence capabilities specifically
13 designed to assist with logistics tracking, planning, oper-
14 ations, and analytics into two relevant and suitable exer-
15 cises of the Department of Defense to be conducted during
16 fiscal year 2026.

17 (b) COMMERCIAL PRODUCT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
19 coordination with the commander of the combatant
20 command or commands overseeing the exercise se-
21 lected under subsection (a), shall identify for such
22 exercise a commercially available artificial intel-
23 ligence product that is specifically designed to ad-
24 dress logistics needs of the Department of Defense

1 and meets the critical data security protocols out-
2 lined in subsection (c).

3 (2) CAPABILITY OF PARTNER.—In selecting a
4 commercial product under paragraph (1), the Sec-
5 retary of Defense and the commander of the com-
6 batant command or commands concerned shall—

7 (A) ensure that the commercial product ac-
8 quired for such demonstration includes provi-
9 sion of capability to respond to potential soft-
10 ware changes in an agile and rapid manner to
11 ensure seamless integration and adaptability
12 during the exercise; and

13 (B) prioritize the consideration of a prod-
14 uct provided by a small or nontraditional soft-
15 ware focused firm.

16 (c) DATA SECURITY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
17 ensure that all necessary approvals are expedited to facili-
18 tate the secure use of data of the Department of Defense
19 by commercial artificial intelligence providers during the
20 exercises selected under subsection (a), including—

21 (1) compliance with applicable cybersecurity
22 policies and regulations of the Department; and

23 (2) verification of measures to protect classified
24 and sensitive information.

1 (d) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1,
2 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall provide an interim
3 briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
4 ate and the House of Representatives that includes—

5 (1) identification of the specific exercises se-
6 lected for demonstration, including the combatant
7 commanders participating in this demonstration and
8 identification of a point of contact within the com-
9 batant command responsible;

10 (2) identification of the specific commercial ar-
11 tificial intelligence tool or tools to be demonstrated,
12 including the contractual mean or other agreement
13 used to facilitate the use of the commercial artificial
14 intelligence tool;

15 (3) notional timelines and resource needs for
16 each demonstration; and

17 (4) metrics to be used to assess the efficacy of
18 such tools used in each demonstration.

19 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the con-
20 clusion of the exercises selected under subsection (a), the
21 commander of the combatant command overseeing the ex-
22 ercise shall provide the congressional defense committees
23 a briefing that includes the following:

1 (1) An overview of the integration and use of
2 commercial artificial intelligence capabilities during
3 the exercise.

4 (2) An assessment of the impact of such tech-
5 nologies on unit readiness and operational success.

6 (3) Recommendations for further integration or
7 development of artificial intelligence capabilities in
8 future exercises and operations of the Department of
9 Defense.

10 **SEC. 329. PILOT PROGRAM ON ARSENAL WORKLOAD**
11 **SUSTAINMENT.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Not
13 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
14 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pilot pro-
15 gram to be known as the “Arsenal Workload Sustainment
16 Pilot Program” (in this section referred to as the “pilot
17 program”).

18 (b) DURATION.—The pilot program shall be con-
19 ducted for a period of five years.

20 (c) PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENT ACTIONS OR
21 SOLICITATIONS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot
23 program, the Secretary of Defense shall give a pref-
24 erence to any procurement action or solicitation by
25 a non-public partner who will enter into a public-pri-

1 vate partnership with the Secretary in the source se-
2 lection process if such non-public partner will use an
3 arsenal of the Department of the Army that is
4 owned and operated by the United States Govern-
5 ment as a partner in any type of contractual agree-
6 ment with the United States Government.

7 (2) FURTHER PREFERENCE.—In selecting non-
8 public partners under paragraph (1), the Secretary
9 of Defense shall give a preference to non-public part-
10 ners that ensure an equitable workshare is per-
11 formed under the partnership by employees of the
12 Department of Defense to protect critical skills in
13 the organic industrial base.

14 (d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
16 shall prescribe regulations governing how a non-public
17 partner shall be given a preference required under sub-
18 section (c).

19 (e) REPORT REQUIRED.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate
23 congressional committees a report on the activities
24 carried out under the pilot program, including a de-
25 scription of any operational challenges identified.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
2 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) A breakout, by relevant budget ac-
4 counts, of workload at an arsenal of the De-
5 partment of the Army that is owned and oper-
6 ated by the United States Government that was
7 achieved in the prior fiscal year, whether di-
8 rectly or through public-private partnerships
9 under the pilot program.

10 (B) An assessment of relevant budget ac-
11 counts where such an arsenal can be utilized to
12 meet future procurement needs of the Depart-
13 ment of Defense, irrespective of cost.

14 (C) An outlook of expected workload at
15 each such arsenal during the period covered by
16 the future-years defense program submitted to
17 Congress under section 221 of title 10, United
18 States Code.

19 (D) The capital investments required to be
20 made at each such arsenal to ensure compliance
21 and operational capacity.

22 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
24 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
 2 the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee
 3 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
 5 the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee
 6 on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
 7 tives.

8 (2) NON-PUBLIC PARTNER.—The term “non-
 9 public partner” means a corporation, individual, uni-
 10 versity, or nonprofit organization that is not part of
 11 the United States Government.

12 **Subtitle D—Reports**

13 **SEC. 331. MODIFICATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVED OVER-** 14 **SIGHT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SHIPYARD** 15 **INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM** 16 **OF THE NAVY.**

17 Section 355(c)(2)(A) of the National Defense Au-
 18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–
 19 81; 10 U.S.C. 8013 note) is amended by inserting before
 20 the semicolon the following: “, and the incorporation of
 21 digital infrastructure (including hardware, software, and
 22 cloud storage) and platforms into such program”.

1 **SEC. 332. MODIFICATION OF READINESS REPORT TO IN-**
2 **CLUDE SUMMARY COUNT OF CERTAIN MIS-**
3 **HAPS.**

4 Section 482(b)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “Class A, Class B, and Class C mis-
6 haps” and inserting “Class A and Class B mishaps, and
7 a summary count of all Class C mishaps,”.

8 **SEC. 333. ANNUAL REPORT ON FUNDING AND STATUS OF**
9 **INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTIONS OF DEPART-**
10 **MENT OF DEFENSE RELATING TO**
11 **PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**
12 **SUBSTANCES.**

13 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 160 of title 10,
15 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
16 end the following new section:

17 **“§ 2717. Annual report on perfluoroalkyl and**
18 **polyfluoroalkyl substances**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
20 date of the enactment of this section, and annually there-
21 after, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-
22 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
23 of Representatives a report on the funding and status of
24 interim remedial actions of the Department of Defense re-
25 lating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (in
26 this section referred to as ‘PFAS’).

1 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by sub-
2 section (a) shall include information regarding the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(1) The total amounts budgeted and obligated,
5 for the current fiscal year and for any prior fiscal
6 year, per site at each installation of the Department
7 of Defense, for interim remedial actions of the De-
8 partment relating to PFAS.

9 “(2) In the case of each report after the initial
10 report, the total amounts budgeted, obligated, and
11 expended, per site at each installation, on such ac-
12 tions since the previous report.

13 “(3) The general and operating status of in-
14 terim remedial actions related to PFAS per site at
15 each installation, including—

16 “(A) a list of all announced or selected in-
17 terim remedial actions, and for each such ac-
18 tion, the function and role of the action with re-
19 spect to addressing PFAS at the installation;

20 “(B) for each action listed, a phase-specific
21 status update, including whether—

22 “(i) the design is pending, in
23 progress, or completed;

24 “(ii) contracting is pending, in solici-
25 tation, awarded, or delayed;

1 “(iii) construction or execution has
 2 begun, is in progress, is completed, or is
 3 delayed;

4 “(iv) the action is currently operating,
 5 including an assessment of the duration of
 6 such action and any performance metrics
 7 available;

8 “(C) identification of actions that are one-
 9 time in nature (such as soil removal and dis-
 10 posal), and the status of each action;

11 “(D) timelines for completion of each
 12 phase, including original projected timelines
 13 and any updates;

14 “(E) for any phase delayed by more than
 15 one year beyond the original projection, a site-
 16 specific explanation for the delay; and

17 “(F) identification of any administrative,
 18 regulatory, funding, or other barriers contrib-
 19 uting to delays or budgetary effects, along with
 20 the plan of the Secretary to address each such
 21 barrier.”.

22 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 23 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
 24 by inserting after the item relating to section 2716
 25 the following:

“2717. Annual report on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.”.

1 (b) REQUIRED REMEDIATION ACCELERATION
2 STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall
4 submit to the congressional defense committees a
5 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances remediation
6 acceleration strategy, which shall include—

7 (1) criteria for prioritizing military installations
8 based on risk to human health, environmental im-
9 pact, and proximity to affected communities;

10 (2) timelines for completing each phase of the
11 cleanup process under the Comprehensive Environ-
12 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
13 of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);

14 (3) a plan for deploying additional resources,
15 technologies, or personnel to reduce delays, including
16 an identification of—

17 (A) the number of laboratories that are ac-
18 credited by the Environmental Laboratory Ac-
19 creditation Program of the Department of De-
20 fense to test for PFAS; and

21 (B) the number of laboratories that are in
22 the process of being so accredited; and

23 (4) benchmarks for evaluating performance of
24 each military department or defense agency on re-

1 sponse efforts relating to perfluoroalkyl and
2 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

3 (c) PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY.—

4 (1) DASHBOARD.—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of Defense shall make publicly available an
7 accessible online dashboard that includes the actions
8 of the Department of Defense relating to
9 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The dashboard required
11 under paragraph (1) shall include a summary of—

12 (A) site-by-site funding levels and expendi-
13 tures at each installation of the Department;

14 (B) the status of remediation and inves-
15 tigation efforts;

16 (C) projected and actual completion
17 timelines; and

18 (D) points of contact for community en-
19 gagement.

20 (3) UPDATE.—The Secretary shall update the
21 dashboard required under paragraph (1) not less
22 frequently than semiannually.

Subtitle E—Other Matters

SEC. 341. PROVISION OF SPORTS FOODS AND THIRD-PARTY CERTIFIED DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS TO MEM- BERS OF THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL OP- ERATIONS COMMAND.

(a) USE OF AMOUNTS.—The Secretary of Defense may use amounts appropriated to the Department of Defense for Major Force Program 11 for the procurement of sports foods and third-party certified dietary supplements and the distribution of such foods and supplements to members of the United States Special Operations Command (in this section referred to as the “USSOCOM”).

(b) ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall authorize the USSOCOM to acquire sports foods and third-party certified dietary supplements and to distribute such foods and supplements to members of the USSOCOM, subject to the requirements under subsection (c).

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to—

(A) augment morale, welfare, and recreation funds or activities; or

(B) augment or replace the budget or services of dining facilities of the Department.

1 (c) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall ensure the Com-
2 mander of the USSOCOM establishes requirements for
3 the procurement and distribution of sports foods and
4 third-party certified dietary supplements under this sec-
5 tion and shall require compliance with Department of De-
6 fense Instruction 6130.06 (relating to the use of use of
7 dietary supplements in the Department of Defense) and
8 the Prohibited Dietary Supplement Ingredients List of the
9 Department of Defense, or successor similar instruction
10 or list, to ensure that—

11 (1) dietary supplements procured under this
12 section are certified by a non-Department third-
13 party certifying organization that has been vetted by
14 the Operation Supplement Safety program of the
15 Department for end-product quality assurance, con-
16 firming no contaminants, ingredients, substances, or
17 their synonyms prohibited by the Department;

18 (2) sports foods procured under this section are
19 free of ingredients, substances, and their synonyms
20 prohibited by the Department; and

21 (3) under the program guidance and oversight
22 of a primary care sports medicine physician, sports
23 foods and third-party certified dietary supplements
24 are acquired by units of the USSOCOM and distrib-
25 uted by credentialed and privileged registered (per-

1 formance) dietitians or medical clinicians with pre-
2 scribing authority (such as a medical doctor, doctor
3 of osteopathic medicine, physician assistant, or nurse
4 practitioner) assigned to or supporting the
5 USSOCOM at the operational unit level.

6 (d) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2026,
7 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
8 defense committees a report that assesses the feasibility
9 and advisability of expanding the authority under this sec-
10 tion for the procurement and distribution of sports foods
11 and third-party certified dietary supplements to include
12 the military departments.

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) DIETARY SUPPLEMENT.—The term “dietary
15 supplement” has the meaning given that term in
16 section 201(ff) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
17 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(ff)) and requires nutrition
18 labeling in the form of a “Supplement Facts Panel”.

19 (2) SPORTS FOODS.—The term “sports foods”
20 means food products—

21 (A) intended to deliver essential energy
22 (calories) and nutrients at the right time to
23 members of the USSOCOM to ensure critical
24 combat and medical readiness; and

1 (B) containing nutrition labeling in the
2 form of a “Nutrition Facts Panel”.

3 **SEC. 342. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO ESTABLISH OR**
4 **EXPAND SPACE FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS**
5 **COMPONENT COMMAND.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
7 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
8 for Major Force Program 11 for the United States Special
9 Operations Command shall be obligated or expended to es-
10 tablish or expand a Space Force Special Operations Com-
11 ponent Command until the date that is 30 days after the
12 date on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Spe-
13 cial Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict and the Com-
14 mander of the United States Special Operations Com-
15 mand, in consultation with the Chief of Space Operations,
16 jointly submit to the Committees on Armed Services of
17 the Senate and the House of Representatives the report
18 required by subsection (b).

19 (b) REPORT.—The report required under this sub-
20 section shall include, at a minimum, the following:

21 (1) An articulation of the requirement for a
22 Space Force Special Operations Component Com-
23 mand.

24 (2) A funding profile, across the future-years
25 defense program submitted under section 221 of

1 title 10, United States Code, for the establishment
2 of a Space Force Special Operations Component
3 Command, including a delineation of funds required
4 under Major Force Program 2 and Major Force
5 Program 11.

6 (3) A timeline and conditions for achieving ini-
7 tial and full operational capability for a Space Force
8 Special Operations Component Command.

9 (4) An identification of the military, civilian,
10 and contractor personnel required for a Space Force
11 Special Operations Component Command at initial
12 and full operational capability.

13 (5) An identification of the facilities require-
14 ments for a Space Force Special Operations Compo-
15 nent Command at initial and full operational capa-
16 bility.

17 (6) An explanation of how and when the Sec-
18 retary of Defense and the Assistant Secretary of De-
19 fense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Con-
20 flict have documented approval for the establishment
21 of a Space Force Special Operations Component
22 Command.

23 (7) An explanation of the administrative and
24 command relationships between a Space Force Spe-
25 cial Operations Component Command and the

1 United States Special Operations Command, United
2 States Space Command, and the Space Force.

3 (8) Any other matters determined relevant by
4 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Oper-
5 ations and Low-Intensity Conflict and the Com-
6 mander of the United States Special Operations
7 Command.

8 **SEC. 343. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS RELATING TO**
9 **PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION MOVING**
10 **PROCESS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—For any renegotiation of the con-
12 tract under the Global Household Goods Contract in place
13 as of the date of the enactment of this Act, or negotiation
14 of a new contract under the Global Household Goods Con-
15 tract or any successor program or contract, the Secretary
16 of Defense shall require that the following oversight mech-
17 anisms are included in the final contract agreement:

18 (1) The prime contractor shall submit to the
19 Secretary a summary document outlining the key
20 terms and conditions of each subcontract agreement
21 related to capacity, performance, and compliance
22 with the contract requirements, which shall include
23 the following:

1 (A) The guaranteed capacity of each sub-
2 contractor (including location, volume, and peak
3 season commitment).

4 (B) Performance metrics and service level
5 agreements applicable to each subcontractor.

6 (C) Provisions for monitoring and enforce-
7 ing subcontractor performance.

8 (D) Termination clauses and penalties for
9 noncompliance.

10 (E) Data sharing and security require-
11 ments.

12 (2) Each subcontractor shall provide to the
13 prime contractor, upon request, certifications and
14 copies of training completion relating to compliance
15 with requirements under the contract.

16 (3) The prime contractor shall submit to the
17 Secretary regular performance reports on its sub-
18 contractors, including metrics related to on-time
19 pickup, on-time delivery, damage claim rates, cus-
20 tomer satisfaction, and compliance with contract re-
21 quirements.

22 (4) The prime contractor shall submit to the
23 Secretary a subcontractor management plan out-
24 lining its processes for selecting, monitoring, and
25 managing subcontractors, including a description of

1 how the prime contractor ensures subcontractor
2 compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and
3 contract requirements.

4 (5) The prime contractor shall maintain a ro-
5 bust risk management plan that addresses potential
6 disruptions to the subcontractor network, such as fi-
7 nancial instability, natural disasters, or labor dis-
8 putes.

9 (6) Not less frequently than monthly, the prime
10 contractor shall submit to the Secretary the subcon-
11 tractor rating system used by the prime contractor,
12 with current scoring results under such system.

13 (7) The prime contractor shall submit to the
14 Secretary the subcontractor rates for each move
15 under the contract.

16 (8) The prime contractor shall establish clear
17 escalation procedures for addressing subcontractor
18 performance issues, including steps for resolving dis-
19 putes, implementing corrective actions, and termi-
20 nating non-performing subcontractors.

21 (9) The Federal Government shall be permitted
22 to audit subcontractor records with reasonable notice
23 to the prime contractor.

24 (10) The contract shall incorporate a fixed-price
25 contract line item number for monthly overhead,

1 separating it from the rates associated with the costs
2 of moves.

3 (11) The prime contractor shall establish a
4 database that the Secretary can access on a real-
5 time basis to ensure compliance with this section.

6 (b) CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUCCESSOR CON-
7 TRACTS.—For any successor contract to the Global
8 Household Goods Contract entered into after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall consider,
10 during development of an acquisition strategy and execu-
11 tion strategy, in addition to the requirements under sub-
12 section (a), the following:

13 (1) The incorporation of a fixed-price contract
14 line item number for monthly overhead, separating
15 it from the rates associated with the costs of moves.

16 (2) Contracts under the Federal Acquisition
17 Regulation for lanes that account for more than one
18 percent of total permanent change of station move
19 volume and tender of service contracts for the re-
20 maining lanes.

21 (3) Tiered incentive awards for higher levels of
22 capacity.

23 (4) The establishment of a database that the
24 Secretary can access on a real-time basis to ensure
25 compliance with this section.

1 (c) INCORPORATION OF PROPOSALS.—The Secretary
 2 may incorporate any proposal of the prime contractor into
 3 a final contract negotiated or renegotiated under this sec-
 4 tion that ensures advertised performance capabilities are
 5 met.

6 **SEC. 344. LIMITATION ON TRANSFORMATION BY THE ARMY**
 7 **OF PRIMARY HELICOPTER TRAINING PRO-**
 8 **GRAM AT FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA.**

9 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
 10 this Act for fiscal year 2026 to the Army may be obligated
 11 or expended for the solicitation for proposals or to award
 12 a contract for the implementation of any transformation
 13 of the Initial Entry Rotary Wing training program at Fort
 14 Rucker, Alabama, until—

15 (1) the completion of the Part 141 Helicopter
 16 Flight School Training Pilot proof of concept plan
 17 conducted by the Department of the Army and the
 18 Federal Aviation Administration, including—

19 (A) all three phases of Initial Entry Rotary
 20 Wing Training Phases 1 & 2 and Phase 3
 21 Warfighter Tactical Training Phase; and

22 (B) the evaluation of the effectiveness of
 23 the training pilot, which shall include the re-
 24 sults of six classes of eight students each (48

1 students total) and is scheduled to be completed
2 in May 2026;

3 (2) the Secretary of the Army (in this section
4 referred to as the “Secretary”) has fully assessed
5 and validated the outcomes of such training pilot, in-
6 cluding cost, operational effectiveness, safety, and
7 training efficacy;

8 (3) the Secretary submits to the congressional
9 defense committees a report detailing the results of
10 such training pilot and the rationale for any pro-
11 posed changes to training systems or platforms re-
12 sulting from such training pilot;

13 (4) an independent assessment of the business
14 case analysis and implementation plan for such
15 transformation has been conducted by the Office of
16 Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation of the Of-
17 fice of the Secretary of Defense, which shall in-
18 clude—

19 (A) an analysis of the cost to produce an
20 aviator qualified under Initial Entry Rotary
21 Wing Training Phases 1 & 2 utilizing the cur-
22 rent training model and aircraft as well as the
23 cost to produce such an aviator utilizing the
24 helicopter flight school training proof of concept
25 model and aircraft;

1 (B) an assessment of the risks and benefits
2 of outsourcing Initial Entry Rotary Wing train-
3 ing requirements;

4 (C) total costs for the existing training
5 ecosystem for Initial Entry Rotary Wing; and

6 (D) an identification of measures taken to
7 mitigate costs and enhance training within the
8 existing training ecosystem;

9 (5) the Secretary submits to the congressional
10 defense committees a report containing the results of
11 such assessment and a detailed justification of how
12 the findings from such assessment support pro-
13 ceeding with any such transformation; and

14 (6) the Secretary briefs the congressional de-
15 fense committees on—

16 (A) the outcomes and findings of the train-
17 ing pilot specified in paragraph (1);

18 (B) an assessment of the cost-effectiveness
19 and operational and training readiness resulting
20 from the training pilot;

21 (C) any recommendations for future pro-
22 curement or contracting activity related to
23 training initiatives similar to the training pilot;
24 and

1 (D) the course of action proposed by the
2 Secretary relating to any such transformation.

3 **SEC. 345. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN AIRCRAFT FROM AIR**
4 **FORCE TO ARIZONA AVIATION HISTORICAL**
5 **GROUP, PHOENIX, ARIZONA.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Air Force (in
7 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may convey
8 to the Arizona Aviation Historical Group, Phoenix, Ari-
9 zona (in this section referred to as the “Group”), all right,
10 title, and interest of the United States in five T–37B
11 trainer aircraft and any available spare parts for such air-
12 craft that the Secretary has determined are surplus to
13 need.

14 (b) **CONVEYANCE AT NO COST TO THE UNITED**
15 **STATES.**—The conveyance of an aircraft under subsection
16 (a) shall be made at no cost to the United States. Any
17 costs associated with such conveyance, costs of deter-
18 mining compliance with terms of the conveyance, and costs
19 of operation and maintenance of the aircraft conveyed
20 shall be borne by the Group.

1 **SEC. 346. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS BY THE ARMY**
2 **UNTIL SUBMITTAL OF PLAN TO INTEGRATE**
3 **JOINT MUNITIONS COMMAND AND ARMY**
4 **SUSTAINMENT COMMAND.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
6 be appropriated to the Army for fiscal year 2026 may be
7 used to restructure the commands of the Army until the
8 Secretary submits to the Committees on Armed Services
9 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report
10 regarding the proposed plan of the Secretary to integrate
11 the Joint Munitions Command and the Army Sustainment
12 Command.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
14 (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) A detailed comparison of the old organiza-
16 tional structures of the commands of the Army com-
17 pared with the proposed new integration construct
18 for such organizational structures, including any
19 changes to reporting chains, leadership roles, and
20 workforce.

21 (2) The planned timeline for implementation of
22 such integration.

23 (3) Any plans for changing the numbers, duty
24 locations, or responsibilities of personnel under the
25 Joint Munitions Command and the Army
26 Sustainment Command.

1 (4) A mission justification for the proposed in-
2 tegration.

3 (5) An assessment of the short-term and long-
4 term impacts of the proposed integration on the
5 readiness of the Army and the Department of De-
6 fense to conduct the missions of the Joint Munitions
7 Command and the Army Sustainment Command
8 and the plan of the Army for mitigating those im-
9 pacts.

10 **SEC. 347. LIMITATION ON USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE**
11 **AIR FORCE UNTIL ACQUISITION STRATEGY**
12 **SUBMITTED TO MAINTAIN AIRBORNE COM-**
13 **MAND POST CAPABILITY.**

14 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
15 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
16 operation and maintenance, Air Force, and available to
17 the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for travel pur-
18 poses, not more than 80 percent may be obligated or ex-
19 pended until the date on which the Secretary, in consulta-
20 tion with the Commander of the United States Strategic
21 Command, submits to the congressional defense commit-
22 tees a report on the acquisition strategy of the Air Force
23 to maintain the Airborne Command Post capability, in-
24 cluding—

1 (1) options to expand production of the C-
2 130J-30 Super Hercules to provide additional air-
3 frames to preserve the Airborne Command Post ca-
4 pability; and

5 (2) an outline of the future relationship of the
6 Airborne Command Post capability with the Sec-
7 ondary Launch Platform-Airborne effort.

8 **SEC. 348. PILOT PROGRAM FOR CONTRACTED AMPHIBIOUS**
9 **AIR RESOURCES FOR THE AREA OF RESPON-**
10 **SIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES INDO-PA-**
11 **CIFIC COMMAND.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in con-
13 junction with the Secretary of the Navy and the Com-
14 mander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, may
15 establish and maintain a pilot program for the contracted
16 operation of a fleet of commercial amphibious aviation re-
17 sources to be made available to the commanders of the
18 combatant commands and the commanders of other com-
19 ponents of the Department of Defense for mission tasking
20 within the area of responsibility of the United States Indo-
21 Pacific Command.

22 (b) FIELDING AND ADJUDICATING MISSION RE-
23 QUESTS.—The Commander of the United States Indo-Pa-
24 cific Command shall establish a process to field and adju-

1 dicade mission requests pursuant to the pilot program
2 under subsection (a) in a timely manner.

3 (c) SUNSET.—The authority to carry out the pilot
4 program under subsection (a) shall terminate on the date
5 that is three years after the date of the enactment of this
6 Act.

7 **SEC. 349. NAMING OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF THE DEPART-**
8 **MENT OF DEFENSE IN THE COMMONWEALTH**
9 **OF VIRGINIA.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
12 shall implement the naming recommendations for assets
13 of the Department of Defense in the Commonwealth of
14 Virginia that were adopted by the Commission.

15 (b) PROHIBITION RELATING TO OVERRIDING REC-
16 OMMENDATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may not
17 change the name of an asset of the Department of Defense
18 in the Commonwealth of Virginia that was adopted by the
19 Commission to any name other than the name that was
20 adopted.

21 (c) COMMISSION DEFINED.—In this section, the term
22 “Commission” means the commission established under
23 section 370(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-
24 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
25 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

1 **TITLE IV—MILITARY**
2 **PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS**
3 **Subtitle A—Active Forces**

4 **SEC. 401. END STRENGTHS FOR ACTIVE FORCES.**

5 The Armed Forces are authorized strengths for active
6 duty personnel as of September 30, 2026, as follows:

- 7 (1) The Army, 454,000.
8 (2) The Navy, 344,600.
9 (3) The Marine Corps, 172,300.
10 (4) The Air Force, 321,500.
11 (5) The Space Force, 10,400.

12 **Subtitle B—Reserve Forces**

13 **SEC. 411. END STRENGTHS FOR SELECTED RESERVE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Armed Forces are authorized
15 strengths for Selected Reserve personnel of the reserve
16 components as of September 30, 2026, as follows:

- 17 (1) The Army National Guard of the United
18 States, 328,000.
19 (2) The Army Reserve, 172,000.
20 (3) The Navy Reserve, 57,500.
21 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 33,600.
22 (5) The Air National Guard of the United
23 States, 106,300.
24 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 67,500.
25 (7) The Coast Guard Reserve, 7,000.

1 (b) END STRENGTH REDUCTIONS.—The end
2 strengths prescribed by subsection (a) for the Selected Re-
3 serve of any reserve component shall be proportionately
4 reduced by—

5 (1) the total authorized strength of units orga-
6 nized to serve as units of the Selected Reserve of
7 such component which are on active duty (other
8 than for training) at the end of the fiscal year; and
9 (2) the total number of individual members not
10 in units organized to serve as units of the Selected
11 Reserve of such component who are on active duty
12 (other than for training or for unsatisfactory partici-
13 pation in training) without their consent at the end
14 of the fiscal year.

15 (c) END STRENGTH INCREASES.—Whenever units or
16 individual members of the Selected Reserve for any reserve
17 component are released from active duty during any fiscal
18 year, the end strength prescribed for such fiscal year for
19 the Selected Reserve of such reserve component shall be
20 increased proportionately by the total authorized strengths
21 of such units and by the total number of such individual
22 members.

1 **SEC. 412. END STRENGTHS FOR RESERVES ON ACTIVE**
2 **DUTY IN SUPPORT OF THE RESERVES.**

3 Within the end strengths prescribed in section
4 411(a), the reserve components of the Armed Forces are
5 authorized, as of September 30, 2026, the following num-
6 ber of Reserves to be serving on full-time active duty or
7 full-time duty, in the case of members of the National
8 Guard, for the purpose of organizing, administering, re-
9 cruiting, instructing, or training the reserve components:

10 (1) The Army National Guard of the United
11 States, 30,845.

12 (2) The Army Reserve, 16,511.

13 (3) The Navy Reserve, 10,132.

14 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 2,400.

15 (5) The Air National Guard of the United
16 States, 25,982.

17 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 6,311.

18 **SEC. 413. END STRENGTHS FOR MILITARY TECHNICIANS**
19 **(DUAL STATUS).**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The minimum number of military
21 technicians (dual status) as of the last day of fiscal year
22 2026 for the reserve components of the Army and the Air
23 Force (notwithstanding section 129 of title 10, United
24 States Code) shall be the following:

25 (1) For the Army National Guard of the United
26 States, 22,294.

1 (2) For the Army Reserve, 6,492.

2 (3) For the Air National Guard of the United
3 States, 10,744.

4 (4) For the Air Force Reserve, 6,697.

5 (b) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF TEMPORARY MILI-
6 TARY TECHNICIANS (DUAL STATUS).—The number of
7 temporary military technicians (dual status) employed
8 under the authority of subsection (a) may not exceed 25
9 percent of the total authorized number specified in such
10 subsection.

11 (c) LIMITATION.—Under no circumstances may a
12 military technician (dual status) employed under the au-
13 thority of this section be coerced by a State into accepting
14 an offer of realignment or conversion to any other military
15 status, including as a member of the Active, Guard, and
16 Reserve component. If a military technician (dual status)
17 declines to participate in such realignment or conversion,
18 no further action will be taken against the individual or
19 the individual's position.

20 **SEC. 414. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESERVE PERSONNEL AU-**
21 **THORIZED TO BE ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR**
22 **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.**

23 During fiscal year 2026, the maximum number of
24 members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces
25 who may be serving at any time on full-time operational

1 support duty under section 115(b) of title 10, United
2 States Code, is the following:

3 (1) The Army National Guard of the United
4 States, 17,000.

5 (2) The Army Reserve, 13,000.

6 (3) The Navy Reserve, 6,200.

7 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 3,000.

8 (5) The Air National Guard of the United
9 States, 16,000.

10 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 14,000.

11 **Subtitle C—Authorization of**
12 **Appropriations**

13 **SEC. 421. MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
15 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year
16 2026 for the use of the Armed Forces and other activities
17 and agencies of the Department of Defense for expenses,
18 not otherwise provided for, for military personnel, as spec-
19 ified in the funding table in section 4401.

20 (b) CONSTRUCTION OF AUTHORIZATION.—The au-
21 thorization of appropriations in the subsection (a) super-
22 sedes any other authorization of appropriations (definite
23 or indefinite) for such purpose for fiscal year 2026.

1 **TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL**
2 **POLICY**
3 **Subtitle A—Officer Personnel**
4 **Policy**

5 **SEC. 501. STATUTORY ADJUSTMENT TO REFLECT TRANS-**
6 **FER OF CERTAIN GENERAL OFFICER BILLETS**
7 **FROM THE AIR FORCE TO THE SPACE FORCE.**

8 Section 526(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “171” and in-
11 serting “168”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “21” and in-
13 serting “24”.

14 **SEC. 502. NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF JUDGE ADVOCATES**
15 **GENERAL.**

16 (a) ARMY.—Section 7037 of title 10, United States
17 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
18 subsection:

19 “(f) If the Judge Advocate General is removed from
20 office before the end of the term of the Judge Advocate
21 General as specified in subsection (a), the Secretary of De-
22 fense shall, not later than five days before the removal
23 takes effect, submit to the Committees on Armed Services
24 of the Senate and the House of Representatives notice

1 that the Judge Advocate General is being removed and
2 a statement of the reason for the removal.”.

3 (b) NAVY.—Section 8088 of title 10, United States
4 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
5 subsection:

6 “(f) If the Judge Advocate General is removed from
7 office before the end of the term of the Judge Advocate
8 General as specified in subsection (b), the Secretary of De-
9 fense shall, not later than five days before the removal
10 takes effect, submit to the Committees on Armed Services
11 of the Senate and the House of Representatives notice
12 that the Judge Advocate General is being removed and
13 a statement of the reason for the removal.”.

14 (c) AIR FORCE.—Section 9037 of title 10, United
15 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(g) If the Judge Advocate General is removed from
18 office before the end of the term of the Judge Advocate
19 General as specified in subsection (a), the Secretary of De-
20 fense shall, not later than five days before the removal
21 takes effect, submit to the Committees on Armed Services
22 of the Senate and the House of Representatives notice
23 that the Judge Advocate General is being removed and
24 a statement of the reason for the removal.”.

1 **SEC. 503. QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDGE ADVOCATES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 806 of title 10, United
3 States Code (article 6 of the Uniform Code of Military
4 Justice) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (d)
6 as subsections (b) through (e), respectively;

7 (2) by inserting before subsection (b), as reded-
8 icated by paragraph (1), the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(a)(1) Judge advocates subject to this chapter must
11 be—

12 “(A) admitted to the practice of law before the
13 highest court of a State, Territory, Commonwealth,
14 or the District of Columbia, and maintain an active
15 license to practice before such court;

16 “(B) subject to the jurisdiction’s disciplinary
17 review process; and

18 “(C) in compliance with such other require-
19 ments as the cognizant authority has set to remain
20 eligible to practice law.

21 “(2) The Judge Advocates General of the Army,
22 Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard and the Staff Judge
23 Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps may
24 suspend the authority of judge advocates in their respec-
25 tive services to perform legal duties if such officers become
26 noncompliant with the requirements in paragraph (1).

1 Judge advocates and legal officers suspended or disbarred
 2 from the practice of law within a jurisdiction shall not per-
 3 form legal duties.”.

4 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (A) TRIAL COUNSEL AND DEFENSE COUN-
 6 SEL.—Section 827(b) of title 10, United States
 7 Code (article 27(b) of the Uniform Code of
 8 Military Justice) is amended by amending para-
 9 graph (1) to read as follows:

10 “(1) must be a judge advocate who is qualified
 11 under section 806(a)(1) of this title (article 6(a)(1));
 12 and”.

13 (B) SPECIAL TRIAL COUNSEL.—Section
 14 824a(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code (ar-
 15 ticle 24a(b)(1) of the Uniform Code of Military
 16 Justice) is amended by amending subparagraph
 17 (A) to read as follows:

18 “(A) is a judge advocate who is qualified under
 19 section 806(a)(1) of this title (article 6(a)(1)); and”.

20 **SEC. 504. MODIFICATION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY RELATED**
 21 **TO JOINT QUALIFIED OFFICER REQUIRE-**
 22 **MENT PRIOR TO PROMOTION TO GENERAL**
 23 **OR FLAG GRADE.**

24 Section 619a(b)(3) of title 10, United States Code,
 25 is amended—

- 1 (1) by striking subparagraph (A); and
- 2 (2) redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as
- 3 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively.

4 **SEC. 505. NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF OFFICERS FROM**
 5 **SELECTION BOARD REPORTS AND PRO-**
 6 **MOTION LISTS.**

7 (a) REGULAR COMPONENTS.—

8 (1) SELECTION BOARD REPORTS.—Section
 9 618(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
 10 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

11 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall notify the con-
 12 gressional defense committees of the removal of the name
 13 of an officer from the report of a selection board by the
 14 President or the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense
 15 under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), respectively, for
 16 any reason other than misconduct—

17 “(A) not later than 30 days after the name of
 18 an officer is removed; and

19 “(B) prior to submission to the Senate of a pro-
 20 motion list with respect to such report pursuant to
 21 section 624(c) of this title.”.

22 (2) PROMOTION LISTS.—Section 629(a) of title
 23 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at
 24 the end the following: “The President shall notify
 25 the congressional defense committees not later than

1 30 days after removing the name of an officer from
2 such list for any reason other than misconduct.”.

3 (b) RESERVE COMPONENTS.—Section 14111(b) of
4 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new paragraph:

6 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall notify the con-
7 gressional defense committees of the removal of the name
8 of an officer from the report of a selection board by the
9 President or the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense
10 under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), respectively, for
11 any reason other than misconduct—

12 “(A) not later than 30 days after the name of
13 an officer is removed; and

14 “(B) prior to submission to the Senate of a pro-
15 motion list with respect to such report pursuant to
16 section 12203 of this title.”.

17 **SEC. 506. SPACE FORCE GENERAL OFFICER MANAGEMENT.**

18 (a) DISTRIBUTION OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ON
19 ACTIVE SERVICE IN GENERAL OFFICER GRADES.—Sec-
20 tion 525 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)—

22 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
23 by inserting “or the Space Force officer list”
24 after “officer on the active duty list”; and

25 (B) in paragraph (5)—

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “officers in the grade of general” and in-
3 serting “officers on sustained duty orders
4 in the grade of general”;

5 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
6 “officers in a grade above” and inserting
7 “officers on sustained duty orders in a
8 grade above”; and

9 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
10 “officers in the grade” and inserting “offi-
11 cers on sustained duty orders in the
12 grade”; and

13 (2) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
14 following new paragraph:

15 “(3) The limitations of this section do not apply to
16 a Space Force general officer serving in a Space Force
17 active status but not on sustained duty orders, and who
18 is on active service for a period in excess of 365 days but
19 not to exceed three years. Unless authorized by the Sec-
20 retary of Defense, the number of Space Force general offi-
21 cers covered by this subsection and not serving in a joint
22 duty assignment for purposes of chapter 38 of this title
23 may not exceed two. Not later than 30 days after author-
24 izing more than two Space Force general officers covered
25 by this subsection, the Secretary of Defense shall provide

1 the notification required in accordance with paragraph
 2 (2).”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF SPACE FORCE GEN-
 4 ERAL OFFICERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.—Section 526 of
 5 such title is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
 8 “AND OF THE SPACE FORCE” after “COMPO-
 9 NENTS”;

10 (B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or of
 11 the Space Force” after “a reserve component”;

12 (C) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
 13 the following new subparagraph:

14 “(D) The Secretary of the Air Force may au-
 15 thorize not more than two of the general officers au-
 16 thorized to serve in the Space Force under section
 17 20110 of this title to serve on active service for a
 18 period of at least 180 days and not longer than 365
 19 days.”; and

20 (D) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “, or
 21 a Space Force general officer in a Space Force
 22 active status not on sustained duty,” after “a
 23 reserve component”; and

24 (2) in subsection (d)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “officer;
2 or” and inserting “officer;”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(3) a Space Force officer in the grade of brig-
8 adier general or above who is pending transition off
9 of sustained duty orders, but only during the 60-day
10 period preceding the end date of such orders.”.

11 (c) STRENGTH IN GRADE: SPACE FORCE GENERAL
12 OFFICERS IN A SPACE FORCE ACTIVE STATUS NOT ON
13 SUSTAINED DUTY.—Chapter 2003 of such title is amend-
14 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

15 **“§ 20110. Strength in grade: Space Force general offi-**
16 **cers in a Space Force active status, not**
17 **on sustained duty**

18 “(a) AUTHORIZED STRENGTH.—The authorized
19 strength of general officers in the Space Force serving in
20 a Space Force active status but not on sustained duty is
21 five.

22 “(b) EXCLUSIONS.—The following Space Force gen-
23 eral officers shall not be counted for purposes of this sec-
24 tion:

1 “(1) Those counted under section 526 of this
2 title.

3 “(2) Those serving in a joint duty assignment
4 for purposes of chapter 38 of this title, except that
5 the number of officers who may be excluded under
6 this paragraph may not exceed two.

7 “(c) PERMANENT GRADE.—A Space Force general
8 officer may not be reduced in permanent grade because
9 of a reduction in the number authorized under subsection
10 (a).

11 “(d) TEMPORARY EXCLUSION.—The limitations of
12 subsection (a) do not apply to an officer released from a
13 joint duty assignment or other non-joint active service as-
14 signment, but only during the 60-day period beginning on
15 the date the officer departs the joint duty or other active
16 service assignment. The Secretary of Defense may author-
17 ize the Secretary of the Air Force to extend the 60-day
18 period by an additional 120 days, except that not more
19 than three Space Force officers may be covered by an ex-
20 tension under this subsection at the same time.”.

1 **SEC. 507. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FISCAL YEAR PER-**
 2 **CENTAGE LIMITATION FOR REDUCTION OR**
 3 **WAIVER OF SERVICE-IN-GRADE REQUIRE-**
 4 **MENT FOR GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICERS TO**
 5 **BE RETIRED IN PAY GRADES O-7 AND O-8.**

6 During the period beginning on the date of the enact-
 7 ment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2027, the
 8 percentage limitation in section 1370(b)(5)(C) of title 10,
 9 United States Code, shall be equal to 15 percent of the
 10 authorized active-duty strength for that fiscal year for of-
 11 ficers of that Armed Force in the applicable grade.

12 **Subtitle B—Reserve Component**

13 **Management**

14 **SEC. 511. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO WAIVE LIMITA-**
 15 **TIONS ON RELEASE OF RESERVES FROM AC-**
 16 **TIVE DUTY WITHIN TWO YEARS OF RETIRE-**
 17 **MENT ELIGIBILITY.**

18 Section 12686(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
 19 amended by striking “an order to active duty that specifies
 20 a period of less than 180 days” and inserting “an order
 21 to active duty that specifies a period of less than 365
 22 days”.

23 **SEC. 512. DISESTABLISHMENT OF NAVY RESERVE CENTER**
 24 **SYSTEM.**

25 The Secretary of the Navy (or a designee of the Sec-
 26 retary) shall—

1 (1) direct the disestablishment of the Navy Re-
2 serve Center system;

3 (2) transfer all Navy reserve administrative
4 readiness functions to the responsibility and cog-
5 nizance of Navy reserve unit commanding officers or
6 Navy reserve community directors, as appropriate;
7 and

8 (3) reassign each member of an active or re-
9 serve component of the Navy assigned to the Navy
10 Reserve Center system as of the date of the enact-
11 ment of this Act within the active or reserve compo-
12 nent of the member or transfer the member to the
13 inactive reserve, as applicable.

14 **SEC. 513. NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL AUTHORITIES.**

15 (a) ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.—Under regulations
16 prescribed by the Secretary of the Army—

17 (1) an officer of the Army National Guard who
18 fills a vacancy in a federally recognized unit of the
19 Army National Guard may be transferred from the
20 active Army National Guard to the inactive Army
21 National Guard;

22 (2) an officer of the Army National Guard
23 transferred to the inactive Army National Guard
24 pursuant to paragraph (1) may be transferred from
25 the inactive Army National Guard to the active

1 Army National Guard to fill a vacancy in a federally
2 recognized unit;

3 (3) a warrant officer of the Army National
4 Guard who fills a vacancy in a federally recognized
5 unit of the Army National Guard may be transferred
6 from the active Army National Guard to the inactive
7 Army National Guard; and

8 (4) a warrant officer of the Army National
9 Guard transferred to the inactive Army National
10 Guard pursuant to paragraph (1) may be trans-
11 ferred from the inactive Army National Guard to the
12 active Army National Guard to fill a vacancy in a
13 federally recognized unit.

14 (b) AIR NATIONAL GUARD.—Under regulations pre-
15 scribed by the Secretary of the Air Force—

16 (1) an officer of the Air National Guard who
17 fills a vacancy in a federally recognized unit of the
18 Air National Guard may be transferred from the ac-
19 tive Air National Guard to the inactive Air National
20 Guard; and

21 (2) an officer of the Air National Guard trans-
22 ferred to the inactive Air National Guard pursuant
23 to paragraph (1) may be transferred from the inac-
24 tive Air National Guard to the active Air National

1 Guard to fill a vacancy in a federally recognized
2 unit.

3 **SEC. 514. NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL DISASTER RE-**
4 **SPONSE DUTY.**

5 Chapter 3 of title 32, United States Code, is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) by redesignating section 329 as section 330;
8 and

9 (2) by inserting after section 328 the following
10 new section:

11 **“§ 329. Active Guard and Reserve duty: disaster re-**
12 **sponse duty**

13 “(a) DISASTER RESPONSE AUTHORITY.—When a
14 Governor has declared an emergency due to a disaster, the
15 Secretary of Defense may authorize the Governor to direct
16 National Guard personnel serving under section 328 of
17 this title to perform duties in response to, or in prepara-
18 tion for, such disaster.

19 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The disaster response duty
20 described in subsection (a)—

21 “(1) may be performed to the extent that the
22 performance of the duty does not interfere with the
23 performance of the member’s primary Active Guard
24 and Reserve duties of organizing, administering, re-

1 cruiting, instructing, and training the reserve com-
2 ponents; and

3 “(2) shall not exceed 14 days per person per
4 calendar year unless the President has declared a
5 disaster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford
6 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
7 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.).

8 “(c) LIABILITY.—A member described in subsection
9 (a) is not an instrumentality of the United States with
10 respect to any act or omission in carrying out a disaster
11 response duty pursuant to this section. The United States
12 shall not be responsible for any claim or judgment arising
13 from the use of National Guard personnel under this sec-
14 tion.

15 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) The term ‘disaster response duty’ means
17 duty performed by a member of the National Guard
18 at the direction of the Governor of the State and
19 pursuant to an emergency declaration by such Gov-
20 ernor in response to a disaster or in preparation for
21 an imminent disaster.

22 “(2) The term ‘State’ means each of the several
23 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam,
24 and the United States Virgin Islands.”.

1 **Subtitle C—General Service**
2 **Authorities and Military Records**

3 **SEC. 521. CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL.**

4 Section 8081 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(c) The Chief of Naval Personnel shall be respon-
8 sible for overall management, oversight, and administra-
9 tion of Navy military and civilian employees.”.

10 **SEC. 522. ENHANCED EFFICIENCY AND SERVICE DISCRE-**
11 **TION FOR DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM**
12 **REVIEWS.**

13 (a) SECRETARIAL DISCRETION AND STATEMENTS OF
14 CONTENTION FOR APPEALS TO PHYSICAL EVALUATION
15 BOARD DETERMINATIONS OF FITNESS FOR DUTY.—Sec-
16 tion 524 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
17 Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 1071
18 note) is amended—

19 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
20 striking “Not later than 90 days after the date of
21 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary” and insert-
22 ing “The Secretary”;

23 (2) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
24 following: “The Secretary concerned may require

1 submission of a statement of contention as part of
 2 the appeal submission.”; and

3 (3) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
 4 lows:

5 “(2) If the member submits a formal appeal,
 6 the Secretary concerned shall conduct a fitness for
 7 duty determination consisting of either a records re-
 8 view or an impartial appellate hearing, as deter-
 9 mined by the Secretary.”.

10 (b) STATEMENTS OF CONTENTION FOR PHYSICAL
 11 EVALUATION BOARDS.—Section 1214 of title 10, United
 12 States Code, is amended by striking “if he demands it.”
 13 and inserting “if the member demands it. The Secretary
 14 concerned may require submission of a statement of con-
 15 tention as part of the demand.”.

16 **SEC. 523. TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATED TO CON-**
 17 **VALESCENT LEAVE FOR ACADEMY CADETS**
 18 **AND MIDSHIPMEN.**

19 Section 702 of title 10, United States Code, is
 20 amended—

21 (1) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
 22 (e) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively;

23 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 24 lowing new subsection:

1 “(c) CONVALESCENT LEAVE.—An academy cadet or
2 midshipman diagnosed with a medical condition is allowed
3 convalescent leave under section 701(m) of this title.”; and
4 (3) in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-
5 graph (1), by striking “Sections 701” and inserting
6 “Except as provided under subsection (c), sections
7 701”.

8 **SEC. 524. RECOGNITION OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT**
9 **CREW.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries of the
12 military departments, in consultation with the Secretary
13 of Veterans Affairs, shall establish a status identifier or
14 equivalent recognition to denote the combat participation
15 of remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) crew members who con-
16 duct operations in direct support of combat missions. The
17 identifier shall be designed to enable appropriate consider-
18 ation by the Department of Veterans Affairs in the admin-
19 istration of benefits and services that account for combat-
20 related service, consistent with how traditional combat
21 designators are treated.

22 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
23 tion shall be construed to require the Department of De-
24 fense to categorize service described in subsection (a) as

1 equivalent to service involving physical presence in a com-
2 bat zone.

3 **Subtitle D—Military Justice and**
4 **Other Legal Matters**

5 **SEC. 531. NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY SEX OFFENDERS AT**
6 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
9 shall establish and implement a policy to ensure that reg-
10 istered sex offenders that reside or work on military instal-
11 lations are identified to the respective military community,
12 including, as necessary, through agreements with State
13 and local law enforcement agencies.

14 (b) REPORT ON DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF
15 DEFENSE AS JURISDICTION UNDER SORNA.—Not later
16 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
17 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees
18 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
19 resentatives a report assessing the advisability and desir-
20 ability of designating the Department of Defense as a ju-
21 risdiction for purposes of notification requirements under
22 the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (title
23 I of Public Law 109–248; 42 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.).

1 **SEC. 532. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PRE-**
2 **VENTION AND RESPONSE EFFORTS.**

3 (a) QUARTERLY REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later
4 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
5 and every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
7 port on the activities, progress, and performance metrics
8 of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office
9 (SAPRO) for the preceding quarter.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-
11 section (a) shall include the following elements:

12 (1) Updates on the implementation status of
13 ongoing and new SAPRO initiatives, including any
14 reforms mandated by statute, executive order, or in-
15 ternal Department of Defense directive.

16 (2) Metrics on reported sexual assault cases,
17 broken down by military service and component, in-
18 cluding status of case processing and outcomes.

19 (3) Updates on the staffing, resourcing, and ac-
20 tivities of the Office of Special Trial Counsel.

21 (4) Performance metrics and outcome-based
22 evaluations of prevention programs and training ef-
23 fectiveness.

24 (5) Progress towards meeting the Department's
25 goals related to survivor care, victim advocacy, and
26 commander accountability.

1 (6) Interagency coordination and alignment
2 with civilian best practices or recommendations from
3 external advisory bodies.

4 (7) Any challenges, shortfalls, or recommenda-
5 tions for legislative or policy changes to improve ef-
6 fectiveness.

7 (c) FORM.—Each report shall be submitted in unclas-
8 sified form, but may contain a classified annex if nec-
9 essary.

10 **Subtitle E—Member Education,** 11 **Training, and Transition**

12 **SEC. 541. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS.**

13 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section
14 7442(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
15 striking “9 ranked or unranked alternates” and inserting
16 “up to 14 ranked or unranked alternates”.

17 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section
18 8454 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**num-**
20 **ber**” and inserting “**appointment; numbers,**
21 **territorial distribution**”; and

22 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “9 ranked or
23 unranked alternates” and inserting “up to 14
24 ranked or unranked alternates”.

1 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section
 2 9442(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
 3 striking “9 ranked or unranked alternates” and inserting
 4 “up to 14 ranked or unranked alternates”.

5 **SEC. 542. ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION IN DISTANCE**
 6 **EDUCATION OPTION FOR PROFESSIONAL**
 7 **MILITARY EDUCATION.**

8 Subsection (c)(1) of section 2154 of title 10, United
 9 States Code, as added by section 555 of the Servicemem-
 10 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense
 11 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
 12 159; 138 Stat. 1896), is amended by inserting “asyn-
 13 chronously and” after “course of instruction”.

14 **SEC. 543. ARMY UNIVERSITY.**

15 Chapter 751 of title 10, United States Code, is
 16 amended by inserting after section 7406 the following new
 17 section:

18 **“§ 7407. Army University**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is an Army University.
 20 The Army University shall integrate all of the professional
 21 military education institutions within the Army into a sin-
 22 gle educational structure to provide economic policy, gov-
 23 ernance, and innovation to such institutions.

1 “(b) COMPONENT CENTERS AND SCHOOLS.—Compo-
 2 nent centers and schools of the Army University include
 3 the following:

4 “(1) The Army War College.

5 “(2) The United States Army Command and
 6 General Staff College.

7 “(3) The Army Warrant Officer Career College.

8 “(4) The Army Management Staff College.

9 “(5) The Western Hemisphere Institute for Se-
 10 curity Cooperation.

11 “(6) Any additional colleges, centers of excel-
 12 lence, and schools that the Secretary of the Army
 13 determines appropriate.”.

14 **SEC. 544. INTEGRATION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**
 15 **STRATEGIC THINKERS PROGRAM.**

16 (a) INTEGRATION WITH PROFESSIONAL MILITARY
 17 EDUCATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
 19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 20 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
 21 defense committees a report detailing the Depart-
 22 ment of Defense’s plan to obtain Military Education
 23 Level One (MEL–1) credit for the Strategic Think-
 24 ers Program (STP).

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
2 paragraph (1) shall include—

3 (A) a detailed assessment of how the STP
4 enhances strategic thought and decision-making
5 among military and civilian leaders;

6 (B) a history of the utilization of past
7 graduates of the STP;

8 (C) a plan to identify specific positions in
9 the Department that will best utilize the skills
10 and abilities of future program graduates;

11 (D) a description of the measures to obtain
12 MEL–1 credit for completing STP, including
13 recommendations on current authorities that
14 could be utilized to grant MEL–1 credit to pro-
15 gram graduates;

16 (E) recommendations for expanding par-
17 ticipation among military officers and civilian
18 officials; and

19 (F) an implementation timeline and associ-
20 ated resourcing requirements.

21 (b) IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT.—The Sec-
22 retary of Defense shall designate an appropriate office
23 within the Department to manage the STP and implement
24 MEL–1 credit for STP completion. The designated office
25 shall provide an annual briefing to the congressional de-

1 fense committees on the status of awarding MEL–1 credit,
 2 program effectiveness, and any legislative or funding ad-
 3 justments necessary to support continued program suc-
 4 cess.

5 **SEC. 545. IMPROVEMENTS TO INFORMATION-SHARING TO**
 6 **SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS RETIRING OR SEPA-**
 7 **RATING FROM THE ARMED FORCES.**

8 (a) OPT-OUT SHARING.—Section 570F of the Na-
 9 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020
 10 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 1142 note) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) by striking “out the form to indicate
 13 an email address” and inserting the following:

14 “out the form to indicate—

15 “(1) an email address”;

16 (B) in paragraph (1), as designated by
 17 subparagraph (A), by striking the period at the
 18 end and inserting “; and”;

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 20 paragraph:

21 “(2) if the individual would like to opt-out of
 22 the transmittal of the individual’s information to
 23 and through a State veterans agency as described in
 24 subsection (a).”; and

1 (2) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(d) OPT-OUT OF INFORMATION SHARING.—Infor-
4 mation on an individual shall be transmitted to and
5 through a State veterans agency as described in subsection
6 (a) unless the individual indicates pursuant to subsection
7 (c)(2) that the individual would like to opt out of such
8 transmittal.”.

9 (b) STORAGE AND TRANSFER OF INFORMATION.—
10 Such section is further amended by adding at the end the
11 following new subsection:

12 “(e) STORAGE AND TRANSFER OF INFORMATION.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
14 shall seek to enter into memoranda of understanding
15 or other agreements with the State veterans agencies
16 described in subsection (a) to create or modify a De-
17 partment system to store and transfer information
18 under this section to information systems of such
19 State veterans agencies.

20 “(2) COMPLIANCE.—The Secretary shall ensure
21 that any agreement entered into under paragraph
22 (1) is in compliance with—

23 “(A) applicable provisions of law relating
24 to privacy and personally identifiable informa-
25 tion; and

1 “(B) applicable policies relating to cyberse-
 2 curity of Department information systems and
 3 State information systems.”.

4 (c) LIMITATION ON USE OF INFORMATION.—Such
 5 section is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
 6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(f) LIMITATION ON USE OF INFORMATION.—Infor-
 8 mation transferred under this section may only be used
 9 by a State for the purpose of providing or connecting vet-
 10 erans to benefits or services as described in subsection
 11 (a).”.

12 **SEC. 546. MANDATORY TRAINING ON GOVERNMENT ETHICS**
 13 **AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW.**

14 (a) ANNUAL TRAINING ON GOVERNMENT ETHICS
 15 AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.—The Secretaries of the
 16 military departments shall ensure that all members of the
 17 Armed Forces in their respective departments are trained
 18 annually in government ethics and standards of conduct.

19 (b) TRAINING ON THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT
 20 AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.—The Secretaries of the
 21 military departments shall ensure that all members of the
 22 Armed Forces in their respective departments are trained
 23 on the following topics, including within 90 days of a mo-
 24 bilization or deployment, as applicable:

25 (1) The law of armed conflict.

1 (2) Rules of engagement.

2 (3) Defense support for civil authorities.

3 (4) Standing rules for the use of force.

4 (5) The Code of Conduct.

5 **SEC. 547. PROHIBITION ON CONSIDERATION OF RACE, SEX,**
 6 **COLOR, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR**
 7 **RELIGION IN SERVICE ACADEMY ADMISSIONS**
 8 **DECISIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Service Academies may not
 10 consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, national origin, or reli-
 11 gion in admissions decisions.

12 (b) SERVICE ACADEMY DEFINED.—In this section,
 13 the term “Service Academy” has the meaning given the
 14 term in section 347 of title 10, United States Code.

15 **SEC. 548. PROHIBITION ON PARTICIPATION OF MALES IN**
 16 **ATHLETIC PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES AT THE**
 17 **MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES THAT ARE**
 18 **DESIGNATED FOR WOMEN OR GIRLS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
 20 ensure that the United States Military Academy, the
 21 United States Naval Academy, and the United States Air
 22 Force Academy do not permit a person whose sex is male
 23 to participate in an athletic program or activity that is
 24 designated for women or girls.

1 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 2 tion shall be construed to prohibit a recipient from permit-
 3 ting males to train or practice with an athletic program
 4 or activity that is designated for women or girls so long
 5 as no female is deprived of a roster spot on a team or
 6 sport, opportunity to participate in a practice or competi-
 7 tion, scholarship, admission to an educational institution,
 8 or any other benefit that accompanies participating in the
 9 athletic program or activity.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 (1) the term “athletic programs and activities”
 12 includes all programs or activities that are provided
 13 conditional upon participation with any athletic
 14 team; and

15 (2) the term “sex” means a person’s reproduc-
 16 tive biology and genetics at birth.

17 **SEC. 549. PATHWAY FOR CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN TO**
 18 **PLAY PROFESSIONAL SPORTS.**

19 (a) REPEAL OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.—Section
 20 553 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-
 21 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136
 22 Stat. 2592), and the amendments made by such section,
 23 are repealed.

24 (b) AUTHORITY.—

1 (1) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Sec-
2 tion 7448(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, ex-
5 cept as provided under paragraph (5),” after
6 “‘That’”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(5) That, upon graduation, a cadet may seek
10 employment as a professional athlete or Olympic
11 athlete if the cadet is drafted or signs a free agent
12 contract with a professional sports entity, in which
13 case the cadet will incur a five-year service obliga-
14 tion upon employment as a professional or Olympic
15 athlete and will, if no longer employed as a profes-
16 sional or Olympic athlete, return as a regular officer
17 in the active component for a five-year service obli-
18 gation. If the cadet is ineligible to return to active
19 service, the cadet shall repay the government for the
20 cost of his or her education.”.

21 (2) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section
22 8459(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
23 ed—

1 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, ex-
2 cept as provided under paragraph (5),” after
3 “That”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(5) That, upon graduation, a midshipman may
7 seek employment as a professional athlete or Olym-
8 pic athlete if the midshipman is drafted or signs a
9 free agent contract with a professional sports entity,
10 in which case the midshipman will incur a five-year
11 service obligation upon employment as a professional
12 or Olympic athlete and will, if no longer employed as
13 a professional or Olympic athlete, return as a reg-
14 ular officer in the active component for a five-year
15 service obligation. If the midshipman is ineligible to
16 return to active service, the midshipman shall repay
17 the government for the cost of his or her edu-
18 cation.”.

19 (3) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—
20 Section 9448(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
21 amended—

22 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, ex-
23 cept as provided under paragraph (5),” after
24 “That”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 2 paragraph:

3 “(5) That, upon graduation, a cadet may seek
 4 employment as a professional athlete or Olympic
 5 athlete if the cadet is drafted or signs a free agent
 6 contract with a professional sports entity, in which
 7 case the cadet will incur a five-year service obliga-
 8 tion upon employment as a professional or Olympic
 9 athlete and will, if no longer employed as a profes-
 10 sional or Olympic athlete, return as a regular officer
 11 in the active component for a five-year service obli-
 12 gation. If the cadet is ineligible to return to active
 13 service, the cadet shall repay the government for the
 14 cost of his or her education.”.

15 **Subtitle F—Military Family Readiness and Dependents’ Education**

17 **PART I—DEPENDENTS’ EDUCATION**

18 **SEC. 551. 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
 23 OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPARTMENT
 24 OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.—

1 (1) ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS WITH SIGNIFI-
2 CANT NUMBERS OF MILITARY DEPENDENT STU-
3 DENTS.—Of the amount authorized to be appro-
4 priated for fiscal year 2026 by section 301 and
5 available for operation and maintenance for Defense-
6 wide activities as specified in the funding table in
7 section 4301, \$50,000,000 shall be available only for
8 the purpose of providing assistance to local edu-
9 cational agencies under subsection (a) of section 572
10 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
11 Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163; 20 U.S.C. 7703b).

12 (2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY DEFINED.—
13 In this subsection, the term “local educational agen-
14 cy” has the meaning given that term in section
15 7013(9) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
16 cation Act of 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 2026 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
25 Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by
2 Public Law 106–398; 114 Stat. 1654A–77; 20
3 U.S.C. 7703a).

4 (2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.—Of the amount au-
5 thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 pur-
6 suant to section 301 and available for operation and
7 maintenance for Defense-wide activities as specified
8 in the funding table in section 4301, \$20,000,000
9 shall be available for use by the Secretary of Defense
10 to make payments to local educational agencies de-
11 termined by the Secretary to have higher concentra-
12 tions of military children with severe disabilities.

13 (3) REPORT.—Not later than September 30,
14 2026, the Secretary shall brief the Committees on
15 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
16 resentatives on the Department’s evaluation of each
17 local educational agency with higher concentrations
18 of military children with severe disabilities and sub-
19 sequent determination of the amounts of impact aid
20 each such agency shall receive.

21 **SEC. 552. MANAGEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN**
22 **SCHOOLS OPERATED BY DEPARTMENT OF**
23 **DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY.**

24 (a) IMPROVEMENTS TO STAFFING.—The Secretary of
25 Defense, acting through the Director of the Department

1 of Defense Education Activity, shall implement the fol-
2 lowing measures to improve staffing of special education
3 teachers and staff at schools operated by the Activity:

4 (1) Require the inclusion, in the staffing model
5 for a school, of service minutes required by the indi-
6 vidualized education programs of students attending
7 the school to more effectively determine appropriate
8 staffing for the school.

9 (2) Collect the following data on underutilized
10 special education staff members:

11 (A) When such staff members are re-
12 quested to transfer to a school with greater
13 needs for such staff members.

14 (B) How many requests for such transfers
15 the Activity receives.

16 (C) Whether such requests are approved or
17 denied, and at what locations.

18 (D) Once such a request is received, the
19 likelihood that the transfer occurs.

20 (3) Collect data on the turnover of special edu-
21 cation teachers and staff, including reasons for de-
22 parture.

23 (4) Review access to and requirements for crisis
24 training, publicize Activity-wide policies with respect
25 to such training for consistency, and expand such

1 training to relevant special education teachers and
2 staff, such as paraeducators, who are not required,
3 as of the date of the enactment of this Act, to re-
4 ceive such training.

5 (5) Require district and regional administrators
6 to track training requirements for special education
7 teachers and staff to ensure that such teachers and
8 staff are meeting such requirements.

9 (b) CLARIFICATION OF GUIDANCE.—The Secretary,
10 acting through the Director, shall implement the following
11 measures to improve and clarify guidance relating to spe-
12 cial education provided by schools operated by the Depart-
13 ment of Defense Education Activity:

14 (1) Review the list of types of disabilities recog-
15 nized by the Activity as of the date of the enactment
16 of this Act and determine if that list meets the most
17 recent best practices for special education.

18 (2) Standardize and implement instructions for
19 providing special education materials to students
20 across schools operated by the Activity.

21 (3) Develop and implement a plan for standard-
22 izing special education training across the Activity.

23 (4) Standardize reading intervention guidance
24 and requirements across schools operated by the Ac-
25 tivity, including by requiring each school and district

1 operated by the Activity to have the same resources
2 and instructions, and provide clear guidance on how
3 to access additional support materials if required.

4 (c) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

5 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than April 1,
6 2026, the Director shall brief the Committees on
7 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
8 resentatives on the following:

9 (A) Coordination by the Department of
10 Defense Education Activity with the Edu-
11 cational and Developmental Intervention Serv-
12 ices programs of the military departments to
13 determine what medical services the military de-
14 partments are required to provide based on the
15 needs of students attending schools operated by
16 the Activity.

17 (B) A description of the process in effect
18 as of the date of the briefing, if any, to resolve
19 a dispute with respect to required services
20 under a student’s individualized education pro-
21 gram.

22 (C) A description of issues pending, and
23 resolutions of previous issues, under that proc-
24 ess.

1 (D) An assessment of how support instruc-
2 tional specialists can better assist teachers with
3 developing curriculum for special education stu-
4 dents.

5 (E) A description of how the Activity pro-
6 vides services in the case of civilian or military
7 dependents with severe medical or special edu-
8 cation requirements that a school cannot meet,
9 including any data on how many such cases
10 arise on an annual basis and in what locations.

11 (F) A description of the process in effect
12 as of the date of the briefing for reassigning a
13 family from a school located outside the United
14 States if the education needs of a child in the
15 family cannot be met at that school and data,
16 for the 5 school years preceding the briefing, on
17 where such reassignments have been done and
18 the frequency of such reassignments.

19 (G) An assessment of the pay scale for
20 special education teachers and staff in effect as
21 of the date of the briefing, an identification of
22 the last time the pay scale was updated, a de-
23 scription of how the pay scale is determined,
24 and a statement of how often the pay scale is
25 updated.

1 (H) Data on school and district-level re-
 2 quests for additional reading intervention cur-
 3 riculum, including the locations of such re-
 4 quests and whether such requests were ap-
 5 proved or denied.

6 (2) SEMI-ANNUAL BRIEFINGS.—The Director
 7 shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the
 8 Senate and the House of Representatives on the
 9 progress made in implementing the measures de-
 10 scribed in subsection (a)—

11 (A) not later than 180 days after the date
 12 of the enactment of this Act; and

13 (B) every 180 days thereafter until the Di-
 14 rector certifies that each such measure has been
 15 implemented.

16 **SEC. 553. ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN OF CERTAIN AMER-**
 17 **ICAN RED CROSS EMPLOYEES IN DEFENSE**
 18 **DEPENDENTS' EDUCATION SYSTEM.**

19 Section 1404(d)(1) of the Defense Dependents' Edu-
 20 cation Act of 1978 (20 U.S.C. 923(d)(1)) is amended by
 21 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

22 “(D) Children of employees of the American
 23 Red Cross who—

1 “(i) are performing, on a full-time basis,
2 services for the Armed Forces, including emer-
3 gency services; and

4 “(ii) reside in an overseas area supported
5 by a school of the defense dependents’ edu-
6 cation system.”.

7 **SEC. 554. REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF PORTABLE ELEC-**
8 **TRONIC MOBILE DEVICES IN DEPARTMENT**
9 **OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY SCHOOLS.**

10 (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180
11 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary of Defense, acting through the Director of the De-
13 partment of Defense Education Activity, shall update ex-
14 isting regulations on student use of portable electronic mo-
15 bile devices in Department of Defense Education Activity
16 (DODEA) schools to prohibit disruption in the learning
17 environment by minimizing the use of such mobile devices
18 to the greatest extent practicable and to standardize such
19 regulations across all DODEA schools.

20 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days
21 after completion of the updated regulations required under
22 subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall brief the
23 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
24 House of Representatives on the updated regulations, in-
25 cluding—

1 (1) relevant evidence taken into consideration
2 on the use of portable electronic mobile devices in
3 and around the classroom on learning outcomes and
4 social dynamics;

5 (2) a description of how the regulations have
6 standardized policies across all DODEA schools;

7 (3) an assessment of the influence, if any, of
8 public-school policies on mobile devices at school or
9 in the classroom; and

10 (4) any other matters the Secretary determines
11 relevant.

12 **SEC. 555. ADMINISTRATION OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**
13 **TESTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
14 **EDUCATION ACTIVITY.**

15 The Director of the Department of Defense Edu-
16 cation Activity shall require schools operated by the Activ-
17 ity—

18 (1) to offer to administer and, if such an offer
19 is accepted, administer at least one college admis-
20 sions test to each student in the eleventh grade; and

21 (2) to provide the parents of each such student
22 with the option for the student to take a college ad-
23 missions test of the parents' choice, including any
24 test that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

1 **SEC. 556. SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING EARLY CHILD CARE**
2 **OPTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may—

5 (1) direct the Secretaries of the military depart-
6 ments—

7 (A) to identify gaps between existing early
8 child care needs and available eligible child care
9 providers;

10 (B) to use resources of the Department of
11 Defense to support eligible child care providers
12 in recruitment and retention of employees, in-
13 cluding through professional development and
14 financial incentives for such employees; and

15 (C) to seek to enter into an interagency
16 partnership with a Federal agency with the
17 ability to place national service participants and
18 volunteers trained in education services, includ-
19 ing senior volunteer programs, at military child
20 development centers in accordance with applica-
21 ble national service laws and with all the bene-
22 fits accorded to such participants and volun-
23 teers; and

24 (2) provide training and resource subsidies to
25 eligible child care providers and networks of such
26 providers.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—The
3 term “eligible child care provider” has the meaning
4 given that term in section 658P of the Child Care
5 and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42
6 U.S.C. 9858n).

7 (2) MILITARY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER.—
8 The term “military child development center” has
9 the meaning given that term in section 1800 of title
10 10, United States Code.

11 **SEC. 557. IMPROVED COUNSELING AND ACCESS TO INFOR-**
12 **MATION RELATING TO FOSTER CARE FOR**
13 **MILITARY FAMILIES.**

14 (a) TRAINING FOR COUNSELORS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
16 shall require all counselors assigned to a Family Ad-
17 vocacy Program or Military and Family Life pro-
18 gram at a military installation in the United States
19 to be trained in the requirements and resources re-
20 lating to foster care of the State in which the instal-
21 lation is located.

22 (2) FOSTER CARE LIAISONS.—A counselor who
23 has received training under paragraph (1) shall be
24 known as a “foster care liaison”.

1 (b) INCLUSION OF FOSTER CARE INFORMATION ON
2 MILITARY ONESOURCE.—The Secretary shall require
3 Military OneSource to include a mechanism for military
4 families to obtain information on foster care, including the
5 requirements and resources relating to foster care of each
6 State.

7 (c) CONSULTATION WITH ADMINISTRATION FOR
8 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.—The Secretary shall seek
9 guidance from the Administration for Children and Fami-
10 lies of the Department of Health and Human Services
11 with respect to obtaining resources relating to foster care
12 for military families, including curricula for training under
13 paragraph (1).

14 **SEC. 558. PILOT PROGRAM ON RECRUITMENT AND RETEN-**
15 **TION OF EMPLOYEES FOR CHILD DEVELOP-**
16 **MENT PROGRAMS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may de-
18 velop and implement a pilot program to assess the effec-
19 tiveness of increasing compensation or other benefits for
20 employees of child development programs on military in-
21 stallations in improving the ability of such programs to
22 recruit and retain such employees.

23 (b) COMPENSATION.—If the Secretary implements
24 the pilot program authorized by subsection (a), the Sec-
25 retary shall provide for the payment of compensation to

1 employees of child development programs under the pilot
2 program at a fair and competitive wage that maintains
3 sustainable and high-quality child care conditions.

4 (c) SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary implements
6 the pilot program authorized by subsection (a), the
7 Secretary shall select not fewer than three military
8 installations for purposes of carrying out the pilot
9 program.

10 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting military in-
11 stallations under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
12 consider military installations with child development
13 programs—

14 (A) with a shortage of qualified employees;

15 or

16 (B) subject to other conditions identified
17 by the Secretary that affect the ability of the
18 programs to operate at full capacity.

19 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe
20 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section.

21 (e) DURATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—If the Sec-
22 retary implements the pilot program authorized by sub-
23 section (a), the pilot program shall—

1 (1) commence on the date on which the Sec-
2 retary prescribes regulations under subsection (d);
3 and

4 (2) terminate on the date that is 3 years after
5 the date described in paragraph (1).

6 (f) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

7 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—If the Secretary imple-
8 ments the pilot program authorized by subsection
9 (a), the Secretary shall, when the pilot program
10 commences in accordance with subsection (e)(1),
11 brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
12 ate and the House of Representatives on—

13 (A) the military installations selected
14 under subsection (c) for purposes of carrying
15 out the pilot program;

16 (B) the data that informed those selec-
17 tions; and

18 (C) the compensation or other benefits to
19 be offered under the pilot program.

20 (2) FINAL BRIEFING.—If the Secretary imple-
21 ments the pilot program authorized by subsection
22 (a), the Secretary shall, not later than 180 days be-
23 fore the pilot program terminates in accordance with
24 subsection (e)(2), brief the Committees on Armed
25 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-

1 tives on the outcomes and findings of the pilot pro-
2 gram, including—

3 (A) data collected and analyses conducted
4 under the pilot program with respect to the re-
5 lationship between increased compensation for
6 employees of child development programs and
7 improved recruitment or retention of those em-
8 ployees; and

9 (B) any recommendations with respect to
10 increases in compensation or other benefits for
11 employees of child development programs across
12 the Department of Defense as a result of the
13 pilot program.

14 (g) CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DEFINED.—In
15 this section, the term “child development program” means
16 a program to provide child care services for children, be-
17 tween birth through 12 years of age, of members of the
18 Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department
19 of Defense.

20 **SEC. 559. REPORT ON UNMET NEED FOR CHILD CARE IN**
21 **AREAS WITH SIGNIFICANT POPULATIONS OF**
22 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
24 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appro-
25 priate committees of Congress a report on the unmet need

1 for child care in areas with populations of members of the
2 Armed Forces that includes—

3 (1) an assessment of—

4 (A) the unmet need for each military in-
5 stallation, specifically those families who have
6 no childcare at all;

7 (B) the military families on the waitlist for
8 a child development center on an installation
9 who may be using a family childcare home or
10 fee assistance until they can get off of the
11 waitlist; and

12 (C) areas where there may be significant
13 challenges providing care to dependents under
14 the age of 5;

15 (2) a review of the efforts of the Department of
16 Defense to recruit and retain eligible child care pro-
17 viders; and

18 (3) a plan for meeting the unmet need for child
19 care.

20 (b) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
21 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
22 tees of Congress” means—

23 (1) the Committee on Armed Services of the
24 Senate; and

1 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
2 House of Representatives.

3 **PART II—OTHER MATTERS**

4 **SEC. 561. LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR GUARDIANSHIP TRANS-**
5 **FERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of each military de-
7 partment shall provide to members of the Armed Forces
8 serving on active duty access to legal services provided by
9 an attorney specializing in guardianship transfers in each
10 State in which a military installation is located.

11 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than Sep-
12 tember 1, 2026, the Secretary of each military department
13 shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-
14 ate and the House of Representatives on the following:

15 (1) A plan for implementing the requirement to
16 provide access to legal services described in sub-
17 section (a).

18 (2) Any challenges associated with implementa-
19 tion of that requirement.

20 (3) Data on the number of members of the
21 Armed Forces with guardianship of incapacitated
22 adult dependents or a plan to gather such data.

23 (4) Any other matters the Secretary considers
24 relevant.

**Subtitle G—Junior Reserve
Officers’ Training Corps**

**SEC. 571. JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS
INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS.**

The Secretary concerned may not issue a policy under section 2031(d)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, that requires a former officer or noncommissioned officer to have more than 8 years of service to serve as a Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps instructor.

**SEC. 572. TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE BONUSES
TO JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING
CORPS INSTRUCTORS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned may pay to a member or former member of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary a one-time bonus of not more than \$10,000 if the member or former member—

(1) agrees to be an instructor for the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps under section 2031(d) of title 10, United States Code; and

(2) serves as such an instructor for not less than one academic year.

(b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until the termination date described in sub-

1 section (c), the Secretary of Defense shall brief the con-
 2 gressional defense committees on—

3 (1) the use of the authority provided by sub-
 4 section (a); and

5 (2) the effectiveness of bonuses provided under
 6 subsection (a) on increasing the number of instruc-
 7 tors for the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

8 (c) TERMINATION.—The authority provided by sub-
 9 section (a) terminates on the date that is five years after
 10 the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (d) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-
 12 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning
 13 given that term in section 101 of title 10, United States
 14 Code.

15 **SEC. 573. NUMBER OF JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAIN-**
 16 **ING CORPS UNITS.**

17 Section 545(a) of the Servicemember Quality of Life
 18 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for
 19 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended to
 20 read as follows:

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2031 of title 10, United
 22 States Code, is amended, in the first subsection designated
 23 subsection (i), by striking ‘support not fewer than 3,400,
 24 and not more than 4,000, units’ and inserting ‘support
 25 not fewer than 3,600, and not more than 4,200, units’.”.

1 **Subtitle H—Decorations and Other**
 2 **Awards, Miscellaneous Reports,**
 3 **and Other Matters**

4 **SEC. 581. HONORARY PROMOTIONS ON THE INITIATIVE OF**
 5 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

6 Section 1563a of title 10, United States Code, is
 7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)—

10 (i) by striking “the Secretary may
 11 make an honorary promotion (whether or
 12 not posthumous) of a former” and insert-
 13 ing “the Secretary of a military depart-
 14 ment is authorized to make an honorary
 15 promotion, including a posthumous hon-
 16 orary promotion, for a former”; and

17 (ii) by striking “if the Secretary de-
 18 termines that the promotion is merited”;
 19 and

20 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
 21 ing the following:

22 “(2) The honorary grade given to a member described
 23 in paragraph (1) shall be commensurate with such mem-
 24 ber’s contributions to the armed forces or the national de-
 25 fense.

1 “(3) The authority shall not be used to award an hon-
 2 orary promotion solely on the basis that an individual de-
 3 scribed in paragraph (1) was recommended for such pro-
 4 motion prior to separating from service.

5 “(4) The Secretaries of the military departments are
 6 only authorized to make an honorary promotion under
 7 paragraph (1) upon receipt of a favorable recommendation
 8 by a board of at least three independent officers convened
 9 specifically for the purpose of reviewing the proposed hon-
 10 orary promotion.”;

11 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Sec-
 12 retary” and inserting “The Secretaries of the mili-
 13 tary departments”; and

14 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “Secretary”
 15 and inserting “Secretaries of the military depart-
 16 ments”.

17 **SEC. 582. NATIONAL WEEK OF MILITARY RECRUITMENT.**

18 (a) DESIGNATION.—Chapter 1 of title 36, United
 19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 20 lowing new section:

21 **“§ 149. National Week of Military Recruitment**

22 “(a) DESIGNATION.—The last full week of September
 23 is the National Week of Military Recruitment.

24 “(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to
 25 issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of

1 the United States to observe the National Week of Military Recruitment with appropriate ceremonies and activities.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 148 the following new item:

“149. National Week of Military Recruitment.”.

8 **SEC. 583. CLARIFYING THE CALCULATION OF ENLIST-**
 9 **MENTS FOR PERSONS WHOSE SCORE ON THE**
 10 **ARMED FORCES QUALIFICATION TEST IS**
 11 **BELOW A PRESCRIBED LEVEL FOR THE FU-**
 12 **TURE SERVICEMEMBER PREPARATORY**
 13 **COURSE.**

14 Section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 520 note) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(4) EFFECT OF COURSE GRADUATION.—The Secretary concerned may exclude from the population to be considered for purposes of determining the percentage limitations imposed by section 520(a) of title 10, United States Code, any enlisted person who has graduated from a future servicemember preparatory course established pursuant to this sec-

tion with a score on the Armed Forces Qualification Test that is at or above the thirty-first percentile, provided that—

“(A) the Armed Forces Qualifications Test score that is at or above the thirty-first percentile is obtained within the same fiscal year in which the individual was originally enlisted to serve on active duty; and

“(B) such score is obtained during the period the individual was originally enlisted to serve on active duty, as determined by the Secretary concerned.”; and

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (8), respectively;

(B) by inserting before paragraph (3), as redesignated by subparagraph (A), the following new paragraphs:

“(1) Percentage of nonprior service enlisted accessions scoring below the thirty-first percentile on the Armed Forces Qualification Test upon original enlistment.

“(2) Percentage of nonprior service enlisted accessions scoring below the thirty-first percentile on

1 the Armed Forces Qualification Test following grad-
 2 uation from the preparatory course or subsequent
 3 reclassification, as applicable.”; and

4 (C) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated,
 5 by striking “prepatory” and inserting “pre-
 6 paratory”.

7 **SEC. 584. RECRUITER ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

8 Section 503(c)(1)(A) of chapter 31 of title 10, United
 9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by amending clause (i) to read as follows:

11 “(i) shall provide military recruiters the same
 12 access to the campus of each secondary school
 13 served by the local educational agency for the pur-
 14 pose of recruiting students who are at least 17 years
 15 of age that is provided to any prospective employer,
 16 institution of higher education, or other recruiter;”;

17 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “provide to mili-
 18 tary recruiters access to” and inserting “facilitate
 19 upon request made by military recruiters for military
 20 recruiting purposes not fewer than four in-person re-
 21 cruitment events per academic year, across different
 22 grading periods, which may include”; and

23 (3) by amending clause (iii) to read as follows:

24 “(iii) shall provide to military recruiters within
 25 60 days of the commencement of the academic year,

1 and thereafter within 30 days of a recruiter request,
2 access to secondary school student names, academic
3 grade, addresses, electronic mail addresses (which
4 shall be the electronic mail addresses provided by
5 the school, if available), and telephone and mobile
6 phone listings, notwithstanding subsection (a)(5) of
7 section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act
8 (20 U.S.C. 1232g).”.

9 **SEC. 585. COMPLIANCE WITH TRAVEL CHARGE CARD DEAC-**
10 **TIVATION REQUIREMENTS.**

11 (a) **POLICY COMPLIANCE.**—Not later than 60 days
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
13 of Defense shall ensure that Department of Defense poli-
14 cies and procedures are consistent with section 3(h)(1)(H)
15 of the Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of
16 2012 (Public Law 112–194; 5 U.S.C. 5701 note) and re-
17 lated implementing guidance, regarding the prompt deac-
18 tivation and closure of government-issued travel charge
19 card accounts upon the separation, retirement, or termi-
20 nation of military or civilian personnel.

21 (b) **COMPTROLLER REVIEW.**—Not later than 180
22 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
23 Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall submit to the
24 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
25 House of Representatives a report describing—

1 (1) actions taken to verify consistent implemen-
 2 tation of deactivation and closure policies for govern-
 3 ment-issued travel charge cards across the military
 4 departments and defense agencies;

5 (2) any gaps or inconsistencies identified in the
 6 execution of current policy; and

7 (3) recommendations, if any, to improve compli-
 8 ance, oversight, or prevention of unauthorized card
 9 use following personnel separation.

10 **TITLE VI—COMPENSATION AND**
 11 **OTHER PERSONNEL BENEFITS**
 12 **Subtitle A—Pay and Allowances**

13 **SEC. 601. MODIFICATIONS TO CALCULATION OF BASIC AL-**
 14 **LOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE FOR ENLISTED**
 15 **MEMBERS.**

16 Section 402 of title 37, United States Code, is
 17 amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
 20 ing the following new paragraph (1):

21 “(1)(A) The monthly rate of basic allowance for sub-
 22 sistence to be in effect for an enlisted member for a year
 23 (beginning on January 1 of that year) shall be—

24 “(i) except as provided by clause (ii), equal to
 25 the monthly cost of a liberal food plan for a male

1 in the United States who is between 19 and 50 years
 2 of age, as determined by the Secretary of Agri-
 3 culture each October 1; and

4 “(ii) in the case of such a member who is sub-
 5 ject to monthly deduction from pay for meals under
 6 section 1011(b) of this title, the amount computed
 7 under clause (i) reduced by the amount of such de-
 8 duction from pay, in accordance with policies pre-
 9 scribed by the Secretary of Defense.

10 “(B) The monthly rate of basic allowance for subsist-
 11 ence to be in effect for an enlisted member for a year
 12 under subparagraph (A)(i) may not decrease relative to
 13 the rate in effect for the preceding year.”; and

14 (B) by striking paragraph (3); and

15 (2) in subsection (d), in the matter preceding
 16 paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (b)(1)” and
 17 inserting “subsection (b)(1)(A)(i)”.

18 **SEC. 602. INCLUSION OF DESCRIPTIONS OF TYPES OF PAY**
 19 **ON PAY STATEMENTS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 19 of title 37, United
 21 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 22 lowing new section:

23 **“§ 1016. Pay statements: descriptions of types of pay**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
 25 ensure that each pay statement issued to a member of the

1 Armed Forces includes, for each type of pay, allowance,
2 and deduction listed on the statement, a brief and plain-
3 language description of—

4 “(1) the statutory or regulatory authority under
5 which the pay, allowance, or deduction is made;

6 “(2) the purpose of the pay, allowance, or de-
7 duction;

8 “(3) the criteria for determining eligibility of
9 the member for the pay, allowance, or deduction;
10 and

11 “(4) possible changes in the eligibility of the
12 member for the pay, allowance, or deduction, includ-
13 ing the circumstances under which the pay, allow-
14 ance, or deduction may be suspended, expire, or
15 modified.

16 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The descriptions required to
17 be included on a pay statement under paragraph (1) shall
18 be—

19 “(1) accessible directly on the pay statement;
20 and

21 “(2) presented in language easily understood by
22 individuals without specialized knowledge of military
23 finance, accounting, or law.”.

24 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements of section
25 1016 of title 37, United States Code, as added by sub-

1 section (a), shall apply with respect to pay statements
2 issued on or after the date that is 180 days after the date
3 of the enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 603. INCREASED AWARENESS AND IMPROVED CAL-**
5 **CULATION OF RATES FOR BASIC ALLOWANCE**
6 **FOR HOUSING.**

7 (a) INCREASING AWARENESS.—The Secretary of De-
8 fense shall seek to improve transparency of the calculation
9 of the basic allowance for housing under section 403 of
10 title 37, United States Code, by—

11 (1) developing a clear, accessible document that
12 explains how rates of the basic allowance for housing
13 are determined, including methodology and types of
14 data sources used, which shall be—

15 (A) reviewed and updated not less fre-
16 quently than annually and as rates and calcula-
17 tion methods change; and

18 (B) made available on a publicly accessible
19 internet website and distributed across all rel-
20 evant components of the Department of De-
21 fense; and

22 (2) providing to members of the Armed Forces
23 when such members experience a permanent change
24 of station, permanent change of assignment, change
25 in dependency status, change in grade, or any other

1 event that may impact their eligibility for or rate of
2 basic allowance for housing—

3 (A) the information included in the docu-
4 ment developed under paragraph (1); and

5 (B) an explanation of the type of rental
6 housing the rate of basic allowance for housing
7 received by such members is intended to sup-
8 port in each locality.

9 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE METHOD-
10 OLOGY.—Consistent with the recommendations of the
11 14th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation issued
12 under section 1008(b) of title 37, United States Code, the
13 Secretary shall—

14 (1) develop a methodology to compute rates of
15 the basic allowance for housing using an approach
16 based on the number of bedrooms in a housing unit
17 and incorporating available and verified occupied
18 rental market data;

19 (2) conduct a pilot program using the method-
20 ology developed under paragraph (1); and

21 (3) using that methodology, set notional rates
22 for the basic allowance for housing for 2026 and
23 2027 for a minimum of 10 military housing areas.

24 (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
25 1, 2027, the Secretary shall provide a briefing to the Com-

1 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
2 of Representatives that includes—

3 (1) a comparison of the notional rates set under
4 subsection (b)(3) with the actual rates for basic al-
5 lowance for housing for 2026 and 2027;

6 (2) a comparison of the advantages and dis-
7 advantages of—

8 (A) the methodology used as of the date of
9 the enactment of this Act for setting rates for
10 the basic allowance for housing; and

11 (B) using the methodology developed under
12 subsection (b)(1) for setting such rates;

13 (3) a determination of whether the methodology
14 developed under subsection (b)(1) is more or less
15 likely than the methodology described in paragraph
16 (2)(A) to ensure that rates for the basic allowance
17 for housing are set based upon a 95 percent statis-
18 tical confidence that the estimated median rent is
19 within 10 percent of the actual median rent in local
20 military housing areas;

21 (4) a cost estimate for 2027 under both the
22 methodology described in paragraph (2)(A) and the
23 methodology developed under subsection (b)(1);

1 (5) an identification of any additional legislative
2 authority required to fully implement the method-
3 ology developed under subsection (b)(1); and

4 (6) the recommendation of the Secretary with
5 respect to whether to implement the use of the
6 methodology developed under subsection (b)(1) and
7 the timing for such implementation.

8 **SEC. 604. MILITARY COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL CAM-**
9 **PAIGN.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with the recommenda-
11 tions of the 14th Quadrennial Review of Military Com-
12 pensation issued under section 1008(b) of title 37, United
13 States Code, and not later than 180 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
15 shall commence a 12-month educational campaign to im-
16 prove the understanding and awareness of members of the
17 Armed Forces and their families with respect to the major
18 components of monetary and nonmonetary military com-
19 pensation.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—At a minimum, the campaign re-
21 quired by subsection (a) shall address—

22 (1) the elements of regular military compensa-
23 tion (RMC), as defined in section 101(25) of title
24 37, United States Code;

25 (2) special and incentive pays;

- 1 (3) the calculation of retired pay for length of
2 service;
- 3 (4) educational assistance programs and bene-
4 fits;
- 5 (5) health care for members of the Armed
6 Forces serving in active components and their fami-
7 lies; and
- 8 (6) nonmonetary benefits.

9 **Subtitle B—Special and Incentive**
10 **Pay**

11 **SEC. 611. REVIEWS OF DESIGNATIONS OF IMMINENT DAN-**
12 **GER PAY AREAS.**

13 (a) INITIAL REVIEW.—Not later than March 1, 2026,
14 the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secre-
15 taries of the military departments, shall—

16 (1) commence a review of each area designated
17 under section 351(a)(3) of title 37, United States
18 Code, to determine whether the area is one in which
19 a member of the uniformed services is subject to im-
20 minent danger of physical injury due to threat con-
21 ditions; and

22 (2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
23 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives
24 a report on the review, including any changes to des-

1 ignations under that section that result from the re-
2 view.

3 (b) SUBSEQUENT REVIEWS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,
5 2031, and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of
6 Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the
7 military departments, shall conduct a review de-
8 scribed in subsection (a)(1).

9 (2) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 60
10 days after completing a review under paragraph (1),
11 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-
12 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
13 House of Representatives a report on the review, in-
14 cluding any changes to designations under that sec-
15 tion that result from the review.

16 (c) REPORTS ON DESIGNATION CHANGES BETWEEN
17 REPORTS.—If, at any time between the submission of re-
18 ports required by subsections (a)(2) and (b)(2), the Sec-
19 retary of Defense or the Secretary of a military depart-
20 ment conducts a review of areas designated under section
21 351(a)(3) of title 37, United States Code, and makes a
22 change to any such designation, that Secretary shall sub-
23 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
24 and the House of Representatives a report on the review

1 and the change not later than 60 days after the change
2 is made.

3 **SEC. 612. IMPLEMENTATION OF AVIATION INCENTIVE PAY**
4 **FOR MEMBERS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS.**

5 Section 602(d) of the National Defense Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 37 U.S.C.
7 357 note) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) by striking “In making” and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In making”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraphs:

14 “(B) AVIATION INCENTIVE PAY EVALUA-
15 TION.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the Sec-
16 retary shall complete the evaluation required by
17 subparagraph (A) with respect to aviation in-
18 centive pay under section 334 of title 37,
19 United States Code. In conducting that evalua-
20 tion, the Secretary shall make a specific deter-
21 mination with respect to the percentage of such
22 aviation incentive pay, if any, that is paid spe-
23 cifically to maintain skill certification or pro-
24 ficiency under section 357 of title 37, United
25 States Code.

1 “(C) SPECIAL AND INCENTIVE PAY FRAME-
 2 WORK.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the Sec-
 3 retary shall submit to the Committees on
 4 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of
 5 Representatives a detailed report on the special
 6 and incentive pay assessment framework, re-
 7 quired by the Senate report accompanying the
 8 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 9 Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31), that includes
 10 the Secretary’s plan and timeline for imple-
 11 menting such framework.”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 13 paragraph:

14 “(3) INITIATION OF PAYMENTS.—Not later
 15 than January 1, 2027, the Secretary concerned shall
 16 begin making aviation incentive payments under sec-
 17 tion 357 of title 37, United States Code, pursuant
 18 to the determination made under paragraph
 19 (2)(B).”.

20 **SEC. 613. PILOT PROGRAM ON IMPROVING RETENTION OF**
 21 **MEMBERS WITH DEGREES IN THEIR FIELDS**
 22 **OF SPECIALTY.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
 24 tablish a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advis-
 25 ability of paying incentive pay to certain enlisted members

1 of the Armed Forces with degrees in their fields of spe-
2 cialty to improve the retention of such members.

3 (b) PAYMENT OF INCENTIVE PAY.—Under the pilot
4 program required by subsection (a), the Secretary con-
5 cerned may pay monthly incentive pay to a member of the
6 Armed Forces who—

7 (1) is an enlisted member;

8 (2) has less than 4 years of service in the
9 Armed Forces;

10 (3) has a degree in the member's field of spe-
11 cialty, as determined by the Secretary concerned;
12 and

13 (4) commits to reenlisting.

14 (c) TERMINATION.—The pilot program required by
15 subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is 5 years
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—After the termination
18 under subsection (c) of the pilot program required by sub-
19 section (a), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional
20 defense committees a report on the effectiveness of the
21 pilot program in retaining highly qualified members that
22 includes an assessment of—

23 (1) the effect of the pilot program on retention
24 rates;

1 (2) satisfaction of members with the pilot pro-
2 gram; and

3 (3) the overall cost-effectiveness of the pilot
4 program.

5 (e) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-
6 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning
7 given that term in section 101 of title 10, United States
8 Code.

9 **Subtitle C—Other Matters**

10 **SEC. 621. EXTENSION OF ENHANCED AUTHORITY FOR SE-** 11 **LECTIVE EARLY RETIREMENT AND EARLY** 12 **DISCHARGES.**

13 Section 638a(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
14 is amended by striking “December 31, 2025” and insert-
15 ing “December 31, 2030”.

16 **SEC. 622. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY EARLY RETIREMENT** 17 **AUTHORITY.**

18 Section 4403(i) of the National Defense Authoriza-
19 tion Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (Public Law 102–484; 10
20 U.S.C. 1293 note) is amended by striking “December 31,
21 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2030”.

1 **SEC. 623. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE VOL-**
2 **UNTARY SEPARATION PAY AND BENEFITS.**

3 Section 1175a(k)(1) of title 10, United States Code,
4 is amended by striking “December 31, 2025” and insert-
5 ing “December 31, 2030”.

6 **SEC. 624. DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES ARMY GARRI-**
7 **SON KWAJALEIN ATOLL AS REMOTE AND ISO-**
8 **LATED MILITARY INSTALLATION.**

9 (a) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary
11 of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the Secretary
12 of the Army, in coordination with the Commander of the
13 United States Army Pacific, shall designate United States
14 Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll as a remote and isolated
15 military installation.

16 (b) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
17 date on which the designation described in subsection (a)
18 is completed, the Secretary of the Army shall submit a
19 notification to the congressional defense committees con-
20 firming completion of the designation.

21 (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
22 after the date on which the Secretary of the Army submits
23 the notification described in subsection (b), the Com-
24 mander of the United States Army Pacific shall brief the
25 congressional defense committees on adjustments to De-
26 partment of Defense resourcing for and support to United

1 States Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll as a result of the
2 designation described in subsection (a).

3 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “remote
4 and isolated military installation” means a military instal-
5 lation determined to be remote and isolated pursuant to
6 the criteria set forth in Department of Defense Instruc-
7 tions 1015.10 and 1015.18, dated July 6, 2009, and May
8 30, 2024, respectively.

9 **SEC. 625. DESIGNATION OF CREECH AIR FORCE BASE AS A**
10 **REMOTE OR ISOLATED INSTALLATION.**

11 The Secretary of Defense shall designate Creech Air
12 Force Base, Indian Springs, Nevada, as a remote or iso-
13 lated installation.

14 **SEC. 626. PROVISION OF COUNSELING ON HOUSING FOR**
15 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

16 Section 992 of title 10, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by adding at the end
19 the following new subparagraph:

20 “(C) The Secretary concerned may, subject to the ap-
21 plicable requirements of this section, enter into contracts
22 to provide counseling under this paragraph with individ-
23 uals and organizations that provide counseling with re-
24 spect to housing, including—

1 “(i) organizations that are certified under sec-
 2 tion 106(e) of the Housing and Urban Development
 3 Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x(e)); and

4 “(ii) other individuals and organizations the
 5 Secretary concerned determines are qualified to pro-
 6 vide helpful, unbiased counseling with respect to
 7 housing.”; and

8 (2) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “and mort-
 9 gages” and inserting “mortgages, and other finan-
 10 cial products related to the purchase or lease of a
 11 primary residence (and information on fees related
 12 to such products)”.

13 **SEC. 627. PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT-FUNDED**
 14 **TRANSPORTATION FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS**
 15 **OF THE ARMED FORCES STATIONED OVER-**
 16 **SEAS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
 18 tablish a program to provide Government-funded trans-
 19 portation for unaccompanied members of the Armed
 20 Forces from designated overseas locations to the members’
 21 homes of record, or to other locations of comparable or
 22 lesser cost, in accordance with this section.

23 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—Transportation under this section
 24 may be provided to a member of the Armed Forces who—

1 (1) is assigned to an overseas duty location des-
2 ignated by the Secretary for purposes of this section;

3 (2) is serving an unaccompanied tour of at least
4 24 consecutive months at such location, including
5 any authorized extensions; and

6 (3) is otherwise eligible in accordance with im-
7 plementing regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

8 (c) TRANSPORTATION MODE.—Transportation under
9 this section may be provided using military air in accord-
10 ance with established space-available policies or through
11 commercial air travel, as determined appropriate by the
12 Secretary.

13 (d) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe lim-
14 itations on the number of authorized trips per overseas
15 tour, and may restrict travel during certain periods at the
16 beginning or end of such tours.

17 (e) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall pre-
18 scribe regulations to implement this section, including the
19 designation of eligible overseas duty locations and speci-
20 fied destinations.

21 (f) ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.—Transportation pro-
22 vided under this section shall be subject to applicable re-
23 strictions, including compliance with the Department of
24 Defense Foreign Clearance Guide, and limitations on the

1 use of Government travel cards for any leisure-related ex-
2 penses.

3 **SEC. 628. PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT AND COM-**
4 **MISSARY SALES OF SEAFOOD ORIGINATING**
5 **OR PROCESSED IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC**
6 **OF CHINA.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT OF SEAFOOD
8 ORIGINATING OR PROCESSED IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUB-
9 LIC OF CHINA FOR MILITARY DINING FACILITIES.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-
11 graph (2) or (3), the Secretary of Defense may not
12 enter into a contract for the procurement of seafood
13 that originates or is processed in the People's Re-
14 public of China for use in military dining facilities,
15 including galleys onboard United States naval ves-
16 sels.

17 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

18 (A) UNDUE BURDEN.—The Secretary of
19 Defense, or a designee of the Secretary, may
20 grant exceptions to the prohibition under para-
21 graph (1) to facilities on military installations
22 located outside of the United States if such pro-
23 hibition would unduly burden or prevent sea-
24 food from being served at such facility.

1 (B) UNITED STATES VESSELS VISITING
 2 FOREIGN PORTS.—The Secretary of Defense, or
 3 a designee of the Secretary, may grant excep-
 4 tions to the prohibition under paragraph (1) to
 5 United States vessels visiting foreign ports.

6 (3) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may
 7 waive the prohibition under paragraph (1).

8 (b) PROHIBITION ON SALES OF SEAFOOD ORIGI-
 9 NATING IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AT COM-
 10 MISSARY STORES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2484 of title 10,
 12 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 13 end the following new subsection:

14 “(1) PROHIBITION ON SALES OF SEAFOOD ORIGI-
 15 NATING IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
 17 paragraph (2), raw or processed seafood or seafood
 18 products originating in the People’s Republic of
 19 China may not be sold at commissary stores.

20 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may
 21 waive the prohibition under paragraph (1).”.

22 (2) BRIEFING ON COMPLIANCE.—Section
 23 2481(c)(4) of such title is amended—

24 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “;
 25 and” and inserting a semicolon;

1 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as
2 subparagraph (F); and

3 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
4 the following new subparagraph (E):

5 “(E) an assessment of compliance with the
6 prohibition under section 2484(l) of this title;
7 and”.

8 (3) TRANSITION RULES.—

9 (A) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition
10 under subsection (l) of section 2484 of title 10,
11 United States Code, as added by paragraph (1),
12 shall apply on and after the date that is 30
13 days after the date of the enactment of this
14 Act.

15 (B) DISPOSAL OF REMAINING STOCK.—
16 The Director of the Defense Commissary Agen-
17 cy may determine how to dispose of any stock
18 covered by the prohibition under subsection (l)
19 of section 2484 of title 10, United States Code,
20 as added by paragraph (1), that remains as of
21 the date described in subparagraph (A).

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibitions under this
23 section, and the amendments made by this section, shall
24 take effect 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
25 Act.

1 **TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE**
2 **PROVISIONS**
3 **Subtitle A—TRICARE, Brain**
4 **Health, and Other Health Care**
5 **Benefits**

6 **SEC. 701. INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN**
7 **NOTIFICATIONS TO MODIFY SCOPE OF SERV-**
8 **ICES PROVIDED AT MILITARY MEDICAL**
9 **TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

10 Section 1073d(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
11 is amended—

12 (1) by striking “information demonstrating”;

13 (2) by striking “the extent” and all that follows
14 through the period at the end and inserting “the fol-
15 lowing.”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(A) An endorsement from the Chairman of the
18 Joint Chiefs of Staff that the proposed modification
19 will have no effect on operational requirements of
20 the armed forces.

21 “(B) An endorsement from the Surgeon Gen-
22 eral of the military department concerned that the
23 proposed modification will have no effect on the
24 training or readiness of military medical personnel
25 in the military department concerned.

1 “(C) An assessment from the Director of the
 2 Defense Health Agency that explains how members
 3 of the armed forces and covered beneficiaries receiv-
 4 ing services at the facility will continue to receive
 5 care.”.

6 **SEC. 702. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HEARING AIDS**
 7 **TO INCLUDE CHILDREN OF RETIRED MEM-**
 8 **BERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EN-**
 9 **ROLLED IN FAMILY COVERAGE UNDER**
 10 **TRICARE SELECT.**

11 Section 1077(a)(16)(B)(ii) of title 10, United States
 12 Code, is amended by inserting “or TRICARE Select” be-
 13 fore the period at the end.

14 **SEC. 703. ASSESSMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SO-**
 15 **CIAL HEALTH CONDITIONS OF MILITARY**
 16 **PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES ASSIGNED**
 17 **TO CREECH AIR FORCE BASE, NEVADA.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force,
 19 in coordination with the Director of the Defense Health
 20 Agency, shall assess the behavioral health and social
 21 health conditions of members of the Air Force assigned
 22 to Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, and their families re-
 23 lated to such assignment.

24 (b) TOOLS USED.—In carrying out the assessment
 25 required under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Air

1 Force shall use tools such as site assistance visits, behav-
2 ioral health epidemiological consultations, and community-
3 wide assessments.

4 (c) ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT.—The assessment
5 required under subsection (a) shall—

6 (1) establish the behavioral health and social
7 health outcomes that impact individual, family, and
8 unit readiness at Creech Air Force Base;

9 (2) identify factors, to include unique social and
10 occupational stressors, affecting the behavioral
11 health and social health of members of the Air Force
12 and their families stationed at Creech Air Force
13 Base; and

14 (3) make recommendations to address those
15 factors and to improve the health and readiness of
16 members of the Air Force and their families sta-
17 tioned at Creech Air Force Base, and in doing so,
18 advancing the readiness of the Air Force.

19 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
20 Secretary of the Air Force shall brief the Committees on
21 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
22 atives on the methods used to conduct the assessment re-
23 quired under subsection (a) and on the findings and rec-
24 ommendations of the assessment.

1 **SEC. 704. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT MED-**
2 **ICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS ON A NONRE-**
3 **IMBURSABLE BASIS TO CERTAIN OTHERWISE**
4 **INELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FORENSIC EXAMINA-**
6 **TIONS.**—The Secretary of Defense, in accordance with
7 regulations prescribed by the Secretary, shall authorize
8 medical personnel of the Department of Defense to pro-
9 vide sexual assault medical forensic examinations, in a
10 military medical treatment facility on a nonreimbursable
11 basis, to an individual who—

12 (1) is not otherwise eligible for health care from
13 the Department;

14 (2) reports a sexual assault offense for which
15 the Defense Criminal Investigative Service may ini-
16 tiate an investigation; and

17 (3) is eligible for a forensic examination in ac-
18 cordance with those regulations.

19 (b) **ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.**—The regulations pre-
20 scribed under subsection (a) may provide for the handling,
21 storage, and transfer to law enforcement of a completed
22 sexual assault medical forensic examination kit.

1 **SEC. 705. FERTILITY TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS**
2 **OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES AND DEPEND-**
3 **ENTS.**

4 (a) FERTILITY TREATMENT.—Chapter 55 of title 10,
5 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section
6 1074o the following new section:

7 **“§ 1074p. Fertility treatment for certain active duty**
8 **members of the uniformed services and**
9 **their dependents**

10 “(a) COVERAGE.—The Secretary of Defense shall en-
11 sure that fertility-related care for a member of the uni-
12 formed services on active duty (or a dependent of such
13 a member) shall be covered under TRICARE Prime and
14 TRICARE Select.

15 “(b) IN VITRO FERTILIZATION.—In the case of in
16 vitro fertilization treatment furnished to an individual
17 pursuant to subsection (a), coverage under such sub-
18 section shall include—

19 “(1) not fewer than three completed oocyte re-
20 trievals; and

21 “(2) unlimited embryo transfers provided in ac-
22 cordance with the guidelines of the American Society
23 for Reproductive Medicine, using single embryo
24 transfer when recommended and medically appro-
25 priate.

26 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘infertility’ means a disease, con-
2 dition, or status characterized by—

3 “(A) the failure to establish a pregnancy
4 or to carry a pregnancy to live birth after reg-
5 ular, unprotected sexual intercourse in accord-
6 ance with the guidelines of the American Soci-
7 ety for Reproductive Medicine;

8 “(B) the inability of an individual to repro-
9 duce without medical intervention either as a
10 single individual or with the partner of the indi-
11 vidual; or

12 “(C) the findings of a licensed physician
13 based on the medical, sexual, and reproductive
14 history, age, physical findings, or diagnostic
15 testing of the individual.

16 “(2) The term ‘fertility-related care’ means—

17 “(A) the diagnosis of infertility; and

18 “(B) fertility treatment.

19 “(3) The term ‘fertility treatment’ includes the
20 following:

21 “(A) In vitro fertilization or other treat-
22 ments or procedures in which human oocytes,
23 embryos, or sperm are handled when clinically
24 appropriate.

25 “(B) Sperm retrieval.

1 “(C) Egg retrieval.

2 “(D) Preservation of human oocytes, em-
3 bryos, or sperm.

4 “(E) Artificial insemination, including
5 intravaginal insemination, intracervical insemi-
6 nation, and intrauterine insemination.

7 “(F) Transfer of reproductive genetic ma-
8 terial.

9 “(G) Medications as prescribed or nec-
10 essary for fertility.

11 “(H) Fertility treatment coordination.

12 “(I) Such other information, referrals,
13 treatments, procedures, testing, medications,
14 laboratory services, technologies, and services
15 facilitating reproduction as determined appro-
16 priate by the Secretary of Defense.”.

17 (b) PROGRAM ON FERTILITY TREATMENT COORDI-
18 NATION.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is
19 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

20 **“§ 1110c. Program on fertility-related care coordina-**
21 **tion**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
23 establish a program on the coordination of fertility-related
24 care by the Secretary for purposes of ensuring patients
25 receive 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 uniformed services and the dependents of such
 6 members.

7 “(c) FERTILITY-RELATED CARE DEFINED.—In this
 8 section, the term ‘fertility-related care’ has the meaning
 9 given that term in section 1074p(c) of this title.”.

10 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1079(a) of
 11 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 12 end the following new paragraph:

13 “(21) Fertility-related care shall be provided in
 14 accordance with section 1074p of this title.”.

15 (d) EXCLUSION FROM CONTRACTS FOR FORMER
 16 MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.—Section 1086 of
 17 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding
 19 paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (d)” and in-
 20 serting “subsections (d) and (j)”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 22 section:

23 “(j) A plan contracted for under subsection (a) may
 24 not include coverage for services under section 1074p of
 25 this title for former members of the uniformed services

1 or dependents of former members of the uniformed serv-
 2 ices.”.

3 (e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than one year after the
 4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
 5 shall prescribe regulations or subregulatory guidance re-
 6 garding the implementation of the amendments made by
 7 this section.

8 (f) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this
 9 section shall apply with respect to services provided on or
 10 after October 1, 2027.

11 (g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 12 tion or the amendments made by this section shall be con-
 13 strued—

14 (1) to provide new benefits to or alter existing
 15 benefits for former members of the uniformed serv-
 16 ices or the dependents of former members of the
 17 uniformed services; or

18 (2) to authorize the Secretary of Defense to
 19 make payments related to human cloning, artificial
 20 womb technology, or international surrogacy.

21 **SEC. 706. RESTRICTION ON PERFORMANCE OF SEX**
 22 **CHANGE SURGERIES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United
 24 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1093
 25 the following new section:

1 **“§ 1093a. Performance of sex change surgeries: re-**
 2 **strictions**

3 “(a) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Funds
 4 available to the Department of Defense may not be used
 5 to perform or facilitate sex change surgeries.

6 “(b) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FACILITIES.—No
 7 military medical treatment facility or other facility of the
 8 Department of Defense may be used to perform or facili-
 9 tate a sex change surgery.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 11 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
 12 after the item relating to section 1093 the following new
 13 item:

“1093a. Performance of sex change surgeries: restrictions.”.

14 **Subtitle B—Health Care**
 15 **Administration**

16 **SEC. 711. CODIFICATION OF POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF**
 17 **THE DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1073c of title 10, United
 19 States Code, is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (j)
 21 as subsections (b) through (k), respectively;

22 (2) by inserting before subsection (b), as redes-
 23 ignated by paragraph (1), the following:

1 “(a) DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE HEALTH AGEN-
2 CY.—(1) There is in the Defense Health Agency a Direc-
3 tor.

4 “(2) The Director of the Defense Health Agency
5 shall—

6 “(A) be a military officer and hold a rank that
7 is the same or greater than the rank of any officer
8 serving as the Surgeon General of a military depart-
9 ment under section 7036, 8031, or 9036 of this title;
10 and

11 “(B) be a joint qualified officer in accordance
12 with section 661 of this title.”;

13 (3) in subsection (b), as redesignated by para-
14 graph (1)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), in the matter pre-
16 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “, by not
17 later than September 30, 2021”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), in the matter pre-
19 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “, com-
20 mencing when the Director begins to exercise
21 responsibilities under that paragraph,”; and

22 (C) in paragraph (6), by striking “sub-
23 sections (b) and (c)” and inserting “subsections
24 (c) and (d)”;

1 (4) in subsection (f), as so redesignated, in the
 2 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “Not
 3 later than September 30, 2024, and subject to sub-
 4 section (f)” and inserting “Subject to subsection
 5 (g)”;

6 (5) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, in the
 7 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
 8 section (e)” and inserting “subsection (f)”; and

9 (6) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, by
 10 striking “subsection (e)(1)” and inserting “sub-
 11 section (f)(1)”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 13 1091a(b)(2) of such title is amended by striking “section
 14 1073c(i)” and inserting “section 1073c(k)”.

15 **SEC. 712. ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICIES FOR PRIORITY AS-**
 16 **SIGNMENT OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF DE-**
 17 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
 19 tablish policies for the priority assignment of medical per-
 20 sonnel of the Department of Defense.

21 (b) APPLICATION TO MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.—
 22 The Secretary of each military department shall assign
 23 medical personnel within that military department con-
 24 sistent with the policies established under subsection (a)

1 and in coordination with the Director of the Defense
2 Health Agency.

3 (c) REASSIGNMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, in the judgment of the
5 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of a military de-
6 partment fails to comply with the assignment prior-
7 ities established under subsection (a), the Secretary
8 may authorize the Director of the Defense Health
9 Agency to reassign medical personnel of that mili-
10 tary department in accordance with the policies es-
11 tablished under subsection (a).

12 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after
13 the effective date of any reassignment under para-
14 graph (1), the Director of the Defense Health Agen-
15 cy shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of
16 the Senate and the House of Representatives on
17 such reassignment.

18 **SEC. 713. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

19 **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

20 (a) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not-
21 withstanding section 1104 of title 10, United States Code,
22 the Secretary of Defense shall seek to establish a dem-
23 onstration program to expand partnerships between cov-
24 ered medical facilities of the Department of Defense and
25 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the demonstration
2 program under subsection (a) is to increase case volume
3 for graduate medical education programs of the Depart-
4 ment of Defense.

5 (c) PARAMETERS.—In seeking to establish a dem-
6 onstration program under subsection (a), the Secretary of
7 Defense shall make efforts to ensure the following:

8 (1) Credentialing and privileging of medical
9 personnel as necessary to work in any covered med-
10 ical facility.

11 (2) Expedited access to installations of the De-
12 partment of Defense for the purpose of providing
13 medical care under the demonstration program to
14 non-Department of Defense beneficiaries.

15 (3) Inclusion of “in-kind” or non-cash payment
16 or reimbursement for expenses incurred under the
17 demonstration program.

18 (d) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than December 1,
19 2026, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense
20 shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the
21 Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the
22 implementation of this section.

23 (e) COVERED MEDICAL FACILITY DEFINED.—In this
24 section, the term “covered medical facility” means—

1 (1) a medical facility of the Department of De-
 2 fense with a certified graduate medical education
 3 program; and

4 (2) any medical facility of the Department of
 5 Veterans Affairs.

6 (f) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on Sep-
 7 tember 30, 2032.

8 **SEC. 714. MODIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL**
 9 **MALPRACTICE CLAIMS BY MEMBERS OF THE**
 10 **UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2733a of title 10, United
 12 States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
 14 (h)” and inserting “subsection (i)”;

15 (2) in subsection (b)(6), by striking “subsection
 16 (h)” and inserting “subsection (i)”;

17 (3) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “subsection
 18 (h)” and inserting “subsection (i)”;

19 (4) by re-designating subsections (g) through
 20 (k) as subsections (h) through (l), respectively; and

21 (5) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
 22 lowing new subsection:

23 “(g) APPEALS.—(1) Any appeal from the denial of
 24 a claim under this section shall be considered by a third-

1 party review board jointly established by the Judge Advo-
2 cates General of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force.

3 “(2) The third-party review board established under
4 paragraph (1) shall consist of not more than five members,
5 all of whom possess sufficient legal or medical background,
6 or both.

7 “(3) A claimant under this section that seeks an ap-
8 peal under paragraph (1) may submit the appeal directly
9 to the third-party review board established under such
10 paragraph.

11 “(4) In considering an appeal from the denial of a
12 claim under this section, the third-party review board es-
13 tablished under paragraph (1) shall, at the request of the
14 claimant, allow for a hearing on the merits of the appeal
15 in an adversarial nature.

16 “(5) The Secretary of Defense shall provide to a
17 claimant seeking an appeal under paragraph (1) a copy
18 of any response to the appeal that is submitted on behalf
19 of the Department of Defense.

20 “(6) The third-party review board established under
21 paragraph (1) shall not consist of any member of the uni-
22 formed services or civilian employee of the Department of
23 Defense.”.

24 (b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—Not later than
25 180 days after the effective date described in subsection

1 (d), the Judge Advocates General of the Army, the Navy,
2 and the Air Force shall jointly appoint members to the
3 board established under subsection (g)(1) of section 2733a
4 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection
5 (a)(5).

6 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the es-
7 tablishment of the board required under subsection (g)(1)
8 of section 2733a of title 10, United States Code, as added
9 by subsection (a)(5), the Secretary of Defense shall submit
10 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
11 the House of Representatives a report indicating—

12 (1) the membership of the board;

13 (2) the qualifying background of each member
14 of the board; and

15 (3) a statement indicating the independence of
16 each member of the board from the Department of
17 Defense.

18 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and the amend-
19 ments made by this section, shall take effect on the date
20 that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of this
21 Act.

1 **SEC. 715. IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSITION OF MEDICS IN**
2 **THE ARMED FORCES TO THE CIVILIAN WORK-**
3 **FORCE IN HEALTH CARE OCCUPATIONS.**

4 (a) RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED.—The Secretary
5 concerned, in consultation with each of the States
6 (through the Defense-State Liaison Office of the Depart-
7 ment of Defense), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Sec-
9 retary of Labor, shall develop recommendations to improve
10 the transition of medics under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
11 retary concerned into the civilian workforce in health care
12 occupations, including as certified nurse aides, licensed
13 practical nurses, or medical assistants.

14 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out subsection
15 (a), the Secretary concerned shall—

16 (1) identify any barriers—

17 (A) to improving the ability of the Sec-
18 retary concerned to determine and communicate
19 how the military credentials and experience of
20 a medic separating from the Armed Forces
21 translate to credentialed civilian employment in
22 health care occupations;

23 (B) that exist to the standardization
24 among the Armed Forces of military medic cre-
25 dentials and experience and the alignment of

1 such credentials and experience to credentialed
2 civilian employment in health care occupations;

3 (C) that exist to ensuring members of the
4 Armed Forces with military medic credentials
5 and experience have earned the equivalent civil-
6 ian credential prior to separation from the
7 Armed Forces in addition to receiving their
8 military credentials;

9 (D) to the increased establishment and up-
10 take of accelerated or bridge programs to assist
11 separating members of the Armed Forces in
12 translating military credentials and experience
13 into civilian health care credentials and employ-
14 ment;

15 (E) to increasing the availability and ac-
16 cessibility of preparatory activities under the
17 SkillBridge program established under section
18 1143(e) of title 10, United States Code, in the
19 health care sector for members of the Armed
20 Forces preparing for separation, to include—

21 (i) the approval timeline for sepa-
22 rating members to participate in
23 SkillBridge programs in the health care
24 sector; and

1 (ii) requirements to return to their
2 duty station for out-processing; and

3 (F) to providing information on civilian
4 health care credentials and employment under
5 the Transition Assistance Program to medics
6 separating from the Armed Forces, including
7 information on State-by-State licensing and
8 credentialing; and

9 (2) consider the potential impact of—

10 (A) clarification by States through legisla-
11 tion, actions of State licensing boards, or ac-
12 tions of State credentialing boards of the civil-
13 ian equivalents of certain military credentials
14 and experience in health care;

15 (B) implementation, including through
16 State-provided incentives, of accelerated pro-
17 grams to bridge military medic credentials and
18 experience with civilian health care credentials
19 and licenses;

20 (C) financial support or incentives by
21 States to increase the availability and accessi-
22 bility of such programs;

23 (D) requiring the military departments to
24 align military health care credentials with civil-
25 ian equivalents; and

1 (E) requiring the Department of Veterans
2 Affairs and the Department of Labor to track
3 and report the number of separated members of
4 the Armed Forces with health care-related mili-
5 tary credentials and experience who continue in
6 the civilian health care sector, including the
7 type of employment they pursue.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned shall
10 submit to the relevant committees of Congress a report
11 containing—

12 (1) the recommendations developed under sub-
13 section (a); and

14 (2) a plan to implement those recommenda-
15 tions.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) MEDIC.—The term “medic” means a mem-
18 ber of the Armed Forces acting in a clinical health
19 care-related occupation while serving in the Armed
20 Forces.

21 (2) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—
22 The term “relevant committees of Congress”
23 means—

24 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
25 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-

1 portation, the Committee on Health, Education,
2 Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on
3 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
5 Committee on Education and the Workforce,
6 and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the
7 House of Representatives.

8 (3) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
9 retary concerned” means—

10 (A) the Secretary of Defense, with respect
11 to matters concerning the Department of De-
12 fense; and

13 (B) the Secretary of Homeland Security,
14 with respect to matters concerning the Coast
15 Guard when it is not operating as a service in
16 the Department of the Navy.

17 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
18 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
19 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States
20 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or the
21 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
22 that have a Defense-State Liaison Office.

23 (5) TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The
24 term “Transition Assistance Program” means the
25 program of the Department of Defense for pre-sepa-

1 ration counseling, employment assistance, and other
2 transitional services provided under sections 1142
3 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 716. IMPROVEMENT OF PROVIDER DIRECTORY ACCU-**
5 **RACY FOR SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDERS**
6 **UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—By not later than five years after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
9 Defense Health Agency (in this section referred to as the
10 “Director”) shall ensure that the accuracy of the provider
11 directory under the TRICARE program for all specialty
12 care provider types reaches an average accuracy across all
13 specialty care providers of not less than 70 percent.

14 (b) MEASUREMENT OF ACCURACY.—Average accu-
15 racy under subsection (a) shall be measured biannually
16 and shall be disaggregated by provider type for each spe-
17 cialty care provider group.

18 (c) INCLUSION IN CONTRACTS.—The Director shall
19 ensure that each managed care contract under the
20 TRICARE program includes requirements that the man-
21 aged care contractor comply with the accuracy require-
22 ment under subsection (a), including by requiring each
23 such contractor to—

24 (1) conduct comprehensive outreach campaigns,
25 to include electronic and non-electronic means, and

1 mass email campaigns to network providers pro-
2 viding—

3 (A) information relating to T-5 Contract
4 penalties associated with inaccurate provider di-
5 rectory information;

6 (B) resources; and

7 (C) direct links for providers to update
8 their directory information;

9 (2) make it a condition of joining the
10 TRICARE network managed by such contractor for
11 providers to validate their provider directory infor-
12 mation not less frequently than quarterly;

13 (3) ensure that when providers file for reim-
14 bursement, such providers are prompted to review
15 and verify their directory accuracy; and

16 (4) create a mechanism by which beneficiaries
17 under the TRICARE program can report provider
18 directory inaccuracy to the contractor.

19 (d) OTHER METHODS.—The Director shall carry out
20 any other methods that the Director finds useful for the
21 improvement of provider directory accuracy.

22 (e) TESTING OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION.—Not
23 less frequently than quarterly, the Inspector General of
24 the Department of Defense shall conduct random tests,
25 encompassing all specialty care provider types, of the accu-

1 racy of information relating to specialty care providers
2 contained in the provider directory under the TRICARE
3 program.

4 (f) REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
7 nually thereafter, the Director shall submit a report
8 and provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed
9 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
10 tives on progress towards reaching the average accu-
11 racy target required under subsection (a).

12 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under paragraph
13 (1) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

14 (A) A description of the techniques that
15 are most effective in improving accuracy of pro-
16 vider directories.

17 (B) An identification of the authorities or
18 tools that the Defense Health Agency lacks for
19 improving such accuracy.

20 (C) An identification of challenges specific
21 to each specialty care provider type that limit
22 such accuracy.

23 (D) An assessment of the impact of efforts
24 of the Defense Health Agency towards improv-
25 ing such accuracy on providers either leaving

1 the TRICARE program or on the willingness of
2 non-network providers to join the TRICARE
3 program.

4 (g) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later
5 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
6 and annually thereafter, the Comptroller General of the
7 United States shall—

8 (1) conduct a holistic review of provider direc-
9 tory accuracy under the TRICARE program to
10 measure the progress of the Director towards meet-
11 ing the requirement under subsection (a); and

12 (2) submit to Congress a report on the review
13 conducted under paragraph (1).

14 **SEC. 717. REVIEW OF DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS UNDER**
15 **PROCESSES AND FORMS RELATING TO**
16 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING**
17 **AND PRIVILEGING OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
18 **FENSE.**

19 (a) REVIEW.—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
21 shall review all processes and forms relating to health care
22 provider credentialing and privileging of covered appli-
23 cants to—

24 (1) identify questions, required disclosures, or
25 other information required to be provided by the ap-

1 plicant that asks or requires the applicant to disclose
2 mental, behavioral, psychological, or other related
3 health conditions of the applicant, including require-
4 ments contained in—

5 (A) applications for credentialing, peer ref-
6 erence, or competency assessment; and

7 (B) employee manuals, guidance, and poli-
8 cies of the Department of Defense governing
9 the requirements for credentialing, privileging,
10 or employment of health care providers;

11 (2) review and compare credentialing, peer ref-
12 erence, and competency assessment forms for health
13 care providers across the military departments and
14 the Defense Health Agency, including a review of—

15 (A) which forms require disclosure of men-
16 tal, behavioral, psychological, or other related
17 health conditions; and

18 (B) whether such disclosure of mental, be-
19 havioral, psychological, or other related health
20 conditions include past and current diagnoses
21 and treatment.

22 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
24 shall submit to Congress a report containing the following:

1 (1) The findings of the review require under
2 subsection (a).

3 (2) A detailed plan outlining steps the Sec-
4 retary has taken or will take, including a timeline
5 for completion of such steps, to update the processes
6 and forms reviewed under such subsection to refrain
7 from requiring disclosures of mental, behavioral,
8 psychological, or other related health conditions
9 when there is no current impairment, including an
10 identification of the steps the Secretary will take to
11 engage advocates outside the Department of Defense
12 who have subject matter expertise.

13 (c) COVERED APPLICANT DEFINED.—In this section,
14 the term “covered applicant” means an applicant for a
15 position as a health care provider who—

16 (1) is required to go through a credentialing
17 and privileging process; and

18 (2) provides care—

19 (A) at a military medical treatment facility
20 or other clinic of the Department of Defense; or

21 (B) through the civilian network of the
22 TRICARE program (as defined in section 1072
23 of title 10, United States Code).

1 **Subtitle C—Reports and Other**
2 **Matters**

3 **SEC. 721. STRATEGIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE MEDICAL RE-**
4 **SEARCH PLAN.**

5 (a) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date on
6 which the President submits a budget for fiscal year 2027
7 to Congress pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31,
8 United States Code, the Secretary of Defense, in consulta-
9 tion with the Secretary of each military department, shall
10 submit to the congressional defense committees a com-
11 prehensive, strategic infectious disease medical research
12 plan (referred to in this section as the “Plan”).

13 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The Plan shall de-
14 scribe—

15 (1) all infectious disease medical research con-
16 ducted by the Department of Defense, including the
17 coordination process, to ensure that such research is
18 linked to—

19 (A) military readiness;

20 (B) joint force requirements; and

21 (C) relevance to individuals eligible for
22 care at military medical treatment facilities or
23 through the TRICARE program (as defined in
24 section 1072(7) of title 10, United States
25 Code);

1 (2) the infectious disease research projects
2 funded under the Defense Health Program Account
3 under section 1100 of title 10, United States Code,
4 including projects under—

5 (A) the Congressional Directed Medical
6 Research Program of the Department of De-
7 fense;

8 (B) the Defense Advanced Research
9 Projects Agency;

10 (C) the United States Army Medical Re-
11 search Institute of Infectious Diseases;

12 (D) the Chemical and Biological Defense
13 Program; and

14 (E) the Defense Threat Reduction Agency;

15 (3) the process for ensuring synergy across the
16 military medical research community—

17 (A) to address gaps in military infectious
18 disease research;

19 (B) to minimize duplication of research;

20 (C) to promote collaboration within re-
21 search focus areas; and

22 (D) to leverage and modernize the existing
23 medical research and development infrastruc-
24 ture of the Department of Defense; and

1 (4) the efforts of the Secretary to coordinate
2 with other Federal departments and agencies to in-
3 crease awareness of complementary infectious dis-
4 ease research efforts that are being carried out by
5 the Federal Government.

6 (c) BUDGET DISPLAY INFORMATION.—The Secretary
7 shall submit to the President, in conjunction with the ma-
8 terials of the Department of Defense supporting the fiscal
9 year 2027 budget request submitted to Congress by the
10 President pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United
11 States Code, and annually thereafter in conjunction with
12 each subsequent budget request through fiscal year 2032,
13 a detailed budget for carrying out the Plan that includes—

14 (1) the resources necessary for infectious dis-
15 ease medical research to carry out the activities de-
16 scribed in subsection (b) for the applicable fiscal
17 year and the 4 following fiscal years, disaggregated
18 by the activities described in paragraphs (1) through
19 (4) of subsection (b);

20 (2) with respect to procurement accounts—

21 (A) amounts displayed by account, budget
22 activity, line number, line item, and line item
23 title; and

24 (B) a description of the requirements for
25 such amounts specific to the Plan;

1 (3) with respect to research, development, test,
2 and evaluation accounts—

3 (A) amounts displayed by account, budget
4 activity, line number, program element, and
5 program element title; and

6 (B) a description of the requirements for
7 such amounts specific to the Plan;

8 (4) with respect to operation and maintenance
9 accounts—

10 (A) amounts displayed by account title,
11 budget activity title, line number, and sub-
12 activity group title; and

13 (B) a description of the specific manner in
14 which such amounts will be used;

15 (5) with respect to military personnel ac-
16 counts—

17 (A) amounts displayed by account, budget
18 activity, budget subactivity, and budget sub-
19 activity title; and

20 (B) a description of the requirements for
21 such amounts specific to the Plan;

22 (6) with respect to each project under military
23 construction accounts, the country, location, project
24 title, and project amount by fiscal year;

1 (7) with respect to the activities described in
2 subsection (b)—

3 (A) amounts displayed by account title,
4 budget activity title, line number, and sub-
5 activity group title; and

6 (B) a description of the specific manner in
7 which such amounts will be used;

8 (8) with respect to each military department—

9 (A) amounts displayed by account title,
10 budget activity title, line number, and sub-
11 activity group title; and

12 (B) a description of the specific manner in
13 which such amounts will be used;

14 (9) with respect to the amounts described in
15 each of paragraphs (2)(A), (3)(A), (4)(A), (5)(A),
16 (6), (7)(A), and (8)(A) for a fiscal year—

17 (A) a comparison between—

18 (i) the amount requested in the budg-
19 et of the President for such fiscal year;
20 and

21 (ii) the amount projected in the pre-
22 viously submitted budget request of the
23 President for such fiscal year;

1 (B) a detailed summary of the amounts
2 obligated for the Plan during the most recently
3 concluded fiscal year; and

4 (C) a detailed comparison between—

5 (i) the amounts obligated for the Plan
6 during the most recently concluded fiscal
7 year; and

8 (ii) the amounts requested for the
9 Plan in the budget of the President for the
10 applicable fiscal year.

11 **SEC. 722. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR JOINT DEPART-**
12 **MENT OF DEFENSE—DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
13 **ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITY DEM-**
14 **ONSTRATION FUND.**

15 Section 1704(e) of the National Defense Authoriza-
16 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123
17 Stat. 2573), as most recently amended by section 1421
18 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
19 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
20 (Public Law 118–159), is amended by striking “Sep-
21 tember 30, 2026” and inserting “September 30, 2027”.

1 **SEC. 723. PILOT PROGRAM ON WASTEWATER SURVEIL-**
2 **LANCE SYSTEM OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
3 **FENSE.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Commencing not
5 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
6 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot
7 program under which the Secretary shall develop and im-
8 plement a comprehensive wastewater surveillance system
9 at not fewer than four installations of a military depart-
10 ment at which the Secretary seeks to improve the testing,
11 identification, and analysis of usage of covered drugs and
12 to identify the prevalence of infectious diseases among
13 members of the Armed Forces at the installation (in this
14 section referred to as the “pilot program”).

15 (b) TECHNOLOGIES AND DATA SYSTEM USED.—In
16 carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary shall ensure
17 the system developed and implemented under subsection
18 (a) is comprised of appropriate technologies and a uniform
19 data system across the Department of Defense.

20 (c) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the
21 pilot program, the Secretary shall establish, at a min-
22 imum—

23 (1) at least one wastewater surveillance system
24 for monitoring of use of covered drugs at one instal-
25 lation; and

1 (2) at least one wastewater surveillance system
2 for monitoring of infectious diseases at one installa-
3 tion.

4 (d) DURATION.—The pilot program shall be carried
5 out during a two-year period beginning on the date of the
6 commencement of the pilot program.

7 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the termi-
8 nation of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit
9 to the congressional defense committees a report that in-
10 cludes the following:

11 (1) A summary of the findings from the waste-
12 water surveillance system under the pilot program.

13 (2) Recommendations for interventions or policy
14 changes based on trends observed under the pilot
15 program.

16 (3) An assessment of the effectiveness of the
17 pilot program in enhancing force health protection
18 and readiness.

19 (f) COVERED DRUG DEFINED.—In this section, the
20 term “covered drug”—

21 (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), means
22 a drug included on schedule I or schedule II estab-
23 lished under section 202 of the Controlled Sub-
24 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 812); and

25 (2) does not include a drug that—

- 1 (A) was newly included on such schedule I
- 2 or schedule II;
- 3 (B) was previously approved under section
- 4 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
- 5 Act (21 U.S.C. 355); and
- 6 (C) received such approval not later than
- 7 20 years before the date of the enactment of
- 8 this Act.
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TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POLICY, ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT,
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 eign-made additive manufacturing machines.

1 TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POL- 2 ICY, ACQUISITION MANAGE- 3 MENT, AND RELATED MAT- 4 TERS

5 Subtitle A—Acquisition Policy and 6 Management

7 SEC. 801. TRANSITION OF PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER 8 ROLE TO PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECU- 9 TIVE.

10 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 1737(a) of title 10, United
 11 States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (4) and
 12 inserting the following:

13 “(4) The term ‘portfolio acquisition executive’
 14 refers to the member of the acquisition workforce re-
 15 sponsible for the overall management of require-
 16 ments, programming, and acquisition of defense ac-
 17 quisition capabilities. These capabilities are assigned
 18 by the service acquisition executive or component ac-
 19 quisition executive. The portfolio acquisition execu-
 20 tive has direct control over all necessary officials and

1 functional support, including the ability to provide
2 input into performance evaluations, to the maximum
3 extent practicable. This authority provides them with
4 all necessary authority to develop, procure, and sus-
5 tain military capabilities. For purposes of managing
6 requirements, the portfolio acquisition executive is
7 subject to the authority, direction, and control of the
8 chief of the military service, while remaining under
9 the overall authority, direction, and control of the
10 service acquisition executive or component acqui-
11 sition executive. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure
12 a minimum of non-statutory guidance and approvals
13 issued by officials external to the portfolio acqui-
14 sition executives.”.

15 (b) CRITICAL ACQUISITION POSITIONS.—Section
16 1731(a)(1)(B)(i) of title 10, United States Code, is
17 amended by striking “Program executive officer” and in-
18 serting “Portfolio acquisition executive”.

19 (c) POSITION QUALIFICATIONS.—Section 1735(c) of
20 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “PRO-
22 GRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICERS” and inserting “PORT-
23 FOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE”; and

24 (2) by striking “program executive officer” and
25 inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

1 (d) GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN AC-
2 QUISSION FUNCTIONS.—Section 1706(a) of title 10,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Program ex-
5 ecutive officer” and inserting “Portfolio acquisition
6 executive”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “Deputy pro-
8 gram executive officer” and inserting “Deputy port-
9 folio acquisition executive”.

10 (e) DUTIES RELATED TO CADRE OF INTELLECTUAL
11 PROPERTY EXPERTS.—Section 1707(c) of title 10, United
12 States Code, is amended by striking “program executive
13 officer” and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

14 (f) PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE OFFICE .—
15 Section 1509 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
16 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
17 263; 10 U.S.C. 167b) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “program executive office” each
19 place that it appears and inserting “portfolio acqui-
20 sition executive office”; and

21 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “PROGRAM
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICE” in the subsection heading and
23 inserting “PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE OF-
24 FICE”.

1 (g) TECHNOLOGY RELEASE AND FOREIGN DISCLO-
 2 SURE REFORM INITIATIVE.—Section 918(a)(2)(D)(ii) of
 3 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
 4 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 301 note) is amend-
 5 ed by striking “program executive officer” and inserting
 6 “portfolio acquisition executive”.

7 (h) SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND SOFTWARE AC-
 8 QUISSION TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.—
 9 Section 862 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
 10 Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 1741
 11 note) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by striking “pro-
 13 gram executive officers” and inserting “portfolio ac-
 14 quisition executives”; and

15 (2) in subsection (c)(1)—

16 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
 17 “PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER” and inserting
 18 “PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE”; and

19 (B) by striking “program executive officer”
 20 and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

21 (i) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH DIFFERENT MINIMUM
 22 REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1764(b)(2) of title 10, United
 23 States Code, is amended by striking “Program executive
 24 officer” and inserting “Portfolio acquisition executive”.

1 (j) PRIZES FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVE-
2 MENTS.—Section 4025(g)(2)(C) of title 10, United States
3 Code, is amended by striking “program executive officer”
4 both places it appears and inserting “portfolio acquisition
5 executive”.

6 (k) RATING CHAINS FOR SYSTEM PROGRAM MAN-
7 AGERS.—Section 323 of the National Defense Authoriza-
8 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126
9 Stat. 1696) is amended by striking “program executive
10 officer” and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

11 (l) SPACE SYSTEM ACQUISITION AND THE ADAPTIVE
12 ACQUISITION FRAMEWORK.—Section 807 of the William
13 M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act
14 for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
15 9081 note) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

17 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
18 “PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER” and inserting
19 “PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE”; and

20 (B) by striking “program executive officer”
21 and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”;
22 and

23 (2) in subsection (e)(6)—

1 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
2 “PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER” and inserting
3 “PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE”; and
4 (B) by striking “program executive officer”
5 and inserting “portfolio acquisition executive”.

6 **SEC. 802. CAPSTONE REQUIREMENTS.**

7 Chapter 221 of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

9 **“§ 3209. Capstone requirements**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of each military
11 department shall establish a capstone requirement ap-
12 proach for three or more portfolio acquisition executives
13 for which that official has responsibility to enable greater
14 speed, agility, and innovation in fielding military capabili-
15 ties. Each such capstone requirement shall be established
16 in consultation with the Joint Requirements Oversight
17 Council.

18 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Under the capstone requirements
19 for an acquisition portfolio, the Secretary of the military
20 department shall—

21 “(1) develop a general set of requirements for
22 the acquisition portfolio in accordance with sub-
23 section (c) under which programs or projects may be
24 initiated;

1 “(2) authorize the portfolio acquisition execu-
2 tive or similar portfolio manager for the portfolio to
3 change the scope and requirements for programs
4 within the portfolio, subject to subsection (d);

5 “(3) assign representatives of operational forces
6 to the acquisition portfolio and authorize them to
7 perform the functions specified in subsection (e);

8 “(4) maximize commercial market research, the
9 use of commercial and nondevelopmental items, and
10 minimum viable products to shape capability scope
11 and requirements;

12 “(5) authorize the portfolio acquisition execu-
13 tive or similar portfolio manager to resource and ac-
14 quire commercial or non-developmental items under
15 the capstone requirement by validating the need with
16 the representatives assigned under paragraph (3);

17 “(6) manage information technology require-
18 ments using dynamically prioritized lists of user
19 needs rather than large static requirements docu-
20 ments; and

21 “(7) iteratively define, prioritize, and refine re-
22 quirements at the portfolio, program, and iteration
23 levels based on user input, previous deliveries, and
24 continuous commercial market research.

1 “(c) CAPSTONE SET OF REQUIREMENTS.—The cap-
2 stone set of requirements for an acquisition portfolio de-
3 veloped under subsection (b)(1) shall be designed—

4 “(1) to guide the iterative delivery of an inte-
5 grated suite of capabilities to maximize operational
6 impact;

7 “(2) to provide enduring themes based on stra-
8 tegic needs and relevant concepts of operation, not
9 system-specific;

10 “(3) to include measures of force effectiveness
11 for a force mix of capabilities to be measured
12 against; and

13 “(4) to include kill chains, effects chains, vi-
14 gnettes of operational scenarios, the effect of timely
15 delivery of capability, and related mission engineer-
16 ing initiatives across the Department of Defense.

17 “(d) AUTHORITY TO REVISE PROGRAMS WITHIN A
18 PORTFOLIO.—The authority under subsection (b)(2)—

19 “(1) shall be carried out in consultation with
20 operational commands and the Joint Requirements
21 Oversight Council; and

22 “(2) does not include authority to change key
23 performance parameters for a major defense acquisi-
24 tion program.

1 “(e) FUNCTIONS OF OPERATIONAL REPRESENTA-
 2 TIVES.—An operational representative assigned to an ac-
 3 quisition portfolio under subsection (b)(3) shall be pro-
 4 vided authority—

5 “(1) to shape the vision and priorities for key
 6 capability areas;

7 “(2) to provide the acquisition community and
 8 developers insights into operations;

9 “(3) to provide feedback on interim develop-
 10 ments;

11 “(4) to validate the suitability of existing com-
 12 mercial or non-developmental items, or the likelihood
 13 that the commercial market may be enticed to
 14 produce those items, or, as a last resort, validate
 15 that no commercial vendor will ever produce a suit-
 16 able product and a developmental program is nec-
 17 essary;

18 “(5) to foster collaboration among the acquisi-
 19 tion community, developers, and users of the capa-
 20 bility to be fielded; and

21 “(6) to provide advice to the portfolio acquisi-
 22 tion executive or similar portfolio manager.”.

23 **SEC. 803. MODIFICATION TO ACQUISITION STRATEGY.**

24 (1) Section 4211 of title 10, United States
 25 Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “the Under
2 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
3 Sustainment, or the milestone decision authority,
4 when the milestone decision authority is the service
5 acquisition executive of the military department that
6 is managing the program,” and inserting “the port-
7 folio acquisition executive, or the decision authority,
8 when the decision authority is the service acquisition
9 executive of the military department or the Under
10 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
11 Sustainment,”;

12 (2) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by striking “the Under Secretary,
15 or the milestone decision authority, when
16 the milestone decision authority is the
17 service acquisition executive of the military
18 department that is managing the pro-
19 gram,” and inserting “the portfolio acqui-
20 sition executive, or the decision authority,
21 when the decision authority is the service
22 acquisition executive of the military depart-
23 ment or the Under Secretary of Defense
24 for Acquisition and Sustainment,”;

1 (ii) by amending subparagraph (A) to
2 read as follows:

3 “(A) the strategy clearly describes the pro-
4 posed business case and capability management
5 approach for the program or system, and to the
6 maximum extent practicable, describes how a
7 portfolio of capabilities within an enduring set
8 of requirements will be developed, procured, and
9 fielded rather than detailing a specific end-
10 item;” and

11 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
12 “how the strategy is designed to be imple-
13 mented with available resources, such as
14 time, funding, and management capacity”
15 and inserting “the resources, such as time,
16 funding, and management capacity re-
17 quired to deliver the capability”; and

18 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
19 follows:

20 “(2) Each strategy shall, where appropriate,
21 consider the following:

22 “(A) An approach that delivers required
23 capabilities in increments, each depending on
24 available mature technology, and that recog-
25 nizes up front the need for future capability im-

1 provements or transitions to alternative end-
2 items through use of continuous competition.

3 “(B) Requirements related to logistics,
4 maintenance, and sustainment in accordance
5 with sections 2464 and 2466 of this title, and
6 the acquisition of technical data, computer soft-
7 ware, and associated licenses, to enable such re-
8 quirements in accordance with sections 3771
9 through 3775 of this title.

10 “(C) A process for collaborative interaction
11 and market research with the science and tech-
12 nology community, including Department of
13 Defense science and technology reinvention lab-
14 oratories, government innovation cells, aca-
15 demia, small businesses, nontraditional defense
16 contractors, and other contractors.

17 “(D) Identification of enterprise-wide de-
18 signs and standards in support of an architec-
19 ture that provides for an integrated suite of ca-
20 pabilities that focuses on simplicity of imple-
21 mentation and speed of delivery.

22 “(E) Overarching roadmaps that create in-
23 tegrated strategic schedules of legacy systems
24 and new capabilities and a mapping of enduring

1 requirements to elements of the portfolio of ca-
2 pabilities.

3 “(F) A contracting strategy that develops
4 long-term partnerships with multiple companies
5 to actively contribute to architectures, develop-
6 ment, production, and sustainment across the
7 portfolio of capabilities by decomposing large
8 systems into smaller sets of projects across time
9 and technical component.

10 “(G) An assignment of roles and respon-
11 sibilities to the acquisition workforce within the
12 portfolio acquisition executive, identification of
13 external stakeholder dependencies, and the need
14 for subject matter expert inputs at critical
15 points in the program, including the need for
16 special hiring authority or advisory and assist-
17 ance services.

18 “(H) A process of testing and experimen-
19 tation with the test community and end users
20 to ensure continuous user feedback, acceptance,
21 and development of concepts of operations.”;
22 and

23 (4) by striking subsections (d) and (e) and in-
24 serting the following:

1 “(d) REVIEW.—The decision authority shall review
 2 and approve, as appropriate, the acquisition strategy for
 3 a major defense acquisition program or major system
 4 prior to the acquisition decision memorandum and ensure
 5 that the strategy is updated at regular intervals to incor-
 6 porate significant changes to program requirements,
 7 resourcing, or acquisition decisions.

8 “(e) DECISION AUTHORITY DEFINED.—In this sec-
 9 tion, the term ‘decision authority’, with respect to a major
 10 defense acquisition program or major system, means the
 11 official within the Department of Defense designated with
 12 the overall responsibility and authority for acquisition de-
 13 cisions for the program or system, including authority to
 14 approve entry of the program or system into the next
 15 phase of the acquisition process.”.

16 **SEC. 804. MODIFICATIONS TO MODULAR OPEN SYSTEMS**

17 **APPROACH.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4401 of title 10, United
 19 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

20 **“§ 4401. Definitions**

21 “In this chapter:

22 “(1) The term ‘authorized third party’ means
 23 an entity approved by the Department of Defense to
 24 access developer resources for integration or
 25 sustainment.

1 “(2) The term ‘industry standards’ means wide-
2 ly adopted technical standards or protocols from rec-
3 ognized organizations.

4 “(3) The term ‘machine-readable format’ means
5 a format that can be easily processed by a computer
6 without human intervention.

7 “(4) The term ‘major system component’ —

8 “(A) means a high-level subsystem or as-
9 sembly, including hardware, software, or an in-
10 tegrated assembly of both, that can be mounted
11 or installed on a major system platform through
12 modular system interfaces; and

13 “(B) includes a subsystem or assembly
14 that is likely to have additional capability re-
15 quirements, is likely to change because of evol-
16 ving technology or threat, is needed for inter-
17 operability, facilitates incremental deployment
18 of capabilities, or is expected to be replaced by
19 another major system component.

20 “(5) The term ‘major system platform’ means
21 the highest level structure of a system that is not
22 physically mounted or installed onto a higher level
23 structure and on which a major system component
24 can be physically mounted or installed.

1 “(6) The term ‘modular open systems approach
2 (MOSA)’ means a system design approach using
3 modular systems, enabling innovation and competi-
4 tion in the development, sustainment, or upgrade of
5 weapon systems.

6 “(7) The term ‘modular system’ refers to a
7 weapon system or weapon system component that—

8 “(A) is able to execute independently with-
9 out relying on the execution of other specific
10 systems or components;

11 “(B) can communicate across component
12 boundaries and through modular system inter-
13 faces; and

14 “(C) functions as a module that can be
15 separated, recombined, and connected with
16 other weapon systems or weapon systems com-
17 ponents in order to achieve various effects, mis-
18 sions, or capabilities.

19 “(8) The term ‘modular systems interfaces’
20 means a shared boundary between modular systems,
21 defined by various physical, logical, and functional
22 characteristics, such as electrical, mechanical,
23 fluidic, optical, radio frequency, data, networking, or
24 software elements, that is free of proprietary restric-

1 tions and documented via a machine-readable for-
2 mat, including—

3 “(A) software-defined interface syntax and
4 properties, specifically governing how values are
5 validly passed to and received;

6 “(B) definition of the relationship between
7 the delivered interface and interfaces available
8 in the repositories established pursuant to sec-
9 tion 4403 of this title; and

10 “(C) test cases, including example code,
11 demonstrating the proper use of the modular
12 systems interface.

13 “(9) The term ‘operational data’ means govern-
14 ment-owned data generated by or necessary for sys-
15 tem operation, maintenance, or enhancement.”.

16 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 4402 of title 10,
17 United States Code, is amended by striking subsections
18 (a) through (f) and inserting the following:

19 “(a) PROGRAM COMPLIANCE AND MOSA IMPLEMEN-
20 TATION.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
21 every major defense acquisition program (as defined in
22 section 4201 of this title) submits a modular open systems
23 approach (MOSA) implementation plan within its acquisi-
24 tion strategy, detailing compliance with this section. Other

1 defense acquisition programs shall incorporate MOSA to
2 the maximum extent practicable.

3 “(2) In the case of a major defense acquisition pro-
4 gram that uses a modular open system approach, the ac-
5 quisition strategy required under section 4211 of this title
6 shall—

7 “(A) clearly describe the modular open system
8 approach to be used for the program;

9 “(B) differentiate between the major system
10 platform and major system components being devel-
11 oped under the program, as well as major system
12 components developed outside the program that will
13 be integrated into the major defense acquisition pro-
14 gram;

15 “(C) clearly describe the evolution of major sys-
16 tem components that are anticipated to be added,
17 removed, or replaced in subsequent increments;

18 “(D) clearly describe security classification re-
19 quirements for each major system component as re-
20 lated to the modular system interface for that com-
21 ponent;

22 “(E) clearly describe how intellectual property
23 and related issues, such as technical data
24 deliverables, that are necessary to support a modular
25 open system approach, will be addressed; and

1 “(F) clearly describe the approach to systems
2 integration and systems-level configuration manage-
3 ment to ensure mission and information assurance.

4 “(3) Contracts for covered programs shall include en-
5 forceable clauses requiring delivery of data rights con-
6 sistent with sections 3771 through 3775 of this title and
7 modular systems interfaces as specified in subsection (c).

8 “(b) WAIVERS AND EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary of
9 Defense may waive specific MOSA requirements, or devi-
10 ate from the requirements in subsection (c), for a program
11 only if—

12 “(1) deviation would demonstrably impair na-
13 tional security or operational capability; and

14 “(2) a detailed justification is submitted to the
15 congressional defense committees not later than 30
16 days after issuing the waiver.

17 “(c) MOSA REQUIREMENTS.—(1) All covered pro-
18 grams shall require the use of modular systems, includ-
19 ing—

20 “(A) modular systems interfaces published to
21 the repositories established pursuant to section 4403
22 of this title;

23 “(B) delivery of sufficient data rights to share
24 developer resources with authorized third parties for

1 government purposes, as determined by the Sec-
2 retary of Defense;

3 “(C) allowing for the use of existing industry
4 standards for interfaces where applicable;

5 “(D) government ownership of operational data
6 in a usable, nonproprietary format, extractable with-
7 out original equipment manufacturer dependency;
8 and

9 “(E) system designs allowing integration of new
10 or substitute modules with minimal manual reconfig-
11 uration, provided they conform to relevant modular
12 systems interfaces published to the repositories.

13 “(2) The Secretary of Defense, secretaries of military
14 departments, and commanders of combatant commands
15 with acquisition authorities shall not—

16 “(A) unless required for operational compat-
17 ibility with existing legacy systems, mandate specific
18 internal technical implementations, data structures,
19 defense specific standards, or formats beyond the
20 necessity that there are modular systems with mod-
21 ular systems interfaces published to the relevant re-
22 pository; or

23 “(B) permit contracts restricting government
24 control over developer resources or operational data,

1 or locking the government into a single vendor, ab-
2 sent a national security exemption.

3 “(3) Contractors providing modular systems shall
4 upload required modular systems interface data to an ap-
5 propriate repository. Contract closeout shall not occur
6 until such uploads are verified by the contracting officer.

7 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION AND FLEXIBILITY.—(1) Not
8 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
9 subsection, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
10 and Sustainment shall issue regulations and guidance to
11 implement this section across military departments, De-
12 fense agencies, and combatant commands.

13 “(2) The requirements of this section shall not apply
14 to programs with approved acquisition strategies at the
15 time of the date of the enactment of this subsection.

16 “(3) Requirements shall not prescribe specific tech-
17 nologies or limit contractor innovation, provided interface
18 documentation obligations are met, nor exclude new en-
19 trants or small businesses capable of compliance.

20 “(4) Requirements shall not force the use of industry
21 or consensus-based standards except as necessary to inter-
22 face with existing systems using such standards.”.

23 (c) REPOSITORIES AND INTERFACE ACCESS.—Sec-
24 tion 4403 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by

1 striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the fol-
2 lowing new paragraphs:

3 “(1) establish a federated set of digital reposi-
4 tories within the Department of Defense to store
5 modular systems interfaces required under sub-
6 section (c) of section 4402 of this title, which
7 shall—

8 “(A) feature authentication and access
9 controls to protect sensitive data;

10 “(B) enable contractors to publish and
11 manage their contributions (at approved access
12 levels) with accountability and version control;

13 “(C) be searchable and accessible to au-
14 thorized Department of Defense components
15 and contractors based on access levels; and

16 “(D) incorporate cybersecurity measures
17 consistent with Department of Defense stand-
18 ards;

19 “(2) ensure distribution of interfaces to pro-
20 mote interoperability, consistent with the require-
21 ments of section 3771 of this title, by—

22 “(A) providing access to interfaces and rel-
23 evant documentation in the repository estab-
24 lished in paragraph (1) to authorized Federal
25 Government and nongovernmental entities; and

1 “(B) restricting nongovernmental entities
2 that receive access under subparagraph (A)
3 from further release, disclosure, or use such
4 data except as authorized;”.

5 **SEC. 805. ALTERNATIVE TEST AND EVALUATION PATHWAY**
6 **FOR DESIGNATED DEFENSE ACQUISITION**
7 **PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall
9 issue guidance to establish an alternative test and evalua-
10 tion (T&E) pathway for certain Department of Defense
11 acquisition programs to enhance agility, accelerate deliv-
12 ery of capabilities, and ensure data-driven decisionmaking,
13 while maintaining independent oversight of evaluation out-
14 comes.

15 (b) **ALTERNATIVE TEST AND EVALUATION PATH-**
16 **WAY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall establish an alter-
17 native test and evaluation pathway for covered programs
18 that includes the following requirements:

19 (1) For each covered program, the military de-
20 partment concerned, through its service test activi-
21 ties, shall—

22 (A) design and execute a unified test and
23 evaluation strategy that aligns developmental
24 testing (DT) and operational testing (OT) to a
25 single set of test objectives that build system

1 understanding throughout the test program to
2 more effectively support capability delivery
3 within rapid prototyping and iterative updates
4 with early and continuous operational feedback;

5 (B) develop and execute a test data strat-
6 egy, updated as needed, that includes—

7 (i) collection of raw data from system
8 components during test events and oper-
9 ational activities, including submission of
10 industry derived data from their develop-
11 ment and testing evolutions;

12 (ii) evaluation criteria to assess the
13 mission effects and suitability of the sys-
14 tem based on the data to be collected, in-
15 cluding from live-fire test events, if appli-
16 cable;

17 (iii) a process for independently vali-
18 dating industry test results, if needed;

19 (iv) provision of resources for auto-
20 mated data collection, storage, and access;
21 and

22 (v) automated analytics tools to assess
23 performance trends, reliability, and main-
24 tenance needs;

1 (C) incorporate, to the maximum extent
2 practicable, best practices such as—

3 (i) hardware-in-the-loop testing to
4 validate system integration;

5 (ii) continuous data collection from
6 prototypes and fielded systems to refine
7 designs and update lifecycle costs;

8 (iii) test subsystem prototypes
9 throughout system development to assess
10 their contribution to the mission effect of
11 the fielded system; and

12 (iv) integration of supporting or com-
13plementary data from digital twins or
14other model-based systems engineering
15tools;

16 (D) define general test and evaluation ob-
17jectives and data needs while allowing detailed
18execution plans to evolve based on test results
19and emerging requirements, avoiding rigid mile-
20stone-driven schedules; and

21 (E) ensure all raw test data and associated
22analytics are owned by the government, stored
23in accessible repositories, and available to au-
24thorized Department entities, including the Di-

1 rector of Operational Test & Evaluation
2 (DOT&E), throughout the program lifecycle.

3 (2) Covered programs under this pathway shall
4 be exempt from—

5 (A) the requirement to develop and submit
6 a Test and Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP)
7 under Department of Defense Instruction
8 5000.02 or other policies, provided a unified
9 test and evaluation strategy and data strategy
10 under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
11 (1) are implemented;

12 (B) milestone-specific operational test
13 events, such as Initial Operational Test and
14 Evaluation (IOT&E), mandated under section
15 4171 of title 10, United States Code, or related
16 regulations; and

17 (C) any other test and evaluation docu-
18 mentation or approval processes that the Sec-
19 retary determines are inconsistent with the
20 agile and iterative nature of this pathway.

21 (c) ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST
22 AND EVALUATION.—For covered programs under the al-
23 ternative test and evaluation pathway designated for over-
24 sight by the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation,
25 the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation shall—

1 (1) provide independent evaluation of test data
2 across all phases of the program lifecycle, includ-
3 ing—

4 (A) assessing the sufficiency of the pro-
5 gram’s test and evaluation strategy and data
6 strategy to demonstrate military effectiveness;

7 (B) evaluating whether the program col-
8 lects and analyzes sufficient raw data, learns
9 from test results at a pace relevant to oper-
10 ational needs, and converges on military effec-
11 tiveness based on data trends;

12 (C) identifying deficiencies in test and
13 evaluation strategies that risk system perform-
14 ance, suitability, or survivability; and

15 (D) providing continuous oversight through
16 ongoing analysis of test data;

17 (2) have unrestricted access to all raw test
18 data, data repositories, and analytics maintained by
19 military departments for covered programs;

20 (3) not require of covered programs—

21 (A) specific test plans, execution methods,
22 or documentation formats or require pre-ap-
23 proval of test and evaluation activities as a con-
24 dition of testing, data collection, or evaluation;
25 or

1 (B) Director of Operational Test and Eval-
2 uation-approved Test and Evaluation Master
3 Plans or other pre-execution documentation
4 under existing policies; and

5 (4) include in its annual report to Congress
6 under section 139(h) of title 10, United States Code,
7 a summary of the adequacy of data strategies, rates
8 of learning, and risks that aligns with the evaluation
9 processes established in this section.

10 (d) GUIDANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
12 of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the
13 military departments and the Director of Operational Test
14 and Evaluation, shall issue guidance to implement the al-
15 ternative test and evaluation pathway, including standards
16 for data strategies and modern testing practices and pro-
17 cedures to support evaluation by the Director of Oper-
18 ational Test and Evaluation under subsection (c)(2).

19 (e) REPORT.—Not later than three years after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
21 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
22 port on the implementation of this section, including an
23 assessment of the effectiveness of the pathway in accel-
24 erating capability delivery and improving system perform-

1 ance and any recommendations for expanding or modi-
 2 fying the pathway.

3 (f) COVERED PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section,
 4 the term “covered program” means a defense acquisition
 5 program that is—

6 (1) designated under the Software Acquisition
 7 Pathway pursuant to section 3603 of title 10,
 8 United States Code, initiated on or after the date of
 9 the enactment of this Act; and

10 (2) designated by the Secretary of Defense on
 11 or after the issuance of guidance under subsection
 12 (d).

13 **SEC. 806. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEMBER OF COST AC-**
 14 **COUNTING STANDARDS BOARD.**

15 The Department of Defense representative on the
 16 Cost Accounting Standards Board pursuant to section
 17 1501 of title 41, United States Code, shall be the Director
 18 of Defense Pricing, Contracting, and Acquisition Policy or
 19 its successor organization.

20 **SEC. 807. COMBATANT COMMAND EXPERIMENTATION AU-**
 21 **THORITY.**

22 (a) AUTHORITY.—Each commander of a combatant
 23 command shall have the authority to conduct experimen-
 24 tation, prototyping, and technology demonstrations to sup-
 25 port the development and testing of innovative tech-

1 nologies and capability solutions to address operational
2 needs identified by the combatant command.

3 (b) PROCEDURES.—For activities carried out under
4 subsection (a), the commander of a combatant command
5 may use—

6 (1) operation and maintenance funds, including
7 for the purchase of items having an investment item
8 unit cost not greater than the Office of the Under
9 Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) guidance regard-
10 ing threshold for determination of expense and in-
11 vestment costs; and

12 (2) special contracting authorities described in
13 section 843 of the National Defense Authorization
14 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10
15 U.S.C. 3601 note), provided that the procedures de-
16 scribed in such section are followed.

17 (c) RECOMMENDATION FOR FOLLOW-ON PRODUC-
18 TION.—Upon completion of an experiment, prototype, or
19 technology demonstration, if a combatant command sub-
20 mits a written determination that the demonstrated tech-
21 nology or capability successfully meets the operational
22 need of the combatant command, the written determina-
23 tion may be used to fulfill the following requirements:

24 (1) A justification for using other than competi-
25 tive procedures under section 3204 of title 10,

1 United States Code, or follow-on production authori-
 2 ties under section 4022 of such title, to acquire the
 3 technology or capability which was successfully dem-
 4 onstrated.

5 (2) A validated capability needs statement or
 6 other requirement document.

7 **Subtitle B—Amendments to Gen-**
 8 **eral Contracting Authorities,**
 9 **Procedures, and Limitations**

10 **SEC. 821. MODIFICATION TO NONTRADITIONAL DEFENSE**
 11 **CONTRACTOR DEFINITIONS.**

12 Section 3014 of title 10, United States Code, is
 13 amended—

14 (1) by striking “means an entity that is not
 15 currently performing” and inserting the following:
 16 “means an entity that—

17 “(1) is not currently performing”; and

18 (2) by striking “such section.” and inserting
 19 the following: “such section; or

20 “(2) does not qualify as a covered segment as
 21 defined under the Defense Federal Acquisition Reg-
 22 ulation Supplement 231.205–18 or successor regula-
 23 tion.”.

1 **SEC. 822. FINANCING FOR COVERED ACTIVITIES.**

2 (a) FINANCING COSTS.—Financing costs incurred for
3 a covered activity shall be allowable and allocable as a di-
4 rect or an indirect overhead cost for contracts and sub-
5 contracts of the Department of Defense, provided such
6 costs are—

7 (1) reasonable in amount and consistent with
8 prevailing market rates for similar financing; and

9 (2) incurred to pay a financing entity.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “covered activity” means an activ-
12 ity taken by a prime contractor or subcontractor—

13 (A) to manage an inventory of completed
14 products or components used in production;

15 (B) to improve inventory management of
16 products or components necessary for
17 sustainment or maintenance;

18 (C) to materially expand the capacity of
19 production or sustainment and maintenance
20 through capital expenditures; or

21 (D) to carry out any other purpose identi-
22 fied by the Secretary of Defense.

23 (2) The term “financing costs” means interest
24 on borrowings, bond discounts, and costs of financ-
25 ing and refinancing capital.

1 (3) The term “financing entity” means any cor-
2 poration, limited liability company, partnership,
3 trust, or other organization that is created under
4 Federal or State law and that, as part of its regular
5 business activities, extends credit, loans, or other
6 forms of financing to other persons or entities, pro-
7 vided that such legal entity is not owned by, con-
8 trolled by, or under common control with the person
9 or entity receiving such financing.

10 **SEC. 823. EXEMPTIONS FOR NONTRADITIONAL DEFENSE**
11 **CONTRACTORS.**

12 Nontraditional defense contractors, as defined by sec-
13 tion 3014 of title 10, United States Code, shall not be
14 subject to any of the following requirements:

15 (1) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
16 Supplement 252.242–7006, or successor regulation.

17 (2) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
18 Supplement 252.234–7002, or successor regulation.

19 (3) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
20 Supplement 252.215–7002, or successor regulation.

21 (4) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
22 Supplement 252.242–7004, or successor regulation.

23 (5) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
24 Supplement 252.245–7003, or successor regulation.

1 (6) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
2 Supplement 252.244–7001, or successor regulation.

3 (7) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
4 Supplement 252.242–7005, or successor regulation.

5 (8) Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation
6 Supplement 215.407, or successor regulation.

7 (9) Section 3702 of title 10, United States
8 Code.

9 (10) Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regula-
10 tion, or successor regulation.

11 **SEC. 824. MODIFICATIONS TO TREATMENT OF CERTAIN**
12 **PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AS COMMERCIAL**
13 **PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.**

14 Section 3457 of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “Notwith-
18 standing”;

19 (B) by striking “may be treated” and in-
20 serting “shall be treated”; and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following new
22 paragraph:

23 “(2) The requirement under paragraph (1) may be
24 waived or modified with a written determination approved
25 by the head of contracting activity, delegable to no lower

1 than the senior contracting official. The written deter-
 2 mination shall include a justification for why commercial
 3 procedures should be waived or modified, such as tailored
 4 market research demonstrating that potential suppliers
 5 could not effectively provide the required product or serv-
 6 ices under commercial procedures.”;

7 (2) by striking subsection (b);

8 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 9 section (b); and

10 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 11 section:

12 “(c) PREFERENCE INAPPLICABLE.—The authority
 13 under subsection (a)(1) shall not be construed to give pref-
 14 erence to the purchase of a product or service pursuant
 15 to section 3453 of this title solely on the basis that such
 16 offered product or service is deemed commercial as a re-
 17 sult of the exercise of such authority.”.

18 **SEC. 825. MODIFICATIONS TO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS**

19 **AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3453 of title 10, United
 21 States Code, is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “procurement
 23 officials in that agency,” and inserting “acquisition
 24 officials in that agency, including consultants, re-

1 searchers, and any individuals providing advisory
2 services to acquisition officials,”;

3 (2) in subsection (c), by redesignating para-
4 graphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (4) through
5 (6), respectively;

6 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “(3) The head of an agency shall establish a process
9 for determinations regarding the non-availability of com-
10 mercial products or services, including that—

11 “(A) a defense unique-development product or
12 service may not be procured until the head of the
13 agency determines that the market research con-
14 ducted in accordance with paragraph (2) of this sec-
15 tion resulted in no commercial product, commercial
16 service, or nondevelopmental item suitable to meet
17 the agency’s needs; and

18 “(B) prior to acquiring a defense-unique devel-
19 opment product or service, a program manager shall,
20 consistent with the policies and regulations of the
21 Department of Defense, submit a written memo-
22 randum summarizing why a defense-development
23 unique product is required based on results of the
24 determination in subparagraph (A), which shall be
25 signed by the program executive officer.”; and

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

3 “(f) DEFINITION.—The term ‘defense-unique devel-
4 opment’ means a Department of Defense financed product
5 or service to provide a defense-unique capability that does
6 not repurpose a commercial product, commercial service,
7 or nondevelopmental item.”.

8 (b) DETERMINATIONS.—Section 3456 of title 10,
9 United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by amending paragraph
11 (2) to read as follows:

12 “(2) assist military departments and Defense
13 Agencies with performing market research and satis-
14 fying the requirements under section 3453 of this
15 title pertaining to market research and the deter-
16 mination regarding the non-availability of commer-
17 cial products or services and analysis used to deter-
18 mine the reasonableness of price for the purposes of
19 procurements by the Department of Defense.”; and

20 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting after the
21 first sentence the following: “The contracting officer
22 should consider the results summarized in the
23 memorandum issued by the program manager in ac-
24 cordance with the requirement in section

1 3453(c)(3)(B) of this title when issuing the written
2 commercial or noncommercial determination.”.

3 **SEC. 826. MODIFICATIONS TO COMMERCIAL SOLUTIONS**
4 **OPENINGS.**

5 Section 3458 of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense and the
10 Secretaries of the military departments may acquire com-
11 mercial products, commercial services, and nondevelop-
12 mental items through a competitive selection of proposals
13 resulting from a general solicitation and the peer review,
14 technical review, or operational review (as appropriate) of
15 such proposals, and may issue, without further justifica-
16 tion, follow-on contract awards or agreements, including
17 sole source awards or agreements, to the recipient.”;

18 (2) by striking subsection (e);

19 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) and (d) as
20 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

21 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
22 lowing new subsection:

23 “(c) **SOLE-SOURCE FOLLOW-ON.**—The Secretary of
24 Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments
25 may issue follow-on contract awards or agreements, in-

cluding sole source awards, for any products, services, or items acquired through the competitive procedures described under subsection (a) subject to approval requirements in sections 3204 or 4022 of this title.”.

(5) in subsection (d), as redesignated by paragraph (2) of this section—

(A) by striking paragraph (1); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.

SEC. 827. MODIFICATIONS TO OTHER TRANSACTIONS.

Section 4022 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)(B)(ii), by striking “at least 30 days before” and inserting “at the time”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(j) **AUTHORITY TO AWARD A PRODUCTION TRANSACTION TO RAPIDLY FIELD AN EXISTING CAPABILITY.**—

A production transaction may be awarded, with or without the use of competitive procedures, to acquire emergent and proven technologies and field production quantities of new or upgraded systems that do not require additional development and have been demonstrated in a relevant environment when the appropriate service or component acquisi-

tion executive determines in writing that exceptional circumstances justify the use of such a transaction to address a high priority warfighter need. The Secretary of Defense shall provide the written determination to the congressional defense committees at the time such authority is exercised.”.

SEC. 828. MODIFICATIONS TO PROCUREMENT FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES.

Section 4023 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “ordnance, signal, chemical activity, transportation, energy, medical, space flight, telecommunications, and aeronautical supplies, including parts and accessories, and designs thereof,” and inserting “demonstrations, prototypes, products, supplies, parts, accessories, auxiliary services, and design for defense-related articles”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting “or modified” after “may be made”; and

(B) by inserting “prototyping,” after “greater than necessary for”.

1 **SEC. 829. CONSUMPTION-BASED SOLUTIONS.**

2 Chapter 253 of title 10, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

4 **“§ 3605. Authority to acquire consumption-based so-**
5 **lutions**

6 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense and the
7 Secretaries of the military departments may acquire tech-
8 nology-supported capabilities through consumption-based
9 solutions.

10 “(b) **GUIDANCE REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of De-
11 fense shall amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regu-
12 lation Supplement to implement the authority under sub-
13 section (a), including creating a new subcategory of serv-
14 ices under part 237 of the Defense Federal Acquisition
15 Regulation Supplement , entitled ‘Consumption-based so-
16 lutions’ that—

17 “(1) is any combination of hardware, equip-
18 ment, software, labor, or services that together pro-
19 vides a 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 Depart-
25 ment of Defense contracting officer when consump-
26 tion under the contract reaches 75 percent and 90

1 percent of the funded amount, respectively, of the
2 contract; and

3 “(5) treats modifications to a contract entered
4 into under the authority established in subsection
5 (a) to add new features or capabilities in an amount
6 less than or equal to 25 percent of the total value
7 of such contract, as originally awarded, as competi-
8 tive procurements under chapter 221 of this title.

9 “(c) FUNDING.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
10 priated for acquisitions using the authority under sub-
11 section (a)—

12 “(1) may be used for expenses for—

13 “(A) research, development, test and eval-
14 uation;

15 “(B) procurement;

16 “(C) production;

17 “(D) modification; and

18 “(E) operation and maintenance; and

19 “(2) may be used to enter into incrementally
20 funded contracts or other agreements, including ad-
21 vanced payments.

22 “(d) CONSUMPTION-BASED SOLUTION DEFINED.—In
23 this section, the term ‘consumption-based solution’ means
24 a model under which a technology-supported capability is
25 provided to the Department of Defense and may utilize

1 any combination of software, hardware or equipment,
 2 data, and labor or services that provides a capability that
 3 is metered and billed based on actual usage at fixed price
 4 units.

5 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 6 tion shall be construed to prohibit the use of the authority
 7 created under this section in combination with another
 8 contract type provided for under the Defense Federal Ac-
 9 quisition Regulation Supplement.”.

10 **SEC. 830. MODIFICATIONS TO PROHIBITION ON CON-**
 11 **TRACTING WITH PERSONS THAT HAVE FOS-**
 12 **SIL FUEL OPERATIONS WITH THE GOVERN-**
 13 **MENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OR THE**
 14 **RUSSIAN ENERGY SECTOR.**

15 Section 804 of the National Defense Authorization
 16 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
 17 4651 note prec.) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

19 (A) by striking “not less than 50 percent”
 20 and inserting “majority”; and

21 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “op-
 22 erates” and inserting “has fossil fuel business
 23 operations”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting “, includ-
2 ing by general license,” after “Department of the
3 Treasury”; and

4 (3) in subsection (e)—

5 (A) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) by redesignating clauses (ii) and
7 (iii) as clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively;
8 and

9 (ii) by inserting after clause (i) the
10 following new clause:

11 “(ii) activities related to fulfilling con-
12 tracts with a fossil fuel company that has
13 fossil fuel business operations in the Rus-
14 sian Federation that were entered into
15 prior to the date of the enactment of this
16 section;” and

17 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “that
18 has fossil fuel business operations” after “per-
19 son”.

1 **SEC. 831. MODIFICATIONS TO RELATIONSHIP OF OTHER**
2 **PROVISIONS OF LAW TO PROCUREMENT OF**
3 **COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL**
4 **SERVICES.**

5 Section 3452 of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking subsections (b) through (e) and in-
7 serting the following new subsections:

8 “(b) **APPLICABILITY OF DEFENSE-UNIQUE STAT-**
9 **UTES TO CONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND**
10 **COMMERCIAL SERVICES.**—The Defense Federal Acquisi-
11 tion Regulation Supplement shall include a list of defense-
12 unique contract clause requirements based on statute, ex-
13 ecutive orders, or acquisition policies that are applicable
14 to contracts for the procurement of commercial products
15 and commercial services entered into by the Department
16 of Defense.

17 “(c) **APPLICABILITY OF DEFENSE-UNIQUE STAT-**
18 **UTES TO SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS**
19 **AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES.**—(1) The Defense Federal
20 Acquisition Regulation Supplement shall include a list of
21 defense-unique contract clause requirements based on
22 statute, executive orders, or acquisition policies that are
23 applicable to subcontracts for the procurement of commer-
24 cial products and commercial services.

25 “(2) In this subsection—

1 “(A) the term ‘other supply agreements’ means
 2 any agreement entered into by a contractor or sub-
 3 contractor for the supply of products, materials, or
 4 services that are intended for use in the performance
 5 of multiple contracts with the Department of De-
 6 fense or other parties and are not identifiable to any
 7 particular contract; and

8 “(B) the term ‘subcontract’—

9 “(i) includes a transfer of commercial
 10 products and commercial services between divi-
 11 sions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of a contractor
 12 or subcontractor; and

13 “(ii) does not include other supply agree-
 14 ments.

15 “(3) This subsection does not authorize the waiver
 16 of the applicability of any provision of law or contract
 17 clause requirement with respect to any first-tier sub-
 18 contract under a contract with a prime contractor reselling
 19 or distributing commercial products and commercial serv-
 20 ices of another contractor without adding value.

21 “(d) APPLICABILITY OF DEFENSE-UNIQUE STAT-
 22 UTES TO CONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE,
 23 OFF-THE-SHELF ITEMS.—The Defense Federal Acquisi-
 24 tion Regulation Supplement shall include a list of defense-
 25 unique contract clause requirements based on statute, ex-

1 ecutive orders, or acquisition policies that are applicable
 2 to subcontracts for the procurement of commercially avail-
 3 able off-the-shelf items entered into by the Department
 4 of Defense.”.

5 **SEC. 832. LIMITATION ON REQUIRED FLOWDOWN OF CON-**
 6 **TRACT CLAUSES TO SUBCONTRACTORS PRO-**
 7 **VIDING COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS OR COM-**
 8 **MERCIAL SERVICES.**

9 Chapter 247 of title 10, United States Code, is
 10 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

11 **“§ 3459. Limitation on required flowdown of contract**
 12 **clauses to subcontractors providing com-**
 13 **mercial products or commercial services**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may
 15 not require that a clause be included in a subcontract for
 16 the acquisition of commercial products or commercial serv-
 17 ices other than a clause required by a provision of law
 18 that is on the lists required by section 3452 of this title
 19 or unless otherwise applicable pursuant to subsection (e)
 20 of such section.

21 “(b) APPLICABILITY TO OTHER SUPPLY AGREE-
 22 MENTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall not require the
 23 flowdown of any contract clauses to other supply agree-
 24 ments unless otherwise applicable pursuant to subsection
 25 (e) of section 3452 of this title.

1 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘other
 2 supply agreement’ and ‘subcontract’ have the meanings
 3 provided in subsection (c)(2) of section 3452 of this title.”.

4 **SEC. 833. REFERENCES IN CONTRACTS TO DEPARTMENT**
 5 **OF DEFENSE POLICY DOCUMENTS, INSTRUC-**
 6 **TIONS, AND MANUALS.**

7 It shall be the policy of the Department of Defense
 8 that references to Department of Defense policy docu-
 9 ments, instructions, and manuals in contracts shall con-
 10 tain a specific version or date. If the version or date of
 11 a policy document, instruction, or manual is not ref-
 12 erenced, the contractor will comply with the version of the
 13 document in effect at the time the solicitation is issued.
 14 Updated versions of referenced policy documents, instruc-
 15 tions, and manuals shall not apply unless mutually agreed.

16 **SEC. 834. UNINSURABLE RISK ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS.**

17 (a) CONSIDERATION OF RISK OF LOSS.—The Sec-
 18 retary of Defense shall ensure that due consideration is
 19 given to a contractor for equitable adjustments resulting
 20 from the loss of work in process on a covered contract.

21 (b) LIMITATIONS.—Considerations limiting the con-
 22 tractor’s assumption of the risk of loss in subsection (a)
 23 shall not apply to loss caused by the willful misconduct
 24 or lack of good faith on the part of any of the contractor’s

1 directors or officers, managers, superintendents, or other
2 equivalent representatives.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COVERED CONTRACT.—The term “covered
5 contract” means any classified, fixed-price type con-
6 tract, entered into with the Department of Defense
7 on or after the date of the enactment of this section
8 where, due to the classified nature of the underlying
9 program—

10 (A) the contractor cannot get a third-party
11 commercial insurance provider to insure the
12 work in process; or

13 (B) the third-party commercial insurance
14 provider cannot process the contractor’s claim.

15 (2) LACK OF GOOD FAITH.—The term “lack of
16 good faith” has the meaning given the term in sec-
17 tion 252.228–7001 of the Department of Defense
18 Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation,
19 or any successor regulation.

20 (3) WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.—The term “willful
21 misconduct” has the meaning given the term in sec-
22 tion 252.228–7001 of the Department of Defense
23 Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation,
24 or any successor regulation.

1 (4) WORK IN PROCESS.—The term “work in
2 process”—

3 (A) means an item at any stage of produc-
4 tion or manufacture at any time from the initi-
5 ation of contract performance until delivery to
6 and acceptance by the government; and

7 (B) specifically includes a “covered air-
8 craft” as that term is defined in section
9 252.228–7001 of the Department of Defense
10 Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regula-
11 tion, or any successor regulation.

12 (d) CONFORMING REGULATIONS.—Not later than
13 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
14 Secretary of Defense shall revise the Department of De-
15 fense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation
16 to conform with the changes made by this section.

17 **SEC. 835. REPORTING OF PRICE INCREASES.**

18 (a) REPORTING OF INCREASES ABOVE SPECIFIED
19 PRICES.—Chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code, is
20 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

21 **“§ 3709. Reporting of increases above specified prices**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An offeror shall be required to
23 report to the relevant contracting officer not later than
24 30 days after becoming aware that the price of a product
25 or service under a covered contract reaches or exceeds—

1 “(1) 25 percent above the price specified in the
2 contract bid or the government paid for that product
3 or service the previous calendar year; or

4 “(2) 50 percent above the price paid for such
5 a product or service 5 years earlier.

6 “(b) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this sec-
7 tion, the term ‘covered contract’ means a cost-reimburse-
8 ment contract awarded without competition under section
9 3204 of this title and as defined under section 6.302 of
10 the Federal Acquisition Regulation.”.

11 (b) INCLUSION OF NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION
12 IN FAPIIS.—Chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code,
13 as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by add-
14 ing at the end the following new section:

15 **“§ 3710. Inclusion of noncompliance information in**
16 **Federal Awardee Performance and Integ-**
17 **riety Information System**

18 “The Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency
19 or the relevant service acquisition executive shall report
20 in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Infor-
21 mation System (FAPIIS) housed within the System for
22 Award Management the following information:

23 “(1) Contractors who fail to report price in-
24 creases as required under 3705(a)(2) of this title.

1 “(2) Updated findings from audits conducted
2 by the Agency regarding noncompliance with the re-
3 quirement.

4 “(3) With respect to unreported product or
5 service price increases, the product or service’s Na-
6 tional Stock Number, order quantity, unit cost, total
7 cost, purchasing or reimbursing entity, and date of
8 the order.”.

9 **SEC. 836. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED OPERATIONAL**
10 **READINESS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 363 of title 10, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new section:

14 **“§ 4664. Instructions for continued operational readi-**
15 **ness**

16 “(a) REQUIREMENT TO DELIVER INSTRUCTIONS.—
17 (1) The Secretary of Defense (referred to in this section
18 as the ‘Secretary’) may not enter into a contract or agree-
19 ment for the procurement, sustainment, or subsequent
20 modifications of covered defense equipment unless the con-
21 tract or agreement requires that the contractor deliver, or
22 offer as a negotiated price option, Instructions for Contin-
23 ued Operational Readiness (‘ICOR’) to the Secretary upon
24 delivery of the equipment.

1 “(2) The Secretary may grant an exception to para-
2 graph (1) if the product support strategy and associated
3 business case analysis for the covered defense equipment
4 indicates that the Government does not have a justified
5 need for ICOR, consistent, when applicable, with section
6 3771 of this title.

7 “(3) The contractor shall deliver the ICOR to the De-
8 partment of Defense (referred to in this section as the
9 ‘Department’) and provide the Secretary with the rights
10 to diagnose, maintain, and repair the covered defense
11 equipment.

12 “(4) The Secretary shall withhold payment to the
13 contractor under the contract or agreement until the Sec-
14 retary accepts the ICOR as complete under subsection
15 (c)(2).

16 “(5) When ICOR are required to be delivered under
17 a contract or agreement, the Secretary shall ensure that
18 updated ICOR data is required as necessary in subsequent
19 contracts or agreements or included as priced options to
20 reflect modifications in data deliverables.

21 “(b) CONTENTS OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTINUED
22 OPERATIONAL READINESS.—A contractor for covered de-
23 fense equipment shall include in the ICOR, at a minimum,
24 data that is necessary for operations, maintenance, instal-
25 lation, and training, form fit, and function data, and any

1 additional data required for operational readiness, which
2 may include—

3 “(1) recommended methods, techniques, inspec-
4 tions, processes, procedures, maintenance manuals,
5 service bulletins, diagnostic procedures, proprietary
6 systems, special tooling, special testing procedures,
7 and equipment necessary to maintain, repair, and
8 sustain the covered defense equipment in a condition
9 for safe and effective operation, including diagnostic
10 protocols, troubleshooting guides, and overhaul in-
11 structions, consistent with the maintenance practices
12 of the contractor or those of the authorized mainte-
13 nance providers of the contractor;

14 “(2) an operational limitations section (‘OLS’)
15 that includes mandatory schedules for replacement
16 of life-limited components, inspection intervals, and
17 other sustainment requirements critical to equip-
18 ment reliability and safety, approved by the Sec-
19 retary;

20 “(3) engineering drawings, schematics, soft-
21 ware, and wiring diagrams;

22 “(4) a complete list of replacement parts, com-
23 ponents, and specialized equipment required for
24 maintenance and repair, including part numbers,

1 specifications, and sources, to ensure availability to
2 authorized maintenance providers;

3 “(5) procedures for documenting maintenance
4 actions, life-limited component replacements, and
5 compliance with the OLS, including standardized
6 formats for maintenance logs to ensure traceability
7 and verification of operational readiness; and

8 “(6) clear identification of maintenance infor-
9 mation essential for safe operation, distinguished
10 from non-safety-related service enhancements, to fa-
11 cilitate compliance with operational readiness re-
12 quirements.

13 “(c) SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, AND UPDATES.—(1)
14 A contractor shall submit the ICOR to the Secretary as
15 a contract deliverable prior to equipment delivery or within
16 a timeframe specified by the contract.

17 “(2) The Secretary shall review and accept the ICOR,
18 verifying that they provide sufficient information to main-
19 tain the operational readiness of the equipment.

20 “(3) In accordance with design changes and contract
21 modifications approved by the Secretary and in a manner
22 that is in accordance with subsection (a), the contractor
23 shall deliver updates to the ICOR for approval by the Sec-
24 retary whenever modifications, upgrades, safety issues, or
25 new sustainment requirements are identified.

1 “(d) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROVIDERS.—A
2 contractor shall not impose restrictions on the use of the
3 ICOR by authorized maintenance providers of the Depart-
4 ment, including requirements to use only contractor-sup-
5 plied parts, unless such restrictions are explicitly approved
6 by the Secretary as necessary for safety or operational re-
7 liability.

8 “(e) CONDITIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE MAINTENANCE
9 AND REPAIR.—(1) Notwithstanding restrictions approved
10 by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (d), the Secretary
11 may authorize alternative maintenance or repair actions
12 for covered defense equipment, if any of the following con-
13 ditions are met:

14 “(A) A program cannot reasonably obtain suffi-
15 cient data to maintain operational readiness.

16 “(B) The contractor fails to deliver complete
17 and current ICOR.

18 “(C) The contractor cannot deliver required
19 parts, repairs, or ICOR within a timeframe that
20 meets operational needs, as defined by the Secretary,
21 resulting in unacceptable readiness degradation.

22 “(D) The contractor discontinues support for a
23 component or software critical to the equipment’s
24 operation without providing a viable substitute or

1 sufficient ICOR to enable sustainment of the equip-
2 ment by the Department.

3 “(E) An urgent operational or logistical cir-
4 cumstance, such as wartime conditions, active com-
5 bat, or disrupted logistics, necessitates immediate re-
6 pair or part production to maintain mission readi-
7 ness.

8 “(F) The Secretary determines alternative
9 maintenance or repair actions would result in signifi-
10 cant cost savings.

11 “(2) If an alternative action is authorized under para-
12 graph (1), the Secretary may—

13 “(A) issue a written determination citing the
14 relevant condition described in paragraph (1), in-
15 cluding evidence of contractor practices that prevent
16 delivery of or restrict license rights to the ICOR in
17 a manner that may impede competition, consistent
18 with antitrust laws; and

19 “(B) authorize data delivery for the alternative
20 action.

21 “(3) If time permits, the Secretary shall notify the
22 contractor if any of the conditions described in paragraph
23 (1) are met and shall provide the contractor with not more
24 than 30 days to address the issue before the alternative
25 action is taken.

1 “(4) Alternative maintenance or repair actions may
2 include, but is not limited to, reverse engineering, use of
3 existing technical data, fabrication of parts by the Depart-
4 ment or third-party providers, or advanced manufacturing,
5 as necessary to restore operational readiness. This provi-
6 sion does not restrict the ability of the Secretary to employ
7 these practices in other contexts.

8 “(f) CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES.—(1) A con-
9 tractor shall ensure the ICOR contains sufficient informa-
10 tion to maintain the operational readiness of the equip-
11 ment, including updates to address safety or performance
12 issues and necessary information on systems or compo-
13 nents produced by subcontractors.

14 “(2) A contractor shall promptly notify the Secretary
15 of any safety-related deficiencies in the ICOR and provide
16 corrected materials at no additional cost.

17 “(3) If a contractor fails to comply with the require-
18 ments of this section, the Secretary may withhold contract
19 payment, enforce contract penalties, take corrective ac-
20 tion, reduce contractor performance ratings, or exclude
21 the contractor from future contracts or agreements with
22 the Department.

23 “(g) OVERSIGHT.—(1) The Secretary shall establish
24 procedures to verify contractor compliance with the re-

1 requirements of this section, including periodic audits of the
2 content and availability and maintenance of ICOR.

3 “(2) The Secretary shall maintain a centralized re-
4 pository of ICOR for covered defense equipment, acces-
5 sible to maintenance providers authorized by the Sec-
6 retary, to ensure consistent application.

7 “(h) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
8 date of the enactment of this section, and every year there-
9 after, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-
10 fense committees a list of the items designated as excluded
11 commercial items to which the requirement to deliver
12 ICOR does not apply.

13 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) The term ‘covered defense equipment’
15 means any system, subsystem, or component pro-
16 cured by the Secretary, including aircraft, ships,
17 ground vehicles, electronic systems, and other sys-
18 tems, that require contractor-provided maintenance
19 or repair data to ensure operational readiness, ex-
20 cluding any excluded commercial items.

21 “(2) The term ‘excluded commercial item’
22 means an unmodified product customarily used by
23 the general public or by nongovernmental entities or
24 sold, leased, or licensed to the general public and

1 maintained under standard commercial practices, as
2 designated by the Secretary.

3 “(3) The terms ‘Instructions for Continued
4 Operational Readiness’ and ‘ICOR’ mean contractor-
5 provided technical data, software, and other infor-
6 mation, including maintenance instructions and
7 manuals, operational limitations, parts identification,
8 record-keeping procedures, safety-related provisions,
9 engineering drawings, schematics, software, service
10 bulletins, wiring diagrams, diagnostic procedures,
11 and other data or information necessary to maintain
12 and repair covered defense equipment in a condition
13 for safe and effective operation.”.

14 (b) COMPLIANCE OVERSIGHT.—Not later than two
15 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
16 every two years thereafter, the Comptroller General of the
17 United States shall submit to the congressional defense
18 committees a report that assesses—

19 (1) the compliance of the Secretary of Defense
20 with section 4664 of title 10, United States Code, as
21 added by subsection (a);

22 (2) the effectiveness of the requirements of sec-
23 tion 4664 in ensuring operational readiness and re-
24 ducing sustainment costs;

1 (3) contractor compliance with the requirements
2 of section 4664;

3 (4) the frequency and impact of the conditions
4 described in section 4664(e)(1); and

5 (5) recommendations for improving the mainte-
6 nance and repair capabilities of the Department of
7 Defense.

8 (c) IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE.—Not later than
9 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
10 Secretary of Defense shall issue guidance to implement
11 this section that includes—

12 (1) procedures for integrating the requirements
13 of section 4664 of title 10, United States Code, as
14 added by subsection (a), into acquisition contracts
15 and agreements of the Department of Defense;

16 (2) the criteria for designating items as ex-
17 cluded commercial items, as defined in section
18 4664(i);

19 (3) processes for reviewing, accepting, and up-
20 dating instructions for continued operational readi-
21 ness (as defined in section 4664(i)) and operational
22 limitations sections, in accordance with section 4664;

23 (4) mechanisms for tracking contractor compli-
24 ance and resolving disputes over instructions for

1 continued operational readiness and compensation;
2 and

3 (5) directions for the operation, repair, and
4 maintenance of defense equipment that government-
5 owned, government-operated entities of the Depart-
6 ment of Defense can use if the contract or agree-
7 ment for the defense equipment does not require the
8 delivery of ICOR.

9 (d) APPLICABILITY.—Section 4664 of title 10,
10 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), applies
11 to contracts and agreements for covered defense equip-
12 ment, as defined in subsection (i) of that section, entered
13 into on or after one year after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act.

15 **SEC. 837. INDEMNIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AGAINST**
16 **NUCLEAR AND UNUSUALLY HAZARDOUS**
17 **RISKS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The review of requests submitted
19 by a contractor to a Department of Defense contracting
20 officer pursuant to Public Law 85–804 (50 U.S.C. 1431
21 et seq.) for indemnification against nuclear and unusually
22 hazardous risks, including those involving the procurement
23 of commercial nuclear technology, shall include, to the
24 maximum extent practicable, input from the Defense Con-
25 tract Management Agency, including reviews of insurance

1 markets and coverage availability from the Contractor In-
 2 surance/Pension Review group.

3 (b) DEADLINE.— The review of all indemnification
 4 requests submitted by contractors as described in sub-
 5 section (a) shall be completed with a final decision on ap-
 6 proval or denial, including an executed Memorandum of
 7 Decision, within 90 days.

8 (c) DELEGATION.—The Secretary of each military
 9 department should delegate authority to provide indem-
 10 nification under Public Law 85–804 (50 U.S.C. 1431 et
 11 seq.) for contracts relating to advanced nuclear energy
 12 systems or components to such subordinate officials, com-
 13 mands, or agencies as the Secretary determines appro-
 14 priate to ensure timely and effective program execution.

15 **SEC. 838. LATE SUBMISSION OF COST AND PRICING DATA**
 16 **AS INVALID DEFENSE TO CONTRACT PRICE**
 17 **REDUCTIONS FOR DEFECTIVE COST OR PRIC-**
 18 **ING DATA.**

19 Section 3706(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
 20 amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “; or” and in-
 22 serting a semicolon;

23 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period and
 24 inserting “; or”; and

25 (3) by adding at the end of the following:

1 “(5) the cost or pricing data were obtained by
2 or otherwise made available to the prime contractor
3 or subcontractor more than 30 days before, but sub-
4 mitted to the head of the agency after, the date of
5 agreement on the price of the contract or, if applica-
6 ble consistent with subsection (a)(2), such other date
7 agreed upon between the parties.”.

8 **SEC. 839. MODIFICATIONS TO SUBMISSIONS OF COST OR**
9 **PRICING DATA.**

10 Section 3702(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1)—

13 (A) by striking “June 30, 2018” each
14 place it appears and inserting “June 30, 2026”;

15 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
16 “\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”;
17 and

18 (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking
19 “\$750,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000”;

20 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$2,000,000”
21 and inserting “\$10,000,000”; and

22 (3) in subparagraph (3)(A), by striking
23 “\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$10,000,000”.

Subtitle C—Industrial Base Matters

SEC. 841. REPEAL OF LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXECUTIVE AGENT AUTHORITY.

Section 1792 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 2238; 50 U.S.C. 4531 note) and section 226 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 50 U.S.C. 4531 note) are repealed.

SEC. 842. SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM INDUSTRIAL BASE REMEDIATION PLAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, acting through the Director of the Joint Production Accelerator Cell of the Department of Defense and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a strategy for ensuring that the defense industrial base of the United States can meet requirements for small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS).

(b) COORDINATION.—In developing the strategy required under subsection (a), the Under Secretary of De-

1 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall coordinate
2 with the following officials:

3 (1) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Re-
4 search, Development, and Acquisition.

5 (2) The Assistant Secretary of the Army for
6 Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology.

7 (3) The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
8 for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

9 (4) The Director of the Defense Advanced Re-
10 search Projects Agency.

11 (5) The Director of the Defense Innovation
12 Unit.

13 (c) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under subsection (a)
14 shall include the following elements:

15 (1) An assessment of emerging technologies or
16 manufacturing processes that would support the
17 modernization or expansion of the defense industrial
18 base of the United States to meet requirements for
19 production of sUAS components and finished arti-
20 cles.

21 (2) A plan to prioritize Government funding for
22 the following:

23 (A) Onshoring production for sUAS com-
24 ponents.

1 (B) Private manufacturing facilities for
2 sUAS components.

3 (C) Government-owned, contractor-oper-
4 ated manufacturing facilities for sUAS compo-
5 nents.

6 (D) Government-owned, Government-oper-
7 ated manufacturing facilities for sUAS compo-
8 nents.

9 (d) REVIEW AND REPORT.—

10 (1) REVIEW.—Not later than March 1, 2026,
11 the Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into a
12 contract with a federally funded research and devel-
13 opment center to conduct a review of the defense in-
14 dustrial base of the United States for sUAS compo-
15 nents and finished articles that includes the fol-
16 lowing:

17 (A) An assessment of the capacity and ca-
18 pability of the existing sUAS industrial base,
19 including the supply base and personnel of such
20 manufacturers, to support the expansion of the
21 sUAS industrial base.

22 (B) The capability and capacity of poten-
23 tial new entrants to the sUAS industrial base,
24 including private entities that might be sub-
25 sidized by the Federal Government.

1 (C) An assessment of the process for quali-
2 fying vendors, including potential new entrants
3 and existing vendors proposing new manufac-
4 turing processes.

5 (D) An assessment of the capacity and ca-
6 pability of the sUAS industrial base to support
7 the demands of existing programs.

8 (E) An assessment of the capacity and ca-
9 pability of the sUAS industrial base to support
10 potential future demands of programs.

11 (F) A mapping of programs and potential
12 future sUAS programs for manufacturer
13 throughput.

14 (G) Identification of current and potential
15 shortfalls in critical materials, such as rare
16 earth elements and lithium.

17 (H) A broad assessment of commercial sec-
18 tor, civil sector, and Department of Defense de-
19 mands on the sUAS industrial base.

20 (2) REPORT.—

21 (A) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Not later
22 than September 30, 2026, a federally funded
23 research and development center that enters
24 into a contract under this subsection shall sub-
25 mit to the Secretary of Defense a report on the

1 results of the review conducted under para-
2 graph (1).

3 (B) CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
4 after receipt of the report described in subpara-
5 graph (A), the Secretary of Defense shall sub-
6 mit the report, along with any comments of the
7 Secretary, to the congressional defense commit-
8 tees.

9 (e) SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM COMPO-
10 NENTS DEFINED.—The term “small unmanned aircraft
11 system components” refers to critical components used in
12 the manufacture and operation of unmanned aircraft sys-
13 tems for small unmanned aircraft, as those terms are de-
14 fined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code.

15 **SEC. 843. APPLICATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER**
16 **FOR STRATEGIC MATERIALS SOURCING RE-**
17 **QUIREMENT TO SENSITIVE MATERIALS.**

18 Section 4872 of title 10, United States Code, is
19 amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)—

21 (A) by striking “subsection (c) or sub-
22 section (e)” and inserting “subsections (c) and
23 (e)”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
 2 section (c)” and inserting “subsections (c) and
 3 (e)”; and
 4 (2) in subsection (e)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “of the
 6 Secretary”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 8 paragraph:

9 “(3) APPLICATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY
 10 WAIVER FOR STRATEGIC MATERIALS.—If the Sec-
 11 retary of Defense or the authorized delegate has
 12 made a determination under subsection (k) of sec-
 13 tion 4863 of this title for a national security waiver
 14 of the restrictions under subsection (a) of that sec-
 15 tion for a specific end item, the Secretary or author-
 16 ized delegate may apply that waiver to the restric-
 17 tions under subsection (a) of this section for the
 18 same covered material and end item.”.

19 **SEC. 844. PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OF CLOTHING**
 20 **AND FABRIC FROM COUNTRIES OF CONCERN**
 21 **UNDER DOMESTIC-SOURCING WAIVERS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4862 of title 10, United
 23 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “Subsection
2 (a)” and inserting “(1) Except as provided by para-
3 graph (2), subsection (a)”;

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(2) If the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of
7 the military department concerned applies the exception
8 set forth in this subsection for the procurement of any
9 clothing and the materials and components thereof or any
10 item listed in subsection (b)(1)(D), no contract may be
11 awarded for the procurement of any such items produced
12 in the People’s Republic of China, Iran, the Democratic
13 People’s Republic of Korea, or the Russian Federation.”.

14 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
15 section (a) shall apply only with respect to agreements en-
16 tered into on or after the date of the enactment of this
17 Act.

18 **SEC. 845. MITIGATION OF RISKS RELATED TO FOREIGN**
19 **OWNERSHIP, CONTROL, OR INFLUENCE OF**
20 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACTORS**
21 **OR SUBCONTRACTORS.**

22 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
23 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
24 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for the Office
25 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Se-

1 curity for travel expenses, not more than 90 percent may
 2 be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense—

3 (1) certifies to the congressional defense com-
 4 mittees that the requirements under section 847 of
 5 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
 6 Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4819
 7 note) have been implemented; and

8 (2) submits a plan and timeline for continued
 9 implementation of such requirements, including de-
 10 tails on how the Department of Defense plans to en-
 11 sure, beyond self-certification, that contractors and
 12 subcontractors are completing any assessment and
 13 mitigation requirements, including enforcement pen-
 14 alties if appropriate.

15 **SEC. 846. PROHIBITION OF PROCUREMENT OF MOLYB-**
 16 **DENUM, GALLIUM, OR GERMANIUM FROM**
 17 **NON-ALLIED FOREIGN NATIONS AND AU-**
 18 **THORIZATION FOR PRODUCTION FROM RE-**
 19 **COVERED MATERIAL.**

20 (a) AMENDMENTS RELATED TO MOLYBDENUM.—

21 (1) DEFINITION OF COVERED MATERIAL.—Sec-
 22 tion 4872(f)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
 23 amended—

24 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “;
 25 and” and inserting a semicolon;

1 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
2 period and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 subparagraph:

5 “(F) molybdenum.”.

6 (2) EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITION.—Section
7 4872(c)(3) of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended –

9 (A) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or
10 samarium-cobalt magnet” after “neodymium-
11 iron-boron magnet”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraph:

14 “(i) tantalum, tungsten, or molyb-
15 denum produced from recycled scrap if the
16 contractor demonstrates that the scrap was
17 produced outside of a covered nation and
18 the melting of the scrap and further proc-
19 essing and manufacturing of the material
20 takes place in the United States or in the
21 country of a qualifying foreign government,
22 as defined in section 4863(m)(11) of this
23 title.”.

24 (b) AMENDMENTS RELATED TO GALLIUM AND
25 GERMAINUM.—

1 (1) DEFINITION OF COVERED MATERIAL.—Sec-
 2 tion 4872(f)(1) of title 10, United States Code, as
 3 amended by subsection (a)(1), is further amended—

4 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking “;
 5 and” and inserting a semicolon;

6 (B) in subparagraph (F), as added by sub-
 7 section (a), by striking the period at the end
 8 and inserting a semicolon; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 10 subparagraphs:

11 “(G) germanium; and

12 “(H) gallium.”.

13 (2) EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITION.—Section
 14 4872(e)(3)(D) of title 10, United States Code, as
 15 added by subsection (a)(2) is amended by striking
 16 “or molybdenum” and inserting “molybdenum,
 17 gallium, or germanium”.

18 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
 19 by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall take effect on the
 20 date that is one year after the date of the enactment
 21 of this Act.

22 **SEC. 847. SOURCING OPTIONS FOR CERTAIN CRITICAL**
 23 **PRODUCTS.**

24 (a) MULTIPLE SOURCING.—As soon as practicable,
 25 but not later than fiscal year 2031, the Secretary of De-

1 fense shall ensure that the Department of Defense main-
2 tains multiple sources for products in the following critical
3 sectors:

- 4 (1) Castings and forgings.
- 5 (2) Missiles and munitions.
- 6 (3) Energy storage and batteries.
- 7 (4) Strategic and critical materials.
- 8 (5) Microelectronics.
- 9 (6) Any other critical sector as determined by
10 the Secretary.

11 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
12 the requirement under subsection (a) if the Secretary de-
13 termines that maintaining multiple sources is unfeasible.
14 The Secretary shall notify the Committees on Armed Serv-
15 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives not
16 later than 30 days after issuing such a waiver.

17 **SEC. 848. PROHIBITING THE PURCHASE OF PHOTOVOLTAIC**
18 **MODULES OR INVERTERS FROM FOREIGN**
19 **ENTITIES OF CONCERN.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
21 be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act
22 may be used to enter into a contract for the procurement
23 of photovoltaic modules manufactured by a foreign entity
24 of concern (as defined by section 9901(8) of the William

1 M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act
2 for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651(8)).

3 (b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense
4 may waive subsection (a) if the Secretary—

5 (1) determines that there is no alternative
6 source of photovoltaic cells, modules, or inverters
7 other than from a foreign entity of concern;

8 (2) determines there is no national security risk
9 posed by the use of photovoltaic cells, modules, or
10 inverters manufactured by a foreign entity of con-
11 cern; and

12 (3) submits a certification of such determina-
13 tion in writing to the congressional defense commit-
14 tees not later than 30 days before entering into a
15 contract described under such subsection.

16 (c) LIMITATION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) shall apply
18 only to contracts regarding the direct procurement
19 by the Department of Defense of photovoltaic mod-
20 ules or inverters and shall not apply to contracts in-
21 volving any third party financing arrangements, in-
22 cluding energy savings contracts and those involving
23 privatized military housing or assets that enhance
24 combat capability.

1 (2) DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ASSETS
2 THAT ENHANCE COMBAT CAPABILITY.—The prohibi-
3 tion under subsection (a) shall not apply to assets
4 that enhance combat capability for a period of one
5 year following the date of the enactment of this Act,
6 in order for the Department of Defense to determine
7 alternate supply chains for such assets.

8 (d) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—The
9 prohibition under subsection (a) shall not apply if the op-
10 eration, procurement, or contracting action is for the pur-
11 poses of intelligence, electronic warfare, and information
12 warfare operations, testing, analysis, and training.

13 **SEC. 849. MODERNIZATION OF ARMY ARSENALS.**

14 (a) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE.—The
15 Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to accel-
16 erate the modernization of the Army’s organic industrial
17 base to meet the munitions requirements of the Army.

18 (b) FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.—The Sec-
19 retary of the Army shall prioritize utilizing or modifying
20 existing facilities, as well as existing environmental per-
21 mits, security arrangements, and personnel required for
22 the production of sensitive military munitions, to establish
23 the production lines for the following items:

24 (1) A secondary domestic source of military-
25 grade nitrocellulose.

1 (2) Any of 13 precursor chemicals used widely
2 across the Joint Program Executive Office Arma-
3 ments & Ammunition portfolio that are currently
4 sourced solely from the People's Republic of China.

5 (3) Any of the 300 chemicals identified as sin-
6 gle point failures by the Joint Program Executive
7 Office Armaments & Ammunition.

8 (4) Multiple calibers of ammunition, serviced by
9 a load and pack facility.

10 (5) A combination of the above options.

11 (c) LOCATION.—The production line or lines de-
12 scribed in subsection (b) shall be established at each Army
13 organic industrial base installation that—

14 (1) has received less than \$100,000,000 in cu-
15 mulative modernization funding across all Army ac-
16 counts during the two most recent fiscal years; and

17 (2) has substantial acreage available and suit-
18 able for future industrial or technical development.

19 (d) EXPEDITED APPROVALS AND WAIVERS.—The
20 Secretary is encouraged to expedite the establishment of
21 the production lines and shall utilize to the fullest extent
22 possible the existing environmental permits and work ex-
23 pertise resident at installations described in subsection (c).

24 (e) FUNDS.—The Secretary of the Army may use
25 such funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act that

1 are available to establish the production line or lines de-
2 scribed in subsection (b).

3 **SEC. 849A. MODIFICATIONS TO DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE**
4 **FUND.**

5 Section 4817 of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 sections:

8 “(g) ELIGIBLE USES OF AUTHORITIES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use the
10 authorities provided by this section with respect to
11 upstream, mid-stream, and downstream supply
12 chains, including material, material production, com-
13 ponents, subassemblies, and finished products, test-
14 ing and qualification, infrastructure, facility con-
15 struction and improvement, and equipment needed
16 directly for the following:

17 “(A) Castings and forgings.

18 “(B) Kinetic capabilities, including sen-
19 sors, targeting systems, and delivery platforms.

20 “(C) Microelectronics.

21 “(D) Machine tools, including but not lim-
22 ited to subtractive, additive, convergent, stamp-
23 ing, forging, abrasives, metrology, and other
24 production equipment.

1 “(E) Critical minerals, materials, and
2 chemicals.

3 “(F) Workforce for the defense industrial
4 base.

5 “(G) Advanced manufacturing capacity, in-
6 cluding echelon manufacturing forward in the
7 Indo-Pacific Command theater.

8 “(H) Unmanned vehicles, including sub-
9 surface, surface, land, air one-way, attritables,
10 and launch and recovery platforms.

11 “(I) Manned aircraft.

12 “(J) Ground systems.

13 “(K) Power sources.

14 “(L) Ship and submarine, including assem-
15 bly and automation technologies and capabili-
16 ties, new or modernized infrastructure for new
17 construction or maintenance and sustainment
18 and battle damage repair.

19 “(M) Other materiel solutions required to
20 support Indo-Pacific Command operational
21 plans as required.

22 “(N) Defense space systems.

23 “(2) PROHIBITION ON USE IN COVERED COUN-
24 TRIES.—The Secretary may not use the authorities

1 provided by this section for any activity in a covered
2 country.

3 “(3) USE OF AUTHORITIES FOR OTHER PUR-
4 POSES.—The Secretary may not use the authorities
5 provided by this section for a purpose not described
6 in paragraph (1) unless, not less than 30 days be-
7 fore doing so, the Secretary—

8 “(A) determines that—

9 “(i) the use of the authority for that
10 purpose is essential to the national security
11 interests of the United States; and

12 “(ii) without the use of the authority
13 for that purpose, United States industry
14 cannot reasonably be expected to provide
15 the capability needed in a timely manner;
16 and

17 “(B) submits to the congressional defense
18 committees a report on the determination that
19 includes appropriate explanatory material.

20 “(h) GRANTS AND OTHER INCENTIVES FOR DOMES-
21 TIC INDUSTRIAL BASE CAPABILITIES.—To create, main-
22 tain, protect, expand, or restore domestic industrial base
23 capabilities essential for the national security interests of
24 the United States, the Secretary may make provision
25 for—

1 “(1) use of contracts, grants, or other trans-
2 action authorities, including cooperative agreements;

3 “(2) incentives for the private sector to develop
4 capabilities in areas of national security interest;

5 “(3) making awards to third party entities to
6 support investments in small- and medium-sized en-
7 tities working in areas of national security interest,
8 including debt and equity investments, that would
9 benefit missions of the Department of Defense; and

10 “(4) subsidies to offset market manipulation or
11 ensure allied and domestic viability of grants made
12 from other market uncertainties.

13 “(i) DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE PURCHASE COM-
14 MITMENT PROGRAM.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To create, maintain, pro-
16 tect, expand, or restore industrial base capabilities
17 essential for the national security interests of the
18 United States, the Secretary may make provision for
19 purchase commitments for—

20 “(A) Federal Government use or resale of
21 an industrial resource or a critical technology
22 item;

23 “(B) the encouragement of exploration, de-
24 velopment, and mining of strategic and critical
25 materials;

1 “(C) development of other materials and
2 components;

3 “(D) the development of production capa-
4 bilities; and

5 “(E) the increased use of emerging tech-
6 nologies in defense program applications and
7 the rapid transition of emerging technologies—

8 “(i) from Federal Government-spon-
9 sored research and development to com-
10 mercial applications; and

11 “(ii) from commercial research and
12 development to national defense applica-
13 tions.

14 “(2) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.—

15 “(A) PURCHASES.—Except as provided by
16 subparagraph (B), purchase commitments
17 under paragraph (1) may be made without re-
18 gard to the limitations of existing law (other
19 than section 1341 of title 31), for such quan-
20 tities, and on such terms and conditions, includ-
21 ing advance payments, and for such periods,
22 but not extending beyond a date that is not
23 more than 10 years from the date on which
24 such purchase was initially made, as the Sec-
25 retary deems necessary.

1 “(B) LIMITATION.—Purchases commit-
2 ments under paragraph (1) involving higher
3 than established ceiling prices (or if no such es-
4 tablished ceiling prices exist, currently pre-
5 vailing market prices) or that result in an an-
6 ticipated loss on resale shall not be made, un-
7 less it is determined that supply of the mate-
8 rials could not be effectively increased or
9 provisioned at lower prices or on terms more fa-
10 vorable to the Federal Government, or that
11 such purchases are necessary to assure the
12 availability to the United States of overseas
13 supplies.

14 “(3) FINDINGS OF SECRETARY.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
16 take the actions described in subparagraph (B),
17 if the Secretary finds that—

18 “(i) under generally fair and equitable
19 ceiling prices, for any raw or nonprocessed
20 material or component, there will result a
21 decrease in supplies from high-cost sources
22 of such material and that the continuation
23 of such supplies is necessary to carry out
24 the objectives of this section; or

1 “(ii) an increase in cost of transpor-
2 tation is temporary in character and
3 threatens to impair maximum production
4 or supply in any area at stable prices of
5 any materials.

6 “(B) SUBSIDY PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED.—
7 Upon a finding under subparagraph (A), the
8 Secretary may make provision for subsidy pay-
9 ments on any such produced material from
10 other than covered countries, in such amounts
11 and in such manner (including purchase com-
12 mitments of such material or component and its
13 resale at a loss, and on such terms and condi-
14 tions, as the Secretary determines to be nec-
15 essary to ensure that supplies from such high-
16 cost sources are continued, or that maximum
17 production or supply in such area at stable
18 prices of such materials is maintained, as the
19 case may be.

20 “(4) INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT IN INDUS-
21 TRIAL FACILITIES.—If the Secretary determines that
22 such action will aid the national security interests of
23 the United States, the Secretary is authorized—

24 “(A) to procure and install additional
25 equipment, facilities, processes or improvements

1 to plants, factories, and other industrial facili-
2 ties owned by the Federal Government;

3 “(B) to procure and install equipment in-
4 cluding owned by the Federal Government in
5 plants, factories, and other industrial facilities
6 owned by private persons;

7 “(C) to provide for constructing new facili-
8 ties, the modification, or expansion of privately
9 owned facilities, including the modification or
10 improvement of production processes, when tak-
11 ing actions under this subsection or subsection
12 (h);

13 “(D) to sell or otherwise transfer equip-
14 ment owned by the Federal Government and in-
15 stalled under this subsection to the owners of
16 such plants, factories, or other industrial facili-
17 ties;

18 “(E) to construct facilities for the purposes
19 described in section subsection (g)(1); and

20 “(F) to apply contracts, grants, or other
21 transactions authorities.

22 “(5) EXCESS METALS, MINERALS, MATERIALS,
23 AND COMPONENTS.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Metals, minerals, ma-
25 terials, and components acquired pursuant to

1 this subsection which, in the judgment of the
2 Secretary, are excess to the needs of programs
3 under this section, shall be transferred to the
4 National Defense Stockpile established by the
5 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling
6 Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.), or other national re-
7 serves if available, when the Secretary deems
8 such action to be in the public interest.

9 “(B) TRANSFERS AT NO CHARGE.—Trans-
10 fers made pursuant to this paragraph shall be
11 made without charge against or reimbursement
12 from funds appropriated for the purposes of the
13 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling
14 Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.), or other national re-
15 serves if available, except that costs incident to
16 such transfer, other than acquisition costs, shall
17 be paid or reimbursed from such funds.

18 “(6) SUBSTITUTES.—When, in the judgment of
19 the Secretary, it will aid the national security inter-
20 ests of the United States, the Secretary may make
21 provision for the development and qualification a of
22 substitutes for strategic and critical materials, com-
23 ponents, critical technology items, and other indus-
24 trial resources.

1 “(j) STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC PRODUCTIVE CA-
2 PACITY.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide
4 appropriate incentives to develop, maintain, mod-
5 ernize, restore, and expand the productive capacities
6 of sources for strategic and critical materials, com-
7 ponents, critical technology items, and industrial re-
8 sources essential for the execution of the national se-
9 curity strategy of the United States.

10 “(2) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS,
11 COMPONENTS, AND CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY ITEMS.—

12 “(A) MAINTENANCE OF RELIABLE
13 SOURCES OF SUPPLY.—The Secretary shall take
14 appropriate actions to ensure that strategic and
15 critical materials, components, critical tech-
16 nology items, and industrial resources are avail-
17 able from reliable sources when needed to meet
18 defense requirements during peacetime, grad-
19 uated mobilization, and national emergency.

20 “(B) APPROPRIATE ACTION.—For pur-
21 poses of this paragraph, appropriate action may
22 include—

23 “(i) restricting contract solicitations
24 to reliable sources;

1 “(ii) stockpiling or placing into re-
2 serve strategic and critical materials, com-
3 ponents, and critical technology items;

4 “(iii) planning for necessary long-lead
5 times for acquiring such materials, compo-
6 nents, and items; or

7 “(iv) developing and qualifying sub-
8 stitutes for such materials, components,
9 and items.

10 “(k) ANNUAL REPORT.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
12 after the date of the enactment of the National De-
13 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, and
14 annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to
15 the congressional defense committee a report evalu-
16 ating investments made and any other activities car-
17 ried out using amounts in the Fund during the year
18 preceding submission of the report.

19 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by
20 paragraph (1) shall include—

21 “(A) measures of effectiveness of the in-
22 vestments and activities described in that para-
23 graph in meeting the needs of the Department
24 of Defense and the defense industrial base;

1 “(B) an evaluation of the return on invest-
2 ment of all ongoing investments from the Fund;
3 and

4 “(C) a description of efforts to coordinate
5 activities carried out using amounts in the
6 Fund with activities to support the defense in-
7 dustrial base carried out under other authori-
8 ties.

9 “(3) ADVICE.—In preparing a report required
10 by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into ac-
11 count the advice of the defense industry and such
12 other individuals as the Secretary considers relevant.

13 “(1) COORDINATION WITH OTHER DEFENSE INDUS-
14 TRIAL BASE ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 90 days after
15 the date of the enactment of the National Defense Author-
16 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Secretary shall sub-
17 mit to the congressional defense committees a report de-
18 tailing how activities carried out under this section will
19 be coordinated with—

20 “(1) activities carried out using amounts in the
21 Defense Production Act Fund under section 304 of
22 the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.
23 4534);

24 “(2) activities of the Office of Strategic Capital;
25 and

1 “(3) any other efforts designed to enhance the
2 defense industrial base.

3 “(m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) CHOKEPOINT.—The term ‘chokepoint’
5 means a situation in which—

6 “(A) components of the munitions supply
7 chains, including all elements of the munitions
8 supply chain such as chemicals, casings, or
9 other materials, are produced by only one reli-
10 able source; or

11 “(B) the increased production of a compo-
12 nent would significantly increase total output of
13 munitions.

14 “(2) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term ‘covered
15 country’ means—

16 “(A) the Russian Federation;

17 “(B) the Democratic People’s Republic of
18 Korea;

19 “(C) the Islamic Republic of Iran; and

20 “(D) the People’s Republic of China.

21 “(3) RELIABLE SOURCE.—The term ‘reliable
22 source’ means a citizen or business entity organized
23 under the laws of—

24 “(A) the United States or any territory or
25 possession of the United States;

1 “(B) a country of the national technology
2 and industrial base, as defined in section 4801;
3 or

4 “(C) a qualifying country, as defined in
5 section 225.003 of the Defense Federal Acquisi-
6 tion Regulation Supplement or any successor
7 document.

8 “(4) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
9 the Secretary of Defense.

10 “(5) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS.—
11 The term ‘strategic and critical materials’ has the
12 meaning given that term in section 12(1) of the
13 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50
14 U.S.C. 98h-3(1)).”.

15 **Subtitle D—Small Business Matters**

16 **SEC. 851. APEX ACCELERATORS.**

17 (a) PURPOSES.—Section 4952 of title 10, United
18 States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and” and
20 inserting a semicolon;

21 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
22 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

1 “(3) to foster innovation for the defense indus-
 2 trial base and to diversify and expand the defense
 3 industrial base.”.

4 (b) INCREASED FUNDING LIMIT FOR BUREAU OF IN-
 5 DIAN AFFAIRS SERVICE AREAS.—Section 4955(a)(4) of
 6 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking
 7 “\$1,000,000” and inserting “\$1,500,000”.

8 (c) APEX CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.—The Under
 9 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
 10 may establish APEX centers of excellence to allow APEX
 11 centers to provide specialized expertise to business entities
 12 outside of the geographic bounds of the center. In carrying
 13 out this program, the Under Secretary may utilize the cost
 14 sharing waiver to enter into a cooperative agreement
 15 under section 4954 of title 10, United States Code.

16 **Subtitle E—Other Matters**

17 **SEC. 861. CLARIFICATION OF PROCUREMENT PROHIBITION** 18 **RELATED TO ACQUISITION OF MATERIALS** 19 **MINED, REFINED, AND SEPARATED IN CER-** 20 **TAIN COUNTRIES.**

21 Section 844(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
 22 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
 23 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3766) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “Section 2533c” and inserting
 25 “Section 4872”; and

1 (2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(1) in subsection (a)—

4 “(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ‘; or’
5 and inserting a semicolon;

6 “(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking the
7 period at the end and inserting ‘; or’; and

8 “(C) by adding at the end the following
9 new paragraph:

10 ““(3) enter into a contract for any covered ma-
11 terial mined, refined, or separated in any covered
12 nation.’”.

13 **SEC. 862. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON THE ACQUISITION**
14 **WORKFORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
15 **FENSE.**

16 (a) **STUDY.**—Not later than 90 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
18 shall seek to enter into a contract or other agreement with
19 a qualified organization to conduct an independent exam-
20 ination of the acquisition workforce of the Department of
21 Defense.

22 (b) **PURPOSE.**—The study required under subsection
23 (a) shall include an assessment and comprehensive review
24 of—

1 (1) the effectiveness of the acquisition work-
2 force in managing procurements and facilitating
3 positive acquisition outcomes for the warfighter, in-
4 cluding through the use of process performance
5 measures or other business health metrics;

6 (2) the process and authorities for recruiting
7 and retaining the workforce, including a comparison
8 of pay scales with other Federal agency and com-
9 mercial analogues, the use of specialization within
10 the acquisition field, and the use of career incentives
11 or other specialized opportunities, such as job-broad-
12 ening assignments or external training opportunities;

13 (3) current training of the workforce, including
14 training offered by and the structure of Defense Ac-
15 quisition University and the Eisenhower School at
16 National Defense University, as well as commercially
17 available training or identification of certification or
18 stackable micro-certification opportunities;

19 (4) the size and mix of the acquisition work-
20 force, including for acquisition-adjacent fields such
21 as industrial security, counterintelligence, and fi-
22 nance;

23 (5) the workload and span of control over con-
24 tracting actions, based on contract award value and
25 total number of individual awards;

1 (6) the dependencies between contracting ac-
2 tions and the impact on the industrial security needs
3 to support National Industrial Security Program re-
4 quirements, including additional compliance costs,
5 increased workload for security-related action, trans-
6 parency on needs and requirements between the ac-
7 quisition and security communities, and mechanisms
8 to improve communication on needs and require-
9 ments between acquisition and security profes-
10 sionals;

11 (7) the role of the acquisition workforce and its
12 communication and integration with the require-
13 ments and budget communities; and

14 (8) the data, productivity tools, and other infor-
15 mation systems available to support acquisition
16 workloads, including the availability of commercial
17 tools.

18 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Following the completion of the
19 study under subsection (a), the qualified organization that
20 conducts the study shall submit to the Secretary of De-
21 fense a report on the results of the study. The report shall
22 include—

23 (1) a summary of the research and other activi-
24 ties carried out as part of the study; and

1 (2) recommendations to improve all aspects of
2 acquisition workforce, including recruiting, retention,
3 training, management, and workforce mix.

4 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Decem-
5 ber 31, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
6 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
7 House of Representatives an unaltered version of the re-
8 port required under subsection (c), together with the Sec-
9 retary’s assessment of the findings and recommendations
10 of the study, including a plan for implementing the rec-
11 ommendations.

12 **SEC. 863. EXPEDITED ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM FOR SUPPLY**
13 **CHAIN ILLUMINATION.**

14 (a) ELIGIBILITY FOR EXPEDITED INTERIM NA-
15 TIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—If a contractor, through the
17 use of supply chain illumination policies, procedures,
18 or analytical tools, discovers an item in the supply
19 chain that is non-compliant with the restrictions out-
20 lined in subsection (d) but promptly discloses that
21 discovery to the program office, the contractor shall
22 be eligible for an expedited interim national security
23 waiver in accordance with subsection (b) to deliver
24 a capability, provided that the program manager is

1 satisfied with the contractor's corrective plan de-
2 scribed in subsection (e).

3 (2) DISCLOSURES.—Disclosures that are eligi-
4 ble under paragraph (1) include any disclosures
5 made by the contractor to the program office, in-
6 cluding disclosures resulting from supply chain illu-
7 mination efforts conducted by the contractor, a sub-
8 contractor, or by a third-party entity acting on be-
9 half of the contractor or sub-contractor to increase
10 supply chain transparency. Discoveries of non-com-
11 pliance by the United States Government do not
12 constitute eligible disclosures under paragraph (1).

13 (b) INTERIM NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—A waiver described under
15 this subsection is a waiver issued by the Secretary
16 of Defense or the Secretary concerned (as defined in
17 section 101 of title 10, United States Code) to a re-
18 striction outlined under subsection (d) allowing a
19 contractor to—

20 (A) accept delivery of an end item that
21 contains non-conforming items if the program
22 manager determines the non-confirming part
23 does not represent a security, safety, or flight
24 risk; and

1 (B) make payment for the delivery of the
2 end item.

3 (2) DELEGATION.—The authority to issue a
4 waiver under paragraph (1) may be delegated—

5 (A) in the case of a waiver for one or more
6 acquisition programs within a military depart-
7 ment, to the senior acquisition executive of that
8 military department; and

9 (B) in the case of a waiver applicable to
10 more than one military department, to the Dep-
11 uty Secretary of Defense or the Under Sec-
12 retary of Defense for Acquisition and
13 Sustainment.

14 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERIM NATIONAL SECU-
15 RITY WAIVERS.—

16 (1) WRITTEN DETERMINATION.—An interim
17 national security waiver shall be issued through a
18 written determination that includes the following:

19 (A) The preliminary facts and cir-
20 cumstances regarding the identified non-compli-
21 ant parts and the likely cause for non-compli-
22 ance.

23 (B) The types of parts to which the in-
24 terim waiver applies, including any additional
25 parts currently being evaluated for potential

1 non-compliance with the defense sourcing re-
2 striction statutes based on the findings in sub-
3 paragraph (A).

4 (C) A determination that the non-compli-
5 ant parts and any additional parts being evalu-
6 ated for potential non-compliance do not rep-
7 resent a security, safety, or flight risk.

8 (D) An assessment of program risk due to
9 non-compliance to include an overall risk level
10 determination that if exceeded would require a
11 new interim national security waiver.

12 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Any interim
13 national security waiver determination shall be sub-
14 mitted to the congressional defense committees with-
15 in five days of the date of issuance.

16 (3) DURATION.—The authority to issue an in-
17 terim national security waiver under this subsection
18 shall expire not later than January 1, 2027.

19 (d) SUPPLY CHAIN RESTRICTIONS.—For the pur-
20 poses of this section, non-compliant components are those
21 that are covered by the following provisions of law:

22 (1) Section 4863 of title 10, United States
23 Code, relating to a requirement to buy strategic ma-
24 terials critical to national security from American
25 sources.

1 (2) Section 1211 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
3 109–163; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4651), relating to a
4 prohibition on procurements from Chinese military
5 companies.

6 (3) Section 4873 of title 10, United States
7 Code, relating to additional requirements pertaining
8 to printed circuit boards.

9 (4) Section 154 of the National Defense Au-
10 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
11 118–31; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4651), relating to a
12 prohibition on availability of funds for procurement
13 of certain batteries.

14 (5) Section 244 of the National Defense Au-
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
16 118–31; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4651), relating to a
17 limitation on sourcing chemical materials for muni-
18 tions from certain countries.

19 (6) Section 805 the National Defense Author-
20 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–
21 31; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4651), relating to a prohi-
22 bition on procurements related to entities identified
23 as Chinese military companies operating in the
24 United States.

1 (e) CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY.—A contractor re-
 2 ceiving a waiver under this section shall retain the respon-
 3 sibility to develop and implement a corrective plan to en-
 4 sure future compliance and demonstrate the noncompli-
 5 ance was neither willful nor knowing. The contractor shall
 6 use reasonably expedient means to qualify an alternative
 7 compliant supplier, where available, for procurements of
 8 items that are to be incorporated into future deliveries of
 9 end items.

10 (f) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall
 11 expire on January 1, 2027.

12 (g) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than April 1, 2026, and
 13 April 1, 2027, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisi-
 14 tion and Sustainment shall provide a briefing to the Com-
 15 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of
 16 Representatives on expedited acceptances authorized
 17 under this section and corrective action plans of contrac-
 18 tors to ensure future compliance with existing authorities.

19 **SEC. 864. SIMULTANEOUS CONFLICTS CRITICAL MUNI-**
 20 **TIONS REPORT.**

21 (a) REPORT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
 23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 24 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
 25 defense committees a report that details the stock-

1 piles of critical munitions required to fight simulta-
2 neous conflicts in different theaters.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
4 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

5 (A) An estimate of the amount of each
6 critical munition that would be required over
7 the course of simultaneous conflicts, modeled on
8 the assumption that a contingency operation in
9 any one of the western Pacific, Europe, Middle
10 East, or Korean Peninsula theaters would in-
11 crease the likelihood of a contingency operation
12 in the other theaters, including consideration of
13 the prepositioning of stockpiles and the risk
14 posed by moving stocks out of each theater.

15 (B) The number of days before the joint
16 force would exhaust its current stockpiles of
17 critical munitions during simultaneous conflicts.

18 (C) An estimate of the time required for
19 the industrial base to replenish critical munition
20 inventories during a simultaneous conflict, tak-
21 ing into account the Out-Year Unconstrained
22 Total Munitions Requirement directed by sec-
23 tion 222c of title 10, United States Code, and
24 the study required by section 1705 of the
25 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-

tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2968), but not the assumptions mandated by Department of Defense Instruction 3000.04, entitled “DoD Munitions Requirements Process”.

(D) Production requirements for each critical munition needed to address the shortfall between current production rates and those required to meet the requirements determined pursuant to subparagraph (A).

(E) The lessons learned from the war in Ukraine with respect to munition consumption rates.

(F) Consideration of the projected munitions stockpiles of the military forces of the Russian Federation, the People’s Republic of China, Iran, and the Democratic Republic of Korea, and forces affiliated with such military forces.

(G) An exploration of the projected munitions stockpiles of the relevant United States allies in each theater and opportunities for them to enhance their contributions to burden-sharing.

(b) PLAN.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the Secretary of Defense submits the report required
3 by subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
4 congressional defense committees a plan to imple-
5 ment critical munitions requirements to fight simul-
6 taneous conflicts in the next budget cycle. The plan
7 shall include a description of what would be required
8 of industry and United States arsenals and depots
9 to meet such requirements.

10 (2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the re-
11 quirement under paragraph (1) if the Secretary sub-
12 mits to the congressional defense committees a re-
13 port with a justification for the decision not to im-
14 plement the results of the report required by sub-
15 section (a) into the requirements process for the
16 next budget cycle. The report shall include an as-
17 sessment of the gap between current requirements
18 for critical munitions and those requirements identi-
19 fied in the report required by subsection (a).

20 (c) CRITICAL MUNITIONS DEFINED.—In this section,
21 the term “critical munitions” includes those designated on
22 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff’s critical muni-
23 tions list.

1 **SEC. 865. PERMANENT EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF**
 2 **DEMONSTRATION AND PROTOTYPING PRO-**
 3 **GRAM TO ADVANCE INTERNATIONAL PROD-**
 4 **UCT SUPPORT CAPABILITIES IN A CON-**
 5 **TESTED LOGISTICS ENVIRONMENT.**

6 Section 842 of the National Defense Authorization
 7 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
 8 2341 note) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;
 11 and” and inserting a semicolon;

12 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
 13 subparagraph (C);

14 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
 15 the following new subparagraph:

16 “(B) commercially advanced digital manu-
 17 facturing facilities for rapid, distributed parts
 18 production closer to the point of use; and”;

19 (2) by striking subsection (g); and

20 (3) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
 21 section (g).

22 **SEC. 866. ESTIMATE OF ALLY AND PARTNER DEMAND FOR**
 23 **UNITED STATES-PRODUCED MUNITIONS AND**
 24 **SPECIFIED EXPENDABLES.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
 26 tablish an annual requirement for the production of an

1 estimate of the demand by United States allies and part-
2 ners for United States-produced munitions and specified
3 expendables across the future-years defense plan.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each estimate required under sub-
5 section (a)—

6 (1) shall be disaggregated by specific munitions
7 type and ally or partner; and

8 (2) shall include analytical inputs, such as—

9 (A) information set forth in all approved
10 letters of offer and acceptance from foreign
11 military sales cases;

12 (B) assessments of all letters of request
13 from foreign military sales cases;

14 (C) estimates based on an operational
15 analysis of foreign partner munitions needs for
16 critical operational or contingency planning sce-
17 narios;

18 (D) estimates based on an analysis of
19 wargaming results that include foreign partner
20 contributions in the relevant scenario; and

21 (E) estimates based on bilateral or multi-
22 lateral discussions between the United States
23 Government and foreign governments.

24 (c) GUIDANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,
2 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall issue guidance
3 for the development and collection of data necessary
4 to support the production of the estimate required
5 by subsection (a).

6 (2) ELEMENTS.—The guidance required by
7 paragraph (1) shall include—

8 (A) a consideration of the manner in which
9 the requirement for such an estimate may be le-
10 veraged to support operational and contingency
11 planning activities, wargaming, and net assess-
12 ment activities; and

13 (B) an analysis of the effect of the addi-
14 tion of such an estimate to the Out-Year Un-
15 constrained Total Munitions Requirement re-
16 quired by section 222c of title 10, United
17 States Code.

18 (d) ASSESSMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 30,
20 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct an as-
21 sessment of existing relevant Department of Defense
22 information systems of record to determine whether
23 any such system, or combination of such systems,
24 may be used or modified to collect and analyze data

1 necessary to support the production of the estimate
2 required by subsection (a) on an ongoing basis.

3 (2) CONSIDERATION.—The assessment required
4 by paragraph (1) shall take into consideration—

5 (A) the cost and technical challenges of
6 adopting or adapting a system described in that
7 paragraph, or combination of such systems, for
8 the purpose described in that paragraph; and

9 (B) the estimated cost and technical chal-
10 lenges of establishing a new information system
11 of record for such purpose.

12 (e) SPECIFIED EXPENDABLES DEFINED.—In this
13 section, the term “specific expendables” includes—

14 (1) chaff;

15 (2) flares;

16 (3) sonobouys;

17 (4) decoys;

18 (5) disposable jammers; and

19 (6) any other expendable the Secretary of De-
20 fense considers appropriate.

21 **SEC. 867. REFORM OF CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE IN-**
22 **FORMATION REQUIREMENTS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
25 shall revise subpart 242.15 of the Defense Federal Acqui-

1 sition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to modify con-
2 tractor performance information requirements to establish
3 an objective, fact-based, and simplified system for report-
4 ing contractor performance. The revised system shall—

5 (1) focus exclusively on negative performance
6 events that are verifiable and measurable to reduce
7 subjectivity and inconsistency in evaluations;

8 (2) reduce the administrative burden on con-
9 tracting officers by limiting reporting to prior con-
10 tractor failures or poor performance; and

11 (3) ensure the government can identify and
12 avoid contractors with a history of poor performance
13 or bad actions.

14 (b) REVISION OF CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE IN-
15 FORMATION REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 of Defense shall revise subpart 242.15 of the DFARS and
18 related guidance, including the Contractor Performance
19 Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to provide for the
20 following requirements related to contract performance in-
21 formation:

22 (1) ELIMINATION OF SUBJECTIVE PERFORM-
23 ANCE RATINGS.—(A) Subjective performance ratings
24 for contracts subject to this section shall be elimi-
25 nated.

1 (B) Performance evaluations shall be limited to
2 the reporting and scoring of negative performance
3 events as described in subsections (c) and (d).

4 (2) SCOPE OF REPORTING.—(A) Contracting
5 officers shall report only negative performance
6 events with verifiable data which have a material im-
7 pact on contract performance or government inter-
8 ests, including events involving subcontractors.

9 (B) Reporting shall exclude positive or neutral
10 performance assessments, except as necessary to
11 provide context for a negative performance event.

12 (3) FREQUENCY AND TIMING.—(A) Contracting
13 officers shall report negative performance events
14 within 30 days of identifying and verifying the event.

15 (B) Annual or periodic performance evaluations
16 shall not be required unless a negative performance
17 event occurs.

18 (4) USE IN SOURCE SELECTION.—(A) Negative
19 performance events and their associated scores, as
20 calculated under subsection (c), shall be considered
21 in source selection evaluations to assess contractor
22 risk and responsibility.

23 (B) The absence of negative performance events
24 for a contractor, including nontraditional defense
25 contractors or new entrants, shall not be considered

1 a deficiency in past performance evaluations. Such
2 contractors shall be evaluated based on technical ca-
3 pability, price, and other relevant factors.

4 (c) SCORING MECHANISM FOR NEGATIVE PERFORM-
5 ANCE EVENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
7 shall revise subpart 242.15 of the DFARS and related
8 guidance, including the Contractor Performance Assess-
9 ment Reporting System (CPARS) to provide for the fol-
10 lowing requirements related to a scoring mechanism for
11 negative performance events:

12 (1) STANDARDIZED SCORING MECHANISM.—To
13 ensure fair and equitable evaluation of contractors,
14 a standardized scoring mechanism shall normalize
15 negative performance events based on the number of
16 transactions and the dollar volume of contracts per-
17 formed by the contractor.

18 (2) APPLICATION OF SCORES.—(A) The com-
19 posite score shall be reported in CPARS alongside
20 the negative performance events and used in source
21 selection to assess past performance risk.

22 (B) Scores shall be calculated automatically by
23 the CPARS system based on data entered by con-
24 tracting officers, including the number of trans-
25 actions and contract dollar value.

1 (3) TRANSPARENCY.—(A) Contractors shall
2 have access to their composite scores and the under-
3 lying data (number of events, transactions, and dol-
4 lar volume) through CPARS.

5 (B) Contractors may submit comments or
6 rebuttals to reported events or scores, which shall be
7 maintained in CPARS for consideration in source se-
8 lection.

9 (d) KEY ISSUES OF NEGATIVE PERFORMANCE.—Not
10 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
11 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall revise subpart
12 242.15 of the DFARS and related guidance, including the
13 Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System
14 (CPARS) to provide for the following requirements related
15 to key issues of negative performance:

16 (1) MANDATORY REPORTING.—Contracting offi-
17 cers shall report the following negative performance
18 events, based on verifiable data or objective evalua-
19 tions:

20 (A) DELIVERY OF DEFECTIVE PROD-
21 UCTS.—Delivery of products failing to meet
22 contract requirements, as verified by govern-
23 ment inspection reports, quality assurance
24 records, or testing results.

1 (B) DELINQUENT DELIVERIES.—Failure to
2 meet contract delivery schedules, as documented
3 in contract milestones, delivery orders, or gov-
4 ernment correspondence.

5 (C) IMPROPER MARKINGS OR RIGHTS AS-
6 SERTIONS ON TECHNICAL DATA DELIVERIES.—
7 Incorrect or unauthorized markings on tech-
8 nical data or software, or improper assertions
9 of restrictive rights, as verified by government
10 review or legal findings.

11 (D) DEFECTIVE PRICING.—Submission of
12 inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading cost or
13 pricing data, as identified through audits by the
14 Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) or
15 other authorities.

16 (E) FAILURE TO FLOW DOWN REQUIRED
17 CLAUSES TO SUBCONTRACTORS.—Failure to in-
18 clude mandatory contract clauses in sub-
19 contracts, as verified by contract reviews or au-
20 dits.

21 (F) FALSE CLAIMS OR MISREPRESENTA-
22 TIONS.—Submission of false claims, fraudulent
23 invoices, or misrepresentations, as substantiated
24 by investigations, legal findings, or government
25 records.

1 (G) NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY OR
2 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.—Failure to com-
3 ply with safety, environmental, or other regu-
4 latory requirements, as documented by govern-
5 ment inspections or citations.

6 (H) SIGNIFICANT CYBERSECURITY
7 BREACHES OR FAILURES.—Failure to meet cy-
8 bersecurity requirements or significant breaches
9 caused by contractor negligence, as verified by
10 government assessments or incident reports.

11 (e) ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.—The
12 Secretary of Defense may establish additional negative
13 performance indicators, provided they are—

14 (1) based on verifiable data or objective evalua-
15 tions; and

16 (2) published in the Defense Federal Acquisi-
17 tion Regulation Supplement (DFARS) with clear
18 criteria for identification and reporting.

19 (f) IMPLEMENTATION.—

20 (1) TEMPLATES.— Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary of Defense shall issue revised regulations
23 under revise subpart 242.15 of the DFARS to in-
24 clude standardized templates for reporting negative
25 performance events and calculating composite scores.

1 (2) TRAINING AND GUIDANCE.—

2 (A) TRAINING.—The Secretary of Defense
3 shall develop and provide training for con-
4 tracting officers on—

5 (i) identifying, verifying, and report-
6 ing negative performance events; and

7 (ii) entering data for transaction
8 counts and contract dollar values to sup-
9 port the scoring mechanism.

10 (B) GUIDANCE.—Guidance shall emphasize
11 the use of objective evidence and the exclusion
12 of subjective judgments, including—

13 (i) standardized templates for report-
14 ing negative performance events;

15 (ii) guidelines for weighting negative
16 performance scores in source selection; and

17 (iii) procedures for quality assurance
18 reviews and contractor dispute resolution.

19 (3) SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS.—Not later than
20 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
21 the Secretary of Defense shall modify the CPARS
22 system to—

23 (A) support the categorization of negative
24 performance events;

25 (B) eliminate fields for subjective ratings;

1 (C) automatically calculate composite
2 scores based on reported data;

3 (D) include a mechanism for contractors to
4 review and respond to reported events and
5 scores; and

6 (E) integrate with the Federal Awardee
7 Performance and Integrity Information System
8 (FAPIIS) for seamless data sharing.

9 (4) TRANSITION PERIOD.—

10 (A) EXISTING CPARS EVALUATIONS.—For
11 contracts awarded prior to the effective date of
12 the revised regulations, contracting officers may
13 complete existing CPARS evaluations under the
14 prior system until the contract is closed or ter-
15 minated.

16 (B) NEW EVALUATIONS.—New evaluations
17 for contracts awarded after the date of the re-
18 vised implementing regulations shall comply
19 with this section.

20 (g) REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT.—

21 (1) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
23 Defense shall submit a report to the Committees on
24 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
25 resentatives on the implementation of the revised

1 Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting Sys-
2 tem required by this section.

3 (2) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-
4 VIEW.—Not later than 3 years after the date of the
5 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
6 the United States shall conduct a review of the re-
7 vised contractor performance information system to
8 assess—

9 (A) its effectiveness in achieving the pur-
10 poses outlined in subsection (a);

11 (B) the accuracy and fairness of the scor-
12 ing mechanism; and

13 (C) the system’s impact on competition
14 and nontraditional defense contractor participa-
15 tion.

16 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) NEGATIVE PERFORMANCE EVENT.—The
18 term “negative performance event” means a
19 verifiable instance of contractor failure or poor per-
20 formance, as described in subsection (d).

21 (2) NONTRADITIONAL DEFENSE CON-
22 TRACTOR.—The term “nontraditional defense con-
23 tractor” has the meaning given the term in section
24 3014 of title 10, United States Code.

1 (3) VERIFIABLE DATA.—The term “verifiable
2 data” means objective evidence documented in con-
3 tract records, inspection reports, audits, correspond-
4 ence, or other government records.

5 **SEC. 868. REPEALS OF EXISTING LAW TO STREAMLINE THE**
6 **DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROCESS.**

7 The following provisions are hereby repealed:

8 (1) Section 3070 of title 10, United States
9 Code.

10 (2) Section 874 of the National Defense Au-
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
12 115–91; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3101).

13 (3) Section 810 of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
15 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3101).

16 (4) Section 3106 of title 10, United States
17 Code.

18 (5) Section 8688 of title 10, United States
19 Code.

20 (6) Subsections (a)–(c) of section 804 of the
21 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act
22 for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122
23 Stat. 4356).

1 (7) Section 822 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law
3 104–106; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3201).

4 (8) Section 892 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
6 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 3201 note).

7 (9) Section 805 of the National Defense Au-
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law
9 108–136; 10 U.S.C. 3201 note).

10 (10) Section 823 of the National Defense Au-
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
12 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 3204 note).

13 (11) Section 802 of the National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
15 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 3206 note).

16 (12) Section 3208 of title 10, United States
17 Code.

18 (13) Section 852 of the Carl Levin and Howard
19 P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization
20 Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 10
21 U.S.C. note prec. 3241).

22 (14) Subsections (a)–(f) of section 866 of the
23 Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for
24 Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C.
25 note prec. 3241).

1 (15) Section 143 of the Duncan Hunter Na-
2 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
3 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
4 3241).

5 (16) Section 254 of the Duncan Hunter Na-
6 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
7 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
8 3241).

9 (17) Section 886 of the National Defense Au-
10 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
11 110–181; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3241).

12 (18) Section 851 of the Ronald W. Reagan Na-
13 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
14 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
15 3241).

16 (19) Section 314 of the Bob Stump National
17 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003
18 (Public Law 107–314; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3241).

19 (20) Section 826 of the Floyd D. Spence Na-
20 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
21 2001 (Public Law 106–398; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
22 3241).

23 (21) Section 806 of the Strom Thurmond Na-
24 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

1 1999 (Public Law 105–261; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
2 3241).

3 (22) Section 368 of the National Defense Au-
4 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law
5 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 3303 note).

6 (23) Section 875 of the National Defense Au-
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
8 117–81; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3344).

9 (24) Section 816 of the National Defense Au-
10 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
11 109–163; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3344).

12 (25) Section 3373 of title 10, United States
13 Code.

14 (26) Section 883 of the James M. Inhofe Na-
15 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 3372 note).

17 (27) Section 3455 of title 10, United States
18 Code.

19 (28) Section 3678 of title 10, United States
20 Code.

21 (29) Section 133 of the Bob Stump National
22 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003
23 (Public Law 107–314; 10 U.S.C. 3678 note).

24 (30) Section 891 of the William M. (Mac)
25 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for

1 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
2 3804 note).

3 (31) Section 380 of the National Defense Au-
4 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
5 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

6 (32) Section 1056 of the National Defense Au-
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
8 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

9 (33) Section 1603 of the National Defense Au-
10 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
11 113–66; 10 U.S.C. 4007 note).

12 (34) Section 1089 of the National Defense Au-
13 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
14 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 4025 note).

15 (35) Section 812 of the National Defense Au-
16 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law
17 106–65; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4061).

18 (36) Section 235 of the National Defense Au-
19 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
20 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 4126 note).

21 (37) Section 227 of the National Defense Au-
22 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
23 118–31; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4141).

1 (38) Section 252 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
3 116–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4141).

4 (39) Section 1043 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law
6 111–84; 10 U.S.C. 4174 note).

7 (40) Section 828 of the National Defense Au-
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
9 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4201).

10 (41) Section 1252 of the Defense Procurement
11 Reform Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–525; 10 U.S.C.
12 4205 note).

13 (42) Section 812 of the Ike Skelton National
14 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
15 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4211).

16 (43) Section 806 of the National Defense Au-
17 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
18 109–163; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4211).

19 (44) Section 818 of the John Warner National
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007
21 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4231).

22 (45) Section 802(d)(2) of the National Defense
23 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
24 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 4251 note).

1 (46) Section 4271 of title 10, United States
2 Code.

3 (47) Section 814 of the Duncan Hunter Na-
4 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
5 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 10 U.S.C. 4271 note).

6 (48) Section 925(b) of the National Defense
7 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
8 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 4271 note).

9 (49) Section 812 of the John Warner National
10 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007
11 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. 4325 note).

12 (50) Section 4423 of title 10, United States
13 Code.

14 (51) Section 831(b) of the Ike Skelton National
15 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
16 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4501).

17 (52) Section 863(a)–(h) of the Ike Skelton Na-
18 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
19 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
20 4501).

21 (53) Section 832 of the John Warner National
22 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007
23 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4501).

1 (54) Section 883(e) of the National Defense
2 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
3 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4571).

4 (55) Section 938 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
6 113–66; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4571).

7 (56) Section 1272 of the National Defense Au-
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
9 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

10 (57) Section 2867 of the National Defense Au-
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law
12 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

13 (58) Section 215 of the Ike Skelton National
14 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
15 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

16 (59) Section 881 of the National Defense Au-
17 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
18 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

19 (60) Section 804 of the Bob Stump National
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003
21 (Public Law 107–314; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

22 (61) Chapter 345 of title 10, United States
23 Code.

1 (62) Section 378 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
3 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

4 (63) Section 846(a) of the William M. (Mac)
5 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
6 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
7 4811 note).

8 (64) Section 932 of the Ike Skelton National
9 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
10 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note).

11 (65) Section 849 of the National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law
13 115–91; 131 Stat. 1487).

14 (66) Section 804 of the National Defense Au-
15 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law
16 111–84; 123 Stat. 2402).

17 (67) Section 881 of the National Defense Au-
18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
19 114–92; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4601).

20 (68) Section 802 of the Ronald W. Reagan Na-
21 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
22 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
23 3062).

1 (69) Section 913 of the Department of Defense
2 Authorization Act, 1986 (Public Law 99–145; 10
3 U.S.C. note prec. 3201).

4 (70) Section 821 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
6 110–181; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3451).

7 (71) Section 824(a) of the Ike Skelton National
8 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011
9 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 3774 note).

10 (72) Section 805 of the National Defense Au-
11 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
12 110–181; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3451).

13 (73) Section 844(b) of the National Defense
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
15 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 3453 note).

16 (74) Section 238(b) of the National Defense
17 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
18 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 4841 note).

19 (75) Subtitle D of title II of the National De-
20 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Pub-
21 lic Law 109–163; 119 Stat. 3175).

22 (76) Section 214 of the National Defense Au-
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law
24 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 4841 note).

1 (77) Section 218 of the William M. (Mac)
2 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
3 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.
4 8013 note).

5 (78) Section 229 of the National Defense Au-
6 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
7 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

8 (79) Section 232 of the National Defense Au-
9 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
10 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

11 (80) Section 222 of the John S. McCain Na-
12 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
13 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4014 note).

14 (81) Section 230 of the John S. McCain Na-
15 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
17 4061).

18 (82) Section 843 of the John S. McCain Na-
19 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
20 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec.
21 4171).

22 (83) Section 938 of the National Defense Au-
23 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law
24 113–66; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4571).

1 (84) Section 1651 of the National Defense Au-
 2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law
 3 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

4 (85) Section 1064 of the John S. McCain Na-
 5 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
 6 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

7 (86) Section 854 of the Carl Levin and Howard
 8 P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization
 9 Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 10
 10 U.S.C. 4571 note).

11 **SEC. 869. ENHANCEMENT OF DEFENSE SUPPLY CHAIN RE-**
 12 **SILIENCE AND SECONDARY SOURCE QUALI-**
 13 **FICATION.**

14 Section 865 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
 15 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
 16 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4811
 17 note) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
 20 and inserting a semicolon;

21 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
 22 paragraph (4); and

23 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
 24 following new paragraph:

1 “(3) produce all critical readiness parts and
2 systems, including those identified as having sole-
3 source dependencies, excessive lead times, unreason-
4 able pricing, or other supply chain deficiencies;
5 and”;

6 (2) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) in paragraph (7), by striking “; and”
8 and inserting a semicolon;

9 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

13 “(9) the Department of Defense avoids duplica-
14 tion of review processes for the approval of aircraft
15 parts and components and repairs that have already
16 been approved by a civil aviation authority under a
17 Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA) or Designated
18 Engineering Representative (DER) spare or repair
19 certification and approval processes unless a written
20 justification is approved by the commander of a sys-
21 tems command of a military service and reported to
22 the congressional defense committees.”;

23 (3) by redesignating subsections (f) through (j)
24 as subsections (g) through (k), respectively;

1 (4) by inserting after subsection (e) insert the
2 following new subsection:

3 “(f) EXPEDITED QUALIFICATION PANELS.—Each
4 military department shall establish an Expedited Quali-
5 fication Panel (EQP). The EQP shall develop standard-
6 ized templates for Source Approval Requests (SARs) and
7 review expedited SARs or PMAs within 14 days, issuing
8 conditional approvals (valid for 12 months) or full approv-
9 als based on tiered risk criteria, and leverage designated
10 engineering representatives or equivalent third-party cer-
11 tified engineers when appropriate.”; and

12 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(l) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) The term ‘critical readiness parts and sys-
16 tems’ has the meaning given the term in section
17 4324 of title 10, United States Code.

18 “(2) The term ‘non-safety critical items, or
19 non-mission critical items’ includes the following
20 items:

21 “(A) Major risk parts or systems whose
22 failure causes structural damage or significant
23 mission degradation and requires finite element
24 modeling, fracture analysis, comparison to simi-
25 lar parts, or similar methods.

1 “(B) Minor risk parts and systems that
 2 only have form, fit, and function requirements
 3 verified by dimensional coordinate measuring
 4 machines, go/no-go gauges, or similar methods.

5 “(C) Low risk parts and systems that are
 6 consumable or non-critical, requiring material
 7 certification, visual inspections, or similar meth-
 8 ods.

9 “(3) The term ‘safety critical items or mission
 10 critical items’ means parts or systems whose failure
 11 causes loss of control, catastrophic failure, or loss of
 12 life, and require full qualification, simulation, and
 13 physical testing with Engineering Support Activity
 14 witnessing.”.

15 **SEC. 870. ENHANCED PRODUCT SUPPORT MANAGEMENT**
 16 **FOR INTEGRATED SUSTAINMENT OF WEAPON**
 17 **SYSTEMS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4324 of title 10, United
 19 States Code, is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “in
 22 coordination with operational commands and
 23 users” after “appropriate metrics”; and

1 (B) by striking subparagraph (I) and re-
2 designating subparagraph (J) as subparagraph
3 (I);
4 (2) in subsection (c)—

5 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
6 follows:

7 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of De-
8 fense shall require that each covered system be sup-
9 ported by a product support manager that shall inte-
10 grate sustainment activities across the Portfolio Ac-
11 quisition Executive, materiel and systems com-
12 mands, sustainment working capital funds, and
13 other elements of the sustainment enterprise by es-
14 tablishing a coordinated process to ensure weapon
15 system readiness and affordability throughout the
16 lifecycle.”;

17 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking subpara-
18 graphs (B) through (I) and inserting the fol-
19 lowing new subparagraphs:

20 “(B) adopt predictive analytics and simula-
21 tion and modeling tools to improve material
22 availability and reliability, increase operational
23 availability rates, and reduce operation and
24 sustainment costs;

1 “(C) select, transfer, direct, and coordinate
2 product support integrators and product sup-
3 port providers across materiel commands, de-
4 pots, sustainment working capital funds, and
5 commercial entities to execute the product sup-
6 port strategy and maintain updated parts cata-
7 logging and provisioning;

8 “(D) review and recommend resource allo-
9 cations across product support integrators and
10 product support providers to meet performance
11 requirements of the product support strategy;

12 “(E) prevent and resolve all diminishing
13 manufacturing supply and material shortages
14 and critical readiness parts and systems issues;

15 “(F) manage the end-to-end coordination
16 of qualification, certification, and test of alter-
17 native sources of supply;

18 “(G) ensure evaluation of offerors on a so-
19 licitation includes—

20 “(i) a parts selection plan that enables
21 interoperability, maintainability, and com-
22 mercially supportable designs;

23 “(ii) updated logistics product data
24 and maintenance manuals; and

1 “(iii) data rights and data ordering
2 consistent with the intellectual property
3 management plan in the life cycle
4 sustainment plan;

5 “(H) inspect, accept, and manage data de-
6 liveries and conformance of such data with con-
7 figuration changes in consultation with Defense
8 Contract Management Agency; and

9 “(I) update the product support strategy
10 continuously as required, at a minimum every
11 five years.”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following
13 paragraphs:

14 “(3) ORGANIZATION.—Each Portfolio Acquisi-
15 tion Executive shall establish a Major Program
16 Manager to manage sustainment activities for in-
17 service systems and oversee all product support
18 managers of covered systems to ensure an expert
19 focus on sustainment.

20 “(4) CAREER MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of
21 Defense shall establish a formal career path for
22 product support managers, including selection cri-
23 teria, training programs, and certification require-
24 ments, aligned with the standards set forth in chap-
25 ter 87 of this title. Product support managers shall

1 be selected from military and civilian personnel with
 2 demonstrated expertise in sustainment, logistics,
 3 supply chain, or engineering, and incentivized with
 4 career progression opportunities equivalent to acquisition program managers.

6 “(5) LIAISON OFFICER PROGRAM.—Each
 7 sustainment working capital fund entity shall establish a liaison officer program to serve as the dedicated point of contract to align working capital fund
 8 management with product support manager activities for all covered systems.”; and

12 (3) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) in paragraph (5) by inserting “any acquisition or in-service program that is” after
 14 “The term ‘covered system’ means”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 17 paragraph:

18 “(9) CRITICAL READINESS PARTS AND SYSTEMS.—The term ‘critical readiness parts and systems’ means all parts and systems causing parts
 19 causing Mission Impaired Capability Awaiting Parts (MICAP), Not Mission Capable Supply (NMCS), or
 20 Casualty Report (CASREP) Category 3 or 4 status,
 21 as defined by the Department of Defense and respective military services, or other parts or systems

1 designated by the Secretary of Defense as impacting
 2 readiness.”.

3 **SEC. 871. MODIFICATIONS TO CURRENT DEFENSE ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS.**
 4

5 (a) MODIFICATIONS TO TITLE 10.—Title 10, United
 6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in section 1749(f)(1), by striking “on a re-
 8 imbursable basis”;

9 (2) in section 2222(i)(1)(A)—

10 (A) in clause (vi), by adding “or real estate
 11 system” after “An installations management”;
 12 and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 14 clauses:

15 “(ix) A budget system.

16 “(x) A retail system.

17 “(xi) A health care system.

18 “(xii) A travel and expense system.

19 “(xiii) A payroll system.

20 “(xiv) A supply chain management
 21 system.

22 “(xv) A enterprise resource planning
 23 system.

24 “(xvi) A contractor management sys-
 25 tem.”;

1 (3) in section 3012(3)(B), by striking “lowest
2 overall cost alternative” and inserting “best value”;

3 (4) in section 3069—

4 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “if that
5 head of an agency” and all that follows through
6 “a complete end item”;

7 (B) by striking subsections (b) and (d);
8 and

9 (C) by redesignating—

10 (i) subsection (c) as subsection (b);

11 and

12 (ii) subsection (e) as subsection (c);

13 (5) in section 3204(e)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
15 graph (B) and inserting the following:

16 “(B) the justification is approved—

17 “(i) in the case of a contract for an
18 amount exceeding the simplified acquisition
19 threshold (but not more than
20 \$100,000,000)—

21 “(I) by the competition advocate
22 for the contracting activity (without
23 further delegation); or

24 “(II) by an official referred to in
25 clause (ii) or (iii);

1 “(ii) in the case of a contract for an
2 amount exceeding \$100,000,000 (but not
3 more than \$500,000,000)—

4 “(I) by the head of the con-
5 tracting activity (without further dele-
6 gation);

7 “(II) by an official referred to in
8 clause (iii); or

9 “(III) for the Defense Advanced
10 Research Projects Agency, the De-
11 fense Innovation Unit, or the Missile
12 Defense Agency, by the director of the
13 agency; or

14 “(iii) in the case of a contract for an
15 amount exceeding \$500,000,000—

16 “(I) by the senior procurement
17 executive for the agency as designated
18 for the purpose of section 1702(c) of
19 title 41 (without further delegation);

20 “(II) in the case of the Under
21 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
22 and Sustainment, acting in the capac-
23 ity as the senior procurement execu-
24 tive for the Department of Defense,
25 by the delegate of the Under Sec-

1 retary as designated pursuant to
2 paragraph (6); or

3 “(III) for the Defense Advanced
4 Research Projects Agency, the De-
5 fense Innovation Unit, or the Missile
6 Defense Agency, by the director of the
7 agency; and”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (6)—

9 (i) by striking “(A) The authority of
10 the head” and all that follows through
11 “(B) The authority of the Under Sec-
12 retary” and inserting “The authority of
13 the Under Secretary”;

14 (ii) by redesignating clauses (i) and
15 (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-
16 tively; and

17 (iii) by redesignating subclauses (I)
18 and (II) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-
19 tively;

20 (6) in section 3226(d), by amending paragraph
21 (2) to read as follows:

22 “(2) Funds described in paragraph (1) may be
23 used—

1 “(A) to cover any increased program costs iden-
2 tified by a revised cost analysis or target developed
3 pursuant to subsection (b);

4 “(B) to acquire additional end items in accord-
5 ance with section 3069 of this title; or

6 “(C) to cover the cost of risk reduction and
7 process improvements.”;

8 (7) in section 3243(d)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “sub-
10 ject to paragraph (2),”;

11 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

12 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
13 paragraph (2);

14 (8) in section 3374(a)—

15 (A) in the heading, by striking “CERTAIN
16 REDUCED” after “ALLOWED PROFIT TO RE-
17 FLECT”;

18 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “and”;

19 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
20 riod and inserting “; and”; and

21 (D) by adding at the end the following new
22 paragraph:

23 “(3) the increased cost risk of the contractor
24 with respect to any costs incurred prior to the award

1 of the undefinitized contractual action when such
 2 costs—

3 “(A) would otherwise have been directly
 4 chargeable under the contract post-award; and

5 “(B) were incurred to meet—

6 “(i) the anticipated contract delivery
 7 schedule of the agency; or

8 “(ii) the anticipated contract price
 9 targets of the agency.”;

10 (9) in section 3703(a)(1)(A), by striking “com-
 11 petition that results in at least two or more respon-
 12 sive and viable competing bids” and inserting “price
 13 competition”;

14 (10) in section 3705, by amending subsection
 15 (b) to read as follows:

16 “(b) ALTERNATIVE SOURCES REQUIRED.—In the
 17 event the contracting officer is unable to determine pro-
 18 posed prices are fair and reasonable by any other means,
 19 an offeror who fails to make a good faith effort to comply
 20 with a reasonable request to submit data in accordance
 21 with subsection (a) is ineligible for award unless the head
 22 of the agency initiates the assessment of the offeror as
 23 a source of supply for industrial capabilities under the au-
 24 thorities provided by sections 865 and 882 of the Service-
 25 member Quality of Life Improvement and National De-

1 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
2 118–159).”;

3 (11) in section 4201—

4 (A) in subsection (a)(2)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
6 “\$300,000,000 (based on fiscal year 1990
7 constant dollars)” and inserting
8 “\$1,000,000,000 (based on fiscal year
9 2024 constant dollars)”; and

10 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
11 “\$1,800,000,000 (based on fiscal year
12 1990 constant dollars)” and inserting
13 “\$5,000,000,000 (based on fiscal year
14 2024 constant dollars)”; and

15 (B) in subsection (b), by adding at the end
16 the following new paragraph:

17 “(3) An acquisition program for software and
18 covered hardware as described by section 3603 of
19 this title.”;

20 (12) in section 4882, by striking “the Presi-
21 dent, through the head of any department,” each
22 place it appears and inserting “the Secretary of De-
23 fense”; and

24 (13) in section 4884, by striking “The Presi-
25 dent” and inserting “The Secretary of Defense”.

1 (14) in section 4231—

2 (A) by striking subsection (a);

3 (B) by redesignating subsections (b) and
4 (c) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively;

5 (C) by inserting before subsection (c), as
6 redesignated by subparagraph (B), the fol-
7 lowing new subsections:

8 “(a) CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN LOW-
9 RATE INITIAL PRODUCTION.—(1) The number of low-rate
10 initial production lots associated with a major defense ac-
11 quisition program may not be more than one if—

12 “(A) the milestone decision authority author-
13 ized the use of a fixed-price type contract at the
14 time of Milestone B approval; and

15 “(B) the scope of the work covered by the fixed-
16 price type contract includes the development and the
17 low-rate initial production of items for the major de-
18 fense acquisition program.

19 “(2) The acquisition executive of the applicable serv-
20 ice, or a designee of the executive, may waive the limita-
21 tion under paragraph (1) if—

22 “(A) the waiver authority is not delegated to
23 the contracting officer; and

24 “(B) written notification of the waiver, which
25 includes the associated rationale, is provided to the

1 congressional defense committees not later than 30
2 days after the date on which the waiver is issued.

3 “(b) CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN SHIP-
4 BUILDING CONTRACTS.—(1) With respect to a fixed-price
5 type contract for the procurement of shipbuilding associ-
6 ated with a major defense acquisition program, the num-
7 ber of ships to be procured under the contract, including
8 all options, may not be more than two ships if the scope
9 of the work covered by the contract includes the detail de-
10 sign for the ship and the construction of items for the
11 launch and eventual delivery of the completed ship.

12 “(2) The Secretary concerned may waive the limita-
13 tion under paragraph (1) if, not later than 30 days after
14 the date on which the waiver is issued, the Secretary sub-
15 mits to the congressional defense committees a written no-
16 tification of the waiver that includes a certification that
17 the basic and functional design of any ship to be procured
18 under the contract described in paragraph (1) is com-
19 plete.”; and

20 (D) by adding at the end the following new
21 subsection:

22 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) The term ‘basic and functional design’ has
24 the meaning given such term in section 8669c of
25 this title.

1 “(2) The term ‘construction’ means steel cut-
 2 ting, module fabrication, assembly, outfitting, keel
 3 laying, and module erection.

4 “(3) The term ‘detail design’ means design
 5 using computer-aided modeling to enable the genera-
 6 tion of work instructions that show detailed system
 7 information and support construction, including—

8 “(A) guidance for subcontractors and sup-
 9 pliers;

10 “(B) installation drawings;

11 “(C) schedules;

12 “(D) material lists; and

13 “(E) lists of prefabricated materials and
 14 parts.

15 “(4) The term ‘major defense acquisition pro-
 16 gram’ has the meaning given such term in section
 17 4201 of this title.

18 “(5) The term ‘Milestone B approval’ has the
 19 meaning given such term in section 4172 of this
 20 title.

21 “(6) The term ‘milestone decision authority’
 22 has the meaning given such term in section 4211 of
 23 this title.”.

24 (b) MODIFICATIONS TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-
 25 THORIZATION ACTS.—

1 (1) JOHN S. MCCAIN NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-
2 THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.—Section
3 890 of the John S. McCain National Defense Au-
4 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
5 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 3701) is amended—

6 (A) in the heading, by striking “**PILOT**”;

7 (B) by striking “pilot” each place it ap-
8 pears;

9 (C) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “mini-
10 mal reporting” and inserting “no unique report-
11 ing”; and

12 (D) by striking subsections (c) and (d).

13 (2) SERVICEMEMBER QUALITY OF LIFE IM-
14 PROVEMENT AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-
15 TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.—Section 864(d)
16 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement
17 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
18 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

19 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
20 “CAPACITY-BASED” and inserting “CAPA-
21 BILITY-BASED”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “in-
23 creased capacity” and inserting “increased ca-
24 pability”.

1 **SEC. 872. MINIMUM PRODUCTION LEVELS FOR MUNITIONS.**

2 Section 222c of title 10, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
5 following new paragraph:

6 “(3) The minimum production levels.”;

7 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
8 section (g); and

9 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(f) MINIMUM PRODUCTION LEVELS.—(1) The Sec-
12 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Under Sec-
13 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the
14 chiefs of staff of the armed forces, shall annually deter-
15 mine the minimum production level for each variant of
16 munitions required to meet the Out-Year Unconstrained
17 Total Munitions Requirement reported under subsection
18 (a)(1).

19 “(2) The minimum production level for each munition
20 shall be calculated based on the Total Out-Year Uncon-
21 strained Total Munitions Requirement, as specified in sub-
22 section (c)(6), and shall account for the following:

23 “(A) The inventory objective requirements for
24 each category listed in paragraphs (1) through (5)
25 of subsection (c) and paragraph (8) of such sub-
26 section.

1 “(B) The out-year worldwide inventory reported
2 under subsection (c)(7).

3 “(C) The time required to meet the Out-Year
4 Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirement, as re-
5 ported pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
6 section (e).

7 “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the
8 minimum production levels determined under this sub-
9 section are incorporated into the planning, programming,
10 budgeting, and execution process of the Department of
11 Defense to align munitions procurement with the Out-
12 Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirement.”.

13 **SEC. 873. PROCESSES FOR INCENTIVIZING CONTRACTOR**
14 **EXPANSION OF SOURCES OF SUPPLY.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—For critical readiness parts and
16 systems, the Secretary of Defense shall enhance military
17 readiness by incentivizing the design activity to expand
18 sources of supply for critical readiness parts and systems,
19 through expedited qualification processes, advanced manu-
20 facturing techniques, and risk-informed certification.

21 (b) CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLIER
22 DIVERSIFICATION.—

23 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
24 shall ensure that all new or modified contracts with
25 a prime contractor shall include contracting incen-

1 tives to expand sources of supply with each design
2 activity at any tier of the supply chain for systems
3 with critical readiness parts and systems.

4 (2) MANDATORY AMSC RECLASSIFICATION.—

5 For any identified critical readiness part or system,
6 the design activity shall, not later than 60 days after
7 notification by the Department of Defense, conduct
8 a review and propose reclassification of the Acquisi-
9 tion Method Suffix Code (AMSC) to reduce sole-
10 source dependency for any part or system with a
11 lead time greater than, unless the Secretary of De-
12 fense grants a waiver based on national security or
13 operational necessity.

14 (3) IMPLEMENTATION.—The design activity

15 shall submit supplier diversification plans not later
16 than 90 days after contract award, detailing pro-
17 posed supplier qualifications and projected benefits.

18 (4) ENFORCEMENT.—Noncompliance shall re-

19 sult in corrective action requests, reduced contractor
20 performance ratings, or contract termination.

21 (c) EXPEDITED QUALIFICATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense

23 shall expedite qualification procedures for critical
24 readiness parts and systems in collaboration with

1 the design activity at any tier of the contract supply
2 chain.

3 (2) DELEGATION.—The Secretary of Defense
4 may delegate authority to designated engineering
5 representatives (DERs) of the Federal Aviation Ad-
6 ministration or equivalent third-party certified engi-
7 neers for specific tasks for parts approved through
8 the Federal Aviation Administration’s Parts Manu-
9 facturer Approval (PMA) processes.

10 (d) ENHANCED USE OF SIMULATION FOR CERTIFI-
11 CATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
13 shall mandate the use of simulation-based
14 verification for certifying critical readiness parts and
15 systems, reducing reliance on physical testing for
16 non-safety critical items, or non-mission critical
17 items, as those terms are defined in section 865 of
18 the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
19 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
20 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4811 note).

21 (2) SUBMISSION OF SIMULATION-BASED EVI-
22 DENCE.—Design activities or DERs shall submit to
23 the Department upon request simulation-based evi-
24 dence, such as structural/strength analysis reports
25 and fault trees.

1 (3) ACCEPTANCE OF SIMULATION-BASED EVI-
2 DENCE.—Engineering Support Activities (ESAs)
3 shall accept simulation data as primary evidence for
4 non-safety critical items, or non-mission critical
5 items, with conditional approvals issued within 14
6 days for critical readiness parts and systems.

7 (4) SIMULATION VALIDATION FRAMEWORK.—
8 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall es-
10 tablish a Department-wide simulation validation
11 framework incorporating third-party lab testing.

12 (e) DATA RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT AND REVERSE EN-
13 GINEERING.—If a design activity is unwilling or unable
14 to initiate expedited qualification or source alternative
15 suppliers for critical readiness parts and systems within
16 30 days of notification, the Secretary of Defense shall—

17 (1) review and enforce government access to
18 technical data deliverables to enable alternative
19 sourcing under subchapter I of chapter 275 of title
20 10, United States Code; or

21 (2) initiate reverse engineering to qualify new
22 suppliers using the pilot program established under
23 section 882 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
24 Improvement and National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10
2 U.S.C. 3771 note).

3 (f) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2027, the
4 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-
5 fense committees report detailing—

6 (1) the number of critical readiness parts and
7 systems addressed through AMSC reclassification,
8 supplier diversification, and reverse engineering;

9 (2) the implementation status of expedited tem-
10 plates, simulation use, and fast-track processes;

11 (3) compliance by design activities, including
12 enforcement actions and data rights disputes; and

13 (4) the impact on critical readiness parts and
14 system resolution times and readiness metrics.

15 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “critical readiness parts and sys-
17 tems” has the meaning given the term in section
18 4324 of title 10, United States Code.

19 (2) The term “design activity” has the meaning
20 given the term in Revision C to Military Standard
21 31000 (MIL–STD–31000C), entitled “Technical
22 Data Packages”, or successor document.

1 **SEC. 874. DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF SUPPLIES PROCURED BY**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

3 (a) ISSUANCE OF DUTY-FREE ENTRY CERTIFI-
4 CATES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-
6 graph (2), the Secretary of Defense shall issue a
7 duty-free entry certificate for any of the following
8 supplies imported pursuant to a procurement con-
9 tract entered into by the Department of Defense:

10 (A) An end product or component im-
11 ported from a country with which the United
12 States has a memorandum of understanding for
13 reciprocal procurement of defense items in ef-
14 fect under section 4851 of title 10, United
15 States Code.

16 (B) A defense item that is an eligible prod-
17 uct as defined in section 308 of the Trade
18 Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2518).

19 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not
20 apply with respect to a product or component de-
21 scribed in that paragraph if—

22 (A) the product or component is eligible
23 for duty-free treatment under the column 1 spe-
24 cial rate of duty column of the Harmonized
25 Tariff Schedule of the United States; or

1 (B) the product or component has already
2 entered the customs territory of the United
3 States and the contractor already has paid the
4 duty with respect to the product or component.

5 (b) TRACKING OF SUPPLY CHAIN.—The Secretary
6 shall—

7 (1) track the impact of economic fluctuations,
8 include tariffs, supply chain disruptions and infla-
9 tion, on all major prime contracts entered into by
10 the Department of Defense; and

11 (2) not later than January 30, 2026, submit to
12 the congressional defense committees a report that
13 includes—

14 (A) an assessment of cost increases to both
15 the Department and contractors as a result of
16 tariffs imposed under the International Emer-
17 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
18 seq.) and section 232 of the Trade Expansion
19 Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1862);

20 (B) an assessment of the effects of such
21 tariffs on supply chains and lead times for
22 major defense platforms; and

23 (C) a summary of agreements entered into
24 under section 4851 of title 10, United States

1 Code, and an assessment of the application of
2 those agreements to the defense supply chain.

3 (c) REPORT ON DUTY-FREE ENTRY CERTIFI-
4 CATES.—Not later than January 30, 2026, and annually
5 thereafter until January 30, 2030, the Secretary, acting
6 through the Director of the Defense Contract Manage-
7 ment Agency, shall submit to the congressional defense
8 committees a report on articles classified under sub-
9 heading 9808.00.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of
10 the United States that includes—

11 (1) a summary of such articles for which the
12 Secretary issued a duty-free entry certificate; and

13 (2) a summary of such articles for which a
14 duty-free entry certificate was requested and denied.

15 **SEC. 875. OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY REPORTING.**

16 Any project carried out by the Department of De-
17 fense using other transaction authority under section 4021
18 of title 10, United States Code, shall be reported in the
19 same manner as other Department of Defense expendi-
20 tures for inclusion in the searchable public website estab-
21 lished by the Federal Funding Accountability and Trans-
22 parency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note; Public Law
23 109–282).

1 **SEC. 876. ASSESSMENT OF COMPETITIVE EFFECTS OF DE-**
2 **FENSE CONTRACTOR TRANSACTIONS.**

3 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Depart-
4 ment” means the Department of Defense.

5 (b) RETROSPECTIVE REVIEWS OF APPROVED MERG-
6 ERS.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall
7 conduct an assessment of the competitive effects of de-
8 fense contractor mergers and acquisitions during the 10-
9 year period ending on the date of enactment of this Act
10 that includes—

11 (1) company compliance with recommended
12 remedies;

13 (2) effectiveness of remedies to address com-
14 petition concerns, industrial base sustainability, and
15 national security risks raised by the Department of
16 Justice, Federal Trade Commission, and Depart-
17 ment in the merger review process;

18 (3) information sharing between the Depart-
19 ment of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, and the
20 Department in the merger and acquisition review
21 process;

22 (4) Department processes for measuring the
23 impacts of vertical integration on competition, in-
24 cluding data collection and ability to access industry
25 information to assess anticompetitive practices; and

1 (5) implementation of previous Government Ac-
2 countability Office, Department, and Defense
3 Science Board recommendations to enhance competi-
4 tion.

5 **SEC. 877. EVALUATION OF TP-LINK TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
6 **EQUIPMENT FOR DESIGNATION AS COVERED**
7 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR**
8 **SERVICES.**

9 (a) EVALUATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
10 fense shall evaluate telecommunications equipment and
11 services manufactured or provided by TP-Link Tech-
12 nologies Co., Ltd. and its subsidiaries to determine wheth-
13 er such equipment and services should be designated as
14 covered telecommunications equipment or services under
15 section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Au-
16 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–
17 232; 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.).

18 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than December
19 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall brief the congres-
20 sional defense committees on the determination made
21 under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 878. COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN DISCLOSURE REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS FOR GENERIC DRUGS PURCHASED BY**
3 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 The Department of Defense may not procure for re-
5 sale any generic drug unless the seller of such generic drug
6 discloses the country the generic drug was manufactured
7 in and the country of origin for all active pharmaceutical
8 ingredients and key starting materials.

9 **SEC. 879. PHASE-OUT OF COMPUTER AND PRINTER ACQUI-**
10 **SITIONS INVOLVING ENTITIES OWNED OR**
11 **CONTROLLED BY CHINA.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may not
13 directly or indirectly acquire any computer or printer if
14 the manufacturer is a covered Chinese entity.

15 (b) PROHIBITION ON INDIRECT SALES.—The Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall ensure that the prohibition under
17 subsection (a) also applies to indirect sales through ex-
18 empt subsidiaries. No covered entity may use an exempt
19 subsidiary to circumvent the prohibition on the acquisition
20 of computers, unified communication devices, or printers.

21 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply only
22 with respect to contracts or other agreements entered into,
23 renewed, or extended in accordance with the percentage
24 thresholds specified in subsection (d), for end user com-
25 puting devices such as laptops, desktops, and other phys-
26 ical computing equipment. This section shall not apply to

1 contracts or other agreements for cloud-based services, in-
2 cluding virtual desktops, or cellular telephones.

3 (d) REQUIRED PERCENTAGES.—The percentage
4 thresholds referred to in subsection (c) are, for both com-
5 puters and printers, as follows:

6 (1) Not less than 10 percent of the Depart-
7 ment’s total procurement beginning in fiscal year
8 2026.

9 (2) Not less than 25 percent of the Depart-
10 ment’s total procurement beginning in fiscal year
11 2027.

12 (3) Not less than 50 percent of the Depart-
13 ment’s total procurement beginning in fiscal year
14 2028.

15 (4) 100 percent of the Department’s total pro-
16 curement beginning in fiscal year 2029.

17 (e) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may allow
18 acquisition of items not for operational use, to conduct
19 testing, evaluation, exfiltration, and reverse engineering
20 missions on adversarial products and capabilities.

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) COMPUTER.—The term “computer”—

23 (A) means an electronic, magnetic, optical,
24 electrochemical, or other high speed data proc-
25 essing device performing logical, arithmetic, or

1 storage functions, and includes any data stor-
2 age facility or communications facility directly
3 related to or operating in conjunction with such
4 device; and

5 (B) does not include an automated type-
6 writer or typesetter, a portable handheld calcu-
7 lator, or other similar device.

8 (2) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term “coun-
9 try of concern” means the Government of the Peo-
10 ple’s Republic of China.

11 (3) COVERED CHINESE ENTITY.—The term
12 “covered Chinese entity” means an entity that the
13 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Direc-
14 tor of the National Intelligence or the Director of
15 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, determines to
16 be—

17 (A) an entity whose ultimate parent com-
18 pany is domiciled in the People’s Republic of
19 China and therefore required to comply with
20 China’s 2015 National Security Law, China’s
21 2017 National Intelligence Law, and other Chi-
22 nese laws that require such ultimate parent
23 company to cooperate with Chinese national de-
24 fense and national intelligence agencies; or

1 (B) an entity or parent company of any
2 entity in which a country of concern has an
3 ownership stake.

4 (4) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-
5 turer” means—

6 (A) the entity that transforms raw mate-
7 rials, miscellaneous parts, or components into
8 the end item;

9 (B) any entity that subcontracts with the
10 entity described in subparagraph (A) for the en-
11 tity described in such subparagraph to trans-
12 form raw materials, miscellaneous parts, or
13 components into the end item;

14 (C) any entity that otherwise directs the
15 entity described in subparagraph (A) to trans-
16 form raw materials, miscellaneous parts, or
17 components into the end item; or

18 (D) any parent company, subsidiary, or af-
19 filiate of the entity described in subparagraph
20 (A).

21 (5) PRINTER.—The term “printer”—

22 (A) means desktop printers, multifunction
23 printer copiers, and printer/fax combinations
24 taken out of service that may or may not be de-
25 signed to reside on a work surface, and include

various print technologies, including laser and light-emitting diode (electrographic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, and digital sublimation, and “multi-function” or “all-in-one” devices that perform different tasks, including copying, scanning, faxing, and printing;

(B) includes floor-standing printers, printers with optional floor stand, or household printers; and

(C) does not include point of sale (POS) receipt printers, calculators with printing capabilities, label makers, or non-standalone printers that are embedded into products that are not covered by the definition in subparagraphs (A) and (B).

SEC. 880. PROHIBITION ON OPERATION, PROCUREMENT, AND CONTRACTING RELATED TO FOREIGN-MADE ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING MACHINES.

(a) PROHIBITION ON AGENCY OPERATION OR PROCUREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense may not operate, or enter into or renew a contract for the procurement of—

(1) a covered additive manufacturing machine that—

1 (A) is manufactured in a covered foreign
2 country or by an entity domiciled in a covered
3 foreign country;

4 (B) uses operating software developed in a
5 covered foreign country or by an entity domi-
6 ciled in a covered foreign country; or

7 (C) uses network connectivity or data stor-
8 age located in or administered by an entity
9 domiciled in a covered foreign country; or

10 (2) a system or systems that incorporates,
11 interfaces with, or otherwise uses additive manufac-
12 turing systems or machines described in paragraph
13 (1).

14 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection
15 (a) does not apply to the operation or procurement of ad-
16 ditive manufacturing systems or machines for the pur-
17 poses of testing, analysis, and training related to intel-
18 ligence, electronic warfare, and information warfare oper-
19 ations.

20 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
21 the prohibition under subsection (a) on a case-by-case
22 basis by certifying in writing to the congressional defense
23 committees that the operation or procurement of additive
24 manufacturing systems or machines is required in the na-
25 tional interest of the United States.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING MACHINE.—

3 The term “additive manufacturing machine” means
4 a system of integrated hardware and software used
5 to realize an additive manufacturing process, includ-
6 ing the deposition of material and the associated
7 post-processing steps as applicable.

8 (2) ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING PROCESS.—The

9 term “additive manufacturing process” means a
10 process of joining materials to make parts from 3D
11 model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to
12 subtractive manufacturing methodologies.

13 (3) COVERED ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING COM-

14 PANY.—The term “covered additive manufacturing
15 company” means any of the following:

16 (A) Any entity that produces or provides
17 additive manufacturing machines and is in-
18 cluded on—

19 (i) the Consolidated Screening List
20 maintained by the International Trade Ad-
21 ministration of the Department of Com-
22 merce; or

23 (ii) the civil-military fusion list main-
24 tained under section 1260H of the William
25 M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense

1 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
2 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113
3 note).

4 (B) Any entity that produces or provides
5 additive manufacturing machines and—

6 (i) is domiciled in a covered foreign
7 country; or

8 (ii) is subject to unmitigated foreign
9 ownership, control, or influence by a cov-
10 ered foreign country, as determined by the
11 Secretary of Defense in accordance with
12 the National Industrial Security Program
13 or any successor to such program.

14 (4) COVERED ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING MA-
15 CHINE.—The term “covered additive manufacturing
16 machine” means additive manufacturing machines
17 and any related services and equipment manufac-
18 tured by a covered additive manufacturing company.

19 (5) COVERED FOREIGN COUNTRY.—The term
20 “covered foreign country” means the People’s Re-
21 public of China, Iran, the Democratic People’s Re-
22 public of Korea, and the Russian Federation.

1 **TITLE IX—DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
2 **FENSE ORGANIZATION AND**
3 **MANAGEMENT**

4 **Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary**
5 **of Defense and Related Matters**

6 **SEC. 901. ECONOMIC DEFENSE UNIT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 10, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new section:

10 **“§ 149a. Economic Defense Unit**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
12 Department of Defense an Economic Defense Unit (in this
13 section referred to as the ‘Unit’).

14 “(b) DIRECTOR.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of the Unit shall
16 be the Director (in this section referred to as the
17 ‘Director’).

18 “(2) APPOINTMENT.—The Director shall be ap-
19 pointed by the Secretary of Defense from among—

20 “(A) employees in Senior Executive Service
21 positions (as defined in section 3132 of title 5);
22 or

23 “(B) individuals from outside the civil
24 service who have successfully held equivalent
25 positions.

1 “(3) AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR.—The Direc-
2 tor—

3 “(A) shall serve as a principal staff assist-
4 ant to the Secretary of Defense on matters
5 within the responsibilities of the Unit;

6 “(B) shall report directly to the Deputy
7 Secretary of Defense without intervening au-
8 thority; and

9 “(C) may communicate views on matters
10 within the responsibilities of the Unit directly to
11 the Deputy Secretary without obtaining the ap-
12 proval or concurrence of any other official with-
13 in the Department of Defense.

14 “(c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Unit shall be respon-
15 sible for the following:

16 “(1) Coordinating among, and harmonizing eco-
17 nomic competition activities by, components of the
18 Department of Defense, including by serving as a
19 co-chair of the National Defense Economic Competi-
20 tion Research Council.

21 “(2) Developing and maintaining requirements
22 for economic competition activities to reinforce mili-
23 tary advantage, including requirements described in
24 subsection (d).

1 “(3) Developing and maintaining a campaign
2 plan for economic competition activities to reinforce
3 military advantage.

4 “(4) Conducting or sponsoring analyses and
5 other net assessment activities to scope economic
6 competition activities, gaps, needs, or requirements
7 related to activities of the United States, allies of
8 the United States, or adversaries.

9 “(5) Directing the execution of economic com-
10 petition activities.

11 “(6) Developing programming and budget sub-
12 missions for economic competition activities.

13 “(7) Advising the Secretary and the Deputy
14 Secretary with respect to economic competition ac-
15 tivities, including with respect to coordinating inte-
16 gration of economic competition requirements or
17 programs into joint and interagency planning activi-
18 ties.

19 “(8) Acting as the principal interlocutor for
20 interagency activities related to economic competi-
21 tion activities.

22 “(9) Leading outreach of the Department of
23 Defense to relevant private actors engaged in eco-
24 nomic competition activities, including by liaising
25 with private actors under section 1047 of the James

1 M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
2 Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C.
3 113 note).

4 “(10) Sponsoring or conducting regular table-
5 top exercises related to economic competition activi-
6 ties in order to—

7 “(A) assess the economic impacts of deci-
8 sions of the Department of Defense during cri-
9 ses and conflicts;

10 “(B) evaluate the economic tools available
11 to the United States Government to augment
12 the capabilities of the Department of Defense in
13 competition, crises, and conflicts; or

14 “(C) evaluate planning scenarios or con-
15 cept development, including to test proposed
16 doctrine, tactics, or other nonmaterial ap-
17 proaches for economic competition activities
18 that might be used by the Department of De-
19 fense.

20 “(11) Selecting economic competition activities
21 projects to be carried out using funds made available
22 to the Unit, allocating funds to organizations to
23 carry out such projects, and monitoring the execu-
24 tion of such projects.

1 “(12) Serving as the co-chair of the National
2 Security Capital Forum.

3 “(13) Carrying out such other activities as the
4 Deputy Secretary of Defense determines appro-
5 prium.

6 “(14) Regularly updating the National Security
7 Council and relevant Federal agencies with respect
8 to the economic competition activities of the Depart-
9 ment of Defense.

10 “(d) ECONOMIC COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements for eco-
12 nomic competition activities developed and main-
13 tained by the Unit under subsection (c)(2) may in-
14 clude requirements for—

15 “(A) access, basing, and overflight;

16 “(B) countering mobilization of adver-
17 saries;

18 “(C) countering defense industrial base ac-
19 tivities by adversaries;

20 “(D) ensuring the access of the United
21 States to critical materials and capabilities; and

22 “(E) such other matters as the Director
23 considers appropriate.

1 “(2) CONSULTATIONS.—In developing require-
 2 ments for economic competition activities under sub-
 3 section (c)(2), the Director shall consult—

4 “(A) integrated priorities lists from com-
 5 batant commanders derived from operational
 6 plans or theater campaign plans;

7 “(B) integrated priorities lists of defense
 8 industrial base shortfalls or investment opportu-
 9 nities; and

10 “(C) the outcomes of experimentation
 11 events, science and technology activities, and
 12 examinations of issues of economic competition
 13 by concept development organizations.

14 “(e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

15 “(1) QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS.—Not less fre-
 16 quently than quarterly, the Director shall provide to
 17 the Secretary of Defense and the congressional de-
 18 fense committees a briefing on, for the quarter pre-
 19 ceding the briefing—

20 “(A) the activities of the Unit;

21 “(B) the outcomes of and advances result-
 22 ing from such activities; and

23 “(C) work product of the Unit.

24 “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not less frequently
 25 than annually, the Director shall submit to the con-

1 gressional defense committees a report on the mat-
2 ters described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of
3 paragraph (1) for the year preceding submission of
4 the report.

5 “(f) ECONOMIC COMPETITION ACTIVITIES DE-
6 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘economic competition
7 activities’ means actions that are taken to reinforce mili-
8 tary advantage in and through the economic domain, in-
9 cluding such actions taken—

10 “(1) to leverage private capital and market ac-
11 tors;

12 “(2) to acquire or procure items;

13 “(3) to protect or enhance the economic or
14 technological advantage of the United States or al-
15 lies of the United States;

16 “(4) in the information environment or cyber
17 environment or as other sensitive operations; or

18 “(5) to leverage interagency authorities.”.

19 (b) NATIONAL DEFENSE ECONOMIC COMPETITION
20 RESEARCH COUNCIL.—Section 228(c) of the Servicemem-
21 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense
22 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
23 159; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note) is amended—

24 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(1) CHAIR.—The Director of the Economic
2 Defense Unit shall be the chair of the Council.”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (2)—

4 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
5 through (N) as clauses (i) through (xiv), respec-
6 tively, and by moving such clauses, as so redes-
7 ignated, two ems to the right; and

8 (B) by striking “The co-chairs” and all
9 that follows through “the following:” and in-
10 serting in the following: “The Council shall in-
11 clude the following:

12 “(A) The Under Secretary of Defense for
13 Policy.

14 “(B) The Under Secretary of Defense for
15 Research and Engineering.

16 “(C) The Under Secretary of Defense for
17 Acquisition and Sustainment.

18 “(D) Representatives from each of the fol-
19 lowing:”.

20 (c) NATIONAL SECURITY CAPITAL FORUM.—Section
21 1092(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-
22 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
23 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 149 note) is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 “(b) CO-CHAIRS.—The Director of the Office of Stra-
 2 tegic Capital and the Director of the Economic Defense
 3 Unit shall serve as co-chairs of the forum established
 4 under subsection (a).”.

5 **SEC. 902. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR OFFICE OF STRA-**
 6 **TEGIC CAPITAL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 149 of title 10, United
 8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
 10 section (j); and

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
 12 lowing new subsections:

13 “(f) FEES.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may—

15 “(A) charge and collect fees for the costs
 16 of services provided by the Office and associ-
 17 ated with administering programs under this
 18 section, including for project-specific trans-
 19 action costs and direct costs relating to such
 20 services; and

21 “(B) establish those fees at amounts that
 22 will ensure recovery of the full costs of admin-
 23 istering those programs.

24 “(2) DEPOSIT INTO CREDIT PROGRAM AC-
 25 COUNT.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts collected as
2 fees under paragraph (1) shall—

3 “(i) be deposited into the Credit Pro-
4 gram Account established under subsection
5 (e)(5); and

6 “(ii) remain available until expended.

7 “(B) LIMITATION ON USE OF FEES.—Not-
8 withstanding subsection (e)(5)(B), none of the
9 fees collected under paragraph (1) may be used
10 to pay salaries or expenses of civilian employees
11 of the Department of Defense.

12 “(3) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
14 subparagraph (B), the authority under para-
15 graph (1) to charge and collect fees shall expire
16 on the date specified in paragraph (9)(A) of
17 subsection (e) for the expiration of the author-
18 ity of the Director to make new loans and pro-
19 vide new loan guarantees under paragraph
20 (3)(A)(i) of that subsection.

21 “(B) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ASSETS.—
22 With respect to a loan or loan guarantee pro-
23 vided under this section that is outstanding as
24 of the expiration date under subparagraph (A),
25 the authority of the Director under paragraph

1 (1) to charge and collect fees for services relat-
2 ing to the loan or loan guarantee shall remain
3 in effect for the duration of the loan or loan
4 guarantee.

5 “(4) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

6 “(A) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than
7 March 1 of each year, the Director shall submit
8 to the congressional defense committees a re-
9 port that includes—

10 “(i) a detailed summary of the fees
11 collected under paragraph (1) in the pre-
12 ceding fiscal year; and

13 “(ii) a description of how those fees
14 were allocated.

15 “(B) AUDIT.—The Inspector General of
16 the Department of Defense shall—

17 “(i) conduct an audit of fees charged
18 and collected under paragraph (1) not less
19 frequently than once every two years; and

20 “(ii) not later than June 1 of the year
21 in which an audit is conducted under
22 clause (i), submit to the congressional de-
23 fense committees a report on the results of
24 the audit.

1 “(g) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT SERVICES.—Notwith-
 2 standing section 1342 of title 31, the Director may accept
 3 services, such as legal, financial, technical, or professional
 4 services, associated with administering programs under
 5 this section, including accepting such services as payment
 6 in kind for services provided by the Office.

7 “(h) PRESUMPTION OF COMPLIANCE.—Each agree-
 8 ment for a loan or loan guarantee executed by the Director
 9 shall be conclusively presumed to be issued in compliance
 10 with the requirements of this section.

11 “(i) AUTHORITY TO COLLECT DEBTS.—In the case
 12 of a default on a loan or loan guarantee provided under
 13 this section, the Director may exercise any priority of the
 14 United States in collecting debts relating to the default.”.

15 (b) DETERMINATIONS OF LOAN DEFAULT UNDER
 16 PILOT PROGRAM ON CAPITAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT
 17 DEFENSE INVESTMENT IN INDUSTRIAL BASE.—Sub-
 18 section (e)(3)(A)(ii)(VI) of such section is amended by
 19 striking “Secretary” and inserting “Director”.

20 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO CREDIT PROGRAM
 21 ACCOUNT.—Subsection (e)(5)(A)(ii) of such section is
 22 amended—

23 (1) by striking “consist of amounts” and insert-
 24 ing the following: “consist of—

25 “(I) amounts”;

1 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
2 ing “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 clause:

5 “(II) fees deposited under subsection
6 (f)(2).”.

7 **SEC. 903. MODIFICATIONS TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIREC-**
8 **TOR FOR OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUA-**
9 **TION.**

10 Section 139(b) of title 10, United States Code is
11 amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “; and” and
13 inserting a semicolon;

14 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
15 the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(7) maintain, on behalf of the Secretary of De-
19 fense, enabling and cross-cutting activities that sup-
20 port operational test and evaluation across the De-
21 partment, including—

22 “(A) the Cyber Assessment Program;

23 “(B) the Center for Countermeasures;

24 “(C) the Test and Evaluation Threat Re-
25 source Activity;

1 “(D) the Joint Technical Coordinating
2 Group for Munitions Effectiveness Program;

3 “(E) the Joint Aircraft Survivability Pro-
4 gram;

5 “(F) the Joint Test and Evaluation Pro-
6 gram; and

7 “(G) the Test and Evaluation Trans-
8 formation Program.”.

9 **SEC. 904. DIRECTIVE AUTHORITY FOR MATTERS FOR**
10 **WHICH UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR**
11 **RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING HAS RESPON-**
12 **SIBILITY.**

13 Section 133a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
14 amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (2)—

16 (A) by inserting “elements of the Depart-
17 ment relating to” after “supervising, all”; and

18 (B) by inserting “and to enhance
19 jointness” after “and engineering efforts”; and

20 (C) by striking “; and” and inserting a
21 semicolon;

22 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
23 the end and inserting “; and”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(4) directing the Secretaries of the military de-
2 partments and the heads of all other elements of the
3 Department with regard to matters for which the
4 Under Secretary has responsibility.”.

5 **SEC. 905. MODIFICATION OF ENERGETIC MATERIALS STRA-**
6 **TEGIC PLAN AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY OF**
7 **JOINT ENERGETICS TRANSITION OFFICE.**

8 Section 148(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “; and”
11 and inserting a semicolon;

12 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 paragraph:

16 “(D) identifying raw material waste pro-
17 duced during the explosives manufacturing
18 process and developing plans to reduce waste
19 and optimize production.”.

20 **SEC. 906. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
21 **ING ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT ENERGETICS**
22 **TRANSITION OFFICE.**

23 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
24 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
25 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for the Office

1 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
 2 Sustainment and the Office of the Under Secretary of De-
 3 fense for Research and Engineering for travel expenses,
 4 not more than 90 percent may be obligated or expended
 5 until the Secretary of Defense notifies the congressional
 6 defense committees that the Department of Defense has
 7 established the Joint Energetics Transition Office as re-
 8 quired by section 148 of title 10, United States Code, and
 9 provided that Office with the staff and other resources
 10 necessary to effectively carry out the responsibilities speci-
 11 fied in subsection (c) of that section.

12 **SEC. 907. MODIFICATION OF COVERED TECHNOLOGY CAT-**
 13 **EGORIES FOR OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAP-**
 14 **ITAL.**

15 Paragraph (2) of subsection (j) of section 149 of title
 16 10, United States Code, as redesignated by section
 17 902(a)(1), is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (U)
 19 through (GG) as subparagraphs (V) through (HH),
 20 respectively; and

21 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (T) the fol-
 22 lowing new subparagraph:

23 “(U) Nuclear fission and fusion energy,
 24 and associated infrastructure, including ad-
 25 vanced nuclear reactors.”.

1 **SEC. 908. MODIFICATION OF ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORI-**
 2 **TIES OF ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DE-**
 3 **FENSE WITH DUTIES RELATING TO INDUS-**
 4 **TRIAL BASE POLICY AND READINESS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
 6 DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL ARMAMENTS COOPERA-
 7 TION.—Section 138(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
 8 amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as
 10 paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
 12 lowing new paragraph (7):

13 “(7) One of the Assistant Secretaries is the Assistant
 14 Secretary of Defense for International Armaments Co-
 15 operation, who shall report directly to the Under Secretary
 16 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment. The principal
 17 duty of the Assistant Secretary shall be to carry out sec-
 18 tion 133b(b)(10) of this title.”.

19 (b) RENAMING OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-
 20 FENSE FOR STRATEGY, PLANS, AND CAPABILITIES AS AS-
 21 SISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR STRATEGY,
 22 PLANS, CAPABILITIES, AND READINESS.—On and after
 23 the date of the enactment of this Act—

24 (1) the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
 25 Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities shall be known as

1 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy,
2 Plans, Capabilities, and Readiness; and

3 (2) any reference in any law or regulation to
4 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy,
5 Plans, and Capabilities shall be deemed to be a ref-
6 erence to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
7 Strategy, Plans, Capabilities, and Readiness.

8 (c) ELIMINATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-
9 FENSE FOR READINESS.—The position of Assistant Sec-
10 retary of Defense for Readiness is eliminated.

11 **Subtitle B—Other Department of**
12 **Defense Organization and Man-**
13 **agement Matters**

14 **SEC. 911. MODIFICATIONS TO JOINT REQUIREMENTS OVER-**
15 **SIGHT COUNCIL.**

16 (a) MISSION.—Subsection (b) of section 181 of title
17 10, United States Code, is amended by striking para-
18 graphs (1) through (7) and inserting the following:

19 “(1) evaluating global trends, threats, and ad-
20 versary capabilities to inform understanding of joint
21 operational problems and shape a joint force design;

22 “(2) coordinating with commanders of combat-
23 ant commands with respect to compiling, refining,
24 and prioritizing joint operational problems;

1 “(3) continuously reviewing and assessing mili-
2 tary capabilities of the armed forces, Defense Agen-
3 cies, or other entities of the Department of Defense
4 to meet applicable requirements in the national de-
5 fense strategy under section 113(g) of this title;

6 “(4) identifying and prioritizing gaps and op-
7 portunities in military capabilities to meet such re-
8 quirements, including making recommendations for
9 changes to address such gaps and leverage such op-
10 portunities;

11 “(5) identifying advances in technology, innova-
12 tive commercial solutions, and concepts of operation
13 that could improve the ability of the joint force in
14 achieving military advantage for the United States;

15 “(6) designing the joint force in a manner that
16 addresses joint operational problems and, in doing
17 so, evaluating force design initiatives of the armed
18 forces to recommend acceptance, mitigation, or al-
19 ternative force designs;

20 “(7) maintaining a repository of joint oper-
21 ational problems and identification of military capa-
22 bilities that are addressing those problems; and

23 “(8) evaluating impact to joint military capa-
24 bility requirements for the purposes of section
25 4375(b).”.

1 (b) COMPOSITION.—Subsection (c)(1) of such section
2 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
3 paragraph:

4 “(G) In any case in which the Council is
5 considering a topic of significant interest to a
6 combatant command, the commander of the
7 combatant command or a designee of the com-
8 mander who is a general or flag officer.”.

9 (c) ADVISORS.—Subsection (d) of such section is
10 amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “paragraphs
12 (1) and (2) of”;

13 (2) in paragraph (3)—

14 (A) by striking “, and strongly consider,”
15 and inserting “and consider”; and

16 (B) by striking “under subsection (b)(2)
17 and joint performance requirements pursuant to
18 subsection (b)(3)”;

19 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “, and strong-
20 ly consider,” and inserting “and consider”; and

21 (4) by adding at the end the following new
22 paragraph:

23 “(5) INPUT FROM INDUSTRY.—The Council
24 may seek views from industry on commercially avail-

1 able technology to address joint operational problems
2 or capability gaps.”.

3 (d) PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.—Subsection (e)
4 of such section is amended by striking “and, except” and
5 all that follows through “Council”.

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (h) of such section is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3);

9 (2) by redesignating paragraph (1) as para-
10 graph (2);

11 (3) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-
12 designated, the following new paragraph (1):

13 “(1) The term ‘capability requirement’ means a
14 capability that is critical or essential to address a
15 joint operational problem.”; and

16 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2), as so re-
17 designated, the following new paragraph (3):

18 “(3) The term ‘joint operational problem’—

19 “(A) means a challenge across the joint
20 force faced by a combatant command in achiev-
21 ing an assigned military objective; and

22 “(B) may include limitations in capabili-
23 ties, resources, or the ability to effectively and
24 efficiently coordinate across the joint force, with

1 another combatant command, or among joint
2 military capabilities.”.

3 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) ACQUISITION-RELATED FUNCTIONS OF
5 CHIEFS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—Section
6 3104(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended by striking “(subject, where appropriate, to
8 validation by the Joint Requirements Oversight
9 Council pursuant to section 181 of this title)”.

10 (2) LIMITATIONS ON DEFENSE MODERNIZATION
11 ACCOUNT.—Section 3136(e)(1)(A) of such title is
12 amended—

13 (A) by striking “in excess of—” and all
14 that follows through “(i) a specific limitation”
15 and inserting “in excess of a specific limita-
16 tion”; and

17 (B) by striking clause (ii).

18 (3) FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MILE-
19 STONE A APPROVAL.—Section 4251(e)(1) of such
20 title is amended by striking “approved by the Joint
21 Requirements Oversight Council”.

22 (4) FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MILE-
23 STONE B APPROVAL.—Section 4252(b) of such title
24 is amended—

25 (A) by striking paragraph (9); and

1 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (10)
 2 through (15) as paragraphs (9) through (14),
 3 respectively.

4 (5) BREACH OF CRITICAL COST GROWTH
 5 THRESHOLD.—Section 4376 of such title is amend-
 6 ed—

7 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “, after
 8 consultation with the Joint Requirements Over-
 9 sight Council regarding program require-
 10 ments,”;

11 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by striking “to
 12 meet the joint military requirement (as defined
 13 in section 181(g)(1) of this title)”;

14 (C) in subsection (c)(3), by striking
 15 “joint”.

16 (6) ACQUISITION ACCOUNTABILITY ON MISSILE
 17 DEFENSE SYSTEM.—Section 5514(b)(2)(C)(ii) of
 18 such title is amended by striking “approved” and in-
 19 serting “reviewed”.

20 **SEC. 912. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUN-**
 21 **TERING SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYS-**
 22 **TEMS.**

23 (a) UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUI-
 24 TION AND SUSTAINMENT AS EXECUTIVE AGENT.—Sec-

1 tion 133b(b)(5) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “; and”
4 and inserting a semicolon;

5 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the semi-
6 colon and inserting “; and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 paragraph:

9 “(F) the executive agent for the Depart-
10 ment of Defense for oversight of efforts to
11 counter small unmanned aircraft;”.

12 (b) ELIMINATION OF JOINT COUNTER-SMALL UN-
13 MANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS OFFICE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date that is
15 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
16 Act—

17 (A) the Joint Counter-Small Unmanned
18 Aircraft Systems Office of the Army is termi-
19 nated; and

20 (B) the functions, assets, and civilian em-
21 ployees of the Joint Counter-Small Unmanned
22 Aircraft Systems Office of the Army shall be
23 transferred to the Office of the Under Secretary
24 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

1 (2) REFERENCES.—On and after the date that
 2 is 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
 3 Act, any reference in any law or regulation to the
 4 Joint Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
 5 Office of the Army shall be deemed to be a reference
 6 to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for
 7 Acquisition and Sustainment.

8 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL KINETIC EFFEC-
 10 TORS FOR LOW, SLOW, SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
 11 INTEGRATED DEFEAT SYSTEM.—Section 113 of the
 12 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
 13 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

14 (A) in the section heading, by striking “**OF**
 15 **THE ARMY**”;

16 (B) in subsection (a)—

17 (i) by striking “Secretary of the
 18 Army” and inserting “Under Secretary of
 19 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment”;
 20 and

21 (ii) by striking “of the Army”; and

22 (C) in subsection (b), by striking “Sep-
 23 tember 30, 2025, the Secretary of the Army”
 24 and inserting “September 30, 2026, the Under
 25 Secretary”.

1 (2) COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM
2 THREAT LIBRARY.—Section 353 of the National De-
3 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Pub-
4 lic Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 130i note) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “Not
7 later” and all that follows through “Office,”
8 and inserting “Not later than June 30, 2027,
9 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
10 and Sustainment”; and

11 (B) in subsection (c)—

12 (i) by striking “The Secretary” and
13 all that follows through “Office,” and in-
14 serting “The Under Secretary”; and

15 (ii) by striking “the Secretary of the
16 Army” and inserting “the Under Sec-
17 retary”.

18 **SEC. 913. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF ES-**
19 **TABLISHING A JOINT CAPABILITIES AND**
20 **PROGRAMMING BOARD.**

21 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense
22 shall conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability
23 of establishing a Joint Capabilities and Programming
24 Board (in this section referred to as the “Board”) within
25 the Department of Defense to serve as a consolidated

1 forum for addressing joint military capabilities and pro-
2 gram budgeting for investments.

3 (b) ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—The study required by
4 subsection (a) shall assess and provide recommendations
5 on the following elements for the proposed Board:

6 (1) The potential for the Board to act as the
7 primary joint forum for—

8 (A) reviewing and recommending actions
9 on joint military capabilities spanning multiple
10 components of the Department of Defense to
11 address priority capability needs; and

12 (B) evaluating and recommending actions
13 on investment portfolio evaluation and budg-
14 eting matters to prioritize joint military capa-
15 bilities and optimize lethality based on available
16 resources.

17 (2) The feasibility of the Board being co-
18 chaired by the Director of Cost Assessment and Pro-
19 gram Evaluation and the Chairman of the Joint Re-
20 quirements Oversight Council, including the roles,
21 authorities, and responsibilities of the co-chair-
22 persons.

23 (3) The advisability of a Board composition
24 that includes—

25 (A) core membership consisting of—

- 1 (i) the co-chairpersons;
- 2 (ii) representatives from the Joint Re-
- 3 quirements Oversight Council;
- 4 (iii) representatives from the Office of
- 5 the Director of Cost Assessment and Pro-
- 6 gram Evaluation;
- 7 (iv) representatives from the Armed
- 8 Forces and combatant commands to reflect
- 9 military user perspectives; and
- 10 (v) representatives of portfolio acqui-
- 11 sition executives or equivalent managers to
- 12 reflect program execution perspectives;
- 13 (B) a flexible structure permitting the es-
- 14 tablishment of ad hoc or standing committees
- 15 to address specific areas or issues, drawing
- 16 from the core membership;
- 17 (C) separate staff directly accountable to
- 18 each co-chairperson to assist in identifying, re-
- 19 viewing, coordinating, and analyzing matters
- 20 brought before the Board; and
- 21 (D) mission engineering and integration
- 22 analysis cells that evaluate the effectiveness of
- 23 current and proposed value chains of the De-
- 24 partment of Defense and inform the assessment

1 of alternative courses of action for capability
2 and resource investments.

3 (4) The potential structure for decision-making
4 by the Board, including—

5 (A) maintaining autonomy for the Armed
6 Forces and portfolio acquisition executives to
7 make decisions and execute programs without
8 requiring approval by or the submission of doc-
9 umentation to the Board;

10 (B) issuing recommendations by majority
11 vote of members of the Board, to be forwarded
12 to the Deputy Secretary of Defense unless
13 unanimously rejected by the co-chairpersons;
14 and

15 (C) allowing the members or representa-
16 tives of the Board to submit dissenting opinions
17 alongside recommendations for consideration by
18 the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Sec-
19 retary of Defense.

20 (5) The feasibility of operational procedures, in-
21 cluding—

22 (A) issue identification processes
23 prioritizing issues—

24 (i) nominated by members of the
25 Board, the Armed Forces, the combatant

1 commands, or portfolio acquisition execu-
2 tives; and

3 (ii) addressing capability gaps, re-
4 source constraints, or programmatic chal-
5 lenges requiring joint or departmental ac-
6 tion; and

7 (B) flexible quorum and voting procedures
8 to ensure efficient decision-making and requir-
9 ing participation from representatives of mili-
10 tary users and program acquisition executives
11 directly impacted by any recommendation.

12 (6) The provision of sufficient staff, directly ac-
13 countable to the co-chairpersons, to support the
14 Board's operations and analysis of issues.

15 (7) The impact of the proposed Board on exist-
16 ing entities of the Department of Defense, including
17 the Joint Requirements Oversight Council and the
18 Office of the Director of Cost Assessment and Pro-
19 gram Evaluation, including potential overlaps,
20 redundancies, or synergies between the missions and
21 responsibilities of those entities and the Board.

22 (8) The anticipated benefits of enhanced joint
23 capability prioritization and resource allocation, in-
24 cluding the ability to consolidate or remove existing
25 processes and decision forums.

1 (9) Potential barriers to establishing the Board,
2 including resource requirements and alignment with
3 existing acquisition and budgeting processes.

4 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1, 2026,
6 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-
7 gressional defense committees a report on the results
8 of the study required by subsection (a).

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
10 graph (1) shall include—

11 (A) a comprehensive analysis of the feasi-
12 bility and advisability of establishing the Board,
13 addressing each element specified in subsection
14 (b);

15 (B) if establishing the Board is deemed
16 feasible and advisable—

17 (i) specific recommendations for the
18 organizational structure, governance, vot-
19 ing mechanisms, quorum requirements,
20 and operational procedures of the Board;
21 and

22 (ii) an estimation of the costs, re-
23 source requirements, and timeline for es-
24 tablishing and operating the Board; and

1 (C) any additional findings or rec-
2 ommendations to improve joint capability devel-
3 opment, program budgeting, and resource allo-
4 cation within the Department of Defense.

5 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion shall be construed to prevent the establishment of a
7 Joint Capabilities and Programming Board before the
8 completion and review of the study required by subsection
9 (a).

10 **SEC. 914. BRIEFING ON RESTRUCTURING OF ARMY FU-**
11 **TURES COMMAND AND TRAINING AND DOC-**
12 **TRINE COMMAND.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 60 days before exe-
14 cuting any plan to merge, consolidate, or otherwise reorga-
15 nize the Army Futures Command and the Training and
16 Doctrine Command of the Army, the Secretary of the
17 Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army shall provide
18 to the congressional defense committees a comprehensive
19 briefing on the merger, consolidation, or other reorganiza-
20 tion.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by subsection
22 (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) A description of the proposed merger, con-
24 solidation, or other reorganization, including affected

1 commands, subordinate entities, and organizational
2 structures.

3 (2) The strategic, operational, and fiscal ration-
4 ale for the proposed merger, consolidation, or other
5 reorganization.

6 (3) An assessment of potential impacts of the
7 proposed merger, consolidation, or other reorganiza-
8 tion on the readiness and mission effectiveness of
9 the Army.

10 (4) An identification of resource reallocations,
11 including installation realignment or closures and
12 personnel movements.

13 (5) A timeline for implementation of the pro-
14 posed merger, consolidation, or other reorganization.

15 **SEC. 915. DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL FOR MILI-**
16 **TARY-TO-CIVILIAN TRANSITION.**

17 (a) DESIGNATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
20 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
21 shall designate a senior official of the Department of
22 Defense to oversee policy and programs related to
23 the transition of members of the Armed Forces from
24 active duty to—

25 (A) civilian life; or

1 (B) reserve components.

2 (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—The official designated
3 under paragraph (1) shall be designated from among
4 individuals with—

5 (A) extensive experience with veterans
6 services; and

7 (B) knowledge of the transition from active
8 duty to—

9 (i) civilian life; and

10 (ii) reserve components.

11 (b) ROLE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND AUTHORITY.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of De-
13 fense for Personnel and Readiness, in consultation
14 with the Secretary of Defense, shall prescribe the
15 roles, responsibilities, and authorities of the official
16 designated under subsection (a)(1).

17 (2) ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND AUTHORI-
18 TIES REQUIRED.—The roles, responsibilities, and au-
19 thorities prescribed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
20 include, with respect to the transition of members of
21 the Armed Forces and their families from active
22 duty to civilian life and reserve components—

23 (A) serving as the principal advisor to the
24 Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of
25 Defense, and the Under Secretary of Defense

1 for Personnel and Readiness on policies, oper-
2 ations, and programs and activities relating to
3 the transition of members;

4 (B) assisting the Secretary of Defense, the
5 Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Under
6 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
7 with policies, operations, and programs
8 and activities relating to the transition of mem-
9 bers;

10 (C) working, in coordination with the Sec-
11 retary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of
12 Labor, and the Secretary of Education, to im-
13 prove the efficiency and effectiveness of all ac-
14 tivities relating to the transition of members;

15 (D) serving as the chief transition officer
16 of the Department of Defense, with the mission
17 of coordinating and overseeing the effectiveness
18 of transition programs of the Department of
19 Defense and ensuring all members of the
20 Armed Forces are well equipped for civilian life
21 or the reserve components, as the case may be;

22 (E) overseeing the Military-Civilian Transi-
23 tion Office and the implementation of transition
24 programs across the Department of Defense;

1 (F) conducting a review and assessment of
2 all transition programs and services offered by
3 the Department of Defense, including the Tran-
4 sition Assistance Program and Skillbridge Pro-
5 gram, and proposing legislative or administra-
6 tive action—

7 (i) to improve the efficacy and effi-
8 ciency of the programs; and

9 (ii) to ensure compliance with all legal
10 requirements related to transition assist-
11 ance; and

12 (G) working with Federal agencies, State
13 and local governments, and nongovernmental
14 organizations to improve the delivery of transi-
15 tion support services.

16 (c) BRIEFING ON DESIGNATION AND IMPLEMENTA-
17 TION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide
19 a briefing to the congressional defense committees on—

20 (1) the status of the designation of the official
21 under subsection (a); and

22 (2) the implementation of the roles, responsibil-
23 ities, and authorities of the official under subsection
24 (b).

1 **SEC. 916. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF JOINT CHIEFS OF**
2 **STAFF.**

3 Section 151 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(h) REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF JOINT CHIEFS OF
7 STAFF.—(1) If the President removes a member of the
8 Joint Chiefs of Staff from office or transfers a member
9 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to another position or location
10 before the end of the term of the member as specified in
11 statute, the President shall, not later than five days after
12 the removal or transfer takes effect, submit to Congress,
13 including the congressional defense committees, notice
14 that the member is being removed or transferred and a
15 statement of the reason for the removal or transfer.

16 “(2) Nothing in this subsection prohibits a personnel
17 action authorized by another provision of law.”.

18 **SEC. 917. LONGER TERM AND ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINT-**
19 **MENT TO RANK OF ADMIRAL OF COM-**
20 **MANDER OF NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND.**

21 (a) TERM.—Section 526 of title 10, United States
22 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
23 subsection:

24 “(k)(1) An individual serving as the Commander of
25 the Naval Sea Systems Command—

1 “(A) subject to paragraph (2), shall serve for a
2 term of eight years; and

3 “(B) is eligible to be appointed to the rank of
4 Admiral during the final three years of that term.

5 “(2) The Secretary of the Navy may terminate the
6 term of an individual serving as the Commander of the
7 Naval Sea Systems Command before the end of the eight-
8 year term specified in paragraph (1)(A) if the Secretary
9 notifies the congressional defense committees of the termi-
10 nation.”.

11 (b) EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD FOR RETIREMENT
12 FOR YEARS OF SERVICE.—Section 636(c) of such title is
13 amended—

14 (1) by striking “In the administration” and in-
15 serting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), in
16 the administration”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

19 “(2) The officer serving as the Commander of the
20 Naval Sea Systems Command—

21 “(A) may continue to serve after 40 years of
22 active commissioned service in order to complete the
23 term of the Commander specified in section
24 526(k)(1)(A) of this title; and

1 “(B) may in no case serve more than 45 years
2 of active commissioned service.”.

3 (c) REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR NEW PRIVATE SHIP-
4 YARDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of the Navy, acting through the Assistant Secretary
8 of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acqui-
9 sition and in coordination with the Commander of
10 the Naval Sea Systems Command, shall submit to
11 the congressional defense committees a report on in-
12 centives that would promote private investment in
13 the creation of two new private shipyards on the Pa-
14 cific Coast. The incentives should be focused on new
15 construction shipyards. The report may include sug-
16 gested locations based on strategic laydown or other
17 relevant defense industrial base matters.

18 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In preparing the report
19 required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

20 (A) give consideration to locations in non-
21 contiguous States; and

22 (B) assess the potential for investment in
23 or establishment of a United States subsidiary
24 of a foreign-owned shipbuilding company, with

1 special preference to companies based in Japan
2 and the Republic of Korea.

3 (3) FORM.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The report required by
5 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
6 form but may include a classified annex.

7 (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The unclassi-
8 fied portion of the report required by paragraph
9 (1) shall be made available to the public.

10 **SEC. 918. DELAY OF DISESTABLISHMENT OF NAVY EXPEDI-**
11 **TIONARY COMBAT COMMAND PACIFIC.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the one-year period begin-
13 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary of the Navy may not take any action to disestablish
15 the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific located
16 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

17 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 (or a designee of the Secretary) shall brief the Committees
20 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
21 resentatives on—

22 (1) the status of the decision of the Secretary
23 with respect to the disestablishment of the Navy Ex-
24 peditionary Combat Command Pacific; and

1 (2) the strategic rationale, cost, and benefits of
2 such disestablishment.

3 **SEC. 919. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CONSOLIDA-**
4 **TION, DISESTABLISHMENT, OR ELIMINATION**
5 **OF GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDS.**

6 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
7 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
8 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or ex-
9 pended to consolidate, disestablish, or otherwise eliminate
10 a geographic combatant command of the Department of
11 Defense until not earlier than 90 days after the Secretary
12 of Defense submits to the congressional defense commit-
13 tees a report that, at a minimum, addresses the following:

14 (1) A detailed plan for consolidation, disestab-
15 lishment, or elimination of the geographic combatant
16 command, including associated timelines and de-
17 tailed accounting of the associated costs.

18 (2) A detailed analysis of the anticipated im-
19 pact of the consolidation, disestablishment, or elimi-
20 nation on the ability of the Department of Defense
21 to accomplish objectives in the affected area of re-
22 sponsibility, including the ability of the Department
23 to effectively deter conflict, maintain peace and secu-
24 rity, and conduct military operations, exercises, and

1 security cooperation activities with allies and part-
2 ners.

3 **SEC. 920. ELIMINATION OF STATUTORY PROVISIONS RE-**
4 **LATING TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLU-**
5 **SION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

6 (a) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Section
7 113 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and

11 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

12 (2) in subsection (g)(1)(B)—

13 (A) by striking clause (vii); and

14 (B) by redesignating clauses (viii), (ix),

15 and (x) as clauses (vii), (viii), and (ix), respec-

16 tively;

17 (3) in subsection (l)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “to

19 measure—” and all that follows through “(C)

20 the efforts” and inserting “to measure the ef-

21 forts”: and

22 (B) in paragraph (2)—

23 (i) by striking “shall—” and all that

24 follows through “(A) ensure that” and in-

25 serting “shall ensure that”;

1 (ii) by striking the semicolon after
2 “extent practicable” and inserting a pe-
3 riod: and

4 (iii) by striking subparagraphs (B)
5 through (F); and

6 (4) in subsection (m)—

7 (A) by striking “, disaggregated by gender,
8 race, and ethnicity,” each place it appears;

9 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking
10 “disaggregated by gender, race, and ethnicity,”;
11 and

12 (C) in paragraph (9), by striking “, gen-
13 der, race, and ethnicity”.

14 (b) CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER OF THE DEPART-
15 MENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 147 of title 10, United
16 States Code, is repealed.

17 (c) DIVERSITY IN SELECTION BOARDS.—

18 (1) PROMOTION SELECTION BOARDS.—Title 10,
19 United States Code, is amended—

20 (A) in section 573(b), by striking “The
21 members of a selection” and all that follows
22 through “extent practicable.”;

23 (B) in section 612(a)(1), by striking “The
24 members of a selection” and all that follows
25 through “extent practicable.”; and

1 (C) in section 14102(b), by striking “The
2 members of a selection” and all that follows
3 through “extent practicable.”.

4 (2) OTHER SELECTION BOARDS.—Section
5 503(c) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
6 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
7 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 573 note) is re-
8 pealed.

9 (d) DIVERSITY IN MILITARY LEADERSHIP.—Section
10 656 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

11 (e) IDENTIFICATION OF GENDER OR PERSONAL PRO-
12 NOUNS IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.—Section 986 of
13 title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

14 (f) HUMAN RELATIONS TRAINING.—Section
15 2001(a)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
16 by striking “include” and all that follows through the pe-
17 riod and inserting “shall include honor, excellence, cour-
18 age, and commitment.”.

19 (g) STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLU-
20 SION.—Section 529 of the National Defense Authorization
21 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C.
22 656 note) is repealed.

23 (h) SENIOR ADVISORS FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLU-
24 SION FOR THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS AND COAST
25 GUARD.—Section 913(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-

1 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 147 note) is re-
3 pealed.

4 (i) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 118(a) of
5 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “to
6 carry out—” and all that follows through “(2) guidance”
7 and inserting “to carry out guidance”.

8 **SEC. 921. DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD STUDY ON OPTIMAL**
9 **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR DIGITAL**
10 **ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS.**

11 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense
12 shall direct the Defense Science Board to conduct a com-
13 prehensive study to evaluate and recommend the most op-
14 timal organizational structure within the Office of the Sec-
15 retary of Defense to support digital solutions engineering
16 activities across the Office of the Secretary of Defense and
17 the military departments.

18 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-
19 section (a) shall include the following elements:

20 (1) An assessment of existing organizational
21 structures and organizations supporting digital solu-
22 tions engineering across the Office of the Secretary
23 of Defense and the military departments, includ-
24 ing—

1 (A) current responsibilities, requirements,
2 and deliverables of service-based software deliv-
3 ery organizations;

4 (B) responsibilities or authorities imposed
5 by statutory requirements;

6 (C) limitations based on current enterprise
7 data management platforms;

8 (D) effectiveness and efficiency of current
9 approaches;

10 (E) optimization of resource allocation and
11 utilization processes; and

12 (F) integration challenges and opportuni-
13 ties with Department-wide digital initiatives.

14 (2) An evaluation of potential organizational
15 courses of action for supporting digital solutions en-
16 gineering within the Office of the Secretary of De-
17 fense, including—

18 (A) establishment of a new defense agency
19 or Department of Defense field activity;

20 (B) integration into an existing defense
21 agency or Department of Defense field activity;

22 (C) consolidation of digital development
23 functions within existing Office of the Secretary
24 of Defense staff organizations;

1 (D) optimization of current organizational
2 structures and authorities;

3 (E) hybrid approaches combining elements
4 of the options described in subparagraphs (A),
5 (B), (C), and (D); and

6 (F) any other organizational structures
7 deemed appropriate by the Defense Science
8 Board.

9 (3) Recommendations on the selection of the
10 optimal organizational structure, including—

11 (A) analysis of the advantages and dis-
12 advantages of each course of action evaluated
13 under paragraph (2);

14 (B) assessment of capability requirements
15 and gaps;

16 (C) evaluation of cost-effectiveness and re-
17 source implications;

18 (D) application of lessons from similar in-
19 dustry or academic entities performing similar
20 work;

21 (E) consideration of governance and execu-
22 tion framework requirements;

23 (F) assessment of the implementation of
24 and execution of governance structures, includ-
25 ing artificial intelligence model management;

1 (G) coordination mechanisms with existing
2 Department components and combatant com-
3 mands;

4 (H) recommendations for unique hiring au-
5 thorities to support digital solutions engineering
6 workforce requirements; and

7 (I) recommendations for unique acquisition
8 authorities to support rapid digital solutions en-
9 gineering and deployment.

10 (4) Transition recommendations for imple-
11 menting the selected organizational structure, in-
12 cluding—

13 (A) detailed implementation timeline and
14 milestones;

15 (B) organizational and personnel changes
16 required;

17 (C) resource requirements and funding
18 mechanisms;

19 (D) legislative or regulatory changes need-
20 ed;

21 (E) risk assessment and mitigation strate-
22 gies; and

23 (F) metrics for evaluating implementation
24 success.

25 (c) REPORT.—

1 (1) TRANSMITTAL TO SECRETARY.—Not later
2 than February 1, 2027, the Board shall transmit to
3 the Secretary of Defense a final report on the study
4 conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

5 (2) TRANSMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later
6 than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary
7 receives the final report under paragraph (1), the
8 Secretary shall submit the report to the congres-
9 sional defense committees, together with such com-
10 ments as the Secretary considers appropriate.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) DIGITAL SOLUTIONS ENGINEERING.—The
13 term “digital solutions engineering” means the de-
14 velopment, deployment, and sustainment of artificial
15 intelligence systems, software applications, data en-
16 gineering solutions, data analytics platforms, and
17 other digital technologies for operational and busi-
18 ness purposes within the Department of Defense.

19 (2) SOFTWARE DELIVERY ORGANIZATIONS.—
20 The term “software delivery organizations” means
21 organizational units within the military services
22 dedicated to the rapid development, deployment, and
23 sustainment of software applications and digital so-
24 lutions.

1 **SEC. 922. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR TRAN-**
2 **SITION WORKING GROUP.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall establish an Advanced Nuclear Transition Working
6 Group (referred to in this section as the “working
7 group”).

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall be
9 composed of the following members:

10 (1) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for En-
11 ergy, Installations, and Environment.

12 (2) The Assistant Secretary of the Army for In-
13 stallations, Energy, and Environment.

14 (3) The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for
15 Energy, Installations, and Environment.

16 (4) The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
17 for Energy, Installations, and Environment.

18 (5) The Joint Staff Director for Logistics, J4.

19 (6) The Principal Director for Energy Resil-
20 ience of the Office of the Under Secretary of De-
21 fense for Research and Engineering.

22 (7) The Director of the Strategic Capabilities
23 Office.

24 (8) The Director of the Defense Innovation
25 Unit.

1 (9) The heads of such other components of the
2 Department of Defense, as determined by the Chair.

3 (c) CHAIR.—The Assistant Secretary of Defense for
4 Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological Defense
5 Policy and Programs, or a designee, shall serve as the
6 Chair of the Working Group.

7 (d) DUTIES.—The duties of the Working Group shall
8 include the following:

9 (1) To develop and execute a strategy to accel-
10 erate the procurement and fielding of commercial
11 advanced nuclear capabilities, in compliance with
12 laws, regulations, and agreements, and consistent
13 with best practices.

14 (2) To identify and elevate the critical energy
15 requirements of the combatant commands, United
16 States military installations, and the infrastructure
17 and mission capabilities needs of the combatant
18 commands and military installations that may be ad-
19 dressed with advanced nuclear reactors.

20 (3) To connect the combatant commands and
21 military installations with ongoing and planned ef-
22 forts.

23 (4) To create an accelerated pathway to lever-
24 age advanced nuclear technologies to address oper-
25 ational gaps.

1 (5) To provide a forum for members of the
2 Working Group to coordinate advanced nuclear dem-
3 onstration and transition efforts, including by in-
4 creasing opportunities and venues for government
5 and commercial research and development, testing
6 and evaluation, and procurement activities.

7 (6) To advocate for appropriate levels of
8 resourcing within planning, programming, budg-
9 eting, and execution processes to advance the devel-
10 opment and use of nuclear energy technologies
11 across the Department of Defense.

12 (7) To coordinate interagency activities and de-
13 velop best practices on workforce development, regu-
14 latory pathways, licensing frameworks, access to fuel
15 sources, safety and security standards, and decom-
16 missioning that currently hinder more rapid fielding
17 of advanced nuclear reactors.

18 (8) To establish venues through which to en-
19 gage commercial companies developing advanced re-
20 actors so as to review the technology readiness,
21 timeline, and availability of reactor capabilities for
22 defense applications.

23 (9) To inform and complete the briefings and
24 reports required in subsection (f).

1 (e) MEETINGS.—The Working Group shall meet at
2 the call of the Chair and not less than once per quarter.

3 (f) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
5 30, 2026, and annually thereafter until 2029, the
6 Chair shall submit to the appropriate congressional
7 committees a report describing the status of ad-
8 vanced nuclear projects, associated funding and re-
9 quirements, planned program transitions, actions,
10 and milestones of the Working Group, and other
11 matters as determined by the Secretary of Defense
12 and the Working Group during the preceding year.

13 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report required by para-
14 graph (1) shall include the following:

15 (A) A summary on the adequacy of exist-
16 ing energy storage and distribution systems to
17 meet mission requirements in a contested or
18 austere operating environment.

19 (B) An identification of the critical energy
20 requirements of the combatant commands,
21 United States military installations, and the in-
22 frastructure and weapons capabilities needs of
23 the combatant commands and military installa-
24 tions that may be addressed with the use of
25 microreactors or small modular reactors, includ-

ing through expeditionary, transportable, stationary, space-based, or floating power plants.

(C) A list of prioritized potential use cases, including—

(i) base electric power;

(ii) power for operational systems in austere environments;

(iii) desalination or other water production systems;

(iv) synthetic fuel production;

(v) directed energy weapons;

(vi) artificial intelligence at the edge;

(vii) defense support of civil authorities;

(viii) humanitarian response; and

(ix) 3D/additive manufacturing.

(D) Recommendations for at least 3 pilot projects.

(3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

1 (g) TERMINATION.—The Working Group shall termi-
 2 nate on September 30, 2029.

3 **TITLE X—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

4 **Subtitle A—Financial Matters**

5 **SEC. 1001. GENERAL TRANSFER AUTHORITY.**

6 (a) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER AUTHORIZATIONS.—

7 (1) AUTHORITY.—Upon determination by the
 8 Secretary of Defense that such action is necessary in
 9 the national interest, the Secretary may transfer
 10 amounts of authorizations made available to the De-
 11 partment of Defense in this division for fiscal year
 12 2026 between any such authorizations for that fiscal
 13 year (or any subdivisions thereof). Amounts of au-
 14 thorizations so transferred shall be merged with and
 15 be available for the same purposes as the authoriza-
 16 tion to which transferred.

17 (2) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in para-
 18 graph (3), the total amount of authorizations that
 19 the Secretary may transfer under the authority of
 20 this section may not exceed \$6,000,000,000.

21 (3) EXCEPTION FOR TRANSFERS BETWEEN
 22 MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS.—A trans-
 23 fer of funds between military personnel authoriza-
 24 tions under title IV shall not be counted toward the
 25 dollar limitation in paragraph (2).

1 (b) LIMITATIONS.—The authority provided by sub-
2 section (a) to transfer authorizations—

3 (1) may only be used to provide authority for
4 items that have a higher priority than the items
5 from which authority is transferred; and

6 (2) may not be used to provide authority for an
7 item that has been denied authorization by Con-
8 gress.

9 (c) EFFECT ON AUTHORIZATION AMOUNTS.—A
10 transfer made from one account to another under the au-
11 thority of this section shall be deemed to increase the
12 amount authorized for the account to which the amount
13 is transferred by an amount equal to the amount trans-
14 ferred.

15 (d) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall
16 promptly notify Congress of each transfer made under
17 subsection (a).

18 **SEC. 1002. AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS TO BUDGETARY**
19 **REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION.**

20 (a) AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LAW.—

21 (1) BODY ARMOR PROCUREMENT.—Section 141
22 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
23 Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 10 U.S.C. 221
24 note) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 141. BODY ARMOR PROCUREMENT.**

2 “The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that body
3 armor is procured using funds authorized to be appro-
4 priated by this title.”.

5 (2) EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL DEFENSE
6 PROGRAM.—Section 2284 of title 10, United States
7 Code, is amended—

8 (A) by striking subsection (c); and

9 (B) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
10 section (c).

11 (b) REPEALS OF EXISTING LAW.—The following pro-
12 visions are hereby repealed:

13 (1) EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE
14 DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND SYSTEM.—Section
15 219 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
16 Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 113–66; 10 U.S.C.
17 221 note).

18 (2) SEPARATE PROGRAM ELEMENTS REQUIRED
19 FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT LIGHT
20 TACTICAL VEHICLE.—Section 213 of the Ike Skelton
21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
22 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 10 U.S.C. 221 note).

23 (3) SEPARATE PROCUREMENT LINE ITEMS FOR
24 FUTURE COMBAT SYSTEMS PROGRAM.—Section 111
25 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authoriza-

1 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417;
2 10 U.S.C. 221 note).

3 (4) SEPARATE PROCUREMENT AND RESEARCH,
4 DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION LINE ITEMS
5 AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS FOR SKY WARRIOR UN-
6 MANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS PROJECT.—Section 214
7 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authoriza-
8 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417;
9 10 U.S.C. 221 note).

10 (5) REQUIREMENT FOR SEPARATE DISPLAY OF
11 BUDGETS FOR AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.—Section
12 1502 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Au-
13 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law
14 110–417; 10 U.S.C. 221 note).

15 **SEC. 1003. BRIEFING ON BEGINNING BALANCE ISSUES FOR**
16 **AUDIT PURPOSES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
18 Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall submit to
19 the congressional defense committees a one-time briefing
20 on any anticipated issues in establishing beginning bal-
21 ances for audits of the financial statements of the Depart-
22 ment of Defense.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under sub-
24 section (a) shall include—

1 (1) a detailed identification of each budgetary
2 account known to have and anticipated to have un-
3 supported beginning balances;

4 (2) a description of the specific issues pre-
5 venting the establishment of supported beginning
6 balances for each identified account;

7 (3) an explanation of whether generally accept-
8 ed accounting principles provide sufficient authority,
9 processes, and procedures to resolve such issues, and
10 if not, the alternative sources or methods proposed
11 to establish beginning balances; and

12 (4) the projected impact to receiving an un-
13 modified audit opinion of that account without a
14 supported beginning balance.

15 **SEC. 1004. DEFENSE BUSINESS AUDIT REMEDIATION PLAN**
16 **REPORTING.**

17 Section 240g(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 “(b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—On the same
20 date as the submission of audited financial statements re-
21 quired pursuant to section 240a of this title, the Secretary
22 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-
23 mittees an updated report on the Defense Business Sys-
24 tems Audit Remediation Plan under subsection (a).”.

1 **Subtitle B—Naval Vessels**

2 **SEC. 1011. REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO MEDIUM LANDING**
3 **SHIPS AND LIGHT REPLENISHMENT OILERS.**

4 (a) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION PRAC-
5 TICES.—The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that cov-
6 ered vessels procured by the Secretary are, to the max-
7 imum extent practical, constructed using commercial de-
8 sign standards and commercial construction practices that
9 are consistent with the best interests of the Federal Gov-
10 ernment.

11 (b) VESSEL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER.—The Sec-
12 retary of the Navy shall provide for an entity other than
13 the Department of the Navy to contract for the construc-
14 tion of covered vessels.

15 (c) COVERED VESSEL DEFINED.—In this section, the
16 term “covered vessel” means any of the following:

- 17 (1) A medium landing ship.
18 (2) A light replenishment oiler (TAO–L).

19 **SEC. 1012. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE**
20 **USED VESSELS UNDER THE NATIONAL DE-**
21 **FENSE SEALIFT FUND.**

22 Section 2218(f)(3)(C) of title 10, United States Code,
23 is amended by striking “10” and inserting “12”.

1 **SEC. 1013. EXEMPTION OF UNMANNED SURFACE VESSELS**
2 **AND UNMANNED UNDERWATER VEHICLES**
3 **FROM CERTAIN TECHNICAL AUTHORITY RE-**
4 **QUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) EXEMPTION FROM SENIOR TECHNICAL AUTHOR-
6 ITY REQUIREMENTS.—Unmanned surface vessels and un-
7 manned underwater vehicles acquired or developed by the
8 Department of the Navy are exempt from any requirement
9 for oversight by a senior technical authority established
10 under section 8669b of title 10, United States Code, ex-
11 cept the requirements, specifications, and approvals de-
12 scribed in subsection (c).

13 (b) LIMITATION RELATING TO OFFICE OF THE
14 CHIEF ENGINEER.—Subject to subsection (c), the Chief
15 Engineer of the Naval Sea Systems Command may not
16 establish any requirement, specification, or approval for
17 an unmanned surface vessel or an unmanned underwater
18 vehicle unless such action is approved in advance by the
19 program manager responsible for the respective unmanned
20 system.

21 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—As the Secretary of the Navy con-
22 siders appropriate, unmanned surface vessels and un-
23 manned underwater vehicles may be subject to require-
24 ments, specifications, and approvals established by tech-
25 nical domain managers or technical warrant holders with
26 responsibility for cybersecurity, ordnance and explosives,

1 or warfare systems, without advanced approval described
2 in subsection (b).

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) UNMANNED SURFACE VESSEL.—The term
5 “unmanned surface vessel” means a vessel designed
6 to operate on the surface of the water without an
7 onboard human crew.

8 (2) UNMANNED UNDERWATER VEHICLE.—The
9 term “unmanned underwater vehicle” means a vehi-
10 cle designed to operate below the surface of the
11 water without an onboard human crew.

12 **SEC. 1014. PROHIBITION ON RETIRING AND DECOMMIS-**
13 **SIONING OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VES-**
14 **SELS OF THE NAVY.**

15 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
16 this Act for fiscal year 2026 may be obligated or expended
17 to retire or decommission, prepare to retire or decommis-
18 sion, or place in storage any oceanographic research vessel
19 of the Navy unless the Secretary of the Navy has identi-
20 fied and acquired a suitable replacement vessel for con-
21 ducting the research that has been conducted by the vessel
22 selected for retirement or decommissioning.

1 **SEC. 1015. REPORT ACCOMPANYING REQUESTS FOR NEW**
2 **FLIGHTS OR BLOCKS OF MAJOR SHIP-**
3 **BUILDING PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 863 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 8669c
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 8669d. Report accompanying requests for new**
8 **flights or blocks of major shipbuilding**
9 **programs**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the budget justification mate-
11 rials submitted to Congress in support of the budget of
12 the President for a fiscal year pursuant to section 1105
13 of title 31 includes a request for a new flight or block
14 of ships, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit a report
15 accompanying such request.

16 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by sub-
17 section (a) shall include the following:

18 “(1) The results of any production readiness re-
19 view, including the following:

20 “(A) An identification of the degree to
21 which detail design and production design
22 drawings and related documents have been com-
23 pleted in accordance with the shipbuilding con-
24 tract.

25 “(B) An identification of the number of
26 changes to the new flight or block of ships from

1 the previous multiyear procurement authoriza-
2 tion for the class of ship concerned.

3 “(C) An identification of the risks associ-
4 ated with any design changes to the new flight
5 or block of ships from the previous multiyear
6 procurement authorization for the class of ship
7 concerned.

8 “(2) A certification that the findings of any
9 such review support the start of construction.

10 “(3) An assessment of the readiness of the
11 shipyard facilities and workforce to begin construc-
12 tion.

13 “(4) The Navy’s estimated delivery date and a
14 description of any risks that could affect such deliv-
15 ery date.

16 “(5) An assessment of the extent to which ade-
17 quate processes and metrics are in place to measure
18 and manage program risks.

19 “(6) With respect to the first ship, a description
20 of the plans of the Navy to oversee and document
21 the construction of the ship to ensure that the detail
22 design supports the construction schedule for the
23 ship.

24 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) FIRST SHIP.—The term ‘first ship’ applies
2 to a ship if—

3 “(A) the ship is the first ship to be con-
4 structed under the new flight or block of ships;
5 or

6 “(B) the shipyard at which the ship is to
7 be constructed has not previously started con-
8 struction on a ship under the new flight or
9 block of ships.

10 “(2) MAJOR SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM; PRODUC-
11 TION READINESS REVIEW.—The terms ‘major ship-
12 building program’ and ‘production readiness review’
13 have the meanings given those terms in section
14 8669c(e) of this title.

15 “(3) NEW FLIGHT OR BLOCK OF SHIPS.—The
16 term ‘new flight or block of ships’ means a new
17 flight, block, or major modification to a current ship
18 class under a major shipbuilding program that was
19 previously authorized and met the previous require-
20 ments as a new ship class.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
22 at the beginning of chapter 863 of such title is amended
23 by inserting after the item relating to section 8669c the
24 following new item:

 “8669d. Report accompanying requests for new flights or blocks of major ship-
 building programs.”.

1 **SEC. 1016. REPORT ON AUXILIARY VESSEL CO-PRODUC-**
2 **TION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
5 Navy and the Secretary of the Army, in consultation with
6 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
7 Sustainment, the Secretary of Transportation, and the
8 Secretary of State, shall jointly submit to the Committee
9 on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
10 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report
11 on co-production of non-nuclear auxiliary vessels across
12 the Armed Forces.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
14 (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) A list of non-nuclear auxiliary vessels suit-
16 able for co-production with foreign governments and
17 industry, including details related to operational
18 roles, prospects for co-production, and compatibility
19 with the Navy, the Army, and the Marine Corps.

20 (2) A plan for implementing co-production for
21 each type of vessel on the list required by paragraph
22 (1), including estimated timelines and costs.

23 (3) A description of authorities needed to co-
24 produce such vessels, including statutory or regu-
25 latory changes.

1 (4) A description of barriers to co-production,
2 including operational, regulatory, security, and eco-
3 nomic challenges and challenges related to inter-
4 national agreements, with recommendations for reso-
5 lution.

6 (5) A description of input from industry and
7 private capital stakeholders on joint venture terms,
8 incentives, and opportunities.

9 (6) A list of foreign partners with the willing-
10 ness and capacity to engage in joint ventures to co-
11 produce each vessel on the list required by para-
12 graph (1) and the associated shipyard.

13 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
14 shall be submitted in unclassified form, with a classified
15 annex if necessary.

1 **SEC. 1017. REPORT ON VESSEL LEASING PROGRAM.** Not
2 later than December 31, 2025, the Secretary of
3 the Navy, in consultation with the Under Sec-
4 retary of Defense for Acquisition and
5 Sustainment, shall submit to the Committee on
6 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee
7 on Armed Services of the House of Representa-
8 tives a report that includes the following:

9 (1) A list of non-nuclear vessels that could be
10 suitable for contracting under a long-term leasing
11 program.

12 (2) A plan outlining how the Navy would imple-
13 ment a leasing program for surface vessels.

14 (3) A description of authorities necessary for
15 the Navy to lease commercially built and privately
16 owned vessels.

17 (4) A description of input from industry and
18 private capital stakeholders on suggested lease terms
19 and incentives to encourage industry to participate
20 in such a leasing program.

21 **SEC. 1018. PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF AUTOMATED SHIP-**
22 **BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES AND CAPABILI-**
23 **TIES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
26 Navy shall establish a pilot program on the use of auto-

1 mated assembly technologies and capabilities in naval
2 shipbuilding to reduce overall construction times and al-
3 leviate workforce constraints (in this section referred to
4 as the “pilot program”).

5 (b) ELEMENTS OF PILOT PROGRAM.—In carrying
6 out the pilot program, the Secretary of the Navy shall—

7 (1) identify and select available novel auto-
8 mated hull assembly technologies for incorporation
9 and demonstration;

10 (2) designate at least one surface ship or sub-
11 marine program to demonstrate the automated tech-
12 nologies identified under paragraph (1);

13 (3) carry out such demonstrations;

14 (4) evaluate the demonstrated automated tech-
15 nologies—

16 (A) across a range of functions, including
17 plate preparation, welding, and block assembly;
18 and

19 (B) for compatibility and ease of adoption
20 into the existing shipbuilding value chain; and

21 (5) assess the feasibility and effectiveness of
22 automated approaches in improving subassembly
23 construction times, overall ship construction sched-
24 ules, and workforce efficiency and safety.

25 (c) REPORTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
 2 30, 2026, and annually thereafter until the pilot
 3 program terminates, the Secretary of the Navy shall
 4 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the
 5 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the
 6 House of Representatives a report on the implemen-
 7 tation and results of the pilot program.

8 (2) ELEMENTS OF REPORTS.—Each report re-
 9 quired by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

10 (A) An identification of the time required
 11 to adapt specific technologies and processes.

12 (B) A description of the impact of the pilot
 13 program on workforce and construction sched-
 14 ules.

15 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
 16 nate on the date that is three years after the date of the
 17 enactment of this Act.

18 **Subtitle C—Counterterrorism**

19 **SEC. 1021. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS** 20 **FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVID-** 21 **UALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL** 22 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO THE** 23 **UNITED STATES.**

24 Section 1033 of the John S. McCain National De-
 25 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law

1 115–232; 132 Stat. 1953), as most recently amended by
2 section 1041 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
3 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
4 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is further
5 amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
7 striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “De-
8 cember 31, 2026”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “is or was
10 held on or after January 20, 2009” and inserting
11 “has been held since any date that is on or before
12 October 1, 2009”.

13 **SEC. 1022. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
14 **TO CONSTRUCT OR MODIFY FACILITIES IN**
15 **THE UNITED STATES TO HOUSE DETAINEES**
16 **TRANSFERRED FROM UNITED STATES NAVAL**
17 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.**

18 Section 1034 of the John S. McCain National De-
19 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
20 115–232; 132 Stat. 1954), as most recently amended by
21 section 1042 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
22 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
23 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is further
24 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “December
 2 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”; and
 3 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “(Public Law
 4 114–92; 129 Stat. 971; 10 U.S.C. 801 note)” and
 5 inserting “(10 U.S.C. 801 note; Public Law 114–
 6 92)”.

7 **SEC. 1023. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
 8 **FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVID-**
 9 **UALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL**
 10 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO CER-**
 11 **TAIN COUNTRIES.**

12 Section 1035 of the John S. McCain National De-
 13 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
 14 115–232; 132 Stat. 1954), as most recently amended by
 15 section 1043 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
 16 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
 17 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is further
 18 amended—

19 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
 20 “‘No amounts’”;

21 (2) by striking “December 31, 2025” and in-
 22 serting “December 31, 2026”;

23 (3) by striking “any individual detained in the
 24 custody or under the control of the Department of
 25 Defense at United States Naval Station, Guanta-

1 namo Bay, Cuba,” and inserting “any individual de-
2 tained at Guantanamo”; and

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

5 “(b) INDIVIDUAL DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO DE-
6 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘individual detained at
7 Guantanamo’ has the meaning given that term in section
8 1034(f)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for
9 Fiscal Year 2016 (10 U.S.C. 801 note; Public Law 114–
10 92).”.

11 **SEC. 1024. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**
12 **TO CLOSE OR RELINQUISH CONTROL OF**
13 **UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTA-**
14 **NAMO BAY, CUBA.**

15 Section 1036 of the National Defense Authorization
16 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat.
17 1551), as most recently amended by section 1044 of the
18 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National
19 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public
20 Law 118–159), is further amended by striking “2025”
21 and inserting “2026”.

1 **SEC. 1025. CLARIFICATION REGARDING DEFINITION OF IN-**
 2 **DIVIDUAL DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO.**

3 Section 1034(f)(2) of the National Defense Author-
 4 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129
 5 Stat. 971; 10 U.S.C. 801 note) is amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
 7 by striking “as of” and inserting “on or before”;
 8 and

9 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by inserting “at
 10 United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay,
 11 Cuba” after “Department of Defense”.

12 **Subtitle D—Miscellaneous**
 13 **Authorities and Limitations**

14 **SEC. 1031. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT**
 15 **ENTERTAINMENT PROJECTS WITH TIES TO**
 16 **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUB-**
 17 **LIC OF CHINA.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
 19 be appropriated by this Act for the Department of Defense
 20 may be used to knowingly provide active and direct sup-
 21 port to any film, television, or other entertainment project
 22 if the Secretary of Defense has demonstrable evidence that
 23 the project has complied or is likely to comply with a de-
 24 mand from the Government of the People’s Republic of
 25 China or the Chinese Communist Party, or an entity
 26 under the direction of the People’s Republic of China or

1 the Chinese Communist Party, to censor the content of
2 the project in a material manner to advance the national
3 interest of the People's Republic of China.

4 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
5 the prohibition under subsection (a) if the Secretary sub-
6 mits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
7 and House of Representatives a written certification that
8 such a waiver is in the national interest of the United
9 States.

10 **SEC. 1032. PROHIBITION ON DESTRUCTION OR SCRAPPING**
11 **OF WORLD WAR II-ERA AIRCRAFT.**

12 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may
13 not destroy, dismantle, scrap, cannibalize, or otherwise
14 render permanently inoperable any aircraft that—

15 (1) was manufactured prior to December 31,
16 1945; and

17 (2) is in the custody or administrative control
18 of the Department of the Air Force as of the date
19 of the enactment of this Act.

20 (b) AUTHORIZED DISPOSITIONS.—Aircraft described
21 in subsection (a) may only be—

22 (1) retained in the inventory of the Department
23 of the Air Force;

1 (2) transferred to the National Museum of the
2 United States Air Force or other official Depart-
3 ment of Defense museums;

4 (3) transferred to qualified Federal agencies,
5 nonprofit institutions, or museums with dem-
6 onstrated indoor preservation and public display ca-
7 pabilities; or

8 (4) de-accessioned under a plan approved by
9 the Secretary of Defense that supports long-term
10 preservation of such aircraft, and consistent with
11 guidelines established in the committee report ac-
12 companying this Act.

13 (c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense
14 may waive the restriction under subsection (a) on a case-
15 by-case basis only if—

16 (1) the aircraft is determined by qualified per-
17 sonnel to be beyond practical restoration or preser-
18 vation;

19 (2) no eligible institution expresses interest in
20 accepting the aircraft within 12 months following
21 public notice of its availability; and

22 (3) written notification and justification of the
23 waiver is submitted to the congressional defense
24 committees not less than 30 days prior to execution
25 of any disposal action.

1 (d) AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this section, the term
2 “aircraft” includes any fixed-wing or rotary-wing manned
3 aircraft in military service prior to December 31, 1945.

4 **SEC. 1033. SUPPORT FOR COUNTERDRUG ACTIVITIES AND**
5 **ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL**
6 **ORGANIZED CRIME.**

7 (a) QUARTERLY REPORTING.—Subsection (h) of sec-
8 tion 284 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
11 and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
12 tively; and

13 (B) by inserting before subparagraph (B),
14 as redesignated by subparagraph (A) of this
15 paragraph, the following new subparagraph:

16 “(A) In the case of support for a purpose
17 described in subsection (b)—

18 “(i) the agency to which support is
19 provided;

20 “(ii) the budget, implementation
21 timeline with milestones, anticipated deliv-
22 ery schedule for support, and completion
23 date for the purpose or project for which
24 support is provided;

1 “(iii) the source and planned expendi-
2 ture of funds provided for the project or
3 purpose;

4 “(iv) a description of the arrange-
5 ments, if any, for the sustainment of the
6 project or purpose and the source of funds
7 to support sustainment of the capabilities
8 and performance outcomes achieved using
9 such support, if applicable;

10 “(v) a description of the objectives for
11 the project or purpose and evaluation
12 framework to be used to develop capability
13 and performance metrics associated with
14 operational outcomes for the recipient;

15 “(vi) information, including the
16 amount, type, and purpose, about the sup-
17 port provided the agency during the three
18 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year for
19 which the support covered by the notice is
20 provided under this section with respect
21 to—

22 “(I) this section;

23 “(II) counterdrug activities au-
24 thorized by section 1033 of the Na-
25 tional Defense Authorization Act for

1 Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105–
2 85; 111 Stat. 1811); or

3 “(III) any other significant pro-
4 gram, account, or activity for the pro-
5 vision of security assistance that the
6 Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
7 retary of State consider appropriate.”;
8 and

9 (2) in paragraph (3)(B)(i), by striking “the
10 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
11 House of Representatives” and inserting “the con-
12 gressional defense committees”.

13 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING USE OF
14 AUTHORITY FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.—Such
15 section is further amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
17 (j); and

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

20 “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING USE OF
21 AUTHORITY FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.—No sup-
22 port for the counterdrug activities or activities to counter
23 transnational organized crime of any other department or
24 agency of the Federal Government or of any State, local,
25 tribal, or foreign law enforcement agency may be provided

1 under this section for the detention of an individual at
 2 a military installation, Department of Defense facility, or
 3 Department of Defense-funded facility unless the Sec-
 4 retary of Defense independently verifies the nexus to drug
 5 activities or transnational organized crime prior to the
 6 transfer of such individual to such installation or facil-
 7 ity.”.

8 **SEC. 1034. SENIOR LEADERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
 9 **FENSE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PERSONS: AU-**
 10 **THORITY TO PROVIDE PROTECTION.**

11 Section 714 of title 10, United States Code, is
 12 amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
 14 following new paragraph:

15 “(8) Former or retired officials who—

16 “(A) previously served in the positions
 17 identified in paragraphs (1) through (7); and

18 “(B) face serious and credible threats aris-
 19 ing from duties performed while employed by
 20 the Department of Defense.”;

21 (2) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “para-
 23 graphs (1) through (7) of”;

24 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or re-
 25 imbursement” after “personal security”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (6)—

2 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
3 read as follows:

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.— Except as provided in
5 subparagraph (D), the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the congressional defense com-
7 mittee determinations made pursuant to this
8 subsection as follows:

9 “(i) An initial determination made
10 under paragraph (4), not later than 15
11 days after the date on which the deter-
12 mination is made, including the justifica-
13 tion for such determination and a current
14 threat assessment by an appropriate law
15 enforcement, security, or intelligence orga-
16 nization.

17 “(ii) A determination to deny the re-
18 newal of physical protection and security
19 or reimbursement, not later than 15 days
20 after the date on which the determination
21 is made, including—

22 “(I) the justification for such de-
23 termination;

24 “(II) a current threat assessment
25 by an appropriate law enforcement,

1 security, or intelligence organization;
2 and

3 “(III) a certification that threats
4 to the individual arising from duties
5 performed while employed by the De-
6 partment of Defense can be suffi-
7 ciently mitigated without physical pro-
8 tection and security or reimburse-
9 ment.

10 “(iii) A determination to terminate
11 physical protection and security or reim-
12 bursement during a previously authorized
13 period of protection, not later than 48
14 hours after the date on which the deter-
15 mination is made, including—

16 “(I) the justification for such de-
17 termination;

18 “(II) a current threat assessment
19 by an appropriate law enforcement,
20 security, or intelligence organization;
21 and

22 “(III) a certification that threats
23 to the individual arising from duties
24 performed while employed by the De-
25 partment of Defense can be suffi-

1 ciently mitigated without protection
2 and security or reimbursement.

3 “(iv) A determination to deny a re-
4 quest for reimbursement of an individual
5 described in subsection (a)(8), not later
6 than 15 days after the date on which the
7 determination is made, including—

8 “(I) the justification for such de-
9 termination;

10 “(II) a current threat assessment
11 by an appropriate law enforcement,
12 security, or intelligence organization;
13 and

14 “(III) a certification that threats
15 to the individual arising from duties
16 performed while employed by the De-
17 partment of Defense can be suffi-
18 ciently mitigated without reimburse-
19 ment.”; and

20 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
21 “and a description of any changes to such
22 guidelines” after “paragraph (1)”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

1 “(f) NOTIFICATION TO PROTECTED PERSONNEL.—
2 The Secretary of Defense shall provide written notification
3 to individuals receiving physical protection and personal
4 security under subsection (a) or reimbursement under sub-
5 section (e) at least 90 days before terminating or denying
6 the renewal of protection and security protection or reim-
7 bursement for such individuals.”.

8 **SEC. 1035. NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF MILITARY AIR-**
9 **CRAFT FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**
10 **OPERATIONS.**

11 Not later than seven calendar days after military air-
12 craft, installations, or personnel are used in support of the
13 Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of De-
14 fense shall provide written notification to the Committee
15 on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
16 Armed Services of the House of Representatives of the fol-
17 lowing:

18 (1) The type and variant of military aircraft
19 used to support the enforcement operation.

20 (2) The number of individuals on board the
21 military aircraft employed by the Department of De-
22 fense.

23 (3) The type, variant, and number of any mili-
24 tary aircraft utilized to support the military aircraft

1 being used in the enforcement operation, including
2 aerial refueling aircraft.

3 (4) The estimated cost of supporting the en-
4 forcement operation, including—

5 (A) the aircraft utilized to transport those
6 subject to a removal order;

7 (B) the number of flights hours required to
8 complete the round-trip mission;

9 (C) the use of any supporting aircraft, in-
10 cluding aerial refueling aircraft; and

11 (D) the number of flight hours required to
12 complete the round-trip mission of the sup-
13 porting aircraft.

14 (5) The destination country of the military air-
15 craft.

16 (6) When the destination country of the mili-
17 tary aircraft is Naval Station Guantanamo Bay,
18 Cuba, reporting on both inbound and outbound
19 flights in accordance with the requirements of para-
20 graphs (1) through (5).

21 (7) Reassignment of Department of Defense
22 personnel from Joint Task Force Guantanamo or
23 another Department of Defense entity to support
24 alien detention operations.

1 (8) Facility maintenance or upgrades to sup-
2 port operations and costs of any Federal agency.

3 **SEC. 1036. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING**
4 **TO SUPPORT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES BY**
5 **ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 723 of title 10, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), in the subsection heading,
9 by striking “REQUIREMENT” and inserting “RE-
10 SPONSE TO CIVIL DISTURBANCES”;

11 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
12 section (c);

13 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
14 lowing new subsection (b):

15 “(b) SUPPORT TO CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT
16 AGENCIES BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—
17 Whenever a member of the armed forces (including the
18 National Guard) provides support to civilian law enforce-
19 ment agencies, each such member providing such support
20 shall visibly display the name of the armed force in which
21 such member operates.”; and

22 (4) in subsection (c), as redesignated by para-
23 graph (2)—

1 (A) by striking “requirement under sub-
 2 section (a)” and inserting “requirements under
 3 subsections (a) and (b)”; and

4 (B) by striking “such subsection” and in-
 5 serting “any such subsection”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

7 (1) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading
 8 for section 723 of title 10, United States Code, is
 9 amended by striking “**Federal authorities in**
 10 **response to civil disturbances**” and inserting
 11 “**civil authorities**”.

12 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 13 tions at the beginning of chapter 41 of title 10,
 14 United States Code, is amended by striking the item
 15 relating to section 723 and inserting the following
 16 new item:

“723. Support of civil authorities: requirement for use of members of the Armed
 Forces and Federal law enforcement personnel.”.

1 **SEC. 1037. PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OF CONNECTED**
2 **VEHICLES DESIGNED, DEVELOPED, MANU-**
3 **FACTURED, OR SUPPLIED BY PERSONS**
4 **OWNED BY, CONTROLLED BY, OR SUBJECT**
5 **TO THE JURISDICTION OF A FOREIGN ENTITY**
6 **OF CONCERN ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
7 **PROPERTY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—After January 1, 2028, no con-
9 nected vehicle on the list required under subsection (b)
10 may be operated on a military installation or on any other
11 property of the Department of Defense.

12 (b) LIST REQUIRED.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
14 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall establish and
15 publish on a publicly available website of the Depart-
16 ment of Defense a list of prohibited connected vehi-
17 cles that—

18 (A) are designed, developed, manufactured,
19 or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by,
20 or subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign entity
21 of concern; and

22 (B) pose—

23 (i) an undue risk of sabotage to or
24 subversion of the design, integrity, manu-
25 facturing, production, distribution, installa-
26 tion, operation, or maintenance of informa-

tion and communications technology and services in the United States;

(ii) an undue risk of catastrophic effects on the security or resiliency of critical infrastructure in the United States or the digital economy of the United States; or

(iii) an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of United States persons.

(2) INCORPORATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL RULES.—In establishing the list required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall incorporate existing Federal rules for identifying prohibited connected vehicles.

(3) ANNUAL REVIEW.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall review the list required under paragraph (1) not less frequently than once each year and shall make such additions, subtractions, supplements, or amendments to the list as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(B) EXPLANATION OF SUBTRACTIONS.—Any review under subparagraph (A) that makes subtractions from the list required under para-

1 graph (1) shall include an explanation of why
2 the subtraction was made.

3 (4) CONSULTATION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
5 consult with the head of any Federal depart-
6 ment or agency that the Secretary determines is
7 appropriate in making the list required under
8 paragraph (1) and conducting any annual re-
9 view under paragraph (3).

10 (B) TRANSMITTAL OF LIST.—The Sec-
11 retary shall transmit a copy of the list required
12 under paragraph (1), and any modification to
13 that list, to the heads of each Federal depart-
14 ment or agency determined appropriate under
15 subparagraph (A).

16 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND BRIEFING.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1,
18 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall establish and
19 provide to the congressional defense committees a
20 briefing on an implementation plan for carrying out
21 the prohibition under subsection (a).

22 (2) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan re-
23 quired under paragraph (1) shall include—

24 (A) an identification of the lead organiza-
25 tion within the Department of Defense respon-

1 sible for implementing and overseeing the prohi-
 2 bition under subsection (a);

3 (B) a description of the process by which
 4 the Department will identify and assess prohib-
 5 ited connected vehicles;

6 (C) a description of the means by which
 7 the Department will conduct coordination with
 8 appropriate Federal departments and agencies;

9 (D) an identification of the metrics by
 10 which the Department will assess connected ve-
 11 hicles for threats to national security;

12 (E) a description of the means by which
 13 military installations will ensure compliance
 14 with such prohibition; and

15 (F) an assessment of resource require-
 16 ments necessary to implement and maintain
 17 such prohibition.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) CONNECTED VEHICLE.—The term “con-
 20 nected vehicle” has the meaning given that term in
 21 section 791.301 of title 15, Code of Federal Regula-
 22 tions, or successor regulations.

23 (2) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term
 24 “foreign entity of concern” has the meaning given
 25 that term in section 9901 of the William M. (Mac)

1 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
2 Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651).

3 (3) MILITARY INSTALLATION.—The term “mili-
4 tary installation” has the meaning given that term
5 in section 2801(c) of title 10, United States Code.

6 **Subtitle E—Studies and Reports**

7 **SEC. 1041. ANNUAL REPORT ON CONTRACT CANCELLA-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 10 days after
11 the date on which the President submits a budget of
12 the United States Government for each of fiscal
13 years 2027 through 2031 to Congress pursuant to
14 section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the
15 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congres-
16 sional defense committees a report on any cancella-
17 tions of contracts during the preceding fiscal year.

18 (2) REPORTING ON FISCAL YEAR 2025 CAN-
19 CELLATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall in-
20 clude in the first report submitted under paragraph
21 (1) reporting on any cancellations of contracts dur-
22 ing fiscal year 2025.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
24 section (a) shall include the following elements:

1 (1) Identification of the Contract Line Item
2 Number affected.

3 (2) Total value of such Contract Line Item
4 Number.

5 (3) Total existing obligations against that Con-
6 tract Line Item Number.

7 (4) Any fee paid, if applicable, for cancelling
8 the contract.

9 (5) A brief justification of the rationale for can-
10 cellation, tagged by—

11 (A) non-alignment with the priorities of
12 the Secretary of Defense;

13 (B) requirement no longer exists;

14 (C) requirement has decreased;

15 (D) requirement exists, but the contract
16 did not meet requirements for cost or the
17 schedule or performance are unacceptable; or

18 (E) any other rationale as determined by
19 the Secretary.

20 (6) For any Contract Line Item Number tagged
21 pursuant to paragraph (5)(E), a brief proposed
22 timeline for issuing a new contract to meet the spec-
23 ified requirement.

1 **SEC. 1042. STREAMLINING OF TOTAL FORCE REPORTING**
2 **REQUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) REPEAL OF ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY
4 TECHNICIANS.—Section 115a of title 10, United States
5 Code, is amended by striking subsection (g).

6 (b) INCORPORATION OF ANNUAL CIVILIAN PER-
7 SONNEL MANAGEMENT REPORT INTO ANNUAL DEFENSE
8 MANPOWER PROFILE REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Such section is further
10 amended—

11 (A) by redesignating subsections (d)
12 through (f) as subsections (e) through (g), re-
13 spectively; and

14 (B) by inserting after subsection (c) the
15 following new subsection:

16 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall include in each report re-
17 quired under subsection (a) a detailed discussion of the
18 management of the civilian workforce of the Department
19 of Defense. The discussion shall include the matter speci-
20 fied in paragraph (2) for the civilian workforce of each
21 of the following:

22 “(A) The Office of the Secretary of Defense
23 and the Defense Agencies and Department of De-
24 fense Field Activities.

25 “(B) The military departments.”.

1 (2) TRANSFER OF REPORTING REQUIRE-
 2 MENTS.—Such title is further amended by transfer-
 3 ring paragraph (2) of section 129(c) of such title to
 4 section 115a, inserting such paragraph at the end of
 5 subsection (d) of such section 115a, as added by
 6 paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection, and amending
 7 such paragraph (2)—

8 (A) by striking “Each report under para-
 9 graph (1) shall contain” and inserting “The
 10 matter to be included in each discussion under
 11 paragraph (1)”;

12 (B) by striking “under the jurisdiction of
 13 the official submitting the report” and inserting
 14 “of each element of the Department of Defense
 15 named in that paragraph”.

16 (3) CONFORMING REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT
 17 FOR SEPARATE ANNUAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MAN-
 18 AGEMENT REPORT.—Section 129 of such title is
 19 amended by striking subsection (c).

20 **SEC. 1043. REPORT ON NATIONAL GUARD SEXUAL ASSAULT**
 21 **PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TRAINING.**

22 The Chief of the National Guard Bureau, in coordi-
 23 nation with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the
 24 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
 25 House of Representatives a report containing the number

1 of members of the National Guard, disaggregated by
 2 State, that received sexual assault prevention and re-
 3 sponse training in the preceding calendar year—

4 (1) not later than 180 days after the date of
 5 the enactment of this Act; and

6 (2) annually, beginning in 2027 and ending in
 7 2031, by not later than March 30 of each year.

8 **SEC. 1044. REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON DEPARTMENT OF**
 9 **DEFENSE SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRATION EN-**
 10 **FORCEMENT OPERATIONS.**

11 Section 1707 of the National Defense Authorization
 12 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.
 13 1799; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended by adding at the
 14 end the following new subsection:

15 “(c) REPORTS ON SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRATION EN-
 16 FORCEMENT OPERATIONS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Department of De-
 18 fense approves a Request for Assistance for support
 19 for immigration enforcement operations, the Sec-
 20 retary of Defense shall electronically transmit to the
 21 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
 22 the House of Representatives a report on such sup-
 23 port not later than 30 calendar days after the date
 24 on which the Secretary approves the Request for As-
 25 sistance and every 30 calendar days thereafter.

1 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by
2 paragraph (1) shall include information on the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(A) The use of transportation support
5 provided by the Department of Defense, the
6 type of such support, and the cost of such sup-
7 port.

8 “(B) The use of installation or facility sup-
9 port provided by the Department of Defense,
10 the name of the installation or facility, and the
11 cost of such support.

12 “(C) The reassignment of Department of
13 Defense personnel to conduct support for immi-
14 gration enforcement operations, the units from
15 which such personnel were reassigned, the dura-
16 tion of the orders, and the cost of such reas-
17 signment.”.

18 **SEC. 1045. MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND.**

19 (a) REPORT ON RECRUITING AND RETENTION EF-
20 FORTS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this section, and
23 annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Navy, in
24 coordination with the Commander of the Military
25 Sealift Command, and in consultation with the Com-

1 mander of United States Transportation Command,
2 the Commander of United States Fleet Forces Com-
3 mand, and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for
4 Research, Development and Acquisition, shall submit
5 to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate
6 and the Committee on Armed Services of the House
7 of Representatives a report on efforts to improve re-
8 cruitment and retention of Military Sealift Com-
9 mand Mariners.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
11 paragraph (1) shall consider—

12 (A) opportunities to enhance the integra-
13 tion of Military Sealift Command civilian mari-
14 ners into the military command structure;

15 (B) providing training on the roles and sig-
16 nificance of Military Sealift Command civilian
17 mariner workforce to relevant military com-
18 mands; and

19 (C) authorities required to improve recruit-
20 ment and retention of civilian mariners in Mili-
21 tary Sealift Command.

22 (b) REPORT ON EXTENDING CHARTER DURA-
23 TIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the en-
24 actment of this section, the Secretary of the Navy shall
25 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate

1 and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of
2 Representatives a report assessing the merits of extending
3 the maximum charter durations of commercial and spe-
4 cialty vessels for the Military Sealift Command.

5 **SEC. 1046. REPORT ON ALIENS HELD AT INSTALLATIONS OF**
6 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than
9 monthly thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
10 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
11 the House of Representatives a report containing—

12 (1) the number of aliens held at installations of
13 the Department of Defense, disaggregated by loca-
14 tion; and

15 (2) the total cost of detention of aliens at in-
16 stallations of the Department of Defense, regardless
17 of location.

18 (b) ALIEN DEFINED.—In this section, the term
19 “alien” has the meaning given that term in section 101
20 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

1 **SEC. 1047. BRIEFING ON EXPENDITURES OR PLANNED EX-**
2 **PENDITURES OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR EX-**
3 **PLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EXIST-**
4 **ING ARCTIC INFRASTRUCTURE.**

5 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander
8 of the United States Indo-Pacific Command and the Com-
9 mander of the United States Northern Command, shall
10 provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees
11 on the expenditures or planned expenditures of funds allo-
12 cated pursuant to section 20009(12) of the Act entitled
13 “An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II
14 of H. Con. Res. 14” , approved July 4, 2025 (Public Law
15 119–21), for exploration and development of existing Arc-
16 tic infrastructure. The briefing should include amount of
17 funds expended to date, a timeline for future use of funds,
18 and an assessment of the feasibility of any viable infra-
19 structure options in the Arctic region.

Subtitle F—Other Matters

**SEC. 1051. MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE
IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ACCOUNTING FOR MISSING UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.**

Section 408(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$15,000,000”.

**SEC. 1052. EXTENSION OF ADMISSION TO GUAM OR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MAR-
IANA ISLANDS FOR CERTAIN H-2B NON-
IMMIGRANTS.**

Section 6(b)(1)(B) of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the ‘Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America’, and for other purposes”, approved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C. 1806(b)(1)(B)), is amended, in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “December 31, 2029” and inserting “December 31, 2031”.

1 **SEC. 1053. PROHIBITING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FROM**
2 **DEVELOPING VOTING TECHNOLOGY OR**
3 **METHODOLOGY.**

4 The Secretary of Defense may not develop, or facili-
5 tate the development of, any voting technology or method-
6 ology for voting in Federal and State elections.

7 **SEC. 1054. ASSESSMENT OF THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVIS-**
8 **ABILITY OF USING PERSONNEL OF THE DE-**
9 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO SUPPORT U.S.**
10 **CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.**

11 (a) ASSESSMENT AND REPORT.—Not later than 180
12 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary
14 of Homeland Security—

15 (1) conduct an assessment of the advisability,
16 feasibility, and cost of using personnel of the De-
17 partment of Defense to support U.S. Customs and
18 Border Protection by providing translation and in-
19 terpretation services in connection with border secu-
20 rity operations; and

21 (2) submit to the congressional defense commit-
22 tees a report on the findings of the Secretary with
23 respect to the assessment conducted pursuant to
24 paragraph (1).

25 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to
26 subsection (a)(2) shall include the following:

1 (1) An assessment of the current capabilities
2 and availability of Department personnel with rel-
3 evant language skills to support the needs of U.S.
4 Customs and Border Protection and assist with
5 interviews, including with respect to Mandarin Chi-
6 nese, Arabic, Russian, Swahili, Korean, Urdu, Farsi,
7 and other languages that may be encountered at the
8 United States border.

9 (2) An evaluation on the potential impact of the
10 use of personnel described in subsection (a)(1) on
11 Department readiness, operations, and personnel.

12 (3) An evaluation of the impact of such use of
13 personnel on operations at the United States border.

14 (4) A cost estimate for such use of personnel,
15 including administrative, training, deployment, and
16 sustainment costs;

17 (5) A summary of any prior or ongoing inter-
18 agency efforts or agreements relating to foreign lan-
19 guage support between the Department of Defense
20 and the Department of Homeland Security and if
21 such support was provided on a reimbursable or
22 nonreimbursable basis.

23 (6) Such recommendations as the Secretary of
24 Defense may have for legislative or administrative
25 action to facilitate such use of personnel.

1 **SEC. 1055. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE**
3 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

4 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
5 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
6 operation and maintenance, defense-wide, and available
7 for the Office of the Secretary of Defense for travel ex-
8 penses, not more than 75 percent may be obligated or ex-
9 pended until the Secretary of Defense—

10 (1) submits to the Committee on Armed Serv-
11 ices of the Senate unredacted copies of documents
12 requested by the committee during the period begin-
13 ning on January 1, 2024, and ending on June 1,
14 2024;

15 (2) submits to the congressional defense com-
16 mittees overdue notifications regarding sensitive
17 military operations required by section 130f of title
18 10, United States Code;

19 (3) submits to the requesting committee over-
20 due quarterly reports regarding execute orders of the
21 Department of Defense required by section 1744 of
22 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
23 Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 113
24 note);

25 (4) submits to the congressional defense com-
26 mittees the plan for integrating signals intelligence

1 capabilities on fielded armed overwatch aircraft re-
2 quired by section 167 of the Servicemember Quality
3 of Life Improvement and National Defense Author-
4 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
5 159);

6 (5) issues guidance on the governance and over-
7 sight of the contracts of the Department of Defense
8 that support or enable sensitive activities required by
9 section 867 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
10 Improvement and National Defense Authorization
11 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159);

12 (6) submits to the congressional defense com-
13 mittees the review of authorities relevant to the con-
14 duct of irregular warfare activities by the Depart-
15 ment of Defense required by section 1065 of the
16 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
17 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
18 2025 (Public Law 118–159);

19 (7) submits to the congressional defense com-
20 mittees the plan for implementing and institutional-
21 izing the responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary
22 of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity
23 Conflict, and other matters, required by section
24 907(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-

1 provement and National Defense Authorization Act
2 for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159); and
3 (8) submits to the Committees on Armed Serv-
4 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives
5 the report on Department of Defense efforts to iden-
6 tify, disseminate, and implement throughout the De-
7 partment lessons learned from the war in Ukraine
8 required by the conference report accompanying the
9 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
10 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
11 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

12 **SEC. 1056. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SENSITIVE ACTIVI-**
13 **TIES.**

14 (a) OVERSIGHT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEN-
15 SITIVE ACTIVITIES.—Chapter 3 of title 10, United States
16 Code, is amended by inserting after section 130f the fol-
17 lowing new section:

18 **“§ 103g. Oversight of Department of Defense sensitive**
19 **activities.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
21 keep the congressional defense committees fully and cur-
22 rently informed of Department of Defense sensitive activi-
23 ties.

24 “(b) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
25 submit to the congressional defense committees notice in

1 writing of a compromise or failure of any Department of
2 Defense sensitive activity not later than 48 hours following
3 the compromise or failure.

4 “(c) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
5 ordination with the congressional defense committees,
6 shall establish and submit to such committees procedures
7 for complying with the requirements of subsection (a) and
8 (b) consistent with the national security of the United
9 States and the protection of operational integrity. The
10 Secretary shall promptly notify the congressional defense
11 committees in writing of any changes to such procedures
12 at least 14 days prior to the adoption of any such changes.

13 “(d) SENSITIVE ACTIVITY DEFINED.—In this sec-
14 tion, the term ‘sensitive activity’ means operations, ac-
15 tions, activities, or programs that, if compromised, could
16 have enduring adverse effects on United States foreign
17 policy, Department of Defense activities, or military oper-
18 ations, or cause significant embarrassment to the United
19 States, United States allies, or the Department of De-
20 fense.”.

21 (b) PROCESS FOR COORDINATING AND
22 DECONFLICTING CONTRACTS.—Consistent with section
23 867 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement
24 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
25 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4601),

1 the Secretary of Defense shall establish a process for co-
2 ordinating and deconflicting contracts of the Department
3 of Defense that support or enable sensitive activities with
4 other departments and agencies of the Federal govern-
5 ment, as appropriate.

6 **SEC. 1057. IRREGULAR WARFARE EXERCISE LABORATORY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may es-
8 tablish and maintain an Irregular Warfare Exercise Lab-
9 oratory to—

10 (1) support the training, experimentation, prep-
11 aration, and validation of the United States Armed
12 Forces to conduct full-spectrum irregular warfare
13 activities; and

14 (2) enable activities to build the capacity and
15 interoperability of the security forces of friendly for-
16 eign countries.

17 (b) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out the activities au-
18 thorized under subsection (a), the Secretary may use the
19 authorities under chapter 16 of title 10, United States
20 Code, and other applicable statutory authorities available
21 to the Secretary of Defense.

22 **SEC. 1058. SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
23 **FENSE OPERATIONS AT THE SOUTHERN**
24 **LAND BORDER.**

25 (a) REPORT.—

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 Committee on
4 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
5 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a
6 report on operations at the southern land border.

7 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
8 paragraph (1) shall include a detailed description
9 of—

10 (A) the Department of Defense’s efforts
11 with respect to—

12 (i) combating transnational organized
13 crime in the United States Northern Com-
14 mand and the United States Southern
15 Command areas of responsibility;

16 (ii) reducing the cross-border flow of
17 illicit synthetic drugs, including fentanyl,
18 fentanyl analogs, and fentanyl precursors;
19 and

20 (iii) reducing the cross-border illicit
21 trade of firearms and human trafficking;

22 (B) the Department of Defense’s steady-
23 state plan and posture on the southern land
24 border;

1 (C) the Department of Defense’s assess-
2 ment of the operational and readiness impact
3 under the Department’s steady-state plan and
4 posture on the southern land border, and any
5 revisions of such plan and posture;

6 (D) each military installation and each De-
7 partment of Defense facility on or off the in-
8 stallation that is being used to support—

9 (i) the Department of Defense’s oper-
10 ations along the southern land border; or

11 (ii) the Department of Homeland Se-
12 curity or any of its components;

13 (E) the funding sources for the Depart-
14 ment of Defense’s current operations along the
15 southern land border;

16 (F) the Department of Defense’s use of
17 force policy and related training;

18 (G) the Department of Defense’s assess-
19 ment of its compliance with section 1385 of
20 title 18, United States Code (commonly known
21 as the “Posse Comitatus Act of 1878”), in its
22 execution of—

23 (i) any efforts along the southern land
24 border; and

1 (ii) any efforts in support of the De-
2 partment of Homeland Security; and

3 (H) any challenges the Department of De-
4 fense has faced in the execution of the efforts
5 described in subparagraphs (A) and (F).

6 (b) SEMIANNUAL UPDATES.—Not less frequently
7 than once every 180 days after submitting the report re-
8 quired under subsection (a) and during the effective period
9 of the national emergency declared by Proclamation
10 100886 (90 Fed. Reg. 8327; relating to a Declaration of
11 a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the
12 United States), Executive Order 14165 (90 Fed. Reg.
13 8467; relating to Security Our Borders), and Executive
14 Order 14167 (90 Fed. Reg. 8613; relating to Clarifying
15 the Military’s Role in Protecting the Territorial Integrity
16 of the United States), the Commander of the United
17 States Northern Command shall submit to the congres-
18 sional defense committees updates to the information in-
19 cluded in such report.

20 **SEC. 1059. UNIVERSITY-BASED SECURE INNOVATION INCU-**
21 **BATOR PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
22 **FENSE.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
24 shall establish a program to develop, operate, and main-

tain incubator programs for secure facilities and networks
at select universities across the United States—

(1) to accelerate the development and transition
of innovative technologies to meet national security
needs;

(2) to increase the availability of secure facilities and networks for classified work at university locations;

(3) to foster collaboration between academic researchers, private sector entities, and Department of Defense personnel;

(4) to expand the pool of security-cleared technical talent available to support defense organizations and personnel in critical defense technology areas; and

(5) to create regional innovation hubs that strengthen the national security innovation base.

(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

(1) FACILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Each university-based secure facility and network shall—

(A) meet all physical, technical, and personnel security requirements for handling clas-

1 sified information up to the Top Secret or Sen-
2 sitive Compartmented Information level;

3 (B) be designed to accommodate diverse
4 use cases, including secure meetings, classified
5 research, and technology development activities;

6 (C) include collaborative workspaces appro-
7 priate for innovation activities; and

8 (D) leverage modern design principles to
9 maximize utilization and effectiveness.

10 (2) UNIVERSITY SELECTION CRITERIA.—The
11 Secretary shall select universities based on—

12 (A) the absence of a fully functional secure
13 facility and network on the university campus;

14 (B) demonstrated commitment to national
15 security-relevant research and development;

16 (C) existing relationships with the Depart-
17 ment of Defense;

18 (D) technical capabilities relevant to de-
19 fense innovation priorities;

20 (E) geographic distribution to ensure na-
21 tionwide access; and

22 (F) capacity to support the administrative
23 and security requirements of operating a secure
24 facility and network.

25 (3) ACCESS TO FACILITIES AND NETWORKS.—

1 (A) ACCESS MODEL.—The Secretary shall
2 establish a flexible subscription-based system
3 for access to the university-based secure facili-
4 ties and networks, with—

5 (i) tiered access levels calibrated to
6 different user needs and security require-
7 ments;

8 (ii) pricing structures that may vary
9 based on organizational size, usage pat-
10 terns, and security clearance-processing
11 needs; and

12 (iii) priority access for Department
13 components and entities working on
14 projects sponsored by the Department.

15 (B) ACCESS PROTOCOLS AND SECURITY
16 CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—Access to classified
18 information and secure facilities within the
19 program established pursuant to sub-
20 section (a) shall be strictly controlled and
21 granted consistent with Executive Order
22 12968 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note; relating to
23 access to classified information).

24 (ii) AUTHORIZED USERS.—Authorized
25 users of classified information and secure

1 facilities within the program established
2 pursuant to subsection (a) may include—

3 (I) university faculty, staff, and
4 students;

5 (II) private sector entities, par-
6 ticularly small businesses and
7 startups, that are participating in spe-
8 cific defense innovation programs;

9 (III) personnel and contractors of
10 the Department of Defense; and

11 (IV) personnel from other Fed-
12 eral agencies engaged in work related
13 to national security.

14 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—

15 (1) PILOT PROGRAM.—In carrying out the pro-
16 gram required by subsection (a), the Secretary
17 shall—

18 (A) not later than 540 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, establish an initial
20 pilot program with not fewer than three univer-
21 sity partners;

22 (B) ensure that at least one of the loca-
23 tions for the pilot program established pursuant
24 to subparagraph (A) is at a university located

1 within 100 miles of the geographic center of the
2 United States;

3 (C) evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot
4 program established pursuant to subparagraph
5 (A) based on metrics, including utilization
6 rates, project outcomes, and participant feed-
7 back; and

8 (D) not more than 900 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, submit to the con-
10 gressional defense committees a report on—

11 (i) the findings of the Secretary with
12 respect to the pilot program established
13 pursuant to subparagraph (A); and

14 (ii) such recommendations as the Sec-
15 retary may have for expanding the pilot
16 program.

17 (2) PROGRAM EXPANSION.—Subject to success-
18 ful evaluation of the pilot program established pur-
19 suant to paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary shall, not
20 later than four years after the date of the enactment
21 of this Act, expand the program required by sub-
22 section (a) to not fewer than 10 universities.

23 (d) COST-SHARING.—The Secretary may enter into
24 cost-sharing agreements or other appropriate agreements
25 with universities participating in the program established

1 pursuant to subsection (a), other Federal departments and
2 agencies, State and local governments, Tribal govern-
3 ments, and private sector partners to support the estab-
4 lishment and operation of the secure facilities and net-
5 works under the program.

6 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Secretary
8 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
9 an annual report on the program established pursu-
10 ant to subsection (a).

11 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted pursu-
12 ant to paragraph (1) shall cover the following:

13 (A) Current locations and expansion plans.

14 (B) Utilization metrics and user demo-
15 graphics.

16 (C) Financial information, including fees
17 collected and program costs.

18 (D) Measurable outcomes from activities
19 conducted within the secure facilities and net-
20 works included in the program.

21 (E) Recommendations for legislative or ad-
22 ministrative action relating to the program.

23 (f) PROGRAM AND REPORT EXPIRATION.—The pro-
24 gram authorized under subsection (a) and the annual re-

1 port requirement under subsection (e) shall terminate 10
 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 1060. PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY**
 4 **PROJECTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO EXPERI-**
 5 **ENCE SIGNIFICANT TEMPORAL IMPACT DUE**
 6 **TO SEASONAL ARCTIC CLIMATE CONDITIONS.**

7 The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
 8 Sustainment shall, to the maximum extent possible,
 9 prioritize, for purposes of consideration by the Manufac-
 10 turing Capability Expansion and Investment Prioritization
 11 (MCEIP) office, the clearance of mining and energy
 12 project applications and white papers for projects the op-
 13 eration or completion of which is likely to experience sig-
 14 nificant temporal impact due to seasonal Arctic climate
 15 conditions.

16 **SEC. 1061. NON-REIMBURSABLE SUPPORT FOR AFGHANI-**
 17 **STAN WAR COMMISSION.**

18 Section 1094(f)(2) of the Afghanistan War Commis-
 19 sion Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1938)
 20 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 21 paragraph:

22 “(D) SERVICES.—

23 “(i) DOD SERVICES.—The Secretary
 24 of Defense may provide to the Commission,
 25 on a nonreimbursable basis, such adminis-

1 trative services, funds, staff, facilities, and
2 other support services as are necessary for
3 the performance of the Commission’s du-
4 ties under this section.

5 “(ii) OTHER AGENCIES.—In addition
6 to any support provided under clause (i),
7 the heads of other Federal departments
8 and agencies may provide to the Commis-
9 sion such services, funds, facilities, staff,
10 and other support as the heads of such de-
11 partments and agencies determine advis-
12 able and as may be authorized by law.”.

13 **SEC. 1062. CONTRACTING AUTHORITY FOR AFGHANISTAN**
14 **WAR COMMISSION.**

15 Section 1094(g) of the Afghanistan War Commission
16 Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1938) is
17 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
18 graph:

19 “(7) CONTRACTING.—The Co-Chairpersons of
20 the Commission may, to such extent and in such
21 amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts, enter
22 into contracts to enable the Commission to discharge
23 its duties under this section.”.

1 **SEC. 1063. COMMISSION ON THE NATIONAL DEFENSE**
2 **STRATEGY.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established as of
5 January 5, 2026, an independent commission in the
6 legislative branch to be known as the “Commission
7 on the National Defense Strategy” (in this section
8 referred to as the “Commission”).

9 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Commission
10 is to examine and make recommendations with re-
11 spect to the national defense strategy of the United
12 States.

13 (3) SCOPE AND DUTIES.—In order to provide
14 the fullest understanding of the national defense
15 strategy the Commission shall perform the following
16 duties:

17 (A) NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY RE-
18 VIEW.—The Commission shall review the most
19 recent national defense strategy of the United
20 States including the assumptions, strategic ob-
21 jectives, priority missions, major investments in
22 defense capabilities, force posture and struc-
23 ture, operational concepts, and strategic and
24 military risks associated with the strategy.

1 (B) ASSESSMENT.—The Commission shall
2 conduct a comprehensive assessment of the
3 strategic environment, including—

- 4 (i) United States interests;
5 (ii) the threats to the national secu-
6 rity of the United States, including both
7 traditional and non-traditional threats;
8 (iii) the size and shape of the force;
9 (iv) the readiness of the force;
10 (v) the posture, structure, and capa-
11 bilities of the force;
12 (vi) allocation of resources; and
13 (vii) the strategic and military risks
14 present in the national defense strategy.

15 (4) COMMISSION REPORT AND RECOMMENDA-
16 TIONS.—

17 (A) REPORT.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one
19 year after the date of establishment of the
20 Commission, the Commission shall trans-
21 mit to the President and Congress a report
22 containing the review and assessment con-
23 ducted under paragraph (3), together with
24 any recommendations of the Commission.

1 (ii) CONTENTS.—The report required
2 by clause (i) shall include the following ele-
3 ments:

4 (I) An appraisal of the strategic
5 environment, including an examina-
6 tion of the traditional and non-tradi-
7 tional threats to the United States,
8 and the potential for conflicts arising
9 from such threats and security chal-
10 lenges.

11 (II) An evaluation of the stra-
12 tegic objectives of the Department of
13 Defense for near-peer competition in
14 support of the national security inter-
15 ests of the United States.

16 (III) A review of the military
17 missions for which the Department of
18 Defense should prepare, including
19 missions that support the interagency
20 and a whole-of-government strategy.

21 (IV) An identification of any
22 gaps or redundancies in the roles and
23 missions assigned to the Armed
24 Forces necessary to carry out military
25 missions identified in subclause (III),

1 and the roles and capabilities provided
2 by other Federal agencies and by al-
3 lies and international partners.

4 (V) An assessment of how the
5 national defense strategy leverages
6 other elements of national power
7 across the interagency to counter
8 near-peer competitors.

9 (VI) An evaluation of the re-
10 sources necessary to support the
11 strategy, including budget rec-
12 ommendations.

13 (VII) An examination of the ef-
14 forts by the Department of Defense to
15 develop new and innovative oper-
16 ational concepts to enable the United
17 States to more effectively counter
18 near-peer competitors.

19 (VIII) An analysis of the force
20 planning construct, including—

21 (aa) the size and shape of
22 the force;

23 (bb) the posture, structure,
24 and capabilities of the force;

1 (cc) the readiness of the
2 force;

3 (dd) infrastructure and or-
4 ganizational adjustments to the
5 force;

6 (ee) modifications to per-
7 sonnel requirements, including
8 professional military education;
9 and

10 (ff) other elements of the de-
11 fense program necessary to sup-
12 port the strategy.

13 (IX) An assessment of the risks
14 associated with the strategy, including
15 the relationships and tradeoffs be-
16 tween missions, risks, and resources.

17 (X) Any other elements the Com-
18 mission considers appropriate.

19 (B) BRIEFINGS.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
21 days after the date of the establishment of
22 the Commission, the Commission shall pro-
23 vide to the Committees on Armed Services
24 of the Senate and the House of Represent-
25 atives a briefing on the status of the review

1 and assessment required by paragraph (3),
2 including a discussion of any interim rec-
3 ommendations.

4 (ii) INTERIM BRIEFINGS.—At the re-
5 quest of the Chair and Ranking Member of
6 the Committee on Armed Services of the
7 Senate, or the Chair and Ranking Member
8 of the Committee on Armed Services of the
9 House of Representatives, the Commission
10 shall provide the requesting Committee
11 with interim briefings in addition to the
12 briefing required by clause (i).

13 (5) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—

14 (A) HEARINGS.—The Commission may
15 hold such hearings, sit and act at such times
16 and places, take such testimony, and receive
17 such evidence as the Commission considers ad-
18 visable to carry out its duties under this sec-
19 tion.

20 (B) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGEN-
21 CIES.—The Commission may secure directly
22 from any Federal department or agency such
23 information as the Commission considers nec-
24 essary to carry out its duties under this section.
25 Upon request of the Chair of the Commission,

1 the head of such department or agency shall
2 furnish such information to the Commission.

3 (C) USE OF POSTAL SERVICE.—The Com-
4 mission may use the United States mails in the
5 same manner and under the same conditions as
6 other departments and agencies of the Federal
7 Government.

8 (D) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS.—

9 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Commission
10 may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or do-
11 nations of services, goods, and property
12 from non-Federal entities for the purposes
13 of aiding and facilitating the work of the
14 Commission. The authority under this
15 paragraph does not extend to gifts of
16 money.

17 (ii) DOCUMENTATION; CONFLICTS OF
18 INTEREST.—The Commission shall docu-
19 ment gifts accepted under the authority
20 provided by clause (i) and shall avoid con-
21 flicts of interest or the appearance of con-
22 flicts of interest.

23 (iii) COMPLIANCE WITH CONGRES-
24 SIONAL ETHICS RULES.—Except as specifi-
25 cally provided in this section, a member of

1 the Commission shall comply with rules set
2 forth by the Select Committee on Ethics of
3 the Senate and the Committee on Ethics of
4 the House of Representatives governing
5 employees of the Senate and the House of
6 Representatives, respectively.

7 (6) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than Feb-
8 ruary 5, 2027, the Commission shall submit to the
9 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
10 House of Representatives an unclassified report,
11 with classified annexes if necessary, that includes
12 the findings and conclusions of the Commission as
13 a result of the studies required under this section,
14 together with its recommendations for such legisla-
15 tive actions as the Commission considers appropriate
16 in light of the results of the studies.

17 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

18 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be
19 composed of 8 members, of whom—

20 (A) one shall be appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House of Representatives;

22 (B) one shall be appointed by the Minority
23 Leader of the House of Representatives;

24 (C) one shall be appointed by the Majority
25 Leader of the Senate;

1 (D) one shall be appointed by the Minority
2 Leader of the Senate;

3 (E) one shall be appointed by the Chair-
4 man of the Committee on Armed Services of
5 the Senate;

6 (F) one shall be appointed by the Ranking
7 Member of the Committee on Armed Services of
8 the Senate;

9 (G) one shall be appointed by the Chair-
10 man of the Committee on Armed Services of
11 the House of Representatives; and

12 (H) one shall be appointed by the Ranking
13 Member of the Committee on Armed Services of
14 the House of Representatives.

15 (2) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—

16 (A) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Committee
17 on Armed Services of the Senate and the Chair
18 of the Committee on Armed Services of the
19 House of Representatives, with the concurrence
20 of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall
22 jointly designate 1 member of the Commission
23 to serve as Chair of the Commission.

24 (B) VICE CHAIR.—The Ranking Member
25 of the Committee on Armed Services of the

1 Senate and the Ranking Member of the Com-
2 mittee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives, with the concurrence of the Minor-
4 ity Leader of the Senate and the Minority
5 Leader of the House of Representatives, shall
6 jointly designate 1 member of the Commission
7 to serve as Vice Chair of the Commission.

8 (3) APPOINTMENTS.—

9 (A) APPOINTMENT DATE.—Members shall
10 be appointed to the Commission under para-
11 graph (1) by not later than 30 days after the
12 date of the establishment of the Commission.

13 (B) NOTIFICATIONS.—Individuals making
14 appointments under paragraph (1) shall provide
15 notice of the appointments to the Secretary of
16 Defense (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
17 retary”), the Chairman of the Committee on
18 Armed Services of the Senate, and the Chair-
19 man of the Committee on Armed Services of
20 the House of Representatives.

21 (C) EFFECT OF NON-APPOINTMENT.—

22 (i) IN GENERAL.—If an appointment
23 under this subsection is not made by the
24 date specified under paragraph (3)(A), the
25 authority to make such appointment shall

1 devolve to a member of Congress of the
2 same party and same chamber eligible to
3 appoint under this subsection.

4 (ii) EXPIRATION OF APPOINTMENT
5 AUTHORITY.—If an appointment is not
6 made within 60 days of establishment, the
7 authority to make such appointment shall
8 expire.

9 (D) RESTRICTION ON APPOINTMENT.—Of-
10 ficers or employees of the Federal Government
11 (other than experts or consultants the services
12 of which are procured under section 3109 of
13 title 5, United States Code) may not be ap-
14 pointed as members of the Commission.

15 (E) RESTRICTION ON MEMBERS OF CON-
16 GRESS.—Members of Congress may not serve
17 on the Commission.

18 (4) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES; RE-
19 MOVAL OF MEMBERS.—

20 (A) APPOINTMENT DURATION.—Members
21 shall be appointed for the life of the Commis-
22 sion.

23 (B) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the
24 Commission shall not affect its powers, but

1 shall be filled in the same manner as the origi-
2 nal appointment.

3 (C) REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.—A member
4 may be removed from the Commission for cause
5 by the individual serving in the position respon-
6 sible for the original appointment of such mem-
7 ber under subsection (b)(1), provided that no-
8 tice has first been provided to such member of
9 the cause for removal and voted and agreed
10 upon by three quarters of the members serving.
11 A vacancy created by the removal of a member
12 under this subsection shall not affect the pow-
13 ers of the Commission, and shall be filled in the
14 same manner as the original appointment was
15 made.

16 (5) QUORUM.—A majority of the members
17 serving on the Commission shall constitute a
18 quorum.

19 (6) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days
20 after the date on which all members of the Commis-
21 sion have been appointed as published in the Con-
22 gressional Record, the Commission shall hold its ini-
23 tial meeting.

24 (c) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

1 (1) STATUS AS FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Not-
2 withstanding the requirements of section 2105 of
3 title 5, United States Code, including the required
4 supervision under subsection (a)(3) of such section,
5 members of the Commission shall be deemed to be
6 Federal employees in the legislative branch subject
7 to all the laws and policies applicable to legislative
8 branch employees.

9 (2) OATH OF OFFICE.—Notwithstanding the
10 provision of section 2903(b) of title 5, United States
11 Code, an employee of an Executive Branch agency,
12 otherwise authorized to administer oaths under sec-
13 tion 2903 of title 5, United States Code, may ad-
14 minister the oath of office to Commissioners for the
15 purpose of their service to the Commission.

16 (3) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—The appropriate
17 Federal departments or agencies shall cooperate
18 with the Commission in expeditiously providing to
19 the Commission members and staff appropriate se-
20 curity clearances to the extent possible pursuant to
21 existing procedures and requirements, except that no
22 person may be provided with access to classified in-
23 formation under this Act without the appropriate se-
24 curity clearances.

1 (4) PAY FOR MEMBERS.—Each member of the
2 Commission may be compensated at a rate not to
3 exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
4 basic pay payable for level IV of the Executive
5 Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United
6 States Code, for each day (including travel time)
7 during which such member is engaged in the per-
8 formance of the duties of the Commission. All mem-
9 bers of the Commission who are officers or employ-
10 ees of the United States shall serve without com-
11 pensation additional to that received for their serv-
12 ices as officers or employees of the United States.

13 (5) STAFF.—

14 (A) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Chair of
15 the Commission may appoint and fix the rate of
16 basic pay for an Executive Director in accord-
17 ance with section 3161 of title 5, United States
18 Code.

19 (B) COMMISSION STAFF.—The Executive
20 Director may appoint and fix the rate of basic
21 pay for additional personnel as staff of the
22 Commission in accordance with section 3161 of
23 title 5, United States Code.

24 (C) DETAILEES AUTHORIZED.—On a reim-
25 bursable or non-reimbursable basis, the heads

1 of departments and agencies of the Federal
2 Government may provide, and the Commission
3 may accept personnel detailed from such de-
4 partments and agencies, including active-duty
5 military personnel.

6 (D) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members
7 and staff of the Commission shall be allowed
8 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of
9 subsistence, at rates authorized for employees
10 of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of
11 title 5, United States Code, while away from
12 their homes or regular places of business in the
13 performance of services for the Commission.

14 (d) SUPPORT.—

15 (1) ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF DE-
16 FENSE.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts author-
18 ized to be appropriated for the Department of
19 Defense for support of the Commission, the
20 Secretary may make transfers to the Commis-
21 sion for Commission expenses, including com-
22 pensation of Commission members, officers, and
23 employees, and provision of other such services,
24 funds, facilities, and other support services as
25 necessary for the performance of the Commis-

1 sion's functions. Funds made available to sup-
2 port and provide assistance to the Commission
3 may be used for payment of compensation of
4 members, officers, and employees of the Com-
5 mission without transfer under this subpara-
6 graph. Amounts transferred under this sub-
7 paragraph shall remain available until ex-
8 pended. Transfer authority provided by this
9 subparagraph is in addition to any other trans-
10 fer authority provided by law. Section 2215 of
11 title 10, United States Code, shall not apply to
12 a transfer of funds under this subparagraph.

13 (B) TREASURY ACCOUNT AUTHORIZED.—

14 The Secretary of the Treasury may establish an
15 account or accounts for the Commission from
16 which any amounts transferred under this
17 clause may be used for activities of the Com-
18 mission.

19 (2) LIAISON.—The Secretary shall designate at
20 least one officer or employee of the Department of
21 Defense to serve as a liaison officer between the De-
22 partment and the Commission.

23 (3) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.—To the extent that
24 funds are available for such purpose, or on a reim-

1 bursable basis, the Secretary may, at the request of
2 the Chair of the Commission—

3 (A) enter into contracts for the acquisition
4 of administrative supplies and equipment for
5 use by the Commission; and

6 (B) make available the services of a Fed-
7 eral funded research and development center or
8 an independent, nongovernmental organization,
9 described under section 501(c)(3) of the Inter-
10 nal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from
11 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

12 (4) PRELIMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
13 AUTHORIZED.—Upon the appointment of the Chair
14 and Vice Chair under subsection (b), the Secretary
15 may provide administrative support authorized
16 under this section necessary to facilitate the stand-
17 ing up of the Commission.

18 (e) TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.—The Commis-
19 sion shall terminate 90 days after the submission of the
20 report required by subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 1064. PROVISION BY AIR FORCE OF METEOROLOGICAL**
2 **AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR INTEL-**
3 **LIGENCE COMMUNITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force
5 shall provide meteorological and environmental services for
6 operations of the intelligence community.

7 (b) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DEFINED.—In this
8 section, the term “intelligence community” has the mean-
9 ing given that term in section 3 of the National Security
10 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

11 **SEC. 1065. EXPANSION OF INDIVIDUAL LONGITUDINAL EX-**
12 **POSURE RECORD.**

13 (a) ALL EXPOSURES.—The Secretary of Defense
14 shall expand the Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record
15 (in this section referred to as “ILER”) to document all
16 exposures of members of the Armed Forces, including
17 those that occur within the United States, so it can be
18 available for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs when such
19 members transition to civilian life, including the following:

20 (1) All-hazard occupational data.

21 (2) Environmental hazards that were known or
22 found later to which the member was exposed, in-
23 cluding through conducting any monitoring in the
24 area.

25 (b) MEDICAL INFORMATION.—The Secretary of De-
26 fense shall expand the ILER to include the following med-

1 ical information of members of the Armed Forces so it
2 can be available for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
3 when such members transition to civilian life:

4 (1) Medical encounter information relating to
5 exposures (such as diagnosis, treatment, and labora-
6 tory data).

7 (2) Medical concerns that should be addressed
8 regarding possible exposures.

9 (c) AVAILABILITY TO CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS.—
10 The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the ILER is
11 available, for purposes of improving internal processes, to
12 the following:

13 (1) Health care providers of the Department of
14 Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

15 (2) Epidemiologists and researchers of the De-
16 partment of Defense and the Department of Vet-
17 erans Affairs.

18 (3) Disability evaluation and benefits deter-
19 minations specialists of the Department of Veterans
20 Affairs.

21 (d) INCLUSION IN SERVICE RECORDS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
23 shall document in the service records of a member
24 of the Armed Forces whether such member served at

1 a location where there was a potential of toxic expo-
2 sure.

3 (2) PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMA-
4 TION.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary
5 of Defense shall ensure that service at any location
6 that is classified is protected from disclosure.

7 **SEC. 1066. CLASSIFICATION OF NEVADA TEST AND TRAIN-**
8 **ING RANGE AS LOCATION WHERE CONTAMI-**
9 **NATION OCCURRED AND MEMBERS OF THE**
10 **ARMED FORCES WERE EXPOSED TO TOXIC**
11 **SUBSTANCES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
13 classify the Nevada Test and Training Range as a location
14 where contamination occurred.

15 (b) IDENTIFICATION PROCESS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air
17 Force shall establish a process to identify members
18 of the Armed Forces and former members of the
19 Armed Forces that were stationed at the Nevada
20 Test and Training Range since January 27, 1951.

21 (2) DOCUMENTATION.—The Secretary of the
22 Air Force shall establish a process to permit mem-
23 bers of the Armed Forces and former members of
24 the Armed Forces to provide documentation or evi-
25 dence of their assignment within the Nevada Test

1 and Training Range to assist the Secretary in iden-
 2 tifying those members and former members under
 3 paragraph (1).

4 (3) EFFORTS.—The Secretary of the Air Force
 5 shall make all efforts to identify individuals de-
 6 scribed in paragraph (1) and shall not require mem-
 7 bers of the Armed Forces or former members of the
 8 Armed Forces to submit evidence of their stationing.

9 **Subtitle G—Defense Workforce** 10 **Integration**

11 **SEC. 1081. INTEGRATION OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HIR-** 12 **ING PROCESSES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
 14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
 15 fense, in coordination with the Secretaries concerned shall
 16 establish a pathway for medically disqualified entry-level
 17 service members to enter civilian positions for which they
 18 are qualified in the Department of Defense or any of its
 19 components.

20 (b) AIR FORCE DRIVE PROGRAM.—The Air Force’s
 21 Develop, Redistribute, Improve, Vault, Expose (DRIVE)
 22 program shall be considered sufficient to meet the require-
 23 ments of subsection (a) and may, but need not, serve as
 24 a baseline from which the other military departments de-
 25 sign their programs.

1 (c) ENTRY-LEVEL SERVICE MEMBER DEFINED.—In
 2 this section, the term “entry-level service member” means
 3 a regular or reserve member of the Armed Forces who
 4 is currently attending or has military orders to attend
 5 within 90 days—

6 (1) basic training;

7 (2) a technical school of the Armed Forces;

8 (3) a service academy;

9 (4) the Reserve Officer Training Corps
 10 (ROTC);

11 (5) an officer accession program, including offi-
 12 cer candidate school, officer training school, officer
 13 development school, or equivalent program.

14 **SEC. 1082. PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON CAREER OP-**
 15 **PORTUNITIES IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL**
 16 **BASE TO PERSONS INELIGIBLE FOR MILI-**
 17 **TARY SERVICE.**

18 Chapter 50 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
 19 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

20 **“§ 996. Provision of information on career opportuni-**
 21 **ties in the defense industrial base to per-**
 22 **sons medically disqualified for military**
 23 **service**

24 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
 25 shall establish and implement a program to provide indi-

1 viduals who are not medically qualified for military service
2 with information on employment opportunities in the de-
3 fense industrial base or other employment opportunities
4 in support of the national interests of the United States.

5 “(b) PROGRAM.—The program established under
6 subsection (a) shall inform and refer persons described in
7 subsection (a) to employment, apprenticeship, and train-
8 ing opportunities in—

9 “(1) the defense industrial base;

10 “(2) cybersecurity or intelligence support roles;

11 “(3) research and development in defense tech-
12 nologies;

13 “(4) national emergency and disaster prepared-
14 ness; or

15 “(5) any other non-military opportunity the
16 Secretary considers in the national interests of the
17 United States.

18 “(c) COLLABORATION.—The Secretary of Defense
19 shall consult with entities in the defense industrial base,
20 other Federal agencies, and academic institutions to carry
21 out this section.”.

1 **SEC. 1083. PROVISION TO NAVY PERSONNEL OF INFORMA-**
2 **TION ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT MILI-**
3 **TARY SEALIFT COMMAND.**

4 The Secretary of the Navy shall provide information
5 about career opportunities at Military Sealift Command
6 and workforce training programs for shipbuilders to Navy
7 personnel.

8 **SEC. 1084. REPORT ON DEFENSE WORKFORCE INTEGRA-**
9 **TION.**

10 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
11 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
12 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
13 the House of Representatives a report describing imple-
14 mentation of the requirements under this subtitle.

15 **TITLE XI—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL**
16 **MATTERS**

17 **SEC. 1101. EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL AUTHORITY FOR DE-**
18 **PENDENTS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 1599b of
20 title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense
21 shall direct the Director of the Defense Travel Manage-
22 ment Office to update the Joint Travel Regulations, not
23 later than February 1, 2026, to authorize educational
24 travel for a dependent of a covered employee without re-
25 gard to whether the Federal agency responsible for the
26 employment of the covered employee anticipates that the

1 covered employee will, during the 30-day period following
2 the scheduled date of the dependent's departure for the
3 travel, be transferred to a location in the United States
4 or travel to the United States for home leave.

5 (b) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

6 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than Feb-
7 ruary 1, 2026, the Secretary shall brief the Commit-
8 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
9 of Representatives on the update to the Joint Travel
10 Regulations required by subsection (a).

11 (2) SUBSEQUENT BRIEFINGS.—Not later than
12 one year after providing the briefing required by
13 paragraph (1) and annually thereafter until Feb-
14 ruary 1, 2029, the Secretary shall brief the Commit-
15 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
16 of Representatives on the use of the authority de-
17 scribed in subsection (a) and the cost to the Federal
18 Government of the use of that authority.

19 (c) COVERED EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—In this section,
20 the term “covered employee” means an employee of the
21 Department of Defense Education Activity assigned to
22 United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

1 **SEC. 1102. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO WAIVE**
 2 **ANNUAL LIMITATION ON PREMIUM PAY AND**
 3 **AGGREGATE LIMITATION ON PAY FOR FED-**
 4 **ERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WORKING OVER-**
 5 **SEAS.**

6 Subsection (a) of section 1101 of the Duncan Hunter
 7 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009
 8 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4615), as most recently
 9 amended by section 1104 of the Servicemember Quality
 10 of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization
 11 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is fur-
 12 ther amended by striking “through 2025” and inserting
 13 “through 2026”.

14 **SEC. 1103. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY AUTHOR-**
 15 **ITY TO GRANT ALLOWANCES, BENEFITS, AND**
 16 **GRATUITIES TO CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ON OF-**
 17 **FICIAL DUTY IN A COMBAT ZONE.**

18 Paragraph (2) of section 1603(a) of the Emergency
 19 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global
 20 War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public
 21 Law 109–234; 120 Stat. 443), as added by section 1102
 22 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization
 23 Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat.
 24 4616) and as most recently amended by section 1105 of
 25 the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and Na-
 26 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025

1 (Public Law 118–159), is further amended by striking
2 “2026” and inserting “2027”.

3 **SEC. 1104. MODIFICATIONS TO DEFENSE CIVILIAN TRAIN-**
4 **ING CORPS.**

5 Section 2200h of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (8), by inserting “, in accord-
8 ance with subsection (b)” before the period;

9 (2) by striking “In establishing” and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In establishing”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(b) HIRING AUTHORITY.—

15 “(1) STUDENTS.—The head of a Department of
16 Defense organization that partners with the program
17 may, without regard to the provisions of subchapter
18 I of chapter 33 of title 5, noncompetitively appoint
19 a member of the program to a position in such orga-
20 nization for a term of one year, renewable for not
21 more than a total of four one-year terms.

22 “(2) GRADUATES.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of an orga-
24 nization described in paragraph (1) may—

1 “(i) renew the appointment a success-
 2 ful graduate of the program serving a one-
 3 year term under such paragraph until such
 4 graduate is appointed to a permanent posi-
 5 tion in such organization, except that the
 6 appointment may not be renewed for more
 7 than a total of four one-year terms; and

8 “(ii) noncompetitively appoint the
 9 graduate from a one-year term appoint-
 10 ment renewed under clause (i) into a va-
 11 cant position in the competitive or excepted
 12 service of the Department.

13 “(B) LEVEL.—The position of a graduate
 14 in a term or permanent position described in
 15 subparagraph (A) shall be at the level of GS-
 16 9 of the General Schedule or an equivalent level
 17 for which the participant is qualified, without
 18 regard to any minimum time-in-grade or time-
 19 based experience requirements.

20 “(C) LIMIT.—The authority under this
 21 section may not be used for more than 60 grad-
 22 uates of the program in any calendar year.

23 “(3) SUNSET.—The authority under this sub-
 24 section shall terminate on December 31, 2029.

25 “(4) REPORTS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Janu-
2 ary 31, 2026, and annually thereafter until
3 January 31, 2030, the Secretary of Defense
4 shall submit to the appropriate congressional
5 committees a report on the use of the authority
6 under this subsection.

7 “(B) ELEMENTS.—Each report required
8 by subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

9 “(i) The number of graduates of the
10 program for which the authority under this
11 section was used in the prior year.

12 “(ii) An identification of the Depart-
13 ment of Defense organizations that used
14 the authority to appoint graduates of the
15 program under paragraph (2)(ii).

16 “(C) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-
17 MITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term
18 ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

19 “(i) the Committee on Armed Services
20 and the Committee on Homeland Security
21 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;
22 and

23 “(ii) the Committee on Armed Serv-
24 ices and the Committee on Oversight and

1 Government Reform of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives.”.

3 **SEC. 1105. MODIFICATIONS TO REQUIREMENTS FOR THE**
4 **PRESIDENT OF THE DEFENSE ACQUISITION**
5 **UNIVERSITY.**

6 Section 1746(e)(3) of title 10, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “term” each place it appears and
8 inserting “tenure”.

9 **SEC. 1106. MODIFICATION OF DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY**
10 **FOR DOMESTIC DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE**
11 **FACILITIES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1125(a) of the National
13 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10
14 U.S.C. 1580 note prec.) is amended by inserting “, includ-
15 ing to Navy Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and
16 Repair positions” after “Facilities Base”.

17 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—At the end of each fiscal
18 year, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the rel-
19 evant congressional committees a report that includes the
20 following elements:

21 (1) The number of Navy Supervisor of Ship-
22 building, Conversion, and Repair positions filled in
23 comparison to the previous fiscal year.

24 (2) The extent to which direct hire authority
25 has affected recruitment and retention for Navy Su-

1 pervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair po-
2 sitions.

3 (3) Other data and information related to the
4 hiring process for the Navy Supervisor of Ship-
5 building, Conversion, and Repair that the Secretary
6 of the Navy considers appropriate.

7 (c) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
8 FINED.—In this section, the term “relevant congressional
9 committees” means—

10 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
11 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
12 Affairs of the Senate; and

13 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
14 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of
15 the House of Representatives.

16 **SEC. 1107. CYBER WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETEN-**
17 **TION.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1599f of title 10, United
19 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

20 **“§ 1599f. Cyber workforce recruitment and retention**

21 **“(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—**

22 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of Defense
23 may—

24 **“(A) establish, as positions in the excepted**
25 service, such qualified positions in the Depart-

1 ment of Defense as the Secretary considers nec-
2 essary to carry out the cyber mission of the De-
3 partment and are not in the Defense Civilian
4 Intelligence Personnel System, including—

5 “(i) positions in the Defense Digital
6 Executive Service established under sub-
7 section (c); and

8 “(ii) Defense Digital Senior Level po-
9 sitions designated under subsection (d);

10 “(B) carry out a program of personnel
11 management authority provided in subsection
12 (b) in order to facilitate recruitment of eminent
13 experts in cyber for the Department; and

14 “(C) implement an interagency transfer
15 agreement between qualified positions in the ex-
16 cepted service established under this section
17 and positions in the competitive service in the
18 Department, including the military depart-
19 ments.

20 “(2) APPLICABILITY.—Unless explicitly pro-
21 vided otherwise by law, the authority of the Sec-
22 retary under this section applies without regard to
23 any other provision of law relating to the appoint-
24 ment, number, classification, or compensation of em-
25 ployees that the Secretary determines is incompat-

1 ible with the approach to talent management under
2 this section.

3 “(b) PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—

5 “(A) without regard to any provision of
6 title 5 governing the appointment of employees
7 in the civil service, appoint individuals to quali-
8 fied positions established under subsection
9 (a)(1); and

10 “(B) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), fix
11 the compensation of employees appointed under
12 subparagraph (A).

13 “(2) RATES OF BASIC PAY.—The Secretary—

14 “(A) shall fix the rates of basic pay for
15 employees appointed under paragraph (1)(A)—

16 “(i) with the rates of pay provided for
17 employees in comparable positions in the
18 Federal Government; and

19 “(ii) subject to the same limitations
20 on maximum rates of pay established for
21 such employees by statute or regulation;
22 and

23 “(B) may prescribe the rates of basic pay
24 for employees appointed under paragraph
25 (1)(A) at rates not in excess of a rate equal to

1 150 percent of the maximum rate of basic pay
2 authorized for positions at Level I of the Exec-
3 utive Schedule under section 5312 of title 5.

4 “(3) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
6 graph (C), the Secretary may, with respect to
7 an employee appointed under paragraph (1)(A),
8 other than such an employee receiving the max-
9 imum rate of basic pay prescribed under para-
10 graph (2)(B), provide the employee compensa-
11 tion (in addition to basic pay), including pay-
12 ments, benefits, sabbaticals, incentives, awards,
13 and allowances—

14 “(i) in accordance with relevant provi-
15 sions of other laws, including provisions of
16 title 5;

17 “(ii) consistent with, and not in excess
18 of the level authorized for, comparable po-
19 sitions in the Federal Government; and

20 “(iii) to the extent compatible with
21 the approach to talent management under
22 this section.

23 “(B) ALLOWANCES.—An employee ap-
24 pointed under paragraph (1)(A) shall be eligible
25 for an allowance under section 5941 of title 5,

1 in addition to such basic pay, on the same basis
2 and at least to the same extent as if the em-
3 ployee was an employee covered by such section,
4 including eligibility conditions, allowance rates,
5 and all other terms and conditions in statute or
6 regulation.

7 “(C) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL
8 COMPENSATION.—No additional compensation
9 may be provided to an employee under this
10 paragraph in any calendar year if, or to the ex-
11 tent that, the employee’s total annual com-
12 pensation in such calendar year will exceed the
13 maximum amount of total annual compensation
14 payable at the salary set in accordance with
15 section 104 of title 3.

16 “(c) DEFENSE DIGITAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE.—The
17 Secretary may establish a Defense Digital Executive Serv-
18 ice for positions established under subsection (a)(1)(A)(i)
19 that are comparable to Senior Executive Service positions.

20 “(d) DEFENSE DIGITAL SENIOR LEVEL POSI-
21 TIONS.—The Secretary may designate as a Defense Dig-
22 ital Senior Level position any defense cyber position that,
23 as determined by the Secretary—

24 “(1) is classified above the grade of GG–15 of
25 the excepted service;

1 “(2) does not satisfy functional or program
2 management criteria for being designated as a posi-
3 tion in the Defense Digital Executive Service; and

4 “(3) has no more than minimal supervisory re-
5 sponsibilities.

6 “(e) TWO-YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD.—The pro-
7 bationary period for all employees hired under the author-
8 ity provided by this section shall be two years.

9 “(f) INCUMBENTS OF EXISTING COMPETITIVE SERV-
10 ICE POSITIONS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual occupying a
12 position on the date of the enactment of this section
13 that is selected to be converted to a position in the
14 excepted service under this section shall have the
15 right to refuse such conversion.

16 “(2) POSITION CONVERSION.—After the date on
17 which an individual who refuses a conversion under
18 paragraph (1) stops serving in the position selected
19 to be converted, the position shall be converted to a
20 position in the excepted service.

21 “(g) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; EFFECTIVE DATE OF
22 AUTHORITY.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The authority provided by
24 this section shall become effective 30 days after the
25 date on which the Secretary submits to the congres-

1 sional defense committees a plan for the implemen-
2 tation of such authority.

3 “(2) ELEMENTS.—The plan described in para-
4 graph (1) shall include the following:

5 “(A) An assessment of the current scope of
6 the positions covered by the authority provided
7 by subsection (a).

8 “(B) A plan for the use of the authority.

9 “(C) An assessment of the anticipated
10 workforce needs for the cyber mission of the
11 Department across the future-years defense
12 program.

13 “(D) Other matters as appropriate.

14 “(h) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.—
15 Nothing in subsection (a) may be construed to impair the
16 continued effectiveness of a collective bargaining agree-
17 ment with respect to an office, component, subcomponent,
18 or equivalent of the Department that is a successor to an
19 office, component, subcomponent, or equivalent of the De-
20 partment covered by the agreement before the succession.

21 “(i) REQUIRED REGULATIONS.—The Secretary, in
22 coordination with the Director of the Office of Personnel
23 Management, shall prescribe regulations for the adminis-
24 tration of this section.

25 “(j) ANNUAL REPORT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of this section and
3 not less frequently than once each year thereafter
4 until the date that is five years after the date of the
5 enactment of this section, the Director of the Office
6 of Personnel Management, in coordination with the
7 Secretary, shall submit to the appropriate commit-
8 tees of Congress a detailed report on the administra-
9 tion of this section during the most recent one-year
10 period.

11 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under
12 paragraph (1) shall include, for the period covered
13 by the report, the following:

14 “(A) A discussion of the process used in
15 accepting applications, assessing candidates, en-
16 suring adherence to veterans’ preference, and
17 selecting applicants for vacancies to be filled by
18 an individual for a qualified position.

19 “(B) A description of the following:

20 “(i) How the Secretary plans to fulfill
21 the critical need of the Department to re-
22 cruit and retain employees in qualified po-
23 sitions.

24 “(ii) The measures that will be used
25 to measure progress.

1 “(iii) Any actions taken during the re-
2 porting period to fulfill such critical need.

3 “(C) A discussion of how the planning and
4 actions taken under subparagraph (B) are inte-
5 grated into the strategic workforce planning of
6 the Department.

7 “(D) The metrics on actions occurring
8 during the reporting period, including the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(i) The number of employees in
11 qualified positions hired, disaggregated by
12 occupation and grade and level or pay
13 band.

14 “(ii) The placement of employees in
15 qualified positions, disaggregated by mili-
16 tary department, Defense Agency, or other
17 component within the Department.

18 “(iii) The total number of veterans
19 hired.

20 “(iv) The number of separations of
21 employees in qualified positions,
22 disaggregated by occupation and grade and
23 level or pay band.

24 “(v) The number of retirements of
25 employees in qualified positions,

1 disaggregated by occupation and grade and
2 level or pay band.

3 “(vi) The number and amounts of re-
4 cruitment, relocation, and retention incen-
5 tives paid to employees in qualified posi-
6 tions, disaggregated by occupation and
7 grade and level or pay band.

8 “(vii) The number of employees in
9 qualified positions who held an appoint-
10 ment related to cybersecurity at a Federal
11 agency outside of the Department during
12 the three-year period prior to being ap-
13 pointed under this section.

14 “(k) COMPTROLLER GENERAL ASSESSMENT.—

15 “(1) AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL REPORT.—The
16 Director of the Office of Personnel Management
17 shall make available to the Comptroller General of
18 the United States each report required by subsection
19 (j).

20 “(2) ASSESSMENT.—The Comptroller General
21 shall—

22 “(A) assess any differences in recruitment
23 and retention for cyber positions experienced by
24 Federal agencies based on unique hiring and
25 pay authorities for cyber professionals, includ-

1 ing with respect to Senior Executive Service po-
2 sitions and Senior Level positions; and

3 “(B) not later than five years after the
4 date of the enactment of this section, submit to
5 the appropriate committees of Congress the re-
6 sults of that assessment.

7 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
9 GRESS.—The term ‘appropriate committees of Con-
10 gress’ means—

11 “(A) the Committee on Armed Services,
12 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
13 ernmental Affairs, and the Committee on Ap-
14 propriations of the Senate; and

15 “(B) the Committee on Armed Services,
16 the Committee on Oversight and Government
17 Reform, and the Committee on Appropriations
18 of the House of Representatives.

19 “(2) COMPETITIVE SERVICE.—The term ‘com-
20 petitive service’ has the meaning given that term in
21 section 2102 of title 5.

22 “(3) EXCEPTED SERVICE.—The term ‘excepted
23 service’ has the meaning given that term in section
24 2103 of title 5.

1 “(4) QUALIFIED POSITION.—The term ‘quali-
 2 fied position’ means a position, designated by the
 3 Secretary for the purpose of this section, in which
 4 the individual occupying such position performs,
 5 manages, or supervises functions that execute the
 6 cyber mission of the Department.

7 “(5) SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE POSITION.—
 8 The term ‘Senior Executive Service position’ has the
 9 meaning given that term in section 3132(a) of title
 10 5.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 12 at the beginning of chapter 81 of such title is amended
 13 by striking the item relating to section 1599f and inserting
 14 the following new item:

“1599f. Cyber workforce recruitment and retention.”.

15 **SEC. 1108. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO REDUCE**
 16 **THE WORKFORCE AT PUBLIC SHIPYARDS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
 18 be appropriated by this Act may be used to reduce the
 19 workforce at public shipyards, including probationary em-
 20 ployees.

21 (b) EXEMPTION.—The workforce at public shipyards
 22 and any other positions at a public shipyard not specified
 23 in subsection (c) shall be exempt from any workforce re-
 24 ductions related to spending cuts, reprogramming of
 25 funds, or the probationary status of employees.

1 (c) WORKFORCE AT PUBLIC SHIPYARDS DEFINED.—

2 In this section, the term “workforce at public shipyards”
3 includes any of the following positions at a public ship-
4 yard:

5 (1) Welders.

6 (2) Pipefitters.

7 (3) Shipfitters.

8 (4) Radiological technicians and engineers.

9 (5) Engineers and engineer technicians.

10 (6) Apprentices.

11 (7) Positions supporting a workforce develop-
12 ment pipeline.

13 (8) Positions supporting nuclear maintenance
14 and refueling.

15 (9) Mechanics.

16 (10) Painters and blasters.

17 (11) Positions supporting maintenance and op-
18 erations of infrastructure.

19 (12) Positions supporting implementation of the
20 Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program.

21 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion may be construed to restrict the authority of the Sec-
23 retary of Defense to manage the workforce of the Depart-
24 ment of Defense under existing procedures in cases of mis-
25 conduct or poor performance.

1 (e) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to be effective
 2 December 31, 2029.

3 **TITLE XII—MATTERS RELATING**
 4 **TO FOREIGN NATIONS**
 5 **Subtitle A—Assistance and**
 6 **Training**

7 **SEC. 1201. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES.**

8 (a) TRAINING WITH FRIENDLY FOREIGN COUN-
 9 TRIES: PAYMENT OF TRAINING AND EXERCISE EX-
 10 PENSES.—

11 (1) TRAINING AUTHORIZED.—Subsection (a) of
 12 section 321 of title 10, United States Code, is
 13 amended—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or other
 15 security forces” and inserting “, or other secu-
 16 rity forces that perform a similar function,”;

17 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

18 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
 19 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

20 (2) AUTHORITY TO PAY TRAINING AND EXER-
 21 CISE EXPENSES.—Subsection (b) of such section is
 22 amended—

23 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 24 by striking “subsection (e)” and inserting “sub-
 25 section (f)”;

1 (B) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
2 follows:

3 “(1) Expenses of forces assigned or allocated to
4 that command in conjunction with activities con-
5 ducted under this section.”;

6 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “that
7 training” and inserting “such activities”;

8 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “train-
9 ing” and inserting “activities”;

10 (E) by striking paragraph (4);

11 (F) in paragraph (5), by striking “training
12 described in” and all that follows through
13 “paragraph (4)” and inserting “training and
14 exercises under this section”; and

15 (G) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
16 paragraph (4).

17 (3) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—Subsection (e) of
18 such section is amended to read as follows:

19 “(e) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently
20 than semiannually, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
21 to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on
22 training and exercises conducted under this section during
23 the preceding 180-day period.”.

24 (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (A) SECTION HEADING.—Section 321 of
 2 title 10, United States Code, is amended, in the
 3 section heading, by inserting “**and exer-**
 4 **cises**” after “**Training**”.

5 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of
 6 sections for subchapter III of chapter 16 of title
 7 10, United States Code, is amended by striking
 8 the item relating to section 321 and inserting
 9 the following:

“321. Training and exercises with friendly foreign countries: payment of training and exercise expenses.”.

10 (b) REPEAL OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE STRATEGIC
 11 COMPETITION INITIATIVE.—Section 1332 of the National
 12 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public
 13 Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 2007; 10 U.S.C. 301 note) is re-
 14 pealed.

15 **SEC. 1202. MODIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR RE-**
 16 **GIONAL CENTERS FOR SECURITY STUDIES.**

17 Section 342(f)(3)(A) of title 10, United States Code,
 18 is amended, in the first sentence, by striking “from a de-
 19 veloping country”.

20 **SEC. 1203. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR NAVAL**
 21 **SMALL CRAFT INSTRUCTION AND TECHNICAL**
 22 **TRAINING SCHOOL.**

23 Section 352 of title 10, United States Code, is
 24 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “may” and in-
2 serting “shall”; and

3 (2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the
4 following new paragraph:

5 “(3) Tuition fees charged for personnel who attend
6 the School may not include any amount for the fixed costs
7 of operating and maintaining the School.”.

8 **SEC. 1204. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF ACCEPTANCE AND**
9 **EXPENDITURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MUL-**
10 **TILATERAL SECURITY COOPERATION PRO-**
11 **GRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.**

12 Section 1208 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
13 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for
14 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended by
15 striking subsection (i).

16 **SEC. 1205. BUILDING CAPACITY OF THE ARMED FORCES OF**
17 **MEXICO TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL**
18 **CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

19 (a) PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
21 in consultation with the Secretary of State and with the
22 agreement of the Government of Mexico, shall submit to
23 the appropriate congressional committees a plan for a pilot
24 program under which the armed forces of Mexico and the
25 United States Armed Forces will train jointly in the

1 United States on tactics, techniques, and procedures for
2 countering the threat posed by transnational criminal or-
3 ganizations, including through—

4 (1) operations involving the use of rotary-wing
5 aircraft; and

6 (2) in consultation with the appropriate civilian
7 government agencies specializing in countering
8 transnational criminal organizations—

9 (A) joint network analysis;

10 (B) counter threat financing;

11 (C) counter illicit trafficking (including
12 narcotics, weapons, and human trafficking, and
13 illicit trafficking in natural resources); and

14 (D) assessments of key nodes of activity of
15 transnational criminal organizations.

16 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 15 days after
17 the date on which the plan required by subsection (a) is
18 submitted under such subsection, the Secretary of Defense
19 shall begin implementing the pilot program described in
20 the plan.

21 (c) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL
22 COMMITTEES.—In this section, the term “appropriate
23 congressional committees” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
3 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

4 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
5 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
6 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 1206. CYBERSECURITY COOPERATION WITH THE GOV-**
8 **ERNMENT OF PANAMA AND THE PANAMA**
9 **CANAL AUTHORITY.**

10 (a) CYBERSECURITY INTEGRATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense,
12 using existing authorities of the Secretary, may es-
13 tablish a pilot program in Panama—

14 (A) to enhance the cybersecurity capabili-
15 ties of the Panama Canal Authority and the na-
16 tional security forces of Panama; and

17 (B) to increase cybersecurity cooperation
18 measures between the United States and Pan-
19 ama in current and future joint military train-
20 ing exercises.

21 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the cybersecu-
22 rity cooperation under paragraph (1) are—

23 (A) to assist in implementing the Cyber
24 Cooperation Arrangement;

1 (B) to provide training and technical as-
2 sistance to, and enhance joint cooperation with,
3 the national security forces of Panama so as to
4 improve mitigation, deterrence, and detection of
5 ransomware attacks on, and vulnerabilities of,
6 critical infrastructure in and around the Pan-
7 ama Canal; and

8 (C) to incorporate cybersecurity coopera-
9 tion measures into current and potential United
10 States-Panama joint military training exercises
11 so as to improve the security of the Panama
12 Canal.

13 (3) ACTIVITIES.—Activities of the Department
14 of Defense to further the purposes described in
15 paragraph (2) may include the following:

16 (A) Provision of education and training to,
17 and information sharing with, the Panama
18 Canal Authority and the national security
19 forces of Panama.

20 (B) Collaboration on cyber incident re-
21 sponse best practices with the Panama Canal
22 Authority and the national security forces of
23 Panama.

24 (C) Provision of technical assistance to the
25 Panama Canal Authority and the national secu-

1 rity forces of Panama to detect and mitigate cy-
2 bersecurity attacks.

3 (D) Development of supply chain security
4 best practices and building a trusted vendor
5 network with the Panama Canal Authority and
6 the national security forces of Panama.

7 (E) Engagement with the national security
8 forces of Panama on joint cybersecurity train-
9 ing exercises and other information-sharing and
10 domain awareness activities relating to cyberse-
11 curity, including by—

12 (i) encouraging the participation of
13 the Government of Panama in existing cy-
14 bersecurity training facilitated or managed
15 by the Department and approved by the
16 Secretary;

17 (ii) incorporating cybersecurity into
18 existing joint training exercises, such as
19 PANAMAX; and

20 (iii) conducting an annual joint table-
21 top cybersecurity exercise.

22 (4) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
24 thereafter through 2030, the Secretary shall—

1 (A) submit to the congressional defense
2 committees a report on—

3 (i) the implementation of this section
4 and any challenges relating to such imple-
5 mentation;

6 (ii) any known cyber threats relating
7 to Panama, such as incidents of
8 ransomware attacks on critical infrastruc-
9 ture in and around the Panama Canal; and

10 (iii) actions taken to address and miti-
11 gate such threats; and

12 (B) provide the congressional defense com-
13 mittees with a briefing on such report.

14 (5) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMA-
15 TION.—Any activity carried out under this section
16 shall be conducted in a manner that appropriately
17 protects sensitive information and the national secu-
18 rity interests of the United States.

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
21 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
22 term in section 1016(e) of the Critical Infrastruc-
23 ture Protection Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

24 (2) PANAMA CANAL AUTHORITY.—The term
25 “Panama Canal Authority” has the meaning given

1 such term in section 3(d) of the Panama Canal Act
2 of 1979 (22 U.S.C. 3602(d)).

3 (3) PANAMAX.—The term “PANAMAX” re-
4 fers to—

5 (A) an annual bilateral and multinational
6 military exercise and training series relating to
7 the security of the Panama Canal carried out in
8 coordination with United States Southern Com-
9 mand and the military or security forces of—

10 (i) the governments of countries in
11 Latin America and the Caribbean; and

12 (ii) certain European countries; and

13 (B) any related exercises conducted in
14 Panama.

15 (4) RANSOMWARE ATTACK.—The term
16 “ransomware attack” has the meaning given such
17 term in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act
18 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

19 **SEC. 1207. STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM SELECTION**
20 **ANALYSIS.**

21 The Secretary of Defense shall make such changes
22 to Department of Defense Instruction 5111.20 (relating
23 to the State Partnership Program) (or a successor instruc-
24 tion) as may be necessary to ensure that, in performing
25 selection analysis for the State Partnership Program

1 under section 341 of title 10, United States Code, the
2 Chief of the National Guard Bureau—

3 (1) considers the number of current partner-
4 ships assigned to the National Guard of a State; and
5 (2) gives preference to States that have only
6 one active assigned country under the program.

7 **SEC. 1208. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO BUILD CAPAC-**
8 **ITY OF FOREIGN SECURITY FORCES.**

9 Section 333 of title 10, United States Code, is
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
12 following new paragraphs:

13 “(10) Disaster risk reduction or response oper-
14 ations.

15 “(11) Space domain awareness and space oper-
16 ations.

17 “(12) Foreign internal defense operations.”;
18 and

19 (2) in subsection (g)(2), by striking “made”.

1 **SEC. 1209. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF PILOT PRO-**
 2 **GRAM TO IMPROVE CYBER COOPERATION**
 3 **WITH FOREIGN MILITARY PARTNERS IN**
 4 **SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.**

5 Section 1256 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
 6 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
 7 (10 U.S.C. 333 note) is amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**AND**
 9 **THE PACIFIC ISLANDS**” before the period;

10 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “2027” and
 11 inserting “2029”; and

12 (3) in subsection (f)(2), by adding at the end
 13 the following:

14 “(F) Each member country of the Pacific
 15 Islands Forum.”.

16 **Subtitle B—Matters Relating to**
 17 **Syria, Iraq, and Iran**

18 **SEC. 1211. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR REIMBURSE-**
 19 **MENT OF CERTAIN COALITION NATIONS FOR**
 20 **SUPPORT PROVIDED TO UNITED STATES**
 21 **MILITARY OPERATIONS.**

22 Section 1233 of the National Defense Authorization
 23 Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat.
 24 393) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
2 paragraph (1) by striking “December 31, 2025” and
3 inserting “December 31, 2026,”; and

4 (2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “December
5 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

6 **SEC. 1212. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**
7 **TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**
8 **OF THE OFFICE OF SECURITY COOPERATION**
9 **IN IRAQ.**

10 Section 1215 of the National Defense Authorization
11 Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amend-
12 ed—

13 (1) by striking subsection (c);

14 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “fiscal year
15 2025” and inserting “fiscal year 2026”; and

16 (3) by redesignating subsections (d) through (h)
17 as subsections (c) through (g), respectively.

18 **SEC. 1213. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSIST-**
19 **ANCE TO VETTED SYRIAN GROUPS AND INDIV-**
20 **IDUALS.**

21 Section 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P.
22 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for
23 Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3541)
24 is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
 2 paragraph (1), by striking “December 31, 2025”
 3 and inserting “December 31, 2026”; and

4 (2) in subsection (l)(3)(E), by striking “Decem-
 5 ber 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

6 **SEC. 1214. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**
 7 **TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTER THE**
 8 **ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA.**

9 Section 1236 of the Carl Levin and Howard P.
 10 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for
 11 Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3558)
 12 is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
 14 paragraph (1), by striking “December 31, 2025”
 15 and inserting “December 31, 2026”;

16 (2) by striking subsection (g);

17 (3) by redesignating subsections (h) through (o)
 18 as subsections (g) through (n), respectively;

19 (4) in subsection (i)(1)(C), as redesignated, by
 20 striking “subsection (l)(2)” and inserting “sub-
 21 section (k)(2)”;

22 (5) in subsection (k)(2), as redesignated—

23 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
 24 “subsection (j)(1)(C)” and inserting “sub-
 25 section (i)(1)(C)”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “sub-
 2 section (k)” and inserting “subsection (j)”; and
 3 (6) in subsection (n)(6), as redesignated, by
 4 striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting “De-
 5 cember 31, 2026”.

6 **SEC. 1215. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**
 7 **TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SUPPORT.**

8 Section 1226 of the National Defense Authorization
 9 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (22 U.S.C. 2151 note) is amend-
 10 ed—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “with
 13 Syria and Iraq”; and

14 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “with
 15 Syria”;

16 (2) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) by striking paragraph (1); and

18 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
 19 through (4) as paragraphs (1) through (3), re-
 20 spectively; and

21 (3) in subsection (h), by striking “December
 22 31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.

1 **SEC. 1216. SECURITY AND OVERSIGHT OF AL-HOL AND ROJ**
2 **CAMPS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in con-
4 sultation with the Secretary of State and pursuant to au-
5 thorities available to the Secretary of Defense, shall take
6 appropriate measures to support the defenses of al-Hol
7 and Roj camps and security for detainees within such
8 camps, including through support for vetted foreign part-
9 ner security forces, so as to prevent escape and
10 radicalization efforts that could contribute to a resurgence
11 of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

12 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 31,
13 2026, and annually thereafter through March 31, 2028,
14 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
15 defense committees a report that—

16 (1) assesses the status of United States Armed
17 Forces operations in northeast Syria related to
18 counterterrorism and security efforts;

19 (2) describes the conditions and security of de-
20 tainees at al-Hol and Roj camps;

21 (3) describes support to vetted foreign security
22 partners responsible for the administration and secu-
23 rity of al-Hol and Roj camps and surrounding areas;

24 (4) assesses the effectiveness of support to vet-
25 ted foreign security partners in maintaining the sta-

1 bility and security of al-Hol and Roj camps and sur-
2 rounding areas;

3 (5) describes efforts to repatriate detainees
4 from al-Hol and Roj camps to the home countries of
5 such detainees or to third countries;

6 (6) describes plans for the long-term security of
7 al-Hol and Roj camps; and

8 (7) includes recommendations for further ac-
9 tions to prevent the resurgence of the Islamic State
10 of Iraq and Syria.

11 **SEC. 1217. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR REDUCTION**
12 **OR CONSOLIDATION OF UNITED STATES**
13 **ARMED FORCES BASES IN SYRIA.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date that is 15 days
15 after the date on which the certification described in sub-
16 section (b) is submitted to the congressional defense com-
17 mittees, amounts authorized to be appropriated by this
18 Act may not be obligated or expended to reduce the num-
19 ber of, or consolidate, bases of the United States Armed
20 Forces located in Syria.

21 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The certification described
23 in this subsection is a certification by the Secretary
24 of Defense, in consultation with the Commander of
25 the United States Central Command that a reduc-

1 tion of the number, or consolidation, of bases of the
2 United States Armed Forces located in Syria result-
3 ing in an updated force posture or basing locations
4 would continue to sufficiently meet objectives con-
5 sistent with the purposes outlined in section 1209(a)
6 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon
7 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
8 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 354).

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The certification described in
10 this subsection shall include the following:

11 (A) A description of the current posture of
12 United States Armed Forces in Syria and levels
13 of engagement by the United States Armed
14 Forces with Syrian groups and individuals.

15 (B) A description of the planned posture of
16 the United States Armed Forces in Syria and
17 projected levels of engagement by such forces
18 with Syrian groups and individuals that would
19 result from such a reduction or consolidation.

20 (C) An assessment of any gaps that the
21 planned posture of United States Armed Forces
22 as a result of such a reduction or consolidation
23 would generate, including in assistance, train-
24 ing, or enabling authorized for Syrian groups
25 and individuals.

1 (D) A description of mitigation measures
2 being taken to address any identified gaps in
3 assistance, training, or enabling for Syrian
4 groups.

5 (E) A plan to balance consolidation with
6 an offshore presence to sustain counterter-
7 rorism operations.

8 **SEC. 1218. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
9 **THE OFFICE OF SECURITY COOPERATION IN**
10 **IRAQ.**

11 (a) LIMITATION ON OBLIGATION OF FUNDS.—Not
12 more than 50 percent of the funds authorized to be appro-
13 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal
14 year 2026 for the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq
15 may be obligated or expended until the date on which the
16 Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense
17 committees a certification that the Government of Iraq
18 has taken credible steps—

19 (1) to reduce the operational capacity of Iran-
20 aligned militia groups not integrated into the Iraqi
21 Security Forces through a publicly verifiable disar-
22 mament, demobilization, and reintegration process;

23 (2) to strengthen the authority and operational
24 control of the Prime Minister of Iraq as Com-
25 mander-in-Chief over the Iraqi Security Forces; and

1 (3) to investigate and hold accountable mem-
2 bers of militias or members of security forces oper-
3 ating outside the formal chain of command of the
4 Iraqi Security Forces who engage in attacks on
5 United States or Iraqi personnel or otherwise act in
6 an illegal or destabilizing manner.

7 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
8 the limitation in subsection (a) for a period of not more
9 than 180 days if the Secretary determines that such waiv-
10 er is in the national security interest of the United States.
11 Any such waiver shall be submitted in writing to the con-
12 gressional defense committees not later than 15 days after
13 issuance, along with a justification and a description of
14 the steps being taken to achieve the objectives described
15 in subsection (a).

16 **Subtitle C—Matters Relating to Eu-**
17 **rope and the Russian Federa-**
18 **tion**

19 **SEC. 1221. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY**
20 **OF FUNDS RELATING TO SOVEREIGNTY OF**
21 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OVER INTER-**
22 **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TERRITORY OF**
23 **UKRAINE.**

24 Section 1245(a) of the James M. Inhofe National De-
25 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law

1 117–263; 136 Stat. 2847) is amended by striking “or
2 2025” and inserting “2025, or 2026”.

3 **SEC. 1222. EXTENSION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY**
4 **AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING**
5 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.**

6 Section 1234(g) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
7 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
8 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3938) is amended by
9 striking “January 31, 2026” and inserting “January 31,
10 2031”.

11 **SEC. 1223. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF UKRAINE SE-**
12 **CURITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

13 Section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization
14 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat.
15 1068) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
18 paragraph (5); and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraphs (6) and (7):

21 “(6) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS
22 ACROSS FISCAL YEARS.—Amounts available in a fis-
23 cal year to carry out the authority in subsection (a)
24 may be used for programs under that authority that

1 begin in such fiscal year and end not later than the
2 end of the second fiscal year thereafter.

3 “(7) AUTHORITY FOR INTERCHANGE OF SUP-
4 PLIES AND SERVICES.—The limitation in subsection
5 (b)(2) of section 2571 of title 10, United States
6 Code, shall not apply with respect to reimbursable
7 support for the purpose of providing assistance
8 under this section.”;

9 (2) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(11) For fiscal year 2026, \$500,000,000.”;
12 and

13 (3) in subsection (h), by striking “December
14 31, 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2028”.

15 **SEC. 1224. WEAPONS DEPOT MAINTENANCE STRATEGIC**
16 **PLAN FOR UKRAINE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
19 shall seek to partner with the Minister of Defense of
20 Ukraine to develop a weapons depot maintenance strategic
21 plan for Ukraine that includes, at a minimum—

22 (1) an outline of the planning and management
23 processes necessary to establish for Ukraine a robust
24 weapons depot maintenance capability, including the
25 steps necessary to achieve such capability;

1 (2) a detailed plan for restoring the readiness
2 of the military forces of Ukraine by repairing, re-
3 placing, or divesting the substantial quantities and
4 wide variety of weapons systems and equipment that
5 have been donated or procured to sustain the mili-
6 tary operations of Ukraine; and

7 (3) the estimated resources, manpower, and
8 timeline required to fully implement the strategic
9 plan.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
12 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
13 the House of Representatives a detailed report on the stra-
14 tegic plan developed under subsection (a) that includes
15 each element described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of
16 that subsection.

17 **SEC. 1225. OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY POS-**
18 **TURE IN EUROPE.**

19 (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Until the
20 date that is 90 days after the date on which the certifi-
21 cation described in subsection (b) and the assessment de-
22 scribed in subsection (c) are submitted to the congres-
23 sional defense committees, amounts authorized to be ap-
24 propriated by this Act may not be obligated or expended—

1 (1) to reduce the total number of members of
2 the Armed Forces permanently stationed in or de-
3 ployed to the area of responsibility of the United
4 States European Command below 76,000;

5 (2) to divest, consolidate, or otherwise return to
6 a host country any site on the real property inven-
7 tory of the United States European Command as of
8 June 1, 2025;

9 (3) to divest, redeploy, withdraw, or otherwise
10 permanently move out of the area of responsibility of
11 the United States European Command any Depart-
12 ment of Defense equipment or physical property po-
13 sitioned in such area of responsibility as of June 1,
14 2025, with an initial purchase value of more than
15 \$500,000; or

16 (4) to relinquish the role of the Commander of
17 the United States European Command as North At-
18 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Supreme Allied
19 Commander Europe.

20 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification
21 described in this subsection is a certification by the Sec-
22 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander
23 of the United States European Command, the Secretary
24 of State, and the Director of National Intelligence, to the
25 congressional defense committees that, as applicable, a re-

1 duction of the total number of members of the Armed
2 Forces permanently stationed in or deployed to the area
3 of responsibility of the United States European Command
4 below 76,000, the divestment, consolidation, or return to
5 a host country of any site on the real property inventory
6 of the United States European Command as of June 1,
7 2025, the divestment, redeployment, withdrawal, or other-
8 wise permanent moving of equipment or property de-
9 scribed in subsection (a)(3), or the relinquishment of the
10 role of the Commander of the United States European
11 Command as NATO Supreme Allied Commander Eu-
12 rope—

13 (1) is in the national security interest of the
14 United States; and

15 (2) is being undertaken only after appropriate
16 consultations with all North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
17 zation allies and relevant non-NATO partners.

18 (c) ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—An assessment described in
20 this subsection is the following:

21 (A) In the case of a reduction of the total
22 number of members of the Armed Forces per-
23 manently stationed in or deployed to the area of
24 responsibility of the United States European
25 Command below 76,000, the divestment, con-

1 solidation, or return to a host country of any
2 site on the real property inventory of the
3 United States European Command, or the di-
4 vestment, redeployment, withdrawal or other-
5 wise permanent moving of equipment or prop-
6 erty described in subsection (a)(3)—

7 (i) an analysis of the impact of such
8 an action on—

9 (I) the security of the United
10 States;

11 (II) the security of North Atlan-
12 tic Treaty Organization allies and the
13 strength and security of the North At-
14 lantic Treaty Organization as a whole;
15 and

16 (III) the ability of the United
17 States to meet national North Atlan-
18 tic Treaty Organization capability tar-
19 gets, regional and theater campaign
20 plans, and other warfighting require-
21 ments, as determined by the Com-
22 mander of the United States Euro-
23 pean Command and the NATO Su-
24 preme Allied Commander Europe;

1 (ii) an assessment of the threat posed
2 by the Russian Federation to the North
3 Atlantic Treaty Organization in the near
4 term, medium term, and long term;

5 (iii) an analysis of the impact of such
6 an action on the ability of the Armed
7 Forces to execute contingency plans of the
8 Department of Defense, including in sup-
9 port of operations and crisis response in
10 the areas of responsibility of the United
11 States Central Command and the United
12 States Africa Command;

13 (iv) a detailed analysis of the costs for
14 relocation of personnel, equipment, and as-
15 sociated infrastructure;

16 (v) an analysis of the impact of such
17 an action on military training and major
18 military exercises, including on interoper-
19 ability and joint activities with North At-
20 lantic Treaty Organization allies and part-
21 ners;

22 (vi) a description of consultations with
23 each North Atlantic Treaty Organization
24 ally and all relevant non-NATO partners;

1 (vii) an assessment of the impact of
2 such an action on the credibility of United
3 States extended deterrence commitments
4 to North Atlantic Treaty Organization al-
5 lies, and the potential for nuclear prolifera-
6 tion in the European theater;

7 (viii) an assessment of the impact of
8 such an action on transatlantic cooperation
9 to deter potential threats from the People's
10 Republic of China; and

11 (ix) an independent risk assessment
12 by the Commander of the United States
13 European Command and the Chairman of
14 the Joint Chiefs of Staff of—

15 (I) the impact of such a reduc-
16 tion or divestment, consolidation, or
17 return on the security of the United
18 States;

19 (II) the ability of the Armed
20 Forces to provide forward defense of
21 the United States;

22 (III) the ability of the Armed
23 Forces to execute contingency plans of
24 the Department of Defense, including
25 in support of operations outside the

1 area of responsibility of the United
2 States European Command; and

3 (IV) the impact of such a reduc-
4 tion or divestment, consolidation, or
5 return on military training and major
6 military exercises, including on inter-
7 operability and joint activities with
8 North Atlantic Treaty Organization
9 allies and partners.

10 (B) In the case of the relinquishment of
11 the role of the Commander of the United States
12 European Command as the NATO Supreme Al-
13 lied Commander Europe—

14 (i) a classified explanation of the role
15 of United States nuclear weapons in sup-
16 porting North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
17 tion operations and activities after having
18 relinquished such role, including changes
19 to command and control relationships and
20 adjustments to United States nuclear pos-
21 ture;

22 (ii) a description of consultations with
23 all North Atlantic Treaty Organization al-
24 lies and relevant non-NATO partners, in-
25 cluding through the Nuclear Planning

1 Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
2 nization;

3 (iii) an assessment of the impact of
4 the withdrawal of a United States official
5 as the NATO Supreme Allied Commander
6 Europe on—

7 (I) the effectiveness of North At-
8 lantic Treaty Organization nuclear de-
9 terrence; and

10 (II) the potential for nuclear pro-
11 liferation in Europe;

12 (iv) an independent risk assessment
13 by the Commander of the United States
14 European Command and the Chairman of
15 the Joint Chiefs of Staff of—

16 (I) the nuclear capabilities of
17 North Atlantic Treaty Organization
18 allies; and

19 (II) the potential for nuclear pro-
20 liferation in Europe; and

21 (v) an independent assessment by the
22 Commander of the United States Strategic
23 Command of—

24 (I) the capability and capacity of
25 nuclear-armed North Atlantic Treaty

1 Organization allies to effectively deter
2 and, if necessary, defeat likely adver-
3 saries in the nuclear domain absent a
4 United States commander serving in
5 the role of Supreme Allied Com-
6 mander Europe;

7 (II) changes to be made to exist-
8 ing United States contingency plans if
9 other North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
10 tion member countries with nuclear
11 capabilities were to provide extended
12 nuclear deterrence to the North At-
13 lantic Treaty Organization; and

14 (III) the impact of such provision
15 of extended nuclear deterrence on
16 United States nuclear posture and de-
17 terrence planning requirements.

18 (2) SUBMISSION OF INDEPENDENT ASSESS-
19 MENTS.—Any independent assessment required
20 under paragraph (1) shall be submitted to the con-
21 gressional defense committees without modification
22 or alteration.

23 (d) FORM.—

1 (1) CERTIFICATION.—A certification described
 2 in subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified
 3 form.

4 (2) ASSESSMENT.—An assessment described in
 5 subsection (c) shall be submitted in unclassified
 6 form but may include a classified annex.

7 **SEC. 1226. ACCEPTANCE BACK INTO STOCK OF EQUIPMENT**
 8 **PROCURED UNDER UKRAINE SECURITY AS-**
 9 **SISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

10 Section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization
 11 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat.
 12 1068) is amended by adding at the end the following new
 13 subsection:

14 “(k) ACCEPTING EQUIPMENT BACK INTO STOCK.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Equipment procured to
 16 carry out this authority pursuant to subsection (a)
 17 may only be treated as stocks of the Department of
 18 Defense if—

19 “(A) the equipment procured has not yet
 20 been transferred to the Government of Ukraine
 21 and is no longer needed to support a program
 22 carried out pursuant to such subsection; or

23 “(B) the equipment procured has been
 24 transferred to the Government of Ukraine and
 25 is returned by Ukraine to the United States.

1 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary may not
 2 transfer back into stock equipment described in
 3 paragraph (1) until the date that is 15 days after
 4 the date on which the Secretary submits a notifica-
 5 tion to Congress describing how the conditions of
 6 such paragraph were met.”.

7 **SEC. 1227. STATEMENT OF POLICY RELATING TO UKRAINE**
 8 **SECURITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

9 Section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization
 10 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat.
 11 1068), as amended by this Act, is further amended by
 12 adding at the end the following new subsection:

13 “(1) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the
 15 United States—

16 “(A) to assist Ukraine in maintaining a
 17 credible defense and deterrence capability;

18 “(B) to bolster defense and security co-
 19 operation with Ukraine as a means of building
 20 a future force of Ukraine that is capable of de-
 21 fending Ukraine today and deterring future ag-
 22 gression; and

23 “(C) to advance continued reform of the
 24 democratic, economic, defense, and security in-
 25 stitutions of Ukraine in order to advance the

1 Euro-Atlantic integration and modernization of
2 Ukraine.

3 “(2) CREDIBLE DEFENSE AND DETERRENCE
4 CAPABILITY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term
5 ‘credible defense and deterrence capability’ means
6 the ability to defend against and deter any credible
7 conventional military threat from the Russian Fed-
8 eration acting unilaterally or in concert with part-
9 ners, through the use of conventional military
10 means, possessed in sufficient quantity, including
11 weapons platforms and munitions, command, con-
12 trol, communication, intelligence, surveillance, and
13 reconnaissance capabilities.”.

14 **SEC. 1228. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
16 provide intelligence support, including information, intel-
17 ligence, and imagery collection authorized under title 10,
18 United States Code, to the Government of Ukraine for the
19 purpose of supporting military operations of the Govern-
20 ment of Ukraine that are specifically intended or reason-
21 ably expected to defend and retake the territory of
22 Ukraine.

23 (b) TERRITORY OF UKRAINE DEFINED.—In this sec-
24 tion, the term “territory of Ukraine” includes all territory
25 internationally recognized to be the sovereign territory of

1 Ukraine, including Crimea and the territory the Russian
2 Federation claims to have annexed in Kherson Oblast,
3 Zaporizhzhia Oblast, Donetsk Oblast, and Luhansk Oblast.

4 **SEC. 1229. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION PRO-**
5 **GRAM FUNDING FOR UNITED STATES EURO-**
6 **PEAN COMMAND.**

7 Not less than 15 percent of the funds authorized to
8 be appropriated by this Act for the International Security
9 Cooperation Program shall be available for use by the
10 United States European Command.

11 **SEC. 1230. PROMOTION OF THE JOINT UKRAINIAN MULTI-**
12 **NATIONAL PROGRAM—SERVICES, TRAINING**
13 **AND ARTICLES RAPID TIMELINE**
14 **(JUMPSTART).**

15 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
16 gress that the Department of Defense should leverage ex-
17 isting programs and authorities, including JUMPSTART,
18 to employ resources from European partners via multi-
19 nation co-financing to support and expedite the delivery
20 of weapons, training, and logistics to Ukraine.

21 (b) REPORT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
23 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
24 congressional defense committees a report that in-
25 cludes—

1 (A) an assessment of opportunities for
2 leveraging JUMPSTART to deliver critical
3 technologies to Ukraine, including technologies
4 that also meet United States operational re-
5 quirements;

6 (B) a summary of Department efforts to
7 accelerate the rapid delivery of articles, train-
8 ing, and logistics through FMS;

9 (C) a description of any efficiencies that
10 have been achieved by pooling financial re-
11 sources from partners and allies;

12 (D) a description of opportunities for em-
13 ploying pooled partner and ally resources to de-
14 liver United States systems in support of Eu-
15 rope's security needs;

16 (E) proposed legislative or regulatory
17 changes necessary to enhance the effectiveness
18 of JUMPSTART; and

19 (F) other topics as determined by the Sec-
20 retary.

21 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
22 graph (1) shall be in unclassified form, but may in-
23 clude a classified annex as necessary.

1 **SEC. 1230A. MODIFICATION OF UNITED STATES BASING**
2 **AND TRAINING, AND EXERCISES IN NORTH**
3 **ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION MEMBER**
4 **COUNTRIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1250 of the National De-
6 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
7 118–31; 137 Stat. 464; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 1250. UNITED STATES BASING AND TRAINING IN**
10 **NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION**
11 **MEMBER COUNTRIES.**

12 “In considering decisions related to United States
13 military basing and training in North Atlantic Treaty Or-
14 ganization member countries, the Secretary of Defense
15 shall include among the factors for consideration whether
16 the country concerned has submitted its annual plan to
17 meet, and has made progress toward, the goal agreed to
18 in the Hague Summit Declaration of June 25, 2025, to
19 invest not less than 5 percent of gross domestic product
20 annually in defense by 2035, of which—

21 “(1) not less than 3.5 percent is dedicated to
22 core defense requirements and North Atlantic Trea-
23 ty Organization capability targets; and

24 “(2) not less than 1.5 percent is dedicated to
25 other defense and security related investments.”.

26 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) The table of contents for the National De-
 2 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Pub-
 3 lic Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 136) is amended by strik-
 4 ing the item relating to section 1250 and inserting
 5 the following:

“Sec. 1250. United States basing and training in North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
 nization member countries.”.

6 (2) The table of contents at the beginning of
 7 title XII of the National Defense Authorization Act
 8 for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
 9 435) is amended by striking the item relating to sec-
 10 tion 1250 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 1250. United States basing and training in North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
 nization member countries.”.

11 **Subtitle D—Matters Relating to the** 12 **Indo-Pacific Region**

13 **SEC. 1231. EXTENSION OF PACIFIC DETERRENCE INITIA-** 14 **TIVE.**

15 (a) FUNDING.—Subsection (c) of section 1251 of the
 16 William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-
 17 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note)
 18 is amended—

19 (1) by striking “the National Defense Author-
 20 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2025” and inserting “the
 21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
 22 2026”; and

1 (2) by striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting
2 “fiscal year 2026”.

3 (b) REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.—Subsection (d) of
4 such section is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), in the matter pre-
6 ceding clause (i), by striking “fiscal years 2026 and
7 2027” and inserting “fiscal years 2027 and 2028”;
8 and

9 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal years
10 2025 and 2026” each place it appears and inserting
11 “fiscal years 2027 and 2028”.

12 (c) EXTENSION OF PLAN.—Subsection (e) of such
13 section is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph
14 (1), by striking “fiscal years 2026 and 2027” and insert-
15 ing “fiscal years 2027 and 2028”.

16 **SEC. 1232. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER**
17 **FUNDS FOR BIEN HOA DIOXIN CLEANUP.**

18 Section 1253(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
19 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
20 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3955) is amended by
21 striking “fiscal year 2025” and inserting “fiscal year
22 2026”.

1 **SEC. 1233. OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY POS-**
2 **TURE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts au-
4 thorized to be appropriated by this Act may not be obli-
5 gated or expended to reduce the total number of members
6 of the Armed Forces permanently stationed in or deployed
7 to the Republic of Korea below 28,500, or to complete the
8 transition of wartime operational control of the United
9 States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command
10 from United States-led command to Republic of Korea-
11 led command, until the date that is 90 days after the date
12 on which the certification described in subsection (b) and
13 the applicable assessment described in subsection (c) are
14 submitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

15 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification
16 described in this subsection is a certification by the Sec-
17 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander
18 of the United States Forces Korea, the Commander of the
19 United States Indo-Pacific Command, the Secretary of
20 State, and the Director of National Intelligence, to the ap-
21 propriate committees of Congress that, as applicable, a re-
22 duction in the total number of members of the Armed
23 Forces permanently stationed in or deployed to the Repub-
24 lic of Korea below 28,500 or the completion of the transi-
25 tion of wartime operational control of the United States-
26 Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command from

1 United States-led command to Republic of Korea-led com-
2 mand—

3 (1) is in the national security interest of the
4 United States; and

5 (2) is being undertaken only after appropriate
6 consultations with allies of the United States, includ-
7 ing the Republic of Korea, Japan, and any country
8 that has sent military contributions to the United
9 Nations Command.

10 (c) ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED.—An assessment de-
11 scribed in this subsection is the following:

12 (1) In the case of a reduction in the total num-
13 ber of members of the Armed Forces permanently
14 stationed in or deployed to the Republic of Korea
15 below 28,500, an assessment by the Secretary of De-
16 fense, in consultation with the Commander of the
17 United States Forces Korea, the Commander of the
18 United States Indo-Pacific Command, the Secretary
19 of State, and the Director of National Intelligence
20 that includes—

21 (A) an analysis of the impact of such a re-
22 duction on—

23 (i) the security of the United States;

24 (ii) the security of the Republic of
25 Korea and Japan;

1 (iii) United States deterrence; and

2 (iv) the defense posture of the United
3 States Indo-Pacific Command;

4 (B) an analysis of the impact of such a re-
5 duction on the ability of the Armed Forces to
6 execute contingency plans of the Department of
7 Defense, including in support of operations be-
8 yond the Korean Peninsula;

9 (C) an analysis of the additional costs for
10 relocation of personnel, equipment, and associ-
11 ated infrastructure;

12 (D) an analysis of the impact of such a re-
13 duction on military training and major military
14 exercises, including on interoperability and joint
15 activities with the Republic of Korea and
16 Japan;

17 (E) a description of consultations with the
18 Republic of Korea, Japan, and countries that
19 have sent military contributions to the United
20 Nations Command;

21 (F) an assessment of the impact of such a
22 reduction on the credibility of United States ex-
23 tended deterrence commitments to the Republic
24 of Korea and Japan, and the potential for nu-

1 clear proliferation in the Indo-Pacific region;
2 and

3 (G) an independent risk assessment by the
4 Commander of the United States Forces Korea,
5 the Commander of the United States Indo-Pa-
6 cific Command, and the Chairman of the Joint
7 Chiefs of Staff of—

8 (i) the impact of such a reduction on
9 the security of the United States;

10 (ii) the ability of the Armed Forces to
11 execute contingency plans of the Depart-
12 ment of Defense, including in support of
13 operations beyond the Korean Peninsula;
14 and

15 (iii) the impact of such a reduction on
16 military training and major military exer-
17 cises, including on interoperability and
18 joint activities with the Republic of Korea
19 and Japan.

20 (2) In the case of the completion of the transi-
21 tion of wartime operational control of the United
22 States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Com-
23 mand from United States-led command to Republic
24 of Korea-led command, an assessment by the Sec-
25 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Com-

1 mander of the United States Forces Korea, the
2 Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
3 mand, the Secretary of State, and the Director of
4 National Intelligence that includes—

5 (A) a description and characterization of
6 the achievement of the Republic of Korea of the
7 three required conditions set forth in the bilat-
8 erally approved conditions-based Operational
9 Control Transition Plan;

10 (B) a detailed description of the manner in
11 which a Republic of Korea-led Combined Forces
12 Command will report to national command au-
13 thorities in the United States and the Republic
14 of Korea;

15 (C) a detailed description of the planned
16 command relationship between a Republic of
17 Korea-led Combined Forces Command and the
18 United States-led United Nations Command;

19 (D) a description of consultations with
20 countries that have sent military contributions
21 to the United Nations Command;

22 (E) a description of the United States-Re-
23 public of Korea wartime operational control
24 consultations with Japan, and an assessment of
25 approaches for deconflicting military operations

1 across the United States-Republic of Korea and
2 the United States-Japan alliances;

3 (F) an assessment of the impact of the
4 transition of wartime operational control on the
5 potential for nuclear proliferation in the Indo-
6 Pacific region; and

7 (G) an independent risk assessment by the
8 Commander of the United States Forces Korea,
9 the Commander of the United States Indo-Pa-
10 cific Command, and the Chairman of the Joint
11 Chiefs of Staff of—

12 (i) the ability of the Republic of Korea
13 to meet the conditions for the transition of
14 wartime operational control from United
15 States-led command to Republic of Korea-
16 led command; and

17 (ii) the impact of such transition on
18 the potential for nuclear proliferation in
19 the Indo-Pacific region.

20 (d) FORM.—

21 (1) CERTIFICATION.—A certification described
22 in subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified
23 form.

1 (2) ASSESSMENT.—An assessment described in
2 subsection (c) shall be submitted in unclassified
3 form but may include a classified annex.

4 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
6 tees of Congress” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
8 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
9 Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

10 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
11 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
12 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

13 **SEC. 1234. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
14 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE**
15 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

16 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
17 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
18 operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, and available
19 for the Office of the Secretary of Defense for travel ex-
20 penses, not more than 75 percent may be obligated or ex-
21 pended until the Secretary of Defense submits—

22 (1) the multi-year plan to fulfill the defensive
23 requirements of the military forces of Taiwan, also
24 known as the “Taiwan Security Assistance Road-
25 map”, required by section 5506 of the James M.

1 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
2 cal Year 2023 (22 U.S.C. 3355);

3 (2) the independent study of the organizational
4 structure and force posture of the United States
5 Armed Forces in the area of responsibility of the
6 United States Indo-Pacific Command required by
7 section 1319 of the National Defense Authorization
8 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137
9 Stat. 500);

10 (3) the plan to reconstitute United States
11 Forces Japan as a joint force headquarters required
12 by section 1343 of the Servicemember Quality of
13 Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
14 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
15 159);

16 (4) the plan for Department of Defense activi-
17 ties to strengthen United States extended deterrence
18 commitments to the Republic of Korea required by
19 section 1344 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
20 Improvement and National Defense Authorization
21 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159);

22 (5) the plan to advance trilateral defense co-
23 operation among the United States, Japan, and the
24 Republic of Korea required by section 1345 of the
25 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and

1 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2 2025 (Public Law 118–159);

3 (6) the report on Department of Defense activi-
4 ties that would be necessary to support the potential
5 establishment of a regional contingency stockpile for
6 Taiwan required by the Joint Explanatory State-
7 ment accompanying the Servicemember Quality of
8 Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
9 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
10 159); and

11 (7) the report on the adequacy of the logistics
12 network in the Indo-Pacific region for supporting
13 the operational and contingency plans of the United
14 States Indo-Pacific Command required by the Joint
15 Explanatory Statement accompanying the Service-
16 member Quality of Life Improvement and National
17 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
18 (Public Law 118–159).

19 **SEC. 1235. BOLSTERING INDUSTRIAL RESILIENCE WITH AL-**
20 **LIES IN INDO-PACIFIC REGION.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in
22 coordination with the Secretary of State, shall establish
23 and maintain a security cooperation initiative (referred to
24 in this section as the “Partnership”) to strengthen co-
25 operation among the defense industrial bases of the

1 United States and allied and partner countries in the
2 Indo-Pacific region.

3 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Partnership
4 shall be the following:

5 (1) To enable the production and supply of the
6 material necessary for equipping the Armed Forces
7 of the United States and the military forces of allied
8 and partner countries to achieve—

9 (A) the objectives set forth in the most re-
10 cent national security strategy report submitted
11 to Congress by the President pursuant to sec-
12 tion 108 of the National Security Act of 1947
13 (50 U.S.C. 3043);

14 (B) the policy guidance of the Secretary of
15 Defense provided pursuant to section 113(g) of
16 title 10, United States Code; and

17 (C) the future-years defense program sub-
18 mitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense
19 pursuant to section 221 of title 10, United
20 States Code.

21 (2) To strengthen the collective defense indus-
22 trial base by expanding industrial base capability,
23 capacity, and workforce, including with respect to
24 enhanced supply chain security, interoperability, and
25 resilience among participating countries.

1 (3) To identify and mitigate industrial base
2 vulnerabilities across partner countries.

3 (4) To advance research and development ac-
4 tivities to provide the Armed Forces of the United
5 States and the military forces of allied and partner
6 countries with systems capable of ensuring techno-
7 logical superiority over potential adversaries.

8 (5) To promote co-development, co-production,
9 and procurement collaboration in key defense sec-
10 tors.

11 (6) To promote defense innovation, improve in-
12 formation sharing, encourage standardization, re-
13 duce barriers to cooperation, and otherwise mitigate
14 potential vulnerabilities and facilitate collaboration.

15 (7) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense
16 considers appropriate.

17 (c) DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary of Defense shall designate a senior civilian of-
21 ficial of the Department of Defense at the Assistant
22 Secretary level or above to lead relevant efforts of
23 the Partnership, as determined by the Secretary.

24 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days
25 after the date on which the Secretary of Defense

1 makes or changes a designation under paragraph
2 (1), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional
3 defense committees a notification of such designa-
4 tion or change.

5 (d) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary of Defense, in
6 coordination with the Secretary of State, shall establish
7 a process to determine which allies and partners of the
8 United States (including Australia, Japan, the Republic
9 of Korea, India, the Philippines, and New Zealand) shall
10 be invited to participate as member countries of the Part-
11 nership.

12 (e) AUTHORITIES.—To carry out this section, the
13 Secretary of Defense may do the following:

14 (1) Enter into agreements and memoranda of
15 understanding with appropriate counterparts from
16 participating countries.

17 (2) Establish working groups and technical ex-
18 changes.

19 (3) Provide technical assistance and capacity-
20 building support to partner countries using authori-
21 ties available to the Secretary under title 10, United
22 States Code.

23 (4) Use funds authorized to be appropriated to
24 the Department of Defense for international co-

1 operation programs, industrial base resilience, or
2 other relevant purposes.

3 (5) Engage with industry, capital providers,
4 academia, and any other stakeholders necessary to
5 advance the objectives described in subsection (b).

6 (f) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—

7 (1) REPORT.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March
9 1, 2027, and annually thereafter through 2031,
10 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
11 congressional defense committees a report on
12 the status and progress of the Partnership.

13 (B) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by
14 subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

15 (i) An assessment of shared industrial
16 base vulnerabilities.

17 (ii) An overview of efforts among par-
18 ticipating countries to enhance supply
19 chain integrity and resilience.

20 (iii) A description of any joint defense
21 production or co-development initiative, in-
22 cluding any such initiative involving sen-
23 sitive or classified technologies.

24 (iv) An articulation of priority initia-
25 tives for the upcoming fiscal year.

1 (v) Recommendations for legislative,
 2 regulatory, policy, or resourcing changes to
 3 achieve the objectives described in sub-
 4 section (b).

5 (vi) Any other matter the Secretary of
 6 Defense considers appropriate.

7 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than December 1,
 8 2026, and annually thereafter through 2030, the
 9 Secretary of Defense shall provide the congressional
 10 defense committees with a briefing on the progress
 11 made toward achieving the objectives described in
 12 subsection (b).

13 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority under this section
 14 shall terminate on December 31, 2030.

15 **SEC. 1236. MODIFICATION OF TAIWAN SECURITY COOPERA-**
 16 **TION INITIATIVE.**

17 Section 1323(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life
 18 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for
 19 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1)—

21 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (V) as
 22 subparagraph (W);

23 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (U)
 24 the following new subparagraph (V):

1 “(V) Medical equipment, supplies, and re-
 2 lated combat casualty care capabilities.”; and

3 (C) in subparagraph (W), as redesignated,
 4 by striking “(U)” and inserting “(V)”; and
 5 (2) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as
 7 subparagraph (K);

8 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the
 9 following new subparagraph (J):

10 “(J) Medical equipment, supplies, and re-
 11 lated combat casualty care capabilities.”; and

12 (C) in subparagraph (K), as redesignated,
 13 by striking “(I)” and inserting “(J)”.

14 **SEC. 1237. JOINT PROGRAM WITH TAIWAN TO ENABLE**
 15 **FIELDING OF UNCREWED SYSTEMS AND**
 16 **COUNTER-UNCREWED SYSTEMS CAPABILI-**
 17 **TIES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the
 19 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary
 20 of State, shall seek to engage with appropriate officials
 21 of Taiwan in a joint program for the purpose of enabling
 22 the fielding of uncrewed systems and counter-uncrewed
 23 systems capabilities, including co-development and co-pro-
 24 duction of such capabilities, for the Armed Forces of the
 25 United States and the military forces of Taiwan, con-

1 sistent with the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301
2 et seq.).

3 (b) USE OF AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out a joint
4 program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense
5 may use the authorities under title 10, United States
6 Code, and other applicable statutory authorities available
7 to the Secretary.

8 (c) REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
11 nually thereafter through 2029, the Secretary of De-
12 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State,
13 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
14 gress a report on the joint program under subsection
15 (a).

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
17 graph (1) shall include, for the period covered by the
18 report, the following:

19 (A) A summary of engagements under sub-
20 section (a).

21 (B) A description of activities undertaken
22 by the Secretary of Defense and appropriate of-
23 ficials of Taiwan to enable the fielding of
24 uncrewed systems and counter-uncrewed sys-
25 tems capabilities described in subsection (a).

1 (C) A description of progress made in fi-
2 nalizing defense trade foundational agreements
3 between the United States and Taiwan, includ-
4 ing—

5 (i) a memorandum of understanding
6 on reciprocal defense procurement;

7 (ii) a security of supply agreement;

8 (iii) an acquisition and cross-servicing
9 agreement;

10 (iv) a general security of military in-
11 formation agreement; and

12 (v) a cyber maturity model certifi-
13 cation.

14 (D) An identification of the additional re-
15 sources or authorities necessary to enable the
16 fielding of uncrewed systems and counter-
17 uncrewed systems capabilities described in sub-
18 section (a).

19 (E) Any other matter the Secretary of De-
20 fense considers appropriate.

21 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
22 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
23 tees of Congress” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
3 Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

4 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
5 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
6 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 1238. REPORT ON CRITICAL DIGITAL INFRASTRUC-**
8 **TURE OF TAIWAN.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
12 port that—

13 (1) analyzes the critical digital infrastructure of
14 Taiwan in the event of a military invasion or block-
15 ade by the People’s Republic of China; and

16 (2) identifies potential Department of Defense
17 actions that could help enable the protection of such
18 infrastructure, consistent with the Taiwan Relations
19 Act (Public Law 96–8; 93 Stat. 14).

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
21 (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

22 (1) A description of threats to the critical dig-
23 ital infrastructure of Taiwan in the event of a mili-
24 tary invasion or blockade by the People’s Republic of
25 China.

1 (2) A description of the critical digital infra-
2 structure capabilities of Taiwan, including—

3 (A) the type and amount of physical hard-
4 ware available to support the transfer of large
5 quantities of electronic data from Taiwan to a
6 cloud-based system or a geographic location
7 outside Taiwan; and

8 (B) the availability of resilient satellite
9 communications from low-Earth orbit constella-
10 tions and any other necessary activity relating
11 to such a transfer.

12 (3) An identification of potential Department of
13 Defense actions that could help enable the protection
14 of the critical digital infrastructure of Taiwan in the
15 event of a contingency, including—

16 (A) the pre-positioning of digital hardware
17 capabilities; and

18 (B) acquisition of cloud-based services and
19 radio frequency satellite communications.

20 (4) Recommendations for any resources or au-
21 thorities required to support the Department of De-
22 fense actions identified under paragraph (3).

23 (5) Any other matter the Secretary considers
24 appropriate.

1 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—The report required by sub-
2 section (a) shall take into account, at a minimum, the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (1) Lessons learned from ongoing conflicts, es-
5 pecially the war in Ukraine.

6 (2) The risks associated with making assump-
7 tions about the availability of commercial vendors in
8 the event of a military invasion or blockade of Tai-
9 wan by the People’s Republic of China.

10 (d) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
11 shall be submitted in classified form.

12 (e) COLLABORATION.—To support the development
13 of the report required by subsection (a), the Secretary is
14 encouraged to seek input from the following:

15 (1) Civilian executives from commercial tech-
16 nology companies that provided support to Ukraine
17 in its fight against the Russian Federation’s war of
18 aggression.

19 (2) Any other individual or agency of the Fed-
20 eral Government the Secretary considers appro-
21 priate.

22 (f) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date
23 on which the Secretary submits the report required by
24 subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide the congres-

1 sional defense committees with a briefing on the contents
2 of the report.

3 **SEC. 1239. REPORT ON JAPANESE COUNTERSTRIKE CAPA-**
4 **BILITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
7 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall
8 submit to the congressional defense committees a report
9 outlining Department of Defense efforts to support Japan
10 in the fielding of an operational counterstrike capability.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
12 (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

13 (1) A description of the activities and objectives
14 of the United States-Japan Roles, Missions, and Ca-
15 pabilities Working Group with respect to the fielding
16 of an operational counterstrike capability by Japan.

17 (2) A description of the operations, activities,
18 and investments the Department is undertaking in
19 collaboration with the Government of Japan, includ-
20 ing—

21 (A) a description of progress made by the
22 United States and Japan in developing and de-
23 ploying counterstrike capabilities, including in
24 and across the First Island Chain;

1 (B) a description of the counterstrike ca-
2 pabilities of Japan and a characterization of the
3 potential for enhancement of such capabilities;
4 and

5 (C) a description of the impediments to
6 fielding a strengthened alliance strike posture,
7 including—

8 (i) domestic legal constraints;

9 (ii) regulatory restrictions, including
10 technology and foreign disclosure con-
11 straints;

12 (iii) industrial base-driven capacity
13 limitations; and

14 (iv) political impediments;

15 (D) an articulation of the planning as-
16 sumptions underpinning the assigned and an-
17 ticipated roles, missions, and capabilities of the
18 respective counterstrike capabilities of the
19 United States and Japan;

20 (E) a description of the manner in which
21 the United States and Japan will coordinate
22 and deconflict counterstrike operations; and

23 (F) an assessment of potential alliance
24 posture changes that would support an en-

1 hanced alliance counterstrike capability, includ-
2 ing in the First Island Chain.

3 (3) A description of the command and control
4 mechanisms and information-sharing requirements
5 needed to enable coordination and deconfliction of
6 allied counterstrike operations, including—

7 (A) the adoption of enhanced security pro-
8 tocols to ensure secure networks;

9 (B) the technical means needed to facili-
10 tate integrated planning for counterstrike oper-
11 ations; and

12 (C) the sharing of targeting information.

13 (4) An identification of challenges to the imple-
14 mentation of the operations, activities, and invest-
15 ments described in paragraph (2), and any rec-
16 ommended legislative changes, resourcing require-
17 ments, bilateral agreements, or other measures that
18 would facilitate the implementation of such oper-
19 ations, activities, and investments.

20 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
21 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include
22 a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 1240. REPORT ON ENHANCED SECURITY COOPERA-**
2 **TION WITH THE PHILIPPINES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2026, and
4 annually thereafter through 2031, the Secretary of De-
5 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall
6 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
7 on enhancing United States security cooperation with the
8 Philippines.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection
10 (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

11 (1) An assessment of progress with respect to
12 the implementation of the United States-Philippines
13 Bilateral Defense Guidelines.

14 (2) An organizational chart and overview of the
15 functions of the alliance management bodies that re-
16 port to the United States-Philippines Mutual De-
17 fense Board and Security Engagement Board.

18 (3) A summary of the activities and outcomes
19 of the Roles, Missions, and Capabilities Working
20 Group.

21 (4) An assessment of progress with respect to
22 the bilateral Philippines—Security Sector Assistance
23 Roadmap initiative, including a description of joint
24 capability areas under such initiative.

25 (5) A projected resourcing plan for the Phil-
26 ippines—Security Sector Assistance Roadmap initia-

1 tive that includes the projected use of national funds
2 of the Philippines, Foreign Military Sales, Foreign
3 Military Financing, and Department of Defense
4 International Security Cooperation Program account
5 funds.

6 (6) A description of the activities and invest-
7 ments the Department will implement during the
8 five-year period beginning on the date on which the
9 report is submitted for—

10 (A) increased bilateral training, exercises,
11 combined patrols, and other activities between
12 the United States Armed Forces and the mili-
13 tary forces of the Philippines;

14 (B) enhancing multilateral security co-
15 operation and capacity-building efforts among
16 the Philippines, Japan, Australia, and other
17 foreign partners; and

18 (C) improving information-sharing mecha-
19 nisms and processes, including by adoption of
20 enhanced security protocols, under the General
21 Security of Military Information Agreement be-
22 tween the United States and the Philippines,
23 signed at Manila November 18, 2024.

24 (7) A plan for improving the infrastructure at
25 sites designated under the Agreement on Enhanced

1 Defense Cooperation, signed at Quezon City April
2 28, 2014 (TIAS 14-625), including, for each such
3 site—

4 (A) an identification of priority facility in-
5 vestments at the site across the future-years de-
6 fense program;

7 (B) a timeline for completing area develop-
8 ment plans for the site; and

9 (C) an articulation of non-Department in-
10 vestments necessary to enable effective use of
11 the site.

12 (8) An articulation of requirements for pre-posi-
13 tioning of equipment and supplies in support of hu-
14 manitarian assistance, disaster relief, and other bi-
15 lateral activities.

16 (9) A description of the current organization of
17 the Joint United States Military Assistance Group—
18 Philippines, and an analysis of the feasibility and
19 advisability of modifying United States command
20 structures in the Philippines to more effectively—

21 (A) coordinate United States military ac-
22 tivities and operations; and

23 (B) facilitate integrated planning and im-
24 plementation of combined activities.

1 (10) An identification of challenges to the im-
2 plementation of the activities and investments de-
3 scribed in paragraphs (1) through (9), and any rec-
4 ommended legislative changes, resourcing require-
5 ments, bilateral agreements, or other measures that
6 would facilitate the implementation of such activities
7 and investments.

8 (c) FORM.—Each report required by subsection (a)
9 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include
10 a classified annex.

11 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
12 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
13 tees of Congress” means—

14 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
15 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

16 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
17 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives.

19 **SEC. 1241. MODIFICATION TO ANNUAL REPORT ON MILI-**
20 **TARY AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS IN-**
21 **VOLVING THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF**
22 **CHINA.**

23 Section 1202(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-
24 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106–65; 10
25 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
2 graph (6); and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph (5):

5 “(5) The military and security strategy of the
6 People’s Republic of China on the Tibetan Plateau,
7 including with respect to risks posed by political and
8 regional conflicts, resource control and water-related
9 resource conflicts, and infrastructure development.”.

10 **SEC. 1242. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ON DEFENSE INDUS-**
11 **TRIAL PRIORITIES BETWEEN THE UNITED**
12 **STATES AND TAIWAN.**

13 The Secretary of Defense shall seek to establish a
14 partnership between the Defense Innovation Unit of the
15 Department of Defense and appropriate counterparts of
16 Taiwan—

17 (1) to enhance market opportunities for United
18 States-based and Taiwan-based defense technology
19 companies;

20 (2) to bolster Taiwan’s defense industrial base;

21 (3) to harmonize global security posture
22 through emerging technology;

23 (4) to counter the development, by the Chinese
24 Communist Party and adversarial proxy groups

1 aligned with the Chinese Communist Party, of dual-
2 use defense technologies; and

3 (5) in coordination with appropriate counter-
4 part offices of the Ministry of National Defense of
5 Taiwan—

6 (A) to enable coordination on defense in-
7 dustrial priorities;

8 (B) to streamline emerging defense tech-
9 nology research and development;

10 (C) to establish, for defense technology
11 startups, more pathways to market; and

12 (D) to collaborate on the coordinated de-
13 velopment of dual-use defense capabilities, such
14 as the following:

15 (i) Drones.

16 (ii) Microchips.

17 (iii) Directed energy weapons.

18 (iv) Artificial intelligence.

19 (v) Missile technology.

20 (vi) Intelligence, surveillance, and re-
21 connaissance technology.

22 **SEC. 1243. INVITATION TO TAIWAN TO RIM OF THE PACIFIC**
23 **(RIMPAC) EXERCISE.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is
25 strongly encouraged to invite the naval forces of Taiwan

1 to participate, as appropriate, in any Rim of the Pacific
2 exercise that is to take place after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act.

4 (b) JUSTIFICATION.—In the event a decision is made
5 not to invite the naval forces of Taiwan to participate in
6 any Rim of the Pacific exercise described in subsection (a),
7 not later than 30 days after the date on which such deci-
8 sion is made, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
9 sional defense committees a written justification for such
10 decision.

11 **SEC. 1244. EXTENSION OF INDO-PACIFIC EXTENDED DETER-**
12 **RENCE EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM.**

13 Section 1314(c) of the Servicemember Quality of Life
14 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for
15 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended by
16 striking “December 31, 2027” and inserting “December
17 31, 2030”.

18 **SEC. 1245. INCLUSION ON LIST OF CHINESE MILITARY COM-**
19 **PANIES OF ENTITIES ADDED TO CERTAIN**
20 **OTHER LISTS.**

21 Section 1260H(b)(3) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-
22 berry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
23 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is
24 amended—

1 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
2 the following:

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 paragraph:

6 “(B) REVIEW OF ENTITIES ON OTHER
7 LISTS.—The Secretary shall review, for inclu-
8 sion in each annual revision under subpara-
9 graph (A) of the list required by paragraph (1),
10 each entity added, during the year preceding
11 preparation of the revision of the list, to any
12 other list maintained by the United States Gov-
13 ernment of Chinese entities subject to restric-
14 tions or scrutiny relating to concerns about
15 their activities or affiliations.”.

16 **SEC. 1246. PREVENTING CIRCUMVENTION BY CHINESE**
17 **MILITARY COMPANIES IN THIRD-PARTY**
18 **COUNTRIES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1260H(g)(2)(B)(i)(I) of
20 the William M. “Mac” Thornberry National Defense Au-
21 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–
22 283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended to read as follows:

23 “(I) directly or indirectly owned by,
24 controlled by, or beneficially owned by, af-
25 filiated with, or in an official or unofficial

1 capacity acting as an agent of or on behalf
2 of, the People's Liberation Army, Chinese
3 military and paramilitary elements, secu-
4 rity forces, police, law enforcement, border
5 control, the People's Armed Police, the
6 Ministry of State Security (MSS), or any
7 other organization subordinate to the Cen-
8 tral Military Commission of the Chinese
9 Communist Party, the Chinese Ministry of
10 Industry and Information Technology
11 (MIIT), the State-Owned Assets Super-
12 vision and Administration Commission of
13 the State Council (SASAC), or the State
14 Administration of Science, Technology, and
15 Industry for National Defense (SASTIND)
16 operating inside or outside of China; or”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is one
19 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 1247. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE ALLIANCES**
21 **AND PARTNERSHIPS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC**
22 **REGION.**

23 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of De-
24 fense should continue efforts that strengthen United
25 States defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pa-

1 cific region so as to further the comparative advantage of
2 the United States in strategic competition with the Peo-
3 ple's Republic of China, including by—

4 (1) enhancing cooperation with Japan, con-
5 sistent with the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and
6 Security Between the United States of America and
7 Japan, signed at Washington, January 19, 1960, in-
8 cluding by developing advanced military capabilities,
9 upgrading commd and control relationships, fos-
10 tering interoperability across all domains, and im-
11 proving sharing of information and intelligence;

12 (2) reinforcing the United States alliance with
13 the Republic of Korea, including by maintaining the
14 presence of approximately 28,500 members of the
15 United States Armed Forces deployed to the Repub-
16 lic of Korea, enhancing mutual defense base co-
17 operation, and affirming the United States extended
18 deterrence commitment using the full range of
19 United States defense capabilities, consistent with
20 the Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United
21 States and the Republic of Korea, signed at Wash-
22 ington, October 1, 1953, in support of the shared
23 objective of a peaceful and stable Korean Peninsula;

24 (3) fostering bilateral and multilateral coopera-
25 tion with Australia, consistent with the Security

1 Treaty Between Australia, New Zealand, and the
2 United States of America, signed at San Francisco,
3 September, 1951, and through the partnership
4 among Australia, the United Kingdom, and United
5 States (commonly known as “AUKUS”)—

6 (A) to advance shared security objectives;

7 (B) to accelerate the fielding of advanced
8 military capabilities; and

9 (C) to build the capacity of emerging part-
10 ners;

11 (4) advancing United States alliances with the
12 Philippines and Thailand and United States partner-
13 ships with other partners in the Association of
14 Southeast Asian Nations to enhance maritime do-
15 main awareness, promote sovereignty and territorial
16 integrity, leverage technology and promote innova-
17 tion, and support an open, inclusive, and rules-based
18 regional architecture;

19 (5) broadening United States engagement with
20 India, including through the Quadrilateral Security
21 Dialogue—

22 (A) to advance the shared objective of a
23 free and open Indo-Pacific region through bilat-
24 eral and multilateral engagements and partici-
25 pation in military exercises, expanded defense

1 trade, and collaboration on humanitarian aid
2 and disaster response; and

3 (B) to enable greater cooperation on mari-
4 time security;

5 (6) strengthening the United States partnership
6 with Taiwan, consistent with the Three Commu-
7 niques, the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-
8 8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), and the Six Assurances,
9 with the goal of improving Taiwan's defensive capa-
10 bilities and promoting peaceful cross-strait relations;

11 (7) reinforcing the status of the Republic of
12 Singapore as a Major Security Cooperation Partner
13 of the United States and continuing to strengthen
14 defense and security cooperation between the mili-
15 tary forces of the Republic of Singapore and the
16 United States Armed Forces, including through par-
17 ticipation in combined exercises and training;

18 (8) engaging with the Federated States of Mi-
19 cronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the
20 Republic of Palau, and other Pacific island coun-
21 tries, with the goal of strengthening regional secu-
22 rity and addressing issues of mutual concern, includ-
23 ing protecting fisheries from illegal, unreported, and
24 unregulated fishing;

1 (9) collaborating with Canada, the United
2 Kingdom, France, and other members of the Euro-
3 pean Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
4 zation to build connectivity and advance a shared vi-
5 sion for the region that is principled, long-term, and
6 anchored in democratic resilience; and

7 (10) investing in enhanced military posture and
8 capabilities in the area of responsibility of the
9 United States Indo-Pacific Command and strength-
10 ening cooperation in bilateral relationships, multilat-
11 eral partnerships, and other international fora to up-
12 hold global security and shared principles, with the
13 goal of ensuring the maintenance of a free and open
14 Indo-Pacific region.

15 **Subtitle E—Other Matters**

16 **SEC. 1251. MIDDLE EAST INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE** 17 **DEFENSE ARCHITECTURE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
19 continue to seek to cooperate with allies and partners in
20 the Middle East with respect to implementing an inte-
21 grated air and missile defense architecture to protect the
22 people, infrastructure, and territory of such allies and
23 partners from cruise and ballistic missiles, manned and
24 unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks from Iran
25 and groups linked to Iran.

1 (b) REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than May 31,
3 2026, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with
4 the Secretary of State, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on further implementation of an integrated air and missile defense architecture in the area of responsibility of the
5 United States Central Command.
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7 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:
8

9 (A) An assessment of the threat to allies
10 and partners within the area of responsibility of
11 the United States Central Command posed by
12 ballistic and cruise missiles, manned and unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks
13 launched from Iran and by groups linked to
14 Iran.
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16 (B) A description of—
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18 (i) the missile defense priorities and
19 capability needs of the United States Central Command with respect to defense
20 against the threats described in subparagraph (A); and
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1 (ii) the planned regional missile de-
2 fense architectures derived from such pri-
3 orities and capability needs.

4 (C) An analysis of current integrated air
5 and missile defense systems within the area of
6 responsibility of the United States Central
7 Command to defend against threats described
8 in subparagraph (A) and to meet the priorities
9 identified under subparagraph (B).

10 (D) A description of the progress made to-
11 ward addressing challenges identified in the
12 strategy required by section 1658(b) of the
13 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-
14 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
15 117–263; 136 Stat. 2951) and toward meeting
16 benchmarks set forth in such strategy.

17 (E) With respect to the defensive oper-
18 ations against aerial threats since October 7,
19 2023, the following:

20 (i) With respect to countering the
21 April 13, 2024, and October 1, 2024, bal-
22 listic missile and drone attacks by Iran
23 against Israel—

24 (I) lessons learned with respect
25 to the adequacy of data-sharing agree-

1 ments in facilitating effective joint re-
2 sponses, and recommendations for
3 further improvements to such agree-
4 ments;

5 (II) a comparative analysis of the
6 performance of systems operated by
7 the United States and the perform-
8 ance of systems operated by Israel in
9 intercepting missiles and unmanned
10 aerial systems launched by Iran dur-
11 ing the attacks;

12 (III) an assessment of the extent
13 to which a defense provided to other
14 United States regional partners if at-
15 tacked by Iran would be similarly ef-
16 fective, and an identification of
17 changes necessary to address defi-
18 ciencies; and

19 (IV) an evaluation of the extent
20 to which the strategy required by sec-
21 tion 1658(b) of the James M. Inhofe
22 National Defense Authorization Act
23 for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law
24 117–263; 136 Stat. 2951) contributed

1 to the defensive operations described
2 in this clause.

3 (ii) Lessons learned with respect to
4 countering projectiles launched by the
5 Houthis in Yemen against maritime tar-
6 gets in the area of responsibility of the
7 United States Central Command.

8 (iii) Any other such defensive oper-
9 ation the Secretary of Defense considers
10 appropriate.

11 (F) Any other matter the Secretary of De-
12 fense considers appropriate.

13 (3) FORM.—The report submitted under para-
14 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but
15 may include a classified annex.

16 (4) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMA-
17 TION.—Any activity carried out under this sub-
18 section shall be conducted in a manner that is con-
19 sistent with protection of intelligence sources and
20 methods and appropriately protects sensitive infor-
21 mation and the national security interests of the
22 United States.

1 **SEC. 1252. MODIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PROCESSES**
2 **RELATING TO FOREIGN ACQUISITION.**

3 Section 873 of the National Defense Authorization
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
5 350; 10 U.S.C. 301 note) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
8 “**PILOT PROGRAM FOR**”; and

9 (B) by striking “may” and inserting
10 “shall”; and

11 (2) by striking subsection (f).

12 **SEC. 1253. ENHANCING SECURITY PARTNERSHIP WITH JOR-**
13 **DAN AND LEBANON.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, pursu-
15 ant to existing authorities, shall seek to provide assistance,
16 including training, equipment, logistics support, supplies,
17 and services, to the Government of Jordan and the Gov-
18 ernment of Lebanon for the purpose of supporting and
19 enhancing efforts of the military forces of Jordan and the
20 military forces of Lebanon to ensure the territorial secu-
21 rity of Jordan and Lebanon.

22 (b) PLAN.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
24 2025, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with
25 the Commander of the United States Central Com-
26 mand, and in consultation with the Secretary of

1 State, shall submit to the congressional defense com-
2 mittees a report that describes the plan of the De-
3 partment of Defense to provide assistance under
4 subsection (a).

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—The required plan shall, at a
6 minimum, include the following elements:

7 (A) A description of the available authori-
8 ties to provide assistance described in sub-
9 section (a) to the Government of Jordan and
10 the Government of Lebanon.

11 (B) A description of the objectives of as-
12 sistance described in subsection (a), including
13 specific capabilities that such assistance seeks
14 to enhance and the recipient units of the mili-
15 tary forces of Jordan and Lebanon for such as-
16 sistance.

17 (C) An identification of any opportunities
18 to transfer military equipment, including air-
19 craft and unmanned systems, from existing in-
20 ventory of the Department of Defense to bolster
21 the capabilities of the military forces of Jordan.

22 (D) Any other matters deemed relevant by
23 the Secretary.

1 **SEC. 1254. JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE FOR NON-PROGRAMS**
2 **OF RECORD TO SUPPORT FOREIGN ACQUISITION.**
3 **TION.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Defense shall establish and charter, within the Office of
7 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
8 Sustainment, a Joint Program Office for Non-Programs
9 of Record (referred to in this section as the “Joint Pro-
10 gram Office”) to support the acquisition of specified non-
11 program of record systems by approved foreign partners
12 and allies.

13 (b) STRUCTURE.—

14 (1) LEADERSHIP.—The Joint Program Office
15 shall be led by a senior executive or military flag of-
16 ficer of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
17 for Acquisition and Sustainment, who shall have a
18 deputy from the Defense Security Cooperation Agen-
19 cy.

20 (2) STAFFING.—The staff of the Joint Program
21 Office shall include detailees from the international
22 program offices of the military departments, the De-
23 fense Security Cooperation Agency, and the Defense
24 Technology Security Administration.

25 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Joint Program Office
2 shall be responsible for the following:

3 (A) Coordinating with allies and partners
4 to identify and procure non-program of record
5 capabilities.

6 (B) Facilitating discussions between indus-
7 try and foreign partners on new non-program-
8 of-record capabilities.

9 (C) Liaising with combatant commands to
10 identify new specified non-program of record
11 systems aligned with the strategic priorities of
12 the combatant commands for theater security
13 cooperation.

14 (D) Promoting capabilities with foreign
15 partners that align with priority capabilities for
16 the combatant commands.

17 (E) Coordinating with, and as necessary,
18 providing additional support to, the inter-
19 national program offices of the military depart-
20 ments to expedite delivery of capabilities to for-
21 eign partners and allies.

22 (F) Coordinating internal Department of
23 Defense approval processes to expedite the de-
24 livery of non-program of record capabilities.

1 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the es-
2 tablishment of the Joint Program Office, the Secretary
3 shall provide the Committees on Armed Services of the
4 Senate and the House of Representatives with a briefing
5 on the charter, responsibilities, resources, and plan of ac-
6 tivities for the Joint Program Office for the subsequent
7 fiscal year.

8 (e) SPECIFIED NON-PROGRAM OF RECORD SYSTEM
9 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “specified non-pro-
10 gram of record system” means a record system that does
11 not exist formally as a program of record within the De-
12 partment of Defense, including—

13 (1) an international or civil variant of a pro-
14 gram of record with nonstandard configurations, or
15 a type 1 non-program of record system;

16 (2) a prior program of record that is no longer
17 supported in United States inventory, or a type 2
18 non-program of record system;

19 (3) a program consisting of commercially devel-
20 oped munitions items, or a type 3 non-program of
21 record system;

22 (4) a program consisting of commercially devel-
23 oped dual-use items, or a type 4 non-program of
24 record system;

1 (5) a program consisting of commercially devel-
 2 oped dual-use items combined with program of
 3 record elements, or a type 5 non-program of record
 4 system; and

5 (6) a program consisting of commercially devel-
 6 oped dual-use items with military end-use, or a type
 7 6 non-program of record system.

8 **SEC. 1255. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF UNITED**
 9 **STATES-ISRAEL ANTI-TUNNEL COOPERATION.**

10 Section 1279 of the National Defense Authorization
 11 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note) is amend-
 12 ed—

13 (1) in subsection (b)(4), by striking
 14 “\$50,000,000” and inserting “\$80,000,000”; and

15 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “December 31,
 16 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2028”.

17 **SEC. 1256. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF UNITED**
 18 **STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION TO COUNTER**
 19 **UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.**

20 Section 1278 of the National Defense Authorization
 21 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note) is amend-
 22 ed—

23 (1) in subsection (b)(4), by striking
 24 “\$55,000,000” and inserting “\$75,000,000”; and

1 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “December 31,
2 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2028”.

3 **SEC. 1257. GUIDANCE FOR COORDINATION OF INTER-**
4 **NATIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
7 shall issue updated guidance, in accordance with section
8 382 of title 10, United States Code, to streamline and
9 align the roles, responsibilities, and authorities, and im-
10 prove transparency, relating to Department of Defense
11 processes for international arms transfers, including For-
12 eign Military Sales.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The updated guidance required by
14 subsection (a) shall do the following:

15 (1) Streamline the roles and responsibilities re-
16 lating to Department processes for international
17 arms transfers (including the Foreign Military Sales
18 and technology security and foreign disclosure proc-
19 esses) so as to ensure effective implementation of
20 such roles and responsibilities among the Under Sec-
21 retary of Defense for Policy, the Under Secretary of
22 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the De-
23 fense Security Cooperation Agency, the Defense
24 Technology Security Administration, and the mili-
25 tary departments.

1 (2) Designate a lead official, to be known as the
2 “Data Czar”, who, in coordination with the Chief
3 Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the De-
4 partment of Defense, shall be responsible for col-
5 lecting, tracking, coordinating, and sharing data and
6 information on Foreign Military Sales cases for the
7 purposes of—

8 (A) facilitating transparency across the
9 Department of Defense international coopera-
10 tion enterprise (including industry and inter-
11 national partners within such enterprise and
12 components and subcomponents of the Depart-
13 ment); and

14 (B) sharing information on Foreign Mili-
15 tary Sales case development, execution, con-
16 tracting, and implementation processes.

17 (3) Develop a framework to facilitate the use of
18 the Foreign Military Sales process to deliver defense
19 articles and services to allies and partners through
20 programs other than a program of record.

21 (4) Set forth Foreign Military Sales-specific
22 guidance that—

23 (A) identifies security cooperation prior-
24 ities;

1 (B) aligns with the United States Conven-
2 tional Arms Transfer Policy described in Na-
3 tional Security Presidential Memorandum/
4 NSM-10, dated April 19, 2018;

5 (C) is informed by priorities identified in
6 the National Defense Strategy, Department
7 planning guidance, and theater campaign plans;
8 and

9 (D) takes into consideration—

10 (i) the risk factors for arms transfers
11 identified in the Arms Export Control Act
12 (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.); and

13 (ii) the industrial capacity for produc-
14 tion.

15 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the
16 issuance of the updated guidance required by subsection
17 (a), the Secretary shall provide the Committee on Armed
18 Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
19 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the
20 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
21 tives with a briefing on the development and implementa-
22 tion of such guidance that describes the manner in which
23 the procedures set forth in the guidance will streamline,
24 and enhance the transparency of, international coopera-
25 tion processes of the Department.

1 (d) DISSEMINATION OF FMS-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE.—
2 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act, the Secretary shall disseminate the Foreign
4 Military Sales-specific guidance described in subsection
5 (a)(4) to each member of the Department of Defense
6 international cooperation enterprise.

7 **SEC. 1258. REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE THE NATIONAL DIS-**
8 **CLOSURE POLICY.**

9 (a) FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT.—Not later than
10 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
11 annually thereafter, the National Disclosure Policy Com-
12 mittee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”)
13 shall develop and submit to Congress a framework for re-
14 vising and updating the National Disclosure Policy
15 (NDP–1).

16 (b) FRAMEWORK ELEMENTS.—The framework devel-
17 oped pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

18 (1) A comprehensive assessment of emerging
19 and advanced defense items, including artificial in-
20 telligence, directed energy, microwave systems,
21 counter-unmanned aerial systems, missile defense,
22 machine learning, cybersecurity, quantum tech-
23 nologies, hypersonic, and autonomous systems, and
24 necessary updates to NDP–1 to enable the transfer

1 and sharing of this technology with United States
2 allies and partners.

3 (2) Guidelines for balancing national security
4 considerations with the need to share critical infor-
5 mation and technology with allies and partners to
6 enhance interoperability and collective security.

7 (3) Recommendations for updating the NDP-1
8 to help bolster the defense industrial base and ac-
9 commodate the use of emerging and advanced de-
10 fense items in multi-domain operations, joint mili-
11 tary exercises, and allied operational requirements.

12 (4) Mechanisms to accelerate the approval proc-
13 ess for disclosures, ensuring timely and effective in-
14 formation sharing.

15 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
17 after the first submittal of the framework to Con-
18 gress pursuant to subsection (a) and on an annual
19 recurring basis thereafter, the Committee shall im-
20 plement revisions to the National Disclosure Policy
21 based on the recommendations and any future rec-
22 ommendation based upon the stakeholder engage-
23 ment in subsection (c) contained in the framework.

24 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Revisions implemented
25 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

1 (A) include specific provisions addressing
2 the secure disclosure of emerging and advanced
3 technologies to allies and partners of the United
4 States;

5 (B) establish metrics to evaluate the effec-
6 tiveness of the updated policy in enhancing se-
7 curity, interoperability, and interchangeability;
8 and

9 (C) establish a mechanism to ensure that
10 the stakeholder engagement required by sub-
11 section (c) informs revisions.

12 (d) STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT.—In carrying out
13 subsections (a), (b), and (c), the Committee shall, not less
14 frequently than once every 6 months, consult with the fol-
15 lowing:

16 (1) Representatives of such governments that
17 are allies or partners of the United States as the
18 Committee considers appropriate, to gather input on
19 enhancing interoperability, interchangeability, and
20 collaborative security measures.

21 (2) Such representatives from the defense in-
22 dustry as the Committee considers appropriate, in-
23 cluding representatives from nontraditional defense
24 contractors (as defined by section 3014 of title 10,
25 United States Code).

1 (e) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Under
2 Secretary of Defense for Policy, in coordination with the
3 Director of the Defense Technology Security Administra-
4 tion, shall submit with the budget submission each year
5 a report to Congress detailing—

6 (1) progress made in implementing the updated
7 NDP-1;

8 (2) challenges encountered and actions taken to
9 address them;

10 (3) recommendations for further updates or leg-
11 islative actions to enhance the policy;

12 (4) a description of the roles and missions of
13 the committees and subcommittees of the Depart-
14 ment of Defense’s Technology Security and Foreign
15 Disclosure enterprise and a detailed explanation of
16 how these bodies report back to the Arms Transfer
17 and Technology Release Senior Steering Group; and

18 (5) an explanation of negative determinations of
19 technology.

20 (f) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—If necessary, the annual re-
21 port shall include a classified annex to address sensitive
22 national security information.

23 (g) UNCLASSIFIED PUBLIC ANNEX.—The submission
24 shall include a publicly releasable annex to be made avail-
25 able upon submission of the report to Congress.

1 **SEC. 1259. IMPROVEMENTS TO SECURITY COOPERATION**
2 **WORKFORCE AND DEFENSE ACQUISITION**
3 **WORKFORCE.**

4 (a) RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECRETARY OF DE-
5 FENSE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
7 shall, consistent with the requirements of section
8 384 of title 10, United States Code, seek to ensure
9 that—

10 (A) members of the defense acquisition
11 workforce involved in the foreign military sales
12 process—

13 (i) are aware of evolving United
14 States regional and country-level defense
15 capability-building priorities; and

16 (ii) coordinate with the security co-
17 operation workforce to enhance responsive-
18 ness to foreign partner requests and capa-
19 bility-building priorities; and

20 (B) members of the defense acquisition
21 workforce are professionally evaluated using
22 metrics to measure—

23 (i) adherence to meeting the foreign
24 capability requirements identified in De-
25 partment of Defense strategy documents;

- 1 (ii) responsiveness to foreign partner
- 2 requests;
- 3 (iii) ability to meet foreign partner ca-
- 4 pability and delivery schedule require-
- 5 ments; and
- 6 (iv) advancement of foreign capability-
- 7 building priorities described in the guid-
- 8 ance updated under subsection (b).

9 (b) GUIDANCE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary of Defense shall update, as necessary, De-
13 partment of Defense guidance governing the execu-
14 tion of foreign military sales by the Department to
15 ensure that such guidance—

16 (A) incorporates priorities of the National
17 Security Strategy and the National Defense
18 Strategy associated with foreign partner con-
19 tributions;

20 (B) is informed by the theater campaign
21 plans and theater security cooperation strate-
22 gies of the combatant commands;

23 (C) incorporates timeline prioritization of
24 purchasers with a special designation; and

1 (D) is disseminated to the security co-
2 operation workforce and the defense acquisition
3 workforce.

4 (2) ELEMENTS.—The updated guidance re-
5 quired by paragraph (1) shall—

6 (A) identify—

7 (i) regional and country-level foreign
8 defense capability-building priorities; and

9 (ii) levels of urgency and desired
10 timelines for achieving foreign capability-
11 building objectives; and

12 (B) provide guidance to the defense acqui-
13 sition workforce regarding levels of resourcing,
14 innovation, and risk tolerance that should be
15 considered in meeting urgent needs.

16 (3) PURCHASER WITH A SPECIAL DESIGNATION
17 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “purchaser
18 with a special designation” means Israel, Japan, the
19 Republic of Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines,
20 Thailand, Taiwan, member countries of the North
21 Atlantic Treaty Organization, major defense part-
22 ners, major security partners, and eligible pur-
23 chasers that are members of the national technology
24 and industrial base.

1 (c) FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CONTINUOUS PROC-
2 ESS IMPROVEMENT BOARD.—Section 1210(b) of the Serv-
3 icemember Quality of Life Improvement and National De-
4 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
5 118–159) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(b) FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CONTINUOUS PROC-
7 ESS IMPROVEMENT BOARD.—

8 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-
9 fense shall establish a Foreign Military Sales Con-
10 tinuous Process Improvement Board (in this section
11 referred to as the ‘Board’) to serve as an enduring
12 governance structure within the Department of De-
13 fense that reports to the Secretary on matters relat-
14 ing to the foreign military sales process so as to en-
15 hance accountability and continuous improvement
16 within the Department, including the objectives of—

17 “(A) improving the understanding, among
18 officials of the Department, of ally and partner
19 requirements;

20 “(B) enabling efficient reviews for release
21 of technology;

22 “(C) providing ally and partner countries
23 with relevant priority equipment;

24 “(D) accelerating acquisition and con-
25 tracting support;

1 “(E) expanding the capacity of the defense
2 industrial base;

3 “(F) working with other departments and
4 agencies to promote broad United States Gov-
5 ernment support; and

6 “(G) any other matters determined by the
7 Secretary to be relevant to the Board.

8 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall be
10 composed of not fewer than 7 members, each of
11 whom shall have expertise in security coopera-
12 tion, security assistance, defense acquisition,
13 business process reform, or any disciplines the
14 Secretary determines to be important to the
15 functioning of the Board.

16 “(B) CERTAIN MEMBERS.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Of the members
18 of the Board, 3 such members shall be in-
19 dividuals who are not—

20 “(I) officers or employees of the
21 Department of Defense;

22 “(II) members of the United
23 States Armed Forces; or

24 “(III) registered as a foreign
25 agent or registered lobbyists.

1 “(ii) CLEARANCE.—Each member of
 2 the Board described in this subparagraph
 3 shall be appropriately cleared for security
 4 risks.

5 “(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Board
 6 shall not be subject to chapter 10 of title 5, United
 7 States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Federal
 8 Advisory Committee Act’).

9 “(4) SUNSET.—This subsection shall terminate
 10 on December 31, 2030.”.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE.—The
 13 term “defense acquisition workforce” means the De-
 14 partment of Defense acquisition workforce described
 15 in chapter 87 of title 10, United States Code.

16 (2) SECURITY COOPERATION WORKFORCE.—
 17 The term “security cooperation workforce” has the
 18 meaning given the term in section 384 of title 10,
 19 United States Code.

20 **SEC. 1260. EXPANSION OF COUNTRY PRIORITIZATION.**

21 With respect to foreign military sales to Israel,
 22 Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan,
 23 member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
 24 tion, major defense partners, and eligible purchasers that
 25 are members of the national technology and industrial

1 base, the Secretary of Defense may assign a Defense Pri-
2 orities and Allocations System order rating.

3 **SEC. 1261. STREAMLINING AND EXPEDITING SALES OF DE-**
4 **FENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES.**

5 (a) ACQUISITION STRATEGIES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to purchasers
7 with a special designation, the Secretary of Defense
8 shall establish a requirement that, in developing let-
9 ters of offer and acceptance, the acquisition program
10 office of each military department shall develop, at
11 program inception—

12 (A) an acquisition strategy that documents
13 the standard acquisition path; and

14 (B) an acquisition strategy that documents
15 the fastest acquisition path.

16 (2) ASSOCIATED RISK.—In developing each ac-
17 quisition strategy required by subparagraphs (A)
18 and (B) of paragraph (1), the acquisition program
19 office of the military department concerned shall—

20 (A) measure, and justify with respect to
21 the urgency of delivering a capability in full or
22 in phases, the associated risk, risk mitigation,
23 and risk cost;

24 (B) in the case of a sole-source program
25 that is not a program of record, transparently

1 consult with the prime contractor to seek con-
2 sensus on cost and schedule; and

3 (C) provide, in coordination with the ap-
4 propriate regional directorate of the Office of
5 the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and
6 the Director of the Defense Security Coopera-
7 tion Agency, to the acquisition leadership of
8 such military department a briefing on the re-
9 sults of the measurements under subparagraph
10 (A) and the consultation under subparagraph
11 (B).

12 (3) DECISION.—Not later than 30 days after
13 the date of a briefing under paragraph (2)(C), the
14 acquisition leadership of the military department
15 concerned shall issue a decision with respect to the
16 acquisition strategy selected.

17 (b) INPUT FROM PURCHASER WITH SPECIAL DES-
18 IGNATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
20 shall ensure that, in the development of acquisition
21 strategies for purchasers with a special designation
22 under subsection (a), the purchaser with a special
23 designation is provided an opportunity to provide
24 input with respect to risk tolerance.

1 (2) INFORMATION SHARING.—In carrying out
2 paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
3 that a purchaser with a special designation is briefed
4 on risks identified, alternate approaches that may be
5 taken, and the schedule, cost, and capability trade-
6 offs associated with such alternate approaches.

7 (3) INCLUSION IN BRIEFING.—Purchaser input
8 gathered under this paragraph shall be included in
9 the briefing required by subsection (a)(2)(C) and ap-
10 propriately weighed in making a final decision with
11 respect to the appropriate acquisition approach.

12 (c) AGREEMENTS WITH MANUFACTURERS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—A United States prime con-
14 tractor may enter into a covered agreement with a
15 manufacturer to begin the process of acquiring long-
16 lead Government-furnished equipment, including
17 sensitive and closely controlled items such as com-
18 munications security devices, military grade GPS,
19 and anti-spoofing devices, on forecast prior to the
20 execution of a signed commercial contract or
21 issuance of a letter of offer and acceptance.

22 (2) COVERED AGREEMENT DEFINED.—In this
23 subsection, the term “covered agreement” means an
24 agreement between a United States prime contractor
25 and a manufacturer pursuant to which—

1 (A) the prime contractor, in anticipation of
2 a foreign military sale, contracts for the pro-
3 duction by the manufacturer of one or more ar-
4 ticles that will be supplied to the prime con-
5 tractor as government-furnished equipment
6 prior to execution of a signed commercial con-
7 tract or issuance of a letter of offer and accept-
8 ance in connection with such sale;

9 (B) the parties agree to the allocation of
10 risks, obligations, profits, and costs in the event
11 the anticipated foreign military sale does not
12 occur, including whether the articles manufac-
13 tured under the agreement are retained by the
14 manufacturer for eventual supply to the prime
15 contractor or a third party in connection with
16 a future foreign military sale or other trans-
17 action; and

18 (C) the United States Government as-
19 sumes no liability with respect to either party
20 in the event the anticipated foreign military sale
21 does not occur.

22 (3) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICY.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-
24 fense shall implement policies, and ensure that
25 the head of each military department imple-

1 ments policies, that allow United States prime
2 contractors to enter into covered agreements
3 with manufacturers of Government-furnished
4 equipment.

5 (B) ELEMENTS.—The policies required by
6 subparagraph (A) shall require that—

7 (i) United States prime contractors
8 shall be responsible for—

9 (I) negotiating directly with the
10 manufacturer of Government-fur-
11 nished equipment, including with re-
12 spect to the terms and conditions de-
13 scribed in paragraph (2)(B); and

14 (II) providing any payment to
15 such manufacturer; and

16 (ii) transfer of Government-furnished
17 equipment from such manufacturer to the
18 primary contractor shall not occur until
19 the date on which a letter of offer and ac-
20 ceptance or commercial contract is pro-
21 duced.

22 (4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
23 subsection shall be construed as authorizing, requir-
24 ing, or providing for the United States Government

1 to assume any liability or other financial responsi-
2 bility with respect to a covered agreement.

3 (d) PURCHASER WITH A SPECIAL DESIGNATION DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “purchaser with a spe-
5 cial designation” means Israel, Japan, the Republic of
6 Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand, Taiwan,
7 member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
8 tion, major defense partners, major security partners, and
9 eligible purchasers that are members of the national tech-
10 nology and industrial base.

11 **SEC. 1262. REDESIGNATION OF THE AFRICA CENTER FOR**
12 **STRATEGIC STUDIES AS THE JAMES M.**
13 **INHOFE CENTER FOR AFRICA SECURITY**
14 **STUDIES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Defense re-
16 gional center for security studies known as the Africa Cen-
17 ter for Strategic Studies is hereby redesignated as the
18 “James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 (1) REFERENCE TO REGIONAL CENTERS FOR
21 STRATEGIC STUDIES.—Section 342(b)(2)(D) of title
22 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “Af-
23 rica Center for Strategic Studies” and inserting
24 “James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Stud-
25 ies”.

1 (2) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—
 2 Section 2611(a)(2)(D) of title 10, United States
 3 Code, is amended by striking “Africa Center for
 4 Strategic Studies” and inserting “James M. Inhofe
 5 Center for Africa Security Studies”.

6 (3) PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO
 7 SUDAN.—Section 1270A(b)(1) of the Sudan Demo-
 8 cratic Transition, Accountability, and Fiscal Trans-
 9 parency Act of 2020 (22 U.S.C. 10010(b)(1)) is
 10 amended by striking “Africa Center for Strategic
 11 Studies” and inserting “James M. Inhofe Center for
 12 Africa Security Studies”.

13 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Department
 14 of Defense Africa Center for Strategic Studies in any law,
 15 regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the
 16 United States shall be deemed to be a reference to the
 17 James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies.

18 **SEC. 1263. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM TO PROMOTE**
 19 **PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN**
 20 **THE SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING**
 21 **CORPS.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
 24 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pro-
 25 gram using the authority provided under section

1 2103(b) of title 10, United States Code, to promote
2 the participation of foreign students in the Senior
3 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (in this section re-
4 ferred to as the "Program").

5 (2) ORGANIZATION.—The Secretary of Defense,
6 in consultation with the Director of the Defense Se-
7 curity Cooperation Agency, the Secretaries of the
8 military departments, the commanders of the com-
9 batant commands, the participant institutions in the
10 Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program,
11 and any other individual the Secretary of Defense
12 considers appropriate, shall be responsible for, and
13 shall oversee, the Program.

14 (b) OBJECTIVE.—The objective of the Program is to
15 promote the readiness and interoperability of the United
16 States Armed Forces and the military forces of partner
17 countries by providing a high-quality, cost effective mili-
18 tary-based educational experience for foreign students in
19 furtherance of the military-to-military program objectives
20 of the Department of Defense and to enhance the edu-
21 cational experience and preparation of future United
22 States military leaders through increased, extended inter-
23 action with highly qualified potential foreign military lead-
24 ers.

1 (c) ACTIVITIES.—Under the Program, the Secretary
2 of Defense shall—

3 (1) identify to the military services' Senior Re-
4 serve Officers' Training Corps program the foreign
5 students who, based on criteria established by the
6 Secretary, the Secretary recommends be considered
7 for admission under the Program;

8 (2) coordinate with partner countries to evalu-
9 ate interest in and promote awareness of the Pro-
10 gram;

11 (3) establish a mechanism for tracking an
12 alumni network of foreign students who participate
13 in the Program; and

14 (4) to the extent practicable, work with the par-
15 ticipant institutions in the Senior Reserve Officers'
16 Training Corps program and partner countries to
17 identify academic institutions and programs that—

18 (A) have specialized academic programs in
19 areas of study or interest to participating coun-
20 tries; or

21 (B) have high participation from or signifi-
22 cant diaspora populations from participating
23 countries.

24 (d) STRATEGY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
2 30, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
3 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
4 and the House of Representatives a strategy for the
5 implementation of the Program.

6 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by
7 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

8 (A) A governance structure for the Pro-
9 gram, including—

10 (i) the officials tasked to oversee the
11 Program;

12 (ii) the format of the governing body
13 of the Program;

14 (iii) the functions and duties of such
15 governing body with respect to establishing
16 and maintaining the Program; and

17 (iv) mechanisms for coordinating with
18 partner countries whose students are se-
19 lected to participate in the Program.

20 (B) A list of additional authorities, appro-
21 priations, or other congressional support nec-
22 essary to ensure the success of the Program.

23 (C) A description of targeted partner coun-
24 tries and participant institutions in the Senior
25 Reserve Officers' Training Corps for the first

1 three fiscal years of the Program, including a
2 rationale for selecting such initial partners.

3 (D) A description of opportunities and po-
4 tential timelines for future Program expansion,
5 as appropriate.

6 (E) A description of the mechanism for
7 tracking the alumni network of participants of
8 the Program.

9 (F) Any other information the Secretary of
10 Defense considers appropriate.

11 (e) REPORT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
13 20, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of
14 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
15 committees a report on the Program.

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
17 graph (1) shall include the following elements:

18 (A) A narrative summary of activities con-
19 ducted as part of the Program during the pre-
20 ceding fiscal year.

21 (B) An overview of participant Senior Re-
22 serve Officers' Training Corps programs, indi-
23 viduals, and countries, to include a description
24 of the areas of study entered into by the stu-
25 dents 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
 7 Defense may not use the authority provided under this
 8 section to pay for tuition or room and board for foreign
 9 students who participate in the Program.

10 (g) TERMINATION.—The Program shall terminate on
 11 December 31, 2031.

12 **SEC. 1264. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR ASSISTANCE**
 13 **IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
 14 **ACCOUNTING FOR MISSING UNITED STATES**
 15 **GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.**

16 Section 408(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
 17 amended by inserting “, and procure goods and services
 18 from,” after “assistance to”.

19 **TITLE XIII—COOPERATIVE**
 20 **THREAT REDUCTION**

21 **SEC. 1301. COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION FUNDS.**

22 (a) FUNDING ALLOCATION.—Of the \$282,830,000
 23 authorized to be appropriated to the Department of De-
 24 fense for fiscal year 2026 in section 301 and made avail-
 25 able by the funding table in division D for the Department

1 of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program estab-
2 lished under section 1321 of the Department of Defense
3 Cooperative Threat Reduction Act (50 U.S.C. 3711), the
4 following amounts may be obligated for the purposes spec-
5 ified:

6 (1) For strategic offensive arms elimination,
7 \$6,249,000.

8 (2) For chemical weapons destruction,
9 \$25,292,000.

10 (3) For global nuclear security, \$38,134,000.

11 (4) For cooperative biological engagement,
12 \$137,686,000.

13 (5) For proliferation prevention, \$47,146,000.

14 (6) For activities designated as Other Assess-
15 ments/Administrative Costs, \$28,323,000.

16 (b) SPECIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE THREAT RE-
17 Duction FUNDS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to the
18 authorization of appropriations in section 301 and made
19 available by the funding table in division D for the Depart-
20 ment of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program
21 shall be available for obligation for fiscal years 2026,
22 2027, and 2028.

1 **TITLE XIV—OTHER**
2 **AUTHORIZATIONS**
3 **Subtitle A—Military Programs**

4 **SEC. 1401. WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS.**

5 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
6 fiscal year 2026 for the use of the Armed Forces and other
7 activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for
8 providing capital for working capital and revolving funds,
9 as specified in the funding table in section 4501.

10 **SEC. 1402. CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUC-**
11 **TION, DEFENSE.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
13 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the Depart-
14 ment of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for expenses, not oth-
15 erwise provided for, for Chemical Agents and Munitions
16 Destruction, Defense, as specified in the funding table in
17 section 4501.

18 (b) USE.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated
19 under subsection are authorized for—

20 (1) the destruction of lethal chemical agents
21 and munitions in accordance with section 1412 of
22 the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1986
23 (50 U.S.C. 1521); and

1 (2) the destruction of chemical warfare materiel
2 of the United States that is not covered by section
3 1412 of such Act.

4 **SEC. 1403. DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG AC-**
5 **TIVITIES, DEFENSE-WIDE.**

6 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
7 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for ex-
8 penses, not otherwise provided for, for Drug Interdiction
9 and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-wide, as specified in
10 the funding table in section 4501.

11 **SEC. 1404. DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

12 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
13 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for ex-
14 penses, not otherwise provided for, for the Office of the
15 Inspector General of the Department of Defense, as speci-
16 fied in the funding table in section 4501.

17 **SEC. 1405. DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM.**

18 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
19 fiscal year 2026 for the Defense Health Program for use
20 of the Armed Forces and other activities and agencies of
21 the Department of Defense for providing for the health
22 of eligible beneficiaries, as specified in the funding table
23 in section 4501.

1 **Subtitle B—National Defense**
2 **Stockpile**

3 **SEC. 1411. MODIFICATIONS TO STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL**
4 **MATERIALS STOCK PILING ACT.**

5 (a) MODIFICATION OF DISPOSAL AUTHORITY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(b) of the Strategic
7 and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C.
8 98d(b)) is amended—

9 (A) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”;

10 (B) by striking “or (5)” and inserting “or
11 (6)”;

12 (C) by striking “has been specifically au-
13 thorized by law” and inserting “was included in
14 the most recent annual materials plan sub-
15 mitted to the congressional defense committees
16 (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United
17 States Code) under section 11(b)(1)(G)”;

18 (D) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraph:

20 “(2) Not later than 15 days after making a disposal
21 under paragraph (1), the National Defense Stockpile Man-
22 ager shall notify the congressional defense committees of
23 the disposal.”.

1 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
 2 MENTS.—Section 6(a) of such Act (50 U.S.C.
 3 98e(a)) is amended—

4 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 5 by striking “President” and inserting “National
 6 Defense Stockpile Manager”; and

7 (B) by amending paragraph (7) to read as
 8 follows:

9 “(7) dispose of materials in the stockpile in ac-
 10 cordance with the most recent annual materials plan
 11 submitted to the congressional defense committees
 12 under section 11(b)(1)(G) and notify the congress-
 13 sional defense committees of such disposals as re-
 14 quired by section 5(b)(2).”.

15 (b) REDUCTION OF WAIT PERIODS.—Sections
 16 5(a)(2), 6(d)(1), and 6(d)(2) of such Act (50 U.S.C.
 17 98d(a)(2), 98e(d)(1), 98e(d)(2)) are each amended by
 18 striking “45 days” and inserting “30 days”.

19 **Subtitle C—Other Matters**

20 **SEC. 1421. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR** 21 **ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME.**

22 There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for fis-
 23 cal year 2026 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home
 24 Trust Fund the sum of \$77,000,000 for the operation of
 25 the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

1 **TITLE XV—SPACE ACTIVITIES,**
 2 **STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, AND**
 3 **INTELLIGENCE MATTERS**

4 **Subtitle A—Space Activities**

5 **SEC. 1501. DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRON-**
 6 **MENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR ROCKET CARGO**
 7 **TEST AND DEMONSTRATION AT JOHNSTON**
 8 **ATOLL.**

9 The preparation of the Notice of Intent to prepare
 10 an Environmental Assessment for Rocket Cargo Test and
 11 Demonstration at Johnston Atoll, United States (Dem-
 12 onstration at Johnston Atoll, United States (EAXX-007-
 13 57-USF-1728497279, March 3, 2025)) shall not be effec-
 14 tive until further modification includes consideration of
 15 the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site,
 16 United States Army Garrison—Kwajalein Atoll, Republic
 17 of the Marshall Islands. Such environmental impact anal-
 18 ysis shall also include a comparison of estimated costs for
 19 supporting the collection of essential testing data at each
 20 location.

21 **SEC. 1502. STUDY ON FUTURE SPACE LAUNCH CAPACITY.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
 23 conduct a study to assess the operational capacity, infra-
 24 structure, and long-term sustainability of heavy and super
 25 heavy space launch sites at Cape Canaveral Space Force

1 Station and Vandenberg Space Force Base, with a focus
2 on evaluating the suitability of such sites for ongoing and
3 future missions, and to explore alternate launch locations
4 that may offer advantages with respect to mission-effi-
5 ciency, cost-effectiveness, and strategic value.

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection
7 (a) shall include the following:

8 (1) An analysis of the current capacity and use
9 of the heavy and super heavy space launch sites at
10 Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and Vanden-
11 berg Space Force Base, including existing infra-
12 structure, launch frequencies, and operational effi-
13 ciency.

14 (2) A detailed evaluation of the infrastructure
15 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and Vanden-
16 berg Space Force Base, including transportation ac-
17 cess, environmental considerations, safety protocols,
18 the adequacy of current facilities to support heavy
19 and super heavy space launches, and the estimated
20 costs of maintaining and upgrading such infrastruc-
21 ture.

22 (3) A review of environmental regulations, poli-
23 cies, and potential impacts related to heavy and
24 super heavy space launches at Cape Canaveral Space
25 Force Station and Vandenberg Space Force Base,

1 including any limitations or challenges imposed by
2 Federal, State, or local regulations and an evalua-
3 tion of potential strategies to mitigate adverse envi-
4 ronmental effects.

5 (4) A comparative analysis of alternate loca-
6 tions for heavy and super heavy space launches, in-
7 cluding sites on Federal lands, private land partner-
8 ships, and locations outside the continental United
9 States. Such analysis shall consider geographic, envi-
10 ronmental, logistical, and regulatory factors that
11 may make alternate locations viable or advan-
12 tageous, including cost comparisons and potential
13 challenges in establishing infrastructure at such lo-
14 cations.

15 (5) An examination of the manner in which
16 Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Vandenberg
17 Space Force Base, and any potential alternate loca-
18 tions align with national defense and space explo-
19 ration goals, including launch site proximity to key
20 orbital paths, security considerations, and redun-
21 dancy for critical missions.

22 (6) An exploration of the manner in which ad-
23 vancements in space launch technology, including re-
24 usable launch vehicles and space traffic manage-
25 ment, could influence the future demand and oper-

1 ational needs for heavy and super heavy space
2 launch sites.

3 (7) An assessment of any innovative tech-
4 nologies that could enhance the capacity or reduce
5 the environmental impact of existing or alternate
6 heavy and super heavy space launch sites.

7 (8) A financial analysis of the long-term costs
8 associated with the use and maintenance of Cape
9 Canaveral Space Force Station and Vandenberg
10 Space Force Base for heavy and super heavy space
11 launches, and the estimated costs for establishing
12 and operating alternative heavy and super heavy
13 space launch sites. Such analysis shall include con-
14 siderations applicable to Government funding, pri-
15 vate sector partnerships, and cost-sharing models.

16 (c) CONSULTATION.—The study required by sub-
17 section (a) shall be conducted in consultation with relevant
18 stakeholders, including commercial space industry rep-
19 resentatives, environmental agencies, and local govern-
20 ments.

21 (d) REPORT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31,
23 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
24 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and

1 the House of Representatives a report on the find-
2 ings of the study required by subsection (a).

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
4 graph (1) shall include the following:

5 (A) Recommendations on the future use of
6 heavy and super heavy space launch sites at
7 Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Vanden-
8 berg Space Force Base, and alternate locations.

9 (B) A summary of findings and rec-
10 ommendations on the continued use of Cape
11 Canaveral Space Force Station and Vandenberg
12 Space Force Base for heavy and super heavy
13 space launches.

14 (C) A detailed analysis of alternate launch
15 sites, including strategic, operational, and fi-
16 nancial considerations.

17 (D) Policy recommendations for addressing
18 infrastructure needs, environmental concerns,
19 and regulatory challenges for heavy and super
20 heavy space launch operations.

21 (E) A summary of stakeholder input and
22 any proposed legislative or regulatory changes
23 based on the findings of the study.

1 **SEC. 1503. ACQUISITION AND OPERATION OF SPACE SYS-**
2 **TEMS FOR SPACE WARFIGHTING AND CON-**
3 **TROL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall ac-
5 quire and operate space systems to be used primarily for
6 space warfighting and control to meet the requirements
7 specified by one or more combatant commanders in car-
8 rying out the responsibilities set forth in section 164 of
9 title 10, United States Code.

10 (b) ROLE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE SYSTEMS.—One or
11 more commercial space systems may be used to augment
12 the space systems acquired and operated under subsection
13 (a).

14 (c) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may waive
16 the application of subsection (a) if the Secretary de-
17 termines that such a waiver is in the national secu-
18 rity interest of the United States.

19 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 10 days
20 after exercising the waiver authority under para-
21 graph (a), the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
22 sional defense committees a notification of the use of
23 such authority that includes—

24 (A) a description of the national security
25 interest upon which the exercise of such author-
26 ity is based;

1 (B) the anticipated vulnerabilities to na-
2 tional security posed by the use of such waiver;
3 and

4 (C) the anticipated duration of such waiv-
5 er.

6 **SEC. 1504. BLAST DAMAGE ASSESSMENT GUIDE FOR SPACE**
7 **VEHICLES AT AIR FORCE LAUNCH COM-**
8 **PLEXES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
11 Air Force shall publish a liquid oxygen and methane blast
12 damage assessment guide for space launch vehicles at Air
13 Force launch complexes.

14 (b) NOTICE AND BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days
15 after the date on which the assessment guide required by
16 subsection (a) is published, the Secretary shall—

17 (1) notify the congressional defense committees
18 of such publication; and

19 (2) provide the congressional defense commit-
20 tees with a briefing on the contents of the assess-
21 ment guide.

22 (c) WAIVER.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may waive
24 the one-year publication timeline under subsection

25 (a) for national security purposes, or if the Sec-

1 retary determines that such timeline is impractical,
 2 if the Secretary notifies the congressional defense
 3 committees with respect to an alternate date on
 4 which the publication shall occur.

5 (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may exercise
 6 the waiver authority under paragraph (1) not more
 7 than once.

8 **SEC. 1505. ACQUISITION OF SPACE-BASED TACTICAL DATA**
 9 **CAPABILITY.**

10 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that robust competi-
 11 tion in the space industrial base is essential to ensuring
 12 United States space superiority and the ability of the
 13 United States Space Force to provide national security
 14 mission-critical space warfighting systems and operations
 15 across the joint force.

16 (b) REQUIREMENT TO MAXIMIZE COMPETITION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 135 of title 10,
 18 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 19 end the following new section:

20 **“§ 2279e. Contracting for space-based functional data**
 21 **capability**

22 “‘The head of an agency shall, to the maximum extent
 23 practicable, ensure that—

24 “(1) space acquisitions employ procedures that
 25 maximize competition; and

1 “(2) mission-critical national security space-
 2 based systems that deliver space-based tactical data
 3 within a program and across the armed forces shall,
 4 to the greatest extent practicable, be procured from
 5 an open competition allowing for competition be-
 6 tween multiple vendors, and the products of such
 7 vendors shall comply with interfaces and standards
 8 that maximize resilience and interoperability with
 9 Department of Defense systems.”.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
 11 sections for chapter 135 of title 10, United States
 12 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following
 13 new item:

“2279e. Contracting for space-based functional data capability.”.

14 **SEC. 1506. USE OF MIDDLE TIER ACQUISITION PROGRAM**
 15 **FOR PROLIFERATED WARFIGHTER SPACE AR-**
 16 **CHITECTURE OF THE SPACE DEVELOPMENT**
 17 **AGENCY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Space Devel-
 19 opment Agency shall use a middle tier acquisition program
 20 for the rapid fielding of satellites and associated systems
 21 for each of the following tranches of the of the proliferated
 22 warfighter space architecture of the Agency:

- 23 (1) Tranch 4.
- 24 (2) Tranch 5.
- 25 (3) Tranch 6.

1 (b) RAPID PROTOTYPING AND FIELDING.—Any
2 tranche of satellites or associated systems developed and
3 fielded under subsection (a) shall have a level of maturity
4 that allows such satellites or systems to be rapidly
5 prototyped within an acquisition program or rapidly field-
6 ed within five years of the development of an approved
7 requirement for such satellites or systems.

8 (c) DESIGNATION AS MAJOR CAPABILITY ACQUISITION.—
9 TION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of De-
11 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment may des-
12 ignate a tranche described in subsection (a) as a
13 major capability acquisition program consistent with
14 Department of Defense Instruction 5000.85, titled
15 “Major Capability Acquisition” and issued on Au-
16 gust 6, 2020 (or a successor instruction).

17 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
18 days before the date on which a designation under
19 paragraph (1) is made, the Under Secretary of De-
20 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall notify
21 the congressional defense committees of the intent of
22 the Under Secretary to make such designation and
23 include with such notice a justification for such des-
24 ignation.

1 (d) SPACE ACQUISITION COUNCIL REVIEW AND
2 WAIVER.—

3 (1) REVIEW.—In accordance with section 9021
4 of title 10, United States Code, the Space Acquisi-
5 tion Council shall review each tranche described sub-
6 section (a) to ensure integration across the national
7 security space enterprise.

8 (2) WAIVER.—The Space Acquisition Council
9 may waive the requirements of subsection (a) with
10 respect to a tranche or portion of a tranche described
11 in such subsection if the Council—

12 (A) on the basis of the review conducted
13 under paragraph (1), determines that the use of
14 a middle tier acquisition program is not war-
15 ranted for such tranche or portion thereof; and

16 (B) not later than 14 days after making
17 such determination, submits to the congres-
18 sional defense committees notice of the intent of
19 the Council to issue such a waiver.

20 (e) MIDDLE TIER ACQUISITION PROGRAM DE-
21 FINED.—In this section, the term “middle tier acquisition
22 program” means an acquisition program or project that
23 is carried out using the rapid fielding or rapid prototyping
24 acquisition pathway under section 3602 of title 10, United
25 States Code, in a manner consistent with Department of

1 Defense Instruction 5000.80, titled “Operation of the
2 Middle Tier of Acquisition (MTA)” and issued on Decem-
3 ber 30, 2019 (or a successor instruction).

4 **SEC. 1507. CONTINUATION OF OPERATION OF DEFENSE ME-**
5 **TEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
7 continue to operate the Defense Meteorological Satellite
8 Program until the end of the functional life of the sat-
9 ellites in orbit as of the date of the enactment of this Act
10 under such program.

11 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
13 shall provide to the congressional defense committees a
14 briefing on—

15 (1) the status of the Defense Meteorological
16 Satellite Program;

17 (2) the requirements, capabilities, and costs for
18 such program for fiscal year 2026; and

19 (3) the projected costs—

20 (A) to carry out such program for the
21 functional life of the satellites in orbit as of the
22 date of the enactment of this Act under such
23 program; and

24 (B) to replace the satellite functions under
25 such program.

Subtitle B—Nuclear Forces

SEC. 1511. MATTERS RELATING TO INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) INITIAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.—Not later than September 30, 2033, and subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Secretary of the Air Force, shall ensure the LGM-35A Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic Missile weapon system achieves initial operational capability, as defined jointly by the Commander of United States Strategic Command and the Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command.

(b) INVENTORY REQUIREMENT.—Section 9062 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(n)(1) The Secretary of the Air Force shall maintain a total inventory of intercontinental ballistic missiles sufficient to ensure that no fewer than 400 such missiles are available for deployment at all times.

“(2) Such intercontinental ballistic missiles shall be deployed among no fewer than 150 launch facilities dispersed across each of the following locations (for a total of no fewer than 450):

“(A) Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Laramie County, Wyoming.

1 “(B) Malmstrom Air Force Base, Cascade
2 County, Montana.

3 “(C) Minot Air Force Base, Ward County,
4 North Dakota.

5 “(3) In this subsection:

6 “(A) The term ‘intercontinental ballistic missile’
7 means any combination of the LGM-30A Minuteman
8 intercontinental ballistic missile or the LGM-35A
9 Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile.

10 “(B) The term ‘deployed’ means armed with
11 one or more nuclear weapons and contained within
12 a launch facility and available for employment in
13 support of United States Strategic Command re-
14 quirements or presidentially directed operations.”.

15 (c)(1) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated
17 by this Act for fiscal year 2026 or otherwise made avail-
18 able for the Department of Defense may be obligated or
19 expended for the following, and the Department may not
20 otherwise take any action to do the following:

21 (A) Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the respon-
22 siveness or alert level of the intercontinental ballistic
23 missiles of the United States.

24 (B) Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the quantity
25 of deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles of the

1 United States to a number less than that specified
2 by subsection (n) of section 9062 of title 10, United
3 States Code, as added by subsection (b).

4 (2) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition in paragraph (1)
5 shall not apply to any of the following activities:

6 (A) The maintenance or sustainment of inter-
7 continental ballistic missiles.

8 (B) Ensuring the safety, security, or reliability
9 of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

10 (C) Facilitating the transition from the LGM-
11 30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile
12 to the Sentinel LGM-35A intercontinental ballistic
13 missile.

14 **SEC. 1512. MATTERS RELATING TO AIR FORCE GLOBAL**
15 **STRIKE COMMAND.**

16 (a) RESTORATION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 of the Air Force shall reverse any changes made to
20 the manpower, composition, roles, or responsibilities
21 of the Air Force Global Strike Command related to
22 efforts to establish an Integrated Capabilities Office
23 or an Integrated Capabilities Command since Octo-
24 ber 1, 2023.

1 (2) FUNDING LIMITATION.—Of the funds au-
2 thorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise
3 made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Depart-
4 ment of the Air Force, not more than 75 percent
5 may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of
6 the Air Force notifies the congressional defense com-
7 mittees that the requirement described in paragraph
8 (1) has been completed.

9 (3) LIMITATION ON FUTURE ORGANIZATIONAL
10 CHANGES.—Neither the Secretary of the Air Force
11 nor the Chief of Staff of the Air Force may author-
12 ize any alterations or adjustments to the composi-
13 tion, roles, or responsibilities of Air Force Global
14 Strike Command in the development of requirements
15 relating to strategic deterrence or the execution of
16 Joint Forces Air Component Command operational
17 and planning support for the United States Stra-
18 tegic Command unless—

19 (A) the Secretary of Defense, jointly with
20 the Commander of United States Strategic
21 Command, certifies to the congressional defense
22 committees that such alterations or adjustments
23 will not adversely affect the missions of the
24 United States Strategic Command missions in
25 supporting the operational requirements of the

1 United States Strategic Command or activities
2 of the Department of Defense to achieve presi-
3 dential nuclear employment guidance objectives;
4 and

5 (B) a period of not fewer than 180 days
6 elapse following such certification.

7 (b) OVERSIGHT OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE MIS-
8 SION.—Section 9040(b) of title 10, United States Code,
9 is amended—

10 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
11 inserting “in coordination with the Commander of
12 Air Force Global Strike Command” after “duties”;

13 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
14 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

15 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
16 lowing new paragraph (2):

17 “(2) Coordinate with and support the activities
18 of Air Force Global Strike Command, the Air Force
19 Nuclear Systems Center, and any other applicable
20 Air Force organization in the sustainment and mod-
21 ernization of weapon systems associated with the nu-
22 clear deterrence mission of the Air Force.”;

23 (4) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated, by
24 striking “and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force”
25 and inserting, “, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force,

1 and the Commander of Air Force Global Strike
2 Command.”; and

3 (5) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(5) Represent Air Force nuclear deterrence
5 mission equities on behalf of the Chief of Staff of
6 the Air Force and the Commander of Air Force
7 Global Strike Command within the Nuclear Weapons
8 Council processes and other Department of Defense
9 fora, as appropriate.”.

10 (c) ENDURING GUIDANCE.—Consistent with section
11 9040(b) of title 10, United States Code, as amended by
12 subsection (b), the provisions of Air Force Mission Direc-
13 tive 63, dated July 12, 2018, shall remain in force until
14 changed by law.

15 (d) UPDATE OF SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE.—Not
16 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
17 Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall issue an update
18 to Air Force Program Action Directive D16-01, dated Au-
19 gust 2, 2016, to reflect the requirements of this section.

20 **SEC. 1513. ADJUSTMENT TO BOMBER AIRCRAFT NUCLEAR**
21 **CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.**

22 Section 211 of the National Defense Authorization
23 Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239) is amend-
24 ed to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 211. B-21 BOMBER AIRCRAFT NUCLEAR CERTIFI-**
2 **CATION REQUIREMENT.**

3 “The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that the
4 B-21 bomber is—

5 “(1) operationally certified to employ nuclear
6 gravity bombs not later than 180 days after the date
7 on which such aircraft achieves initial operational
8 capability; and

9 “(2) operationally certified to employ the AGM-
10 181 Long Range Standoff Weapon not later than
11 two years after the date on which either the B-21
12 bomber or the AGM-181 Long Range Standoff
13 Weapon achieves initial operational capability,
14 whichever is later.”.

15 **SEC. 1514. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
16 **ING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSISTANT**
17 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR NUCLEAR DE-**
18 **TERRENCE, CHEMICAL, AND BIOLOGICAL DE-**
19 **FENSE POLICY AND PROGRAMS.**

20 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
21 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
22 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, to the Office
23 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Of-
24 fice of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
25 Sustainment, not more than 50 percent may be obligated
26 or expended until the date on which the Secretary of De-

1 fense notifies the congressional defense committees that
 2 the Department of Defense has—

3 (1) updated all applicable regulations, policies,
 4 and departmental guidance to reflect the establish-
 5 ment of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of De-
 6 fense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biologi-
 7 cal Defense Policy and Programs; and

8 (2) realigned personnel, facilities, and budg-
 9 etary resources to reflect the implementation of sec-
 10 tion 138(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code.

11 **SEC. 1515. ADJUSTMENT TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF NU-**
 12 **CLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL.**

13 Section 179 of title 10, United States Code, is
 14 amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence, by
 16 inserting “The Council shall be the primary mecha-
 17 nism for integrating, streamlining, and ensuring
 18 unity of purpose and direction for nuclear deterrence
 19 related activities within the Department of Defense
 20 and the Department of Energy.” after “Energy.”;

21 (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (3);

22 (3) in subsection (d)—

23 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
 24 through (13) as paragraphs (2) through (14),
 25 respectively;

1 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as
2 so redesignated, the following:

3 “(1) Supervising nuclear deterrence activities of
4 the Department of Defense and the National Nu-
5 clear Security Administration, including oversight of
6 policy and resources, and developing options for ad-
7 justing the deterrence posture of the United States
8 in response to evolving international security condi-
9 tions.”;

10 (C) by amending paragraph (6), as so re-
11 designated, to read as follows:

12 “(6) Evaluating safety, security, and control
13 issues for existing weapons and for proposed new
14 weapon program starts and approving adjustments
15 as required.”;

16 (D) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated,
17 by striking “Ensuring that adequate consider-
18 ation is given to” and inserting “Approving”;

19 (E) by amending paragraph (8), as so re-
20 designated, to read as follows:

21 “(8) Providing specific guidance regarding pri-
22 orities for research on—

23 “(A) nuclear weapon delivery systems and
24 platforms and priorities on military capability

1 development within the armed forces and the
2 broader Department of Defense; and

3 “(B) nuclear weapons and priorities among
4 activities, including production, surveillance, re-
5 search, construction, and any other programs
6 within the National Nuclear Security Adminis-
7 tration.”;

8 (F) by amending paragraph (9), as so re-
9 designated, to read as follows:

10 “(9) Coordinating and approving activities con-
11 ducted by the Department of Defense and the De-
12 partment of Energy for the study, development, pro-
13 duction, and retirement of nuclear warheads and
14 weapon systems, including concept definition studies,
15 feasibility studies, engineering development, hard-
16 ware component fabrication, warhead and weapon
17 system production, and warhead retirement.”;

18 (G) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated,
19 by inserting “and weapon system” after “war-
20 head”;

21 (H) in paragraph (12), as so redesignated,
22 by inserting “and related weapon systems sup-
23 porting nuclear deterrence missions” after
24 “weapons”; and

1 (I) in paragraph (14), as so redesign-
2 nated—

3 (i) by inserting “and approving” after
4 “Coordinating”; and

5 (ii) by inserting “systems and” after
6 “delivery”; and

7 (4) by amending subsection (f)(1) to read as
8 follows:

9 “(f) BUDGET AND FUNDING MATTERS.—(1) The
10 Council shall annually review the plans and budget of the
11 National Nuclear Security Administration and the Mili-
12 tary Services to assess whether such plans and budget
13 meet the current and projected requirements relating to
14 nuclear weapons and related weapon systems supporting
15 nuclear deterrence missions.”.

16 **SEC. 1516. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
17 **ING NOTIFICATION OF TASKING AUTHORITY**
18 **DELEGATION.**

19 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
20 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
21 Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, and available to
22 the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for travel pur-
23 poses, not more than 50 percent may be obligated or ex-
24 pended until the date on which the Secretary of Defense
25 notifies the congressional defense committees that the del-

1 egation of authority described in section 1638(e) of the
2 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
3 Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2941)
4 has been completed.

5 **SEC. 1517. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR NU-**
6 **CLEAR-ARMED, SEA-LAUNCHED CRUISE MIS-**
7 **SILE INITIAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.**

8 Section 1640 of the National Defense Authorization
9 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.
10 595) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), (d),
12 (e), (f), and (g), as subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g),
13 and (h), respectively;

14 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
15 lowing new subsection (b):

16 “(b) RAPID FIELDING PARALLEL PATH.—In parallel
17 to the major defense acquisition program described in sub-
18 section (a), the Department of Defense is authorized to
19 utilize the middle tier acquisition authorities established
20 by section 3602 of title 10, United States Code, to rapidly
21 develop, prototype, and field a nuclear-armed, sea-
22 launched cruise missile that can provide for a residual
23 operational capability prior to the date of initial oper-
24 ational capability established by subsection (c).”; and

1 (3) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by
2 striking “2034” and inserting “2032”.

3 **SEC. 1518. PILOT PROGRAM FOR UNMANNED AERIAL VEHI-**
4 **CLE RESUPPLY TO LAUNCH CONTROL FA-**
5 **CILITIES.**

6 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Air
7 Force, in coordination with the Commander of the Air
8 Force Global Strike Command, is authorized to carry out
9 a pilot program under which the Secretary may establish
10 a partnership to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of
11 implementing a low cost and repeatable resupply of inter-
12 continental ballistic missile launch facilities or control cen-
13 ters using unmanned aircraft systems.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—If the Secretary carries out the
15 pilot program authorized under subsection (a), such pilot
16 program shall include—

17 (1) demonstration flights conducted in unre-
18 stricted airspace, including the transportation of
19 cargo, from a main Air Force Base to interconti-
20 nental ballistic missile launch facilities or control
21 centers;

22 (2) consultation with the Administrator of the
23 Federal Aviation Administration and the heads of
24 other Federal agencies, as the Secretary determines

1 appropriate, to facilitate the flights described in
2 paragraph (1);

3 (3) the use of existing technology to the great-
4 est extent possible;

5 (4) an evaluation of the potential of unmanned
6 aircraft systems to resupply intercontinental ballistic
7 missile launch facilities or control centers more effi-
8 ciently than ground-based resupply methods; and

9 (5) the incorporation, implementation, and utili-
10 zation of unmanned aircraft system service supplier
11 airspace system integration services for enhanced
12 safety, awareness, and command and control.

13 (c) TERMINATION.—The authorization to carry out
14 the pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on
15 the date that is 3 years after the date on which the Sec-
16 retary establishes such a pilot program.

17 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December 1
18 of each year in which the pilot program authorized under
19 subsection (a) is carried out, the Secretary of the Air
20 Force shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
21 tees a report summarizing the activities of the pilot pro-
22 gram during the preceding year, including information on
23 how the pilot program is supporting Air Force Global
24 Strike Command requirements.

1 (e) BRIEFING ON REFINING LEGISLATION.—Not
 2 later than 180 days after the establishment of a pilot pro-
 3 gram authorized under subsection (a), the Secretary of the
 4 Air Force shall brief the congressional defense committees
 5 on any statutory adjustments required to enable or con-
 6 tinue the efficient execution of such pilot program.

7 (f) DEFINITION OF INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC
 8 MISSILE LAUNCH FACILITY OR CONTROL CENTER.—In
 9 this section, the term “intercontinental ballistic missile
 10 launch facility or control center” has the meaning given
 11 that term in section 183a(h) of title 10, United States
 12 Code.

13 **SEC. 1519. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
 14 **ING COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL BRIEF-**
 15 **INGS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REC-**
 16 **OMMENDATIONS BY THE CONGRESSIONAL**
 17 **COMMISSION ON THE STRATEGIC POSTURE**
 18 **OF THE UNITED STATES.**

19 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
 20 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
 21 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, to the Office
 22 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
 23 Sustainment, not more than 90 percent may be obligated
 24 or expended until the date on which the Under Secretary
 25 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment completes the

1 first annual briefing to the congressional defense commit-
2 tees required by section 1637 of the Servicemember Qual-
3 ity of Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
4 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

5 **SEC. 1520. DEEP CLEANING OF LAUNCH CONTROL CEN-**
6 **TERS OF THE AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE**
7 **COMMAND.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force,
9 acting through the Commander of the Air Force Global
10 Strike Command, shall ensure that each launch control
11 center within the 3 missile wings comprising the 20th Air
12 Force undergoes a deep cleaning of its crew capsules every
13 5 years until each such launch control center is decommis-
14 sioned by the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile
15 program.

16 (b) WAIVER.—The Commander of the Air Force
17 Global Strike Command may waive the deep cleaning of
18 a particular launch control center based upon conditions
19 that are unforeseen, impracticable, or due to national se-
20 curity. If such a waiver is exercised, the Commander shall
21 report to the congressional defense committees the par-
22 ticular launch control center that is waived and when such
23 launch control center is expected to be deep cleaned.

24 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each fiscal year, the Sec-
25 retary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional

1 defense committees a report that identifies each launch
2 control center that was deep cleaned during such fiscal
3 year and any additional matters of concern with respect
4 to the launch control centers.

5 **SEC. 1521. LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION CAPS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Unless authorized by an Act of
7 Congress, no action shall be taken to establish or imple-
8 ment a requirement to establish a cap on reimbursement
9 of compensation and benefits for non-federal employees
10 under contract with the National Nuclear Security Admin-
11 istration or employees of any Federally-funded research
12 and development center supporting—

13 (1) any atomic energy defense activity, as de-
14 fined in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act
15 of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101);

16 (2) the sustainment and modernization of—

17 (A) nuclear weapons delivery systems and
18 platforms of the Department of Defense;

19 (B) nuclear command, control, and com-
20 munications systems of the Department; or

21 (C) any infrastructure associated with sub-
22 paragraph (A) or (B); or

23 (3) the development, testing, or fielding of tech-
24 nologies supporting the Golden Dome missile defense
25 system.

1 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 2 tion shall be construed to affect or limit the application
 3 of, or any obligation to comply with, the requirements of
 4 section 3744(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code, or
 5 section 4304(a)(16) of title 41, United States Code.

6 **Subtitle C—Missile Defense**

7 **SEC. 1531. MATTERS RELATING TO THE GOLDEN DOME MIS-** 8 **SILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.**

9 (a) REVISION TO NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POL-
 10 ICY.—Section 5501 of title 10, United States Code, is
 11 amended—

12 (1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2); and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 14 paragraphs: “

15 “(1) to provide for the common defense of citi-
 16 zens of the United States and the United States by
 17 deploying and maintaining a next-generation missile
 18 defense shield;

19 “(2) to deter and defend the United States, citi-
 20 zens of the United States, and critical infrastructure
 21 of the United States, against the threat of foreign
 22 attack by increasingly complex ballistic, hypersonic
 23 glide, and cruise missiles, and other advanced aerial
 24 threats;

1 “(3) to guarantee the viability of an effective
2 nuclear response capability and support the contin-
3 ued deterrence of strategic attacks against the
4 homeland of the United States; and

5 “(4) to cooperate on missile defense capabilities
6 and technologies with allies and partners of the
7 United States to aid in the defense of allied and
8 partner populations and forward-deployed armed
9 forces of the United States.”.

10 (b) ANNUAL BRIEFING ON GOLDEN DOME MISSILE
11 DEFENSE SYSTEM.—

12 (1) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—Concurrent with
13 the first submission to Congress of a budget pursu-
14 ant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
15 Code, after the date of the enactment of this Act,
16 and with each submission of a budget to Congress
17 pursuant to such section until the Secretary of De-
18 fense determines that the Golden Dome missile de-
19 fense system achieves full operational capability, the
20 Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense
21 committees a briefing on the development and de-
22 ployment of the Golden Dome missile defense sys-
23 tem.

24 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under para-
25 graph (1) shall cover the following:

1 (A) The current architecture of the Golden
2 Dome missile defense system as compared to
3 the prior year.

4 (B) A consolidated list of funds estimated
5 within the most recent future-years defense pro-
6 gram under section 221 of title 10, United
7 States Code, for the Golden Dome missile de-
8 fense system as compared to the prior fiscal
9 year, including with respect to—

10 (i) missile defense and defeat systems;

11 (ii) missile defense interceptors;

12 (iii) missile warning and tracking sys-
13 tems;

14 (iv) network and communications sys-
15 tems;

16 (v) research, development, test, and
17 evaluation;

18 (vi) software development;

19 (vii) military construction;

20 (viii) operations and maintenance, in-
21 cluding advanced planning and infrastruc-
22 ture sustainment, renovation, and mainte-
23 nance funds;

24 (ix) civilian and military personnel;

25 and

1 (x) such other matters as the Sec-
2 retary considers appropriate.

3 (3) MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS.—Each briefing under
4 paragraph (1) shall include notable highlights and
5 changes affecting the progress towards initial and
6 full operational capability of the Golden Dome mis-
7 sile defense system.

8 (c) REPLACEMENT OF MISSILE INSTRUMENTATION
9 RANGE SAFETY VESSELS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—(A) Beginning not later than
11 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
12 the Director of the Missile Defense Agency shall ini-
13 tiate such actions as are necessary to establish and
14 ensure the validation of requirements for two re-
15 placement missile instrumentation range safety ves-
16 sels for the National Defense Reserve Fleet to allow
17 for the construction of such vessels to begin no later
18 than September 30, 2026.

19 (B) The Director shall, in coordination with
20 such Department of Defense officials as the Director
21 considers necessary to carry out subparagraph (A),
22 consult with the Maritime Administrator regarding
23 options to enter into an agreement with a vessel con-
24 struction manager, or other appropriate entity, to

1 contract for the construction of the vessels under
2 subparagraph (A).

3 (2) USE OF VESSEL.—A vessel constructed pur-
4 suant to this subsection shall be available for use by
5 other Federal agencies on a reimbursable basis, pro-
6 vided such usage does not—

7 (A) interfere with or delay Department of
8 Defense testing requirements;

9 (B) impede activities to maintain the oper-
10 ational availability of such vessel or any instru-
11 mentation onboard; or

12 (C) result in deferment of any modifica-
13 tions, maintenance, or upgrades to such vessel
14 or onboard instrumentation the Director deter-
15 mines necessary to meet current or future De-
16 partment requirements.

17 (3) CONSTRUCTION AND DOCUMENTATION RE-
18 QUIREMENTS.—The Director shall take such steps
19 as may be necessary to ensure a vessel constructed
20 pursuant to this section meets the requirements for
21 and be issued a certificate of documentation and a
22 coastwise endorsement under chapter 121 of title 46,
23 United States Code.

24 (4) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION
25 PRACTICES.—Subject to paragraph (3), the Director

1 shall take such steps as necessary to ensure a vessel
2 constructed pursuant to this section shall be con-
3 structed using commercial design standards and
4 commercial construction practices that are consistent
5 with the best interests of the Federal Government.

6 (5) CONSULTATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL EN-
7 TITIES.—The Director may consult and coordinate
8 with other Federal entities regarding the vessels de-
9 scribed in paragraph (1) and activities associated
10 with such vessels, including requirements for addi-
11 tional, similar vessels.

12 (6) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR USED
13 VESSELS.—In assessing options for amounts author-
14 ized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise
15 made available for use by the Director to carry out
16 this section may not be used for the procurement of
17 any used vessel.

18 (d) ESTABLISHMENT OF GOLDEN DOME DIRECT RE-
19 PORTING PROGRAM MANAGER.—The provisions of the
20 Secretary of Defense memorandum titled “Direct Report-
21 ing Program Manager Appointment for Golden Dome for
22 America” and dated May 27, 2025, shall remain in force
23 until changed by law.

1 **SEC. 1532. INCLUSION OF HAWAII AND ALASKA IN PLANS**
2 **FOR IRON DOME FOR AMERICA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In complying with Executive
4 Order 14186 (90 Fed. Reg. 8767; relating to The Iron
5 Dome for America), the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
6 that plans, reviews, strategies, and capabilities to improve
7 missile defense of the United States also include improve-
8 ments for the missile defense of Hawaii and Alaska, in
9 addition to the continental United States.

10 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall brief the
12 congressional defense committees on the progress of im-
13 plementing Executive Order 14186, including specifically
14 how missile defense of Hawaii and Alaska is included.

15 (c) DEFINITION OF MISSILE DEFENSE.—In this sec-
16 tion, the term “missile defense” means defense against all
17 manner of aerial and space kinetic attacks, including bal-
18 listic, hypersonic, and cruise missiles, and other advanced
19 aerial attacks.

20 **SEC. 1533. INCLUSION OF AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE IN**
21 **UNCONSTRAINED TOTAL MUNITIONS RE-**
22 **QUIREMENTS.**

23 Section 222c(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
24 amended—

25 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through
26 (8) as paragraphs (6) through (9), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph (5):

3 “(5) Air and Missile Defense.”.

4 **SEC. 1534. IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE**
5 **SYSTEM AND ISRAELI COOPERATIVE MISSILE**
6 **DEFENSE PROGRAM CO-DEVELOPMENT AND**
7 **CO-PRODUCTION.**

8 (a) IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE
9 SYSTEM.—

10 (1) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the funds
11 authorized to be appropriated by this Act for fiscal
12 year 2026 for procurement, Defense-wide, and avail-
13 able for the Missile Defense Agency, not more than
14 \$60,000,000 may be provided to the Government of
15 Israel to procure components for the Iron Dome
16 short-range rocket defense system through co-pro-
17 duction of such components in the United States by
18 industry of the United States.

19 (2) CONDITIONS.—

20 (A) AGREEMENT.—Funds described in
21 paragraph (1) for the Iron Dome short-range
22 rocket defense program shall be available sub-
23 ject to the terms and conditions in the Agree-
24 ment Between the Department of Defense of
25 the United States of America and the Ministry

1 of Defense of the State of Israel Concerning
2 Iron Dome Defense System Procurement,
3 signed on March 5, 2014, as amended to in-
4 clude co-production for Tamir interceptors.

5 (B) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30
6 days prior to the initial obligation of funds de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1), the Under Secretary
8 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
9 shall submit to the appropriate congressional
10 committees—

11 (i) a certification that the amended bi-
12 lateral international agreement specified in
13 subparagraph (A) is being implemented as
14 provided in such agreement;

15 (ii) an assessment detailing any risks
16 relating to the implementation of such
17 agreement; and

18 (iii) for system improvements result-
19 ing in modified Iron Dome components
20 and Tamir interceptor sub-components, a
21 certification that the Government of Israel
22 has demonstrated successful completion of
23 Production Readiness Reviews, including
24 the validation of production lines, the
25 verification of component conformance,

1 and the verification of performance to
2 specification as defined in the Iron Dome
3 Defense System Procurement Agreement,
4 as further amended.

5 (b) ISRAELI COOPERATIVE MISSILE DEFENSE PRO-
6 GRAM, DAVID'S SLING WEAPON SYSTEM CO-PRODUC-
7 TION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3), of
9 the funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
10 year 2026 for procurement, Defense-wide, and avail-
11 able for the Missile Defense Agency not more than
12 \$40,000,000 may be provided to the Government of
13 Israel to procure the David's Sling Weapon System,
14 including for co-production of parts and components
15 in the United States by United States industry.

16 (2) AGREEMENT.—Provision of funds specified
17 in paragraph (1) shall be subject to the terms and
18 conditions in the bilateral co-production agreement,
19 including—

20 (A) a one-for-one cash match is made by
21 Israel or in another matching amount that oth-
22 erwise meets best efforts (as mutually agreed to
23 by the United States and Israel); and

24 (B) co-production of parts, components,
25 and all-up rounds (if appropriate) in the United

1 States by United States industry for the Da-
2 vid's Sling Weapon System is not less than 50
3 percent.

4 (3) CERTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT.—The
5 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
6 Sustainment shall submit to the appropriate con-
7 gressional committees—

8 (A) a certification that the Government of
9 Israel has demonstrated the successful comple-
10 tion of the knowledge points, technical mile-
11 stones, and Production Readiness Reviews re-
12 quired by the research, development, and tech-
13 nology agreement and the bilateral co-produc-
14 tion agreement for the David's Sling Weapon
15 System; and

16 (B) an assessment detailing any risks re-
17 lating to the implementation of such agreement.

18 (c) ISRAELI COOPERATIVE MISSILE DEFENSE PRO-
19 GRAM, ARROW 3 UPPER TIER INTERCEPTOR PROGRAM
20 CO-PRODUCTION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), of
22 the funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
23 year 2026 for procurement, Defense-wide, and avail-
24 able for the Missile Defense Agency not more than
25 \$100,000,000 may be provided to the Government of

1 Israel for the Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor Pro-
2 gram, including for co-production of parts and com-
3 ponents in the United States by United States in-
4 dustry.

5 (2) CERTIFICATION.—The Under Secretary of
6 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall sub-
7 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
8 certification that—

9 (A) the Government of Israel has dem-
10 onstrated the successful completion of the
11 knowledge points, technical milestones, and
12 Production Readiness Reviews required by the
13 research, development, and technology agree-
14 ment for the Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor
15 Program;

16 (B) funds specified in paragraph (1) will
17 be provided on the basis of a one-for-one cash
18 match made by Israel or in another matching
19 amount that otherwise meets best efforts (as
20 mutually agreed to by the United States and
21 Israel);

22 (C) the United States has entered into a
23 bilateral international agreement with Israel
24 that establishes, with respect to the use of such
25 funds—

- 1 (i) in accordance with subparagraph
2 (D), the terms of co-production of parts
3 and components on the basis of the great-
4 est practicable co-production of parts, com-
5 ponents, and all-up rounds (if appropriate)
6 by United States industry and minimizes
7 nonrecurring engineering and facilitization
8 expenses to the costs needed for co-produc-
9 tion;
- 10 (ii) complete transparency on the re-
11 quirement of Israel for the number of
12 interceptors and batteries that will be pro-
13 cured, including with respect to the pro-
14 curement plans, acquisition strategy, and
15 funding profiles of Israel;
- 16 (iii) technical milestones for co-pro-
17 duction of parts and components and pro-
18 curement;
- 19 (iv) a joint affordability working
20 group to consider cost reduction initiatives;
21 and
- 22 (v) joint approval processes for third-
23 party sales; and
- 24 (D) the level of co-production described in
25 subparagraph (C)(i) for the Arrow 3 Upper

1 Tier Interceptor Program is not less than 50
2 percent.

3 (d) NUMBER.—In carrying out paragraph (2) of sub-
4 section (b) and paragraph (2) of subsection (c), the Under
5 Secretary may submit—

6 (1) one certification covering both the David’s
7 Sling Weapon System and the Arrow 3 Upper Tier
8 Interceptor Program; or

9 (2) separate certifications for each respective
10 system.

11 (e) TIMING.—The Under Secretary shall submit to
12 the congressional defense committees the certification and
13 assessment under subsection (b)(3) and the certification
14 under subsection (c)(2) not later than 30 days before the
15 funds specified in paragraph (1) of subsections (b) and
16 (c) for the respective system covered by the certification
17 are provided to the Government of Israel.

18 (f) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
19 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
20 sional committees” means the following:

21 (1) The congressional defense committees.

22 (2) The Committee on Foreign Relations of the
23 Senate.

24 (3) The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
25 House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 1535. REQUIREMENT FOR AEGIS COMBAT SYSTEMS**
2 **OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED UNDER UNITED**
3 **STATES INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Any removal of the Aegis Guam
5 Combat System from the Indo-Pacific Command area of
6 responsibility (currently sited on Guam) shall be con-
7 sistent with section 162(a) of title 10, United States Code,
8 using procedures outlined under Chairman of the Joint
9 Chiefs of Staff Manual 3130.06D (relating to global force
10 management allocation policies and procedures), or suc-
11 cessor document.

12 (b) NOTICE.—In any case in which a removal de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) is carried out, the Chairman of
14 the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall submit to the congressional
15 defense committees notice of the removal not later than
16 10 days after the date of the commencement of the re-
17 moval.

18 **SEC. 1536. AMENDMENTS TO TECHNICAL AUTHORITY OF DI-**
19 **RECTOR OF MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY RE-**
20 **GARDING INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DE-**
21 **FENSE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 5531 of
23 title 10, United States Code, is amended—

24 (1) by inserting “system level architectures,”
25 before “the interfaces”; and

1 (2) by inserting a comma after “of such activi-
2 ties and programs”.

3 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Subsection (b) of
4 such section is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by striking “under paragraph (1)” and
7 inserting “under subsection (a)”; and

8 (B) by striking “with subparagraph (B)”
9 and inserting “with paragraph (2)”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (2)—

11 (A) by striking “under subparagraph (A)”
12 and inserting “under paragraph (1)”; and

13 (B) by striking “under paragraph (1)” and
14 inserting “under subsection (a)”.

15 **SEC. 1537. ASSESSMENT OF THE RONALD REAGAN BAL-**
16 **LISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with section 4173(i) of
18 title 10, United States Code, the Director of the Depart-
19 ment of Defense Test Resource Management Center shall,
20 not later than March 31 of each year until March 31,
21 2030—

22 (1) visit the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile
23 Defense Test Site and assess the state of infrastruc-
24 ture supporting test and evaluation facilities of the
25 Department of Defense; and

1 (2) not later than 30 days after a visit under
2 paragraph (1), provide the congressional defense
3 committees a briefing on the findings of the Director
4 with respect to such visit and assessment.

5 (b) DELEGATION.—The Director may delegate a visit
6 under subsection (a)(1) to a senior staff member of the
7 Test Resource Management Center 30 days after notifica-
8 tion to the congressional defense committees of the intent
9 of the Director to make such delegation.

10 **SEC. 1538. BIENNIAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE RONALD**
11 **REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST**
12 **SITE.**

13 (a) BIENNIAL ASSESSMENTS.—In 2027 and in each
14 odd-numbered year thereafter through 2033, the Com-
15 mander of the United States Strategic Command shall,
16 in coordination with the Commander of the United States
17 Space Command, the Commander of the United States
18 Indo-Pacific Command, and the commanders of such other
19 combatant commands as the Commander of the United
20 States Strategic Command considers appropriate, assess
21 the capabilities and capacity, including supporting infra-
22 structure, of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense
23 Test Site (RRBMDTS) on United States Army Garrison
24 Kwajalein Atoll to meet the operational and weapon sys-

1 tem developmental testing needs of the combatant com-
2 mands.

3 (b) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND
4 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.—Not
5 later than February 28 of each even-numbered year fol-
6 lowing a year for which an assessment under subsection
7 (a) is completed, the Commander of the United States
8 Strategic Command shall submit to the Secretary of De-
9 fense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff a re-
10 port containing—

11 (1) the findings of the Commander with respect
12 to the assessment;

13 (2) an identification and discussion of any ca-
14 pability or capacity gap or other shortfall with re-
15 spect to the operational and testing needs described
16 in subsection (a);

17 (3) an identification and discussion of any risks
18 with respect to meeting current and future mission
19 or capability requirements; and

20 (4) an identification and discussion of any mat-
21 ter having an adverse effect on the capability of the
22 combatant commanders to accurately determine the
23 matters covered by the assessment.

24 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than March
25 15 of each year during which a report under subsection

1 (b) is submitted, the Secretary shall submit to the con-
2 gressional defense committees the report most recently re-
3 ceived by the Secretary under subsection (b), without any
4 edits and with such additional views as the Secretary or
5 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff consider appro-
6 priate.

7 **SEC. 1539. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
8 **OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DE-**
9 **FENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT**
10 **PENDING COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL**
11 **BRIEFINGS ON MISSILE DEFENSE OF GUAM.**

12 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
13 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
14 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for the Office
15 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
16 Sustainment, not more than 90 percent may be obligated
17 or expended until the date on which the Under Secretary
18 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment completes the
19 first annual briefing to the congressional defense commit-
20 tees required by section 1648 of the Servicemember Qual-
21 ity of Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
22 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

1 **SEC. 1540. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY PENDING AR-**
3 **RANGEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS**
4 **OF SPACE-BASED MISSILE DEFENSE CAPA-**
5 **BILITY.**

6 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
7 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
8 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for the Missile
9 Defense Agency, not more than 90 percent may be obli-
10 gated or expended until the date on which the Director
11 of the Missile Defense Agency enters into an arrangement
12 in accordance with section 1671(a) of the National De-
13 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
14 118–31) and notifies the congressional defense committees
15 of such arrangement.

16 **SEC. 1541. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REDUCE**
17 **SUSTAINMENT FOR OR HALT OPERATION OF**
18 **THE AN/FPS-108 COBRA DANE RADAR.**

19 (a) LIMITATION.—Until the date on which the certifi-
20 cation described in subsection (b) is submitted to the con-
21 gressional defense committees, the Secretary of Defense—

22 (1) may not reduce sustainment efforts for, halt
23 operation of, or prepare to reduce sustainment ef-
24 forts for or halt operation of, the AN/FPS-108
25 COBRA DANE radar located at Eareckson Air Sta-
26 tion on Shemya Island in Alaska;

1 (2) shall sustain the AN/FPS–108 COBRA
2 DANE radar in a manner that preserves, at a min-
3 imum, the system’s current operational availability
4 as of the date of the enactment of this Act; and

5 (3) shall ensure that the AN/FPS–108 COBRA
6 DANE radar continues to meet the operational re-
7 quirements of the combatant commands that are
8 met by this system as of the date of the enactment
9 of this Act.

10 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification
11 described in this subsection is a written certification from
12 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chief
13 of Space Operations and the Director of the Missile De-
14 fense Agency, indicating that the replacement capability
15 for the AN/FPS–108 COBRA DANE radar—

16 (1) will reach initial operational capability at
17 the same time or before the termination of oper-
18 ations for the AN/FPS–108 COBRA DANE radar;
19 and

20 (2) at the time such replacement capability
21 achieves initial operational capability, will have the
22 ability to meet the operational requirements of the
23 combatant commands that have been, or that are ex-
24 pected to be, assigned to such replacement capa-
25 bility.

1 (c) EXCEPTION.—The limitation described in sub-
 2 section (a) shall not apply to temporary interruptions of
 3 operational availability for the AN/FPS-108 COBRA
 4 DANE radar provided such activities are necessary to sup-
 5 port maintenance or modernization activities of the sys-
 6 tem.

7 **SEC. 1542. ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF AUTONO-**
 8 **MOUS AGENTS TO DEFEND AGAINST CRUISE**
 9 **MISSILES AND UNMANNED SYSTEMS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Program Manager shall use
 11 all authorities available to the Program Manager to accel-
 12 erate development of autonomous agents to cost-effectively
 13 defend the United States homeland and forward-deployed
 14 armed forces against raids of both large cruise missiles
 15 and unmanned systems as the Secretary considers appro-
 16 priate.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) MISSILE.—The term “missile” means a bal-
 19 listic, hypersonic, cruise, hypersonic cruise, or loi-
 20 tering munition.

21 (2) PROGRAM MANAGER.—The term “Program
 22 Manager” means the Direct Reporting Program
 23 Manager for Golden Dome for America.

24 (3) UNMANNED SYSTEM.—The term “un-
 25 manned system” means a remote-operated or auton-

1 omous unmanned system of any size maneuvering in
2 land, sea, air, or space that is capable of single at-
3 tacks, swarm attacks, or sensor and data collection
4 and reconnaissance.

5 **SEC. 1543. MISSILE DEFENSE TESTING REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Program
7 Manager shall ensure that a robust testing regime is es-
8 tablished for all kinetic and nonkinetic interceptors or
9 similar systems throughout the system’s lifecycle. To the
10 maximum extent practicable, testing shall include execu-
11 tion of end-to-end missile defense detection, tracking, and
12 destruction techniques that exercise multiple components
13 of the Golden Dome system.

14 (b) TESTING SCHEDULE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection
16 (a), the Secretary and the Program Manager shall
17 ensure that, not later than 540 days after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, a demanding testing
19 cadence begins, commencing with a virtual exercise
20 commencing on or before the date that is 540 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (2) TEST PLANS.—Not later than 90 days be-
23 fore carrying out a test under this section, the Sec-
24 retary and the Program Manager shall present to

1 the congressional defense committees a detailed plan
2 for the test.

3 (3) BRIEFINGS.—In any case in which the Pro-
4 gram Manager fails to conduct a test under this sec-
5 tion in accordance with a timeline specified in this
6 section, the Program Manager shall provide the ap-
7 plicable subcommittees of the congressional defense
8 committees an in-person briefing in each month for
9 with the test is delayed.

10 (c) LIVE-FIRE EXERCISE REQUIREMENT.—At a min-
11 imum, kinetic and nonkinetic systems deemed to be mis-
12 sion essential by the Secretary to the capabilities of Gold-
13 en Dome shall be tested on a semiannual basis in a live-
14 fire exercise, starting after the virtual test described in
15 subsection (b)(1).

16 (d) PARTICIPANTS.—

17 (1) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION.—Each exercise
18 under this section shall include the following partici-
19 pants:

20 (A) The Program Manager.

21 (B) A representative from the Office of the
22 Secretary of Defense.

23 (C) A representative from each of the
24 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Space
25 Force.

1 (D) A representative from the National Se-
2 curity Agency.

3 (E) Representative from North American
4 Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) or
5 United States Northern Command
6 (USNORTHCOM).

7 (F) A representative from Indo-Pacific
8 Command.

9 (2) INVITED FOR PARTICIPATION.—For each
10 exercise under this section, the Program Manager
11 shall invite the participation of the following:

12 (A) A representative from the Coast
13 Guard.

14 (B) A representative from the Federal
15 Aviation Administration.

16 (C) A representative from the congres-
17 sional defense committees.

18 (e) WAIVERS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to a request sub-
20 mitted to the Secretary under paragraph (2), the
21 Secretary may waive the requirement in subsection
22 (b) for an individual system.

23 (2) REQUESTS.—The Program Manager may
24 submit to the Secretary a request for a waiver of the

1 requirement in subsection (b) for an individual sys-
2 tem.

3 (3) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later
4 than 14 days after granting a waiver under para-
5 graph (1), the Secretary shall provide the congres-
6 sional defense committees an in-person briefing of
7 the waiver with a detailed explanation of the reasons
8 for the decision of the Secretary to grant the waiver.

9 (f) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less fre-
11 quently than once each year thereafter, the Secretary
12 shall, in consultation with the heads of such government
13 agencies as the Secretary considers relevant, submit to the
14 congressional defense committees a report detailing key
15 regulations preventing rapid, iterative testing of systems
16 vital to Golden Dome.

17 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “Golden Dome” shall means the
19 holistic missile defense architecture described in this
20 section.

21 (2) The term “missile” means a ballistic,
22 hypersonic, cruise, hypersonic cruise, or loitering
23 munition.

24 (3) The term “Program Manager” means the
25 Golden Dome Direct Report Program Manager.

1 (4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
2 of Defense.

3 **SEC. 1544. IMPROVING UNITED STATES MISSILE DEFENSE**
4 **CAPABILITIES.**

5 (a) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF NON-KINETIC
6 CAPABILITIES.—The Secretary shall assess the funding
7 needs required to accelerate development of non-kinetic
8 capabilities to negate missile or unmanned system threats
9 prior to launch or after launch. Such capabilities may in-
10 clude cyber (offense and defense), supply chain interdic-
11 tion, artificial intelligence-driven battle management, elec-
12 tromagnetic spectrum, directed energy weapons, and high-
13 power microwave defense options capable of defeating
14 large-scale missile or unmanned system attacks.

15 (b) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION
16 FUSION PLATFORM USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO
17 DETECT THREATS.—The Secretary shall assess the fund-
18 ing needs required to accelerate development and rapid
19 prototyping of high technology readiness level (TRL) ca-
20 pabilities in order to acquire and field an information fu-
21 sion, software-centric platform that utilizes machine learn-
22 ing and artificial intelligence technologies capable of deliv-
23 ering air, land, space, and maritime domain awareness
24 and early warning capabilities for homeland defense across
25 disparate novel and legacy systems. Such platform shall

1 employ a common data layer that can support the rapid
2 integration of new sensors and effectors across all tiers
3 of the integrated air and missile defense system.

4 (c) REQUIREMENT FOR NEXT GENERATION INTER-
5 CEPTOR FIELDING AND SILO CONSTRUCTION.—The Pro-
6 gram Manager shall, with support from the Missile De-
7 fense Agency, assess the funding needs necessary to ex-
8 pand Next Generation Interceptor production and silo con-
9 struction to field up to 80 interceptors for defense of the
10 United States. Subject to the availability of appropria-
11 tions, interceptor testing and initial fielding shall be com-
12 pleted not later than January 1, 2028.

13 (d) REQUIREMENT FOR COMBATANT COMMANDS TO
14 ACCOUNT FOR MISSILE DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS AND
15 SENSOR REQUIREMENTS IN THEIR ANNUAL RE-
16 QUESTS.—For each fiscal year beginning after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, each commander of a com-
18 batant command shall include the terrestrial-based sensor
19 requirements, space-based sensor requirements, and
20 counter-unmanned system requirements of the combatant
21 command of the commander in the supporting information
22 for the Department of Defense submitted along with the
23 budget of the President to Congress for such fiscal year
24 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
25 Code.

1 (e) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF GLIDE PHASE
2 INTERCEPTOR.—The Program Manager shall assess the
3 funding needs required to accelerate development of the
4 Glide Phase Interceptor to defend against hypersonic
5 threats to the United States homeland.

6 (f) ACCELERATING PRODUCTION AND FIELDING OF
7 GROUND MOBILE INTERCEPTORS.—The Program Man-
8 ager shall assess the funding needs required to accelerate
9 the production and fielding of ground mobile interceptors
10 and radars for forward deployment and homeland defense
11 as the Secretary and President consider appropriate.

12 (g) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF RESILIENT
13 POSITIONING, NAVIGATION, AND TIMING FOR MISSILE
14 DEFENSE SYSTEMS.—The Program Manager shall assess
15 the funding needs required to accelerate development and
16 fielding of resilient positioning, navigation, and timing
17 (PNT) solutions that can operate effectively in ground po-
18 sitioning system (GPS)-denied environments. Such solu-
19 tions may include the following:

20 (1) Quantum-enhanced inertial navigation and
21 atomic clock technologies to maintain continuous po-
22 sitioning, navigation, and timing functionality in
23 ground positioning system-degraded or denied sce-
24 narios.

1 (2) Enhanced terrestrial-based navigation sys-
2 tems for greater assured positioning in ground posi-
3 tioning system-contested environments.

4 (3) Robust data fusion techniques that inte-
5 grate multiple positioning, navigation, and timing
6 sources, such as radar-based tracking, vision-aided
7 navigation, and low-Earth orbit (LEO) signals, to
8 sustain operational effectiveness during electronic
9 warfare (EW) attacks or cyber intrusions.

10 (4) Commercially available, field-proven alter-
11 native positioning, navigation, and timing solutions
12 that leverage advanced sensor fusion, artificial intel-
13 ligence-driven error correction, and resilient posi-
14 tioning, navigation, and timing processing to provide
15 assured navigation for mobile and fixed defense plat-
16 forms, including those currently deployed in
17 hypersonic tracking and integrated air and missile
18 defense applications.

19 (h) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT AND FIELDING
20 OF LOW-COST SCALABLE INTERCEPTOR.—The Program
21 Manager shall assess the funding needs required to accel-
22 erate development, test, and fielding of a low-cost scalable
23 interceptor that can augment existing production lines and
24 provide resiliency to the integrated air and missile defense
25 system.

1 (i) ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOY-
2 MENT OF SPACE-BASED SENSORS AND INTERCEPTORS.—

3 The Program Manager shall assess the funding needs re-
4 quired to accelerate development and deployment of pro-
5 liferated space-based sensors and interceptors capable of
6 ballistic and hypersonic missile intercept.

7 (j) ACCELERATING MODERNIZATION OF CERTAIN
8 TERRESTRIAL DOMAIN CAPABILITIES.—The Program
9 Manager shall assess the funding needs required to accel-
10 erate modernization of terrestrial-based radar capabilities
11 and other such sensors to improve detection of interconti-
12 nental and sea-launched missile threats, as well as improve
13 space domain awareness capabilities.

14 (k) SITE SELECTION AND PROGRAM EXECUTION
15 PLAN FOR HIGHLY FLEXIBLE MISSILE DEFENSE
16 SITES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
17 actment of this Act, the Program Manager shall submit
18 to Congress a report detailing a plan for a highly flexible,
19 and if necessary mobile, terrestrial missile defense network
20 capable of defending critical nodes across the United
21 States, including noncontiguous States and territories,
22 from likely attack vectors.

23 (l) ACCELERATION OF MUNITIONS PRODUCTION FOR
24 MISSILE DEFENSE.—The Program Manager, working
25 with the military departments, shall assess the funding

1 needs required to accelerate production of critical muni-
2 tions used for missile interception, including Standard
3 Missile 3 Blocks IB and IIA and PAC-2 and PAC-3 mu-
4 nitions, to ensure their availability as an additional sub-
5 layer of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system.

6 (m) REQUIREMENT FOR ACCELERATION OF PRO-
7 CUREMENT AND FIELDING OF AIR MOVING TARGET INDIC-
8 ATOR SYSTEMS.—The Program Manager shall assess the
9 funding needs required to accelerate the procurement and
10 fielding of air moving target indicator (AMTI) systems ca-
11 pable of detecting, tracking, and distinguishing airborne
12 moving targets from stationary or cluttered backgrounds.

13 (n) REQUIREMENT FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOP-
14 MENT AND EXPANSION OF INTEGRATED UNDERSEA SUR-
15 VEILLANCE SYSTEM.—The Program Manager shall assess
16 the funding needs to accelerate the development and ex-
17 pansion of the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System
18 to detect and track undersea threats like submersibles that
19 carry missiles near United States shorelines.

20 (o) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2026, the
21 Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-
22 mittees a report summarizing the results of the assess-
23 ments carried out under this section.

24 (p) DEFINITIONS.—

25 (1) COMMERCIAL SOLUTION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “commercial
2 solution” means a product, other than real
3 property, that—

4 (i) is of a type customarily used by
5 the general public or by nongovernmental
6 entities for purposes other than govern-
7 mental purposes and—

8 (ii)(I) has been sold, leased, or li-
9 censed to the general public; or

10 (II) has been offered for sale, lease, or
11 license to the general public.

12 (B) INCLUSION OF COMMERCIAL PROD-
13 UCTS, COMPONENTS, AND SERVICES.—The term
14 “commercial solution” includes commercial
15 products, components, and services in align-
16 ment with the Federal Government’s preference
17 for the acquisition of commercial products and
18 commercial services, as set forth in sections
19 1906, 1907, and 3307 of title 41, United States
20 Code, and sections 3451 through 3453 of title
21 10, United States Code, which establish acqui-
22 sition policies more closely resembling those of
23 the commercial marketplace and encourage the
24 acquisition of commercial products and com-
25 mercial services.

1 (2) GOLDEN DOME.—The term “Golden Dome”
 2 means the holistic missile defense architecture de-
 3 scribed in this section.

4 (3) MISSILE.—The term “missile” means a bal-
 5 listic, hypersonic, cruise, hypersonic cruise, or loi-
 6 tering munition.

7 (4) PROGRAM MANAGER.—The term “Program
 8 Manager” means the Golden Dome Direct Report
 9 Program Manager.

10 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 11 the Secretary of Defense.

12 (6) UNMANNED SYSTEM.—The term “un-
 13 manned system” means a remote-operated or auton-
 14 omous unmanned system of any size maneuvering in
 15 land, sea, air, or space that is capable of single at-
 16 tacks, swarm attacks, or sensor and data collection
 17 and reconnaissance.

18 **Subtitle D—Other Matters**

19 **SEC. 1551. INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPART-** 20 **MENT OF DEFENSE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL** 21 **SECURITY PROGRAM.**

22 (a) AGREEMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
 24 shall seek to enter into an agreement with the Na-
 25 tional Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Med-

1 icine (in this section referred to as the “National
2 Academies”) for the National Academies to conduct
3 the assessment under subsection (b) and submit the
4 report under subsection (e).

5 (2) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to enter
6 into the agreement described in paragraph (1) by
7 not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act.

9 (b) EVALUATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under an agreement be-
11 tween the Secretary and the National Academies en-
12 tered into pursuant to subsection (a), the National
13 Academies shall conduct an assessment of the De-
14 partment of Defense National Industrial Security
15 Program.

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—The assessment of the Pro-
17 gram conducted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
18 cover the following:

19 (A) Understanding of the evolution of the
20 Program over time to determine if it is up to
21 date with current policies and regulatory re-
22 sponsibilities.

23 (B) Assessment of roles and responsibil-
24 ities of parties involved with the Program to de-
25 termine effectiveness, efficiencies, and align-

1 ment of responsibilities with operating author-
2 ity.

3 (C) Assessment of whether the availability
4 of security workforce to oversee execution of the
5 Program is sufficient to satisfy the demand sig-
6 nal from entities under the Program.

7 (D) Analysis of available metrics or other
8 data to determine a baseline of effectiveness for
9 the Program.

10 (E) Assessment of data available to the
11 Department that might be used to update, add,
12 or refine measures of performance or effective-
13 ness for the Program.

14 (F) Appraisal of operating business proc-
15 esses or methods, including a determination of
16 where business process reengineering may be
17 needed.

18 (G) Assessment of the availability of new
19 tools or techniques that may be adopted by the
20 Program to increase effectiveness, efficiency,
21 and cost savings for the Program.

22 (H) Determination of whether available re-
23 sources are aligned to the greatest area of need.

24 (I) Assessment of data on personnel secu-
25 rity clearances and facility security clearances.

1 (J) Identification of opportunities to re-
2 duce costs for industry and the government in
3 execution of the Program.

4 (K) Such other matters as the Secretary
5 considers appropriate.

6 (c) ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PER-
7 SONNEL, INFORMATION, AND RESOURCES.—Under an
8 agreement entered into between the Secretary and the Na-
9 tional Academies under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
10 make available such personnel, information, and resources
11 as are necessary to execute the assessment required by
12 subsection (b).

13 (d) REPORT.—

14 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Under an
15 agreement entered into between the Secretary and
16 the National Academies under subsection (a), the
17 National Academies shall, not later than one year
18 after the date of the execution of the agreement,
19 submit to the congressional defense committees a
20 consensus report containing the findings of the Na-
21 tional Academies with respect to the assessment
22 under subsection (b).

23 (2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
24 shall be submitted in an unclassified form, but may
25 include a classified annex.

1 (3) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE VIEWS ON AS-
2 SESSMENT.—Not more than 90 days after the Na-
3 tional Academies delivers the report to the congres-
4 sional defense committees under paragraph (1), the
5 Secretary shall provide the congressional defense
6 committees a briefing on the views of the Secretary
7 with respect to such report.

8 **SEC. 1552. REFORMS RELATING TO INACTIVE SECURITY**
9 **CLEARANCES.**

10 (a) EXTENSION OF PERIOD INACTIVE SECURITY
11 CLEARANCES.—The Secretary of Defense shall make such
12 changes to Department of Defense Manual 5200.02 (relat-
13 ing to procedures for Department of Defense Personnel
14 Security Program), or successor manual, as may be nec-
15 essary to ensure an individual who has been retired or oth-
16 erwise separated from service in the Armed Forces or em-
17 ployment with the Department of Defense for a period of
18 not more than 5 years and who was eligible to access clas-
19 sified information on the day before the individual retired
20 or otherwise separated, will be granted eligibility by the
21 Secretary to access classified information as long as—

22 (1) there is no indication the individual no
23 longer satisfies the standards established for access
24 to classified information;

1 (2) the individual certifies in writing to an ap-
 2 propriate security professional that there has been
 3 no change in the relevant information provided for
 4 the last background investigation of the individual;
 5 and

6 (3) an appropriate record check reveals no un-
 7 favorable information.

8 (b) FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY ASSESSMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
 10 an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of
 11 subjecting inactive security clearances to continuous
 12 vetting and due diligence.

13 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than June 30, 2026,
 14 the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on
 15 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
 16 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a
 17 briefing on the findings of the Secretary with respect
 18 to the assessment conducted pursuant to paragraph
 19 (1).

20 **SEC. 1553. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE JOINT ELECTRO-**
 21 **MAGNETIC BATTLE MANAGEMENT SOFT-**
 22 **WARE PROGRAM.**

23 (a) ARRANGEMENT.—The Chief Information Officer
 24 of the Department of Defense shall seek to enter into an
 25 arrangement with a federally funded research and develop-

1 ment center to perform the services covered by this sec-
2 tion.

3 (b) ANNUAL REVIEWS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under an arrangement be-
5 tween the Chief Information Officer and a federally
6 funded research and development center under sub-
7 section (a), the federally funded research and devel-
8 opment center shall, not less frequently than once
9 each fiscal year, carry out a review of the Joint
10 Electromagnetic Battle Management Software Pro-
11 gram.

12 (2) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out a review
13 under paragraph (1), the federally funded research
14 and development center shall assess—

15 (A) whether the Electromagnetic Battle
16 Management Software Program—

17 (i) is using best practices, including
18 those developed by the Government Ac-
19 countability Office;

20 (ii) is adequately meeting require-
21 ments; and

22 (iii) is adequately adhering to price
23 and schedule; and

24 (B) such other matters as the federally
25 funded research and development center con-

1 siders important to meeting the mission of the
2 program.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than September 30th of each
4 year until September 30, 2031, the Chief Information Of-
5 ficer shall provide to the congressional defense committees
6 a briefing on the most recently completed review carried
7 out under this section.

8 (d) SUNSET.—The arrangement in subsection (a)
9 shall end on October 1, 2031.

10 **SEC. 1554. INTEGRATION OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE INTO**

11 **TIER 1 AND TIER 2 JOINT TRAINING EXER-**

12 **CISES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 25 of title 10, United
14 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing new section:

16 **“§ 500g. Integration of electronic warfare into Tier 1**

17 **and Tier 2 joint training exercises**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal years 2026
19 through 2030, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
20 shall require the integration of offensive and defensive
21 electronic warfare capabilities into Tier 1 and Tier 2 joint
22 training exercises.

23 “(b) INCLUSION OF OPPOSING FORCE.—The Chair-
24 man shall require exercises conducted under subsection (a)
25 to include an opposing force design based on a current

1 intelligence assessment of the electromagnetic order of
2 battle and capabilities of an adversary.

3 “(c) WAIVER.—The Chairman may waive the applica-
4 tion of subsection (a) or (b) with respect to an exercise
5 if the Chairman determines that—

6 “(1) the exercise does not require—

7 “(A) a demonstration of electronic warfare
8 capabilities; or

9 “(B) a militarily significant threat from
10 electronic warfare attack; or

11 “(2) the integration of offensive and defensive
12 electronic warfare capabilities into the exercise is
13 cost prohibitive or not technically feasible based on
14 the overall goals of the exercise.

15 “(d) BRIEFING.—Concurrent with the submission of
16 the budget of the President to Congress pursuant to sec-
17 tion 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for each of
18 fiscal years 2026 through 2030, the Chairman shall pro-
19 vide the congressional defense committees with a briefing
20 on exercises conducted under subsection (a) that in-
21 cludes—

22 “(1) a description of such exercises planned and
23 included in the budget submission for that fiscal
24 year; and

1 “(2) the results of each such exercise conducted
2 in the preceding fiscal year, including—

3 “(A) the extent to which offensive and de-
4 fensive electronic warfare capabilities were inte-
5 grated into the exercise;

6 “(B) an evaluation and assessment of the
7 exercise to determine the impact of the oppos-
8 ing force on the participants in the exercise, in-
9 cluding—

10 “(i) joint lessons learned;

11 “(ii) high interest training issues; and

12 “(iii) high interest training require-
13 ments; and

14 “(C) an assessment as to whether offensive
15 and defensive electronic warfare capabilities
16 were part of an overall joint fires and, if so, a
17 description of the manner in which such capa-
18 bilities were incorporated into the joint fires.

19 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) ELECTROMAGNETIC ORDER OF BATTLE.—

21 The term ‘electromagnetic order of battle’ has the
22 meaning given such term in Joint Publication 3–85
23 entitled ‘Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Oper-
24 ations’, dated May 2020.

1 “(2) HIGH INTEREST TRAINING ISSUE; HIGH
 2 INTEREST TRAINING REQUIREMENT; TIER 1; TIER
 3 2.—The terms ‘high interest training issue’, ‘high in-
 4 terest training requirement’, ‘Tier 1’, and ‘Tier 2’
 5 have the meanings given such terms in the Joint
 6 Training Manual for the Armed Forces of the
 7 United States (Document No. CJCSM 3500.03E),
 8 dated April 20, 2015.

9 “(3) JOINT FIRES.—The term ‘joint fires’ has
 10 the meaning given such term in the publication of
 11 the Joint Staff entitled ‘Insights and Best Practices
 12 Focus Paper on Integration and Synchronization of
 13 Joint Fires’, dated July 2018.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 15 for chapter 25 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
 16 by adding at the end the following new item:

“500g. Integration of electronic warfare into Tier 1 and Tier 2 joint training
 exercises.”.

17 **SEC. 1555. BRIEFINGS ON INTERCEPTS OF UNIDENTIFIED**
 18 **ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA BY NORTH AMER-**
 19 **ICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND AND**
 20 **UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1683(l) of the National
 22 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (50
 23 U.S.C. 3373(l)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 24 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(5) INTERCEPTS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each briefing under
3 this subsection shall include, for the period cov-
4 ered by the briefing, details on any unidentified
5 anomalous phenomena intercepts conducted by
6 the North American Aerospace Defense Com-
7 mand or United States Northern Command.

8 “(B) SUMMARIES.—In providing a briefing
9 under this subsection, the Director of the Office
10 shall make available a summary of all instances
11 of intercepts described in subparagraph (A), in-
12 cluding—

13 “(i) the number, location, and nature
14 of such intercepts; and

15 “(ii) a description of the procedures
16 and protocols followed during the inter-
17 cepts, including any data collected or ana-
18 lyzed during such intercepts.

19 “(C) TIMELY INFORMATION.—The Direc-
20 tor of the Office shall inform the appropriate
21 congressional committees of any failure by the
22 North American Aerospace Defense Command
23 or United States Northern Command to provide
24 timely information on unidentified anomalous
25 phenomena intercepts.”.

1 (b) FIRST BRIEFING.—Notwithstanding paragraph
 2 (5) of such section, as added by subsection (a), for the
 3 first briefing provided under such section after the date
 4 of the enactment of this Act, the briefing shall include de-
 5 tails on any unidentified anomalous phenomena intercepts
 6 conducted by the North American Aerospace Defense
 7 Command or United States Northern Command that oc-
 8 curred during the period beginning on January 1, 2004,
 9 and ending on the last day of the period otherwise covered
 10 by the briefing.

11 **SEC. 1556. CONSOLIDATED SECURITY CLASSIFICATION**
 12 **GUIDANCE MATRIX FOR PROGRAMS RELAT-**
 13 **ING TO UNIDENTIFIED ANOMALOUS PHE-**
 14 **NOMENA.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director for the
 17 All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office shall issue a con-
 18 solidated security classification guidance matrix for pro-
 19 grams relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena in
 20 order—

- 21 (1) to provide a resource for programs that
- 22 support or may be affected by unidentified anoma-
- 23 lous phenomena investigations; and
- 24 (2) to support increased reporting on unidenti-
- 25 fied anomalous phenomena events by ensuring indi-

1 viduals, members of the Armed Forces, and other
2 Federal employees have adequate understanding of
3 the constraints they would be under when reporting
4 or discussing such event.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The consolidated security classifica-
6 tion guidance required by subsection (a) shall include—

7 (1) a comprehensive list of resources for all lev-
8 els of document control, including controlled unclas-
9 sified information, based on the current list of secu-
10 rity classification guides the All-Domain Anomaly
11 Resolution Office relies upon and references;

12 (2) the ability to disseminate as a centralized
13 document or other digital resource; and

14 (3) periodic updates based on the All-Domain
15 Anomaly Resolution Office updates and community
16 feedback on relevant security classification guides
17 that are recommended for inclusion.

18 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the
19 issuance of the consolidated security guidance matrix
20 under subsection (a), the Director of the All-Domain
21 Anomaly Resolution Office shall provide a copy of such
22 guidance, as well as a briefing on the implementation of
23 the security guidance matrix, to the Committee on Armed
24 Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Serv-
25 ices of the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 1557 PLAN FOR INCREASING UTILITY OF USER ACTIV-**
2 **ITY MONITORING CAPABILITIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
4 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-
5 fense committees a plan for increasing the use of user ac-
6 tivity monitoring capabilities on Department of Defense
7 unclassified networks and systems.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a)
9 shall include—

10 (1) identification of additional networks or sys-
11 tems to be covered by user activity monitoring;

12 (2) opportunities to integrate user activity mon-
13 itoring into other cybersecurity or personnel vetting
14 information systems to enhance the availability of
15 data, as well as increase performance for such sys-
16 tems;

17 (3) proposed timelines, milestones, and antici-
18 pated costs for expansion to the additional networks
19 identified pursuant to paragraph (1);

20 (4) identification of resources to continue ex-
21 pansion or integration with other cybersecurity or
22 personnel vetting information systems;

23 (5) an assessment of commercially available
24 tools that could be integrated to improve perform-
25 ance of user activity monitoring capabilities;

1 (6) a description of what data is needed to de-
2 termine measures of performance and effectiveness;
3 and

4 (7) an assessment of the feasibility of inte-
5 grating a dashboard capability for user activity mon-
6 itoring performance data through the Advancing
7 Analytics tool.

8 **SEC. 1558. SUPPORT BY THE 350TH SPECTRUM WARFARE**
9 **WING TO EA-37B COMPASS CALL AIRCRAFT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force
11 shall ensure that the 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing can
12 adequately support the EA-37B Compass Call Aircraft,
13 including establishment of an EA-37 software-in-the-loop
14 (SITL) and hardware-in-the-loop (HITL) laboratory for
15 the 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing for—

16 (1) the rapid reprogramming of spectrum wave-
17 forms;

18 (2) verification and validation testing of wave-
19 forms; and

20 (3) such other matters as the Secretary con-
21 siders necessary for the continued development of
22 the EA-37B to effectively operate in a nonpermis-
23 sive spectrum environment.

24 (b) NOTICE OF NECESSARY TIMEFRAME.—Not later
25 than March 31, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the

1 congressional defense committees notice informing the
2 committees of the timeframe necessary to establish the
3 software-in-the-loop and hardware-in-the-loop laboratory
4 required by subsection (a).

5 **SEC. 1559. REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL COLLECTION CAPA-**
6 **BILITIES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**
7 **CHINA AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN**
8 **THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
11 fense, in consultation with the Director of National Intel-
12 ligence, shall submit to the appropriate committees of
13 Congress a report on the technical collection capabilities
14 of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federa-
15 tion in the Republic of Cuba.

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
17 (a) shall include an assessment of the following:

18 (1) The current technical collection capabilities,
19 and potential expansion of such capabilities, of the
20 People's Republic of China and the Russian Federa-
21 tion in the Republic of Cuba.

22 (2) The counterintelligence risks associated
23 with such capabilities, including risks to operations
24 at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay,
25 Cuba.

1 (3) The capabilities and resources of the De-
2 partment of Defense to counter any technical collec-
3 tion capabilities of the People’s Republic of China
4 and the Russian Federation in the Republic of Cuba
5 identified by this report.

6 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
7 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain
8 a classified annex.

9 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
10 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
11 tees of Congress” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
13 Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

14 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
15 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
16 House of Representatives.

17 **SEC. 1560. EXTENSION OF PROTECTION OF CERTAIN FA-**
18 **CILITIES AND ASSETS FROM UNMANNED AIR-**
19 **CRAFT.**

20 Section 130i(i) of title 10, United States Code, is
21 amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “December
23 31, 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “November
25 15, 2026” and inserting “November 15, 2027”.

1 **SEC. 1561. CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTING REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL-DOMAIN ANOM-**
3 **ALY RESOLUTION OFFICE.**

4 (a) CONSOLIDATION.—Section 413 of the Intelligence
5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (division X of
6 Public Law 117–103; 50 U.S.C. 3373a) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “makes such
8 data” and all that follows through the period and in-
9 serting “make such data available immediately, in a
10 manner that protects intelligence sources and meth-
11 ods, to the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office es-
12 tablished under section 1683 of the National De-
13 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (50
14 U.S.C. 3373).”;

15 (2) by striking subsections (b) and (c); and

16 (3) by striking “(a) AVAILABILITY OF DATA ON
17 UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA.—.”; and

18 (b) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of such section
19 is amended by striking “**UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHE-**
20 **NOMENA TASK FORCE**” and inserting “**ALL-DOMAIN**
21 **ANOMALY RESOLUTION OFFICE**”.

1 **SEC. 1562. LIMITATION ON THE DIVESTMENT, CONSOLIDA-**
2 **TION, AND CURTAILMENT OF CERTAIN ELEC-**
3 **TRONIC WARFARE TEST AND EVALUATION**
4 **ACTIVITIES.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Army shall
6 not take any action to divest, consolidate, or curtail any
7 electronic warfare test and evaluation activities that were
8 part of an Army element of the Major Range and Test
9 Facility Base on or before the date of the enactment of
10 this Act until the Secretary submits to the congressional
11 defense committees the report described in subsection (b).

12 (b) REPORT.—The report described in this subsection
13 is a report on a decision of the Secretary to divest, consoli-
14 date, or curtail an electronic warfare test or evaluation
15 activity described in subsection (a) that contains the fol-
16 lowing:

17 (1) A description of the analytic basis used by
18 the Secretary for making the decision, including
19 matters relating to any cost, workload, and work-
20 force requirements, as well as any analysis relating
21 to operational impact on users of the activities.

22 (2) The findings from an independent review by
23 the Director of the Office of Cost Assessment and
24 Program Evaluation of all analyses described in
25 paragraph (1).

1 (3) A certification by the Director of the Test
 2 Resource Management Center that the analyses de-
 3 scribed in paragraph (1) and the decision of the Sec-
 4 retary meet the requirement of the Department of
 5 Defense, as required by section 4173(c)(1)(B) of
 6 title 10, United States Code.

7 **SEC. 1563. MODIFICATION OF FUNCTIONS OF ELECTRO-**
 8 **MAGNETIC SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE OPER-**
 9 **ATIONAL LEAD FOR JOINT ELECTRO-**
 10 **MAGNETIC SPECTRUM OPERATIONS TO IN-**
 11 **CLUDE DYNAMIC SPECTRUM SHARING TECH-**
 12 **NOLOGIES.**

13 Section 500e of title 10, United States Code, is
 14 amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) by striking “responsible for synchro-
 17 nizing” and inserting the following: “respon-
 18 sible for—

19 “(1) synchronizing”;

20 (B) by striking the period at the end and
 21 inserting “; and”; and

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

24 “(2) coordinating test and evaluation of tactics,
 25 techniques, and procedures for dynamic spectrum

1 sharing technologies in joint electromagnetic oper-
 2 ations.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (c)—

4 (A) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
 5 paragraph (6); and

6 (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
 7 following new paragraphs:

8 “(4) An assessment of any current gaps in test-
 9 ing, evaluation, and validation mechanisms for fu-
 10 ture joint use of dynamic spectrum sharing tech-
 11 nologies.

12 “(5) The feasibility and advisability of estab-
 13 lishing designated virtual testing ranges so that op-
 14 erators can develop tactics, techniques, and proce-
 15 dures for dynamic spectrum sharing technologies.”.

16 **SEC. 1564. LIMITATION ON MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN**
 17 **ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM RELIED ON**
 18 **BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

19 Section 488 of title 10, United States Code, is
 20 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 21 section:

22 “(c) **LIMITATION ON MODIFICATION OF SPEC-**
 23 **TRUM.**—(1) Until the earlier of September 30, 2034, or
 24 the date on which the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
 25 Staff certifies to the congressional defense committees

1 that dynamic spectrum sharing (as defined in the Emerg-
 2 ing Mid-Band Radar Spectrum Sharing (EMBRSS) Fea-
 3 sibility Assessment Report of the Department of Defense
 4 published in September 2023) is fully operational, the Sec-
 5 retary of Defense may not modify any existing or future
 6 applicable system between 3100 and 3450 megahertz and
 7 between 7400 and 8400 megahertz unless the Secretary
 8 and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff jointly cer-
 9 tify to Congress that such modification would not result
 10 in a loss of capability for the armed forces.

11 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘applicable system’
 12 means a Department of Defense system that relies on the
 13 electromagnetic spectrum for its function, including any
 14 communications, weapons, precision munitions, sensor,
 15 geo-location, or wireless device.”.

16 **TITLE XVI—CYBERSPACE-**
 17 **RELATED MATTERS**
 18 **Subtitle A—Matters Relating to**
 19 **Cyber Operations and Cyber**
 20 **Forces**

21 **SEC. 1601. COMPREHENSIVE CYBER WORKFORCE STRAT-**
 22 **EGY.**

23 (a) STRATEGY AND REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later
 24 than January 31, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall,
 25 acting through the Chief Information Officer of the De-

1 partment of Defense and the Assistant Secretary of De-
2 fense for Cyber Policy and in consultation with the Chief
3 Information Officers and Principal Cyber Advisors of the
4 military departments—

5 (1) develop a comprehensive cyber workforce
6 strategy; and

7 (2) submit to the Committee on Armed Services
8 of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services
9 of the House of Representatives a report on the
10 strategy developed under paragraph (1).

11 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection
12 (a)(2) shall include the following:

13 (1) An assessment of progress achieved and re-
14 maining gaps in implementation of the 2023–2027
15 Department of Defense Cyber Workforce Strategy,
16 including identification of elements that should be
17 continued, modified, or discontinued in the strategy
18 developed under subsection (a)(1).

19 (2) A descriptive analysis of the Defense Cyber
20 Workforce Framework (in this section referred to as
21 the “Framework”), including the goals, activities,
22 milestones, and key performance indicators used by
23 the Department of Defense to measure progress and
24 assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the
25 strategy required by subsection (a)(1).

1 (3) Assessment of the scope of the affected
2 workforce for the Framework, including specific
3 workforce numbers, vacancy numbers, work roles, or
4 other statistical data relating to personnel system
5 metrics.

6 (4) Identification of progress of the Department
7 in implementing the Framework based on the goals,
8 activities, milestones, and key performance indica-
9 tors described in paragraph (2).

10 (5) Identification of any issues, problems, or
11 roadblocks identified by the Department in imple-
12 menting the Framework, as well as any adjustments
13 required to measurements of progress or inclusions
14 of new goals, activities, milestones, key performance
15 indicators, or work roles since publication of such
16 framework, and any steps taken by the Department
17 to overcome issues or lack of authority to address
18 roadblocks.

19 (6) Opportunities to leverage support from non-
20 Department entities, or of any workforce or talent
21 management authorities that exist within other Fed-
22 eral agencies in which inclusion in the Framework
23 might benefit the Department.

24 (7) The availability of commercial tools that
25 support Framework talent management processes

1 and might enhance performance or effectiveness, in-
2 cluding for workforce qualification and certification
3 tracking, talent identification and tracking, tagging
4 for additional skill identifiers in existing personnel
5 management systems, or enhancing skill develop-
6 ment for specific work roles.

7 (8) Opportunities to leverage supplementary
8 personnel models that might be adapted from other
9 domains, such as cyber civilian reserves or cyber
10 auxiliary forces.

11 (9) Integration of existing academic centers of
12 excellence or other university partnerships to help
13 improve workforce development, talent acquisition,
14 and skills development.

15 (10) A review of Framework work roles for arti-
16 ficial intelligence, data science, and data engineering
17 to assess alignment with corresponding work roles in
18 industry and recommendations for modifications to
19 enable more effective recruiting of industry talent.

20 (11) Resource requirements and implementation
21 timeline for the strategy developed under subsection
22 (a)(1), including budget estimates and key mile-
23 stones.

24 (c) EXTERNAL VIEWS.—In developing the strategy
25 required under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary may solicit

1 or coordinate views from external organizations with rel-
2 evant expertise in human resources planning or human
3 capital strategy, higher education or training, or cyber
4 professional industry associations.

5 (d) FORM.—The report submitted pursuant to sub-
6 section (a)(2) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
7 may include a classified annex.

8 **SEC. 1602. UNITED STATES CYBER COMMAND ARTIFICIAL**
9 **INTELLIGENCE INDUSTRY COLLABORATION**
10 **ROADMAP.**

11 (a) ROADMAP REQUIRED.—Not later than August 1,
12 2026, the Commander of United States Cyber Command
13 shall, in coordination with the Chief Digital and Artificial
14 Intelligence Officer of the Department of Defense, the Di-
15 rector of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency,
16 the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engi-
17 neering, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
18 and Sustainment, and the Director of the Defense Innova-
19 tion Unit, complete development of a roadmap for industry
20 collaboration on artificial intelligence-enabled cyber capa-
21 bilities for cyberspace operations of the Department of De-
22 fense.

23 (b) PURPOSE.—The roadmap developed under sub-
24 section (a) shall establish a framework for coordination
25 between the private sector and the Department of Defense

1 to integrate state-of-the-art artificial intelligence capabili-
2 ties into offensive and defensive cyberspace operations
3 through—

4 (1) convening United States commercial artifi-
5 cial intelligence developers, cybersecurity experts,
6 and relevant Federal Government offices; and

7 (2) facilitating information exchange on artifi-
8 cial intelligence technology and capabilities for cyber
9 operations.

10 (c) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap developed under sub-
11 section (a) shall address the following:

12 (1) Courses of action and selected approach on
13 various alternatives to manage and execute collabo-
14 rative research and development partnerships with
15 industry.

16 (2) Collaborative development lines of effort for
17 artificial intelligence-enabled cyber capabilities and
18 associated near-term use cases.

19 (3) Strategy and methodology for industry en-
20 gagement and commercial collaboration, including—

21 (A) contractual mechanisms for industry
22 collaboration on cyber tools and capabilities;

23 (B) security clearance requirements, goals,
24 and resource needs for industry partners; and

1 (C) evaluation of existing contract and col-
2 laboration authorities and identification of re-
3 quired policy changes or new authorities.

4 (4) Implementation objectives, milestones, and
5 status of relevant pilot programs.

6 (5) Technology transition mechanisms from de-
7 velopment to operational use.

8 (6) Infrastructure requirements and associated
9 costs.

10 (7) Assessment of organizational structure op-
11 tions, including establishment of a new center or in-
12 tegration within existing organizations.

13 (d) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—

14 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than Novem-
15 ber 1, 2026, the Commander of United States Cyber
16 Command shall provide the congressional defense
17 committees a briefing on the roadmap developed
18 under subsection (a).

19 (2) ANNUAL UPDATES.—During the period be-
20 ginning on the date on which the President submits
21 to Congress a budget for fiscal year 2028 pursuant
22 to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code,
23 and ending on December 31, 2030, the Commander
24 shall, not less frequently than once each year, pro-
25 vide the congressional defense committees a briefing

1 on the status of industry collaboration activities car-
 2 ried out in accordance with the roadmap developed
 3 under subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 1603. STRATEGY FOR DETERRENCE AGAINST**
 5 **CYBERATTACKS AGAINST DEFENSE CRITICAL**
 6 **INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall,
 8 in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense
 9 for Cyber Policy, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
 10 Staff, the Commander of United States Cyber Command,
 11 and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for De-
 12 fense Continuity and Mission Assurance, develop a strat-
 13 egy and a list of various courses of action across the spec-
 14 trum of military capabilities to create a credible deterrence
 15 against cyberspace attacks and posturing for future such
 16 attacks against United States defense critical infrastruc-
 17 ture.

18 (b) STRATEGY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure
 20 that the strategy required by subsection (a)—

21 (A) includes an evaluation of how to deter
 22 actions of adversaries in cyberspace across the
 23 full spectrum of offensive planning and action;
 24 and

1 (B) outlines a range of options available
2 for the Department to demonstrate a credible
3 deterrence through cost imposing courses of ac-
4 tion.

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by sub-
6 section (a) shall incorporate the following elements:

7 (A) A comprehensive assessment of adver-
8 sary cyber capabilities and intent regarding de-
9 fense critical infrastructure attacks.

10 (B) Identification of what specific adver-
11 sary cyber capabilities and actor's actions under
12 this strategy seeks to deter.

13 (C) Methodology and classification of types
14 of targets to hold at risk and what actions
15 would be necessary to impose costs at different
16 levels of escalation.

17 (D) An assessment of the capabilities and
18 any related requirement gaps to create the
19 needed effects against these categories of tar-
20 gets and their relative impact to deterrence and
21 escalation.

22 (E) An evaluation of the role of offensive
23 cyber operations in combination with, as well as
24 independent of, other means of military capa-
25 bilities in creating an effective deterrent, and

1 an assessment of the current capability and
2 gaps in capability needed to successfully con-
3 duct these offensive cyber operations.

4 (F) An assessment of policy and authori-
5 ties in effect with respect to holding adversary
6 targets at risk and recommendations for modi-
7 fications to enable effective deterrence and
8 managed escalation.

9 (G) Evaluation of reveal and conceal cri-
10 teria and methodology to demonstrate the
11 United States capability of imposing costs while
12 preserving operational security.

13 (H) Framework for integration of inter-
14 agency partners, as well as allies and partners,
15 industry, and academia, to enhance deterrence.

16 (3) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall complete
17 the development of the strategy required by sub-
18 section (a) on or before December 1, 2026.

19 (c) COURSES OF ACTION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The list of various courses
21 of action required under subsection (a) shall include
22 a list of military alternatives, guided by the strategy
23 developed under such subsection, using the full
24 range of military capabilities, including offensive
25 cyber operations that actively impose or threaten to

1 impose costs on an adversary to create a credible de-
2 terrence. The courses of action shall be organized for
3 competition, crisis, and conflict.

4 (2) DEADLINE.—Not later than June 1, 2026,
5 the Secretary shall complete the development of the
6 list of various courses of action required by sub-
7 section (a).

8 (d) BRIEFINGS AND SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—

9 (1) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than March
10 1, 2026, the Secretary shall provide to the congres-
11 sional defense committees an interim briefing on the
12 strategy required under subsection (a).

13 (2) FINAL BRIEFING AND SUBMITTAL.—Not
14 later than June 1, 2026, the Secretary shall—

15 (A) provide to the congressional defense
16 committees a briefing on the strategy developed
17 under subsection (a) and the list of various
18 courses of action developed under such sub-
19 section; and

20 (B) submit to the congressional defense
21 committees a report on such strategy and such
22 list of various courses of action.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) The term “defense critical infrastructure”
25 has the meaning given that term “critical infrastruc-

ture of the Department of Defense” in section 1650(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note).

(2) The term “imposing costs” means actions taken against adversaries that result in economic, diplomatic, informational, or military consequences significant enough to change the adversary’s behavior or calculations regarding cyberspace operations against the United States.

SEC. 1604. AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN BUDGET CONTROL RESPONSIBILITY TO COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES CYBER COMMAND.

Section 1558 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as subparagraph (I); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the following new subparagraph (H):

“(H) A review of investment in artificial intelligence capabilities, including an assess-

1 ment of alignment with defined roadmap mile-
 2 stones and Department of Defense use cases.”;
 3 and

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) by striking “2028” and inserting
 6 “2030”; and

7 (B) by inserting “and briefing” after “a
 8 report”.

9 **SEC. 1605. REPORT ON RESERVE COMPONENT INTEGRA-**
 10 **TION INTO CYBER MISSION FORCE AND**
 11 **CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS.**

12 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than August 1,
 13 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy
 14 and the Commander of United States Cyber Command
 15 shall jointly, in coordination with the Chief of the National
 16 Guard Bureau, the principal cyber advisors of each of the
 17 military departments, the chief of each reserve component,
 18 and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-
 19 sonnel and Readiness, submit to the congressional defense
 20 committees a report on the integration of the reserve com-
 21 ponents into the cyber mission force in support of cyber-
 22 space operations.

23 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-
 24 section (a) shall include the following:

1 (1) An assessment of the different authorities
2 available within each status of the reserve compo-
3 nents, with particular focus on the National Guard
4 and authorities under title 32, United States Code,
5 and how the Department of Defense can use per-
6 sonnel of the reserve components in such statuses
7 within the cyber mission force and in support of
8 cyberspace operations.

9 (2) An analysis of current and planned efforts
10 to work with the military departments, the National
11 Guard, and the adjutants general of each State to
12 develop unique cyber capabilities that address identi-
13 fied operational requirements and that maximize use
14 of local industry expertise and academic partner-
15 ships.

16 (3) A description of methods to work with the
17 military departments, the National Guard Bureau,
18 and the adjutants general of each State to track and
19 identify key skills and competencies that are not
20 part of primary military occupational specialties of
21 members of the military departments, but are devel-
22 oped through their civilian career experience.

23 (4) An identification of the billets, resources,
24 and support infrastructure needed to maximize the
25 unique expertise, capabilities, and authorities of the

1 reserve components in support of the cyber mission
2 of the Department.

3 (5) An evaluation of what types of authorities
4 would be most beneficial to maximize the activation
5 and support of the reserve components to cyberspace
6 operations, including any legislative action that may
7 be required.

8 (6) An evaluation of the existing barriers to or
9 impediments for integration of the reserve compo-
10 nents into the cyber mission force in support of
11 cyberspace operations and an assessment of mitiga-
12 tion initiatives with respect to paragraphs (1)
13 through (5).

14 (7) Such other matters as the Assistant Sec-
15 retary of Defense for Cyber Policy and the Com-
16 mander of United States Cyber Command consider
17 appropriate.

18 (8) The implementation plan required by sub-
19 section (c).

20 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—

21 (1) PLAN REQUIRED.—The implementation
22 plan required by subsection (b)(6) shall detail how
23 the Department should better integrate the reserve
24 components into cyber mission forces and cyberspace
25 operations of the Department.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan re-
2 quired by subsection (b)(6) shall include the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (A) Clearly defined roles and responsibil-
5 ities for the Department of Defense, the mili-
6 tary departments, United States Cyber Com-
7 mand, and the National Guard Bureau.

8 (B) Timelines and milestones for imple-
9 mentation of the recommended actions.

10 (C) Metrics to measure progress and effec-
11 tiveness of integration efforts.

12 (D) Resource requirements, including per-
13 sonnel, equipment, and funding necessary to
14 implement the plan.

15 (E) Recommendations for policy changes
16 and, if appropriate, legislative proposals to im-
17 prove integration.

18 (F) A strategy for continuous assessment
19 and improvement of reserve component integra-
20 tion.

21 (G) A detailed analysis of force structure
22 requirements and optimal reserve component
23 organization, including the appropriate balance
24 between traditional aligned reserve component

1 units and individual mobilization augmentees
2 for cyber mission force requirements.

3 (H) A comprehensive assessment regarding
4 funding for the activation of reserve component
5 personnel possessing critical, low-density, and
6 high-demand cyber skills, and an evaluation of
7 readiness impacts resulting from insufficient
8 dedicated funding for such activations.

9 (I) An evaluation of operational impacts to
10 cyber mission force readiness when reserve com-
11 ponent personnel and units with cyber capabili-
12 ties are activated for missions outside the cyber
13 domain.

14 (d) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

15 (1) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than April
16 1, 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
17 Cyber Policy and the Commander of United States
18 Cyber Command shall jointly provide to the congres-
19 sional defense committees an interim briefing on the
20 report required by subsection (a).

21 (2) FINAL BRIEFING.—Not later than August
22 1, 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
23 Cyber Policy and the Commander of United States
24 Cyber Command shall jointly provide a final briefing
25 to the congressional defense committees on the find-

(f) DEFINITION OF RESERVE COMPONENT.—In this section, the term “reserve component” means a reserve component of the military departments named under section 10101 of title 10, United States Code.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 15, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, and the principal cyber advisors of the military departments, complete a comprehensive evaluation of the current structure of oversight for the cyber ranges of the Department of Defense, including an assessment of the separate executive agent designations for cyber test ranges and cyber training ranges.

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1 (1) A thorough assessment of the effectiveness
2 of the current organizational structure under which
3 separate executive agents exist for cyber test ranges
4 and cyber training ranges.

5 (2) A detailed analysis of funding mechanisms
6 and budgetary authority challenges and benefits as-
7 sociated with the current structure, potential alter-
8 native structures, and unified oversight options.

9 (3) A comprehensive evaluation of the potential
10 integration of physical and logical ranges under var-
11 ious organizational structures.

12 (4) An assessment of how different organiza-
13 tional structures would affect the speed and ease of
14 transferring systems or tools from test environments
15 into operational use, including the incorporation of
16 tactics, techniques, and procedures.

17 (5) A recommendation to the Secretary regard-
18 ing whether the current separate executive agent
19 structure should be maintained, or an alternative
20 structure, including a unified executive agent struc-
21 ture, should be implemented.

22 (6) In the event the recommendation under
23 paragraph (5) supports maintaining separate execu-
24 tive agents, the specific criteria that would need to

1 be satisfied for the two functions to be managed
2 under a singular organization in the future.

3 (c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later than
4 March 1, 2027, the Secretary shall provide to the congres-
5 sional defense committees a briefing on—

6 (1) the recommendation developed under sub-
7 section (b)(5);

8 (2) the determination made by the Secretary re-
9 garding the organizational structure for cyber range
10 oversight; and

11 (3) a summary of the findings of the Secretary
12 with respect to the evaluation conducted under sub-
13 section (a); and

14 (4) an implementation plan for any approved
15 changes to the cyber range oversight structure.

16 **SEC. 1607. MODIFICATION TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**
17 **FOR SENIOR MILITARY ADVISOR FOR CYBER**
18 **POLICY.**

19 Section 392a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (2)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking
23 “the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy”
24 and inserting “the Assistant Secretary of De-
25 fense for Cyber Policy”; and

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “,
 2 the following:” and all that follows through the
 3 period at the end and inserting “the Assistant
 4 Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy”; and
 5 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)—

6 (A) in clause (i), by striking “the Under
 7 Secretary of Defense for Policy” and inserting
 8 “the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber
 9 Policy”;

10 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “Under Sec-
 11 retary” and inserting “Assistant Secretary of
 12 Defense for Cyber Policy”;

13 (C) in clause (iii), by striking “Under Sec-
 14 retary of Defense for Policy” and inserting
 15 “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Pol-
 16 icy”; and

17 (D) by striking clause (iv).

18 **SEC. 1608. PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND BUDGET CO-**
 19 **ORDINATION FOR OPERATIONS OF CYBER**
 20 **MISSION FORCE.**

21 Section 167b of title 10, United States Code, is
 22 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 23 sections:

24 “(f) PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, AND BUDGETING.—
 25 (1)(A) In addition to the activities of a combatant com-

1 mand for which funding may be requested under section
2 166(b) of this title, the Commander of the United States
3 Cyber Command shall, subject to the authority, direction,
4 and control of the Principal Cyber Advisor of the Depart-
5 ment of Defense, be responsible for directly controlling
6 and managing the planning, programming, budgeting, and
7 execution of resources to train, equip, operate, and sustain
8 the cyber mission force, which shall include the following:

9 “(i) Preparation of a program objective memo-
10 randum and budget estimate submission for the re-
11 sources required to train, equip, operate, and sustain
12 the cyber mission force.

13 “(ii) Preparation of budget materials pertaining
14 to the United States Cyber Command for inclusion
15 in the budget justification materials that are sub-
16 mitted to Congress in support of the budget of the
17 Department of Defense for a fiscal year, as sub-
18 mitted with the budget of the President under sec-
19 tion 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, that is
20 separate from any other military department or
21 component of the Department of Defense.

22 “(B) The responsibilities assigned to the Commander
23 of the United States Cyber Command pursuant to sub-
24 paragraph (A) shall not include the following:

25 “(i) Military pay and allowances.

1 “(ii) Funding for facility support that is pro-
2 vided by the military departments.

3 “(2)(A) Before the budget proposal for the United
4 States Cyber Command for any fiscal year is submitted
5 to the Secretary of Defense, the Commander of the United
6 States Cyber Command shall consult with the Secretaries
7 of the military departments concerning funding for units
8 of the reserve components within the cyber mission force.
9 If the Secretary of a military department does not concur
10 in the recommended level of funding with respect to any
11 such unit that is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
12 of the military department, the Commander shall include
13 with the budget proposal submitted to the Secretary of
14 Defense the views of the Secretary of the military depart-
15 ment concerning such funding.

16 “(B) Before the budget proposal for a military de-
17 partment for any fiscal year is submitted to the Secretary
18 of Defense, the Secretary of the military department shall
19 consult with the Commander of the United States Cyber
20 Command concerning funding for cyber mission forces
21 within the reserve component in the military personnel
22 budget for that military department. If the Commander
23 does not concur in the recommended level of funding with
24 respect to individual augmentees or units within the re-
25 serve component, the Secretary of the military department

1 shall include with the budget proposal submitted to the
 2 Secretary of Defense the views of the Commander.”.

3 **SEC. 1609. EXPANSION OF SCOPE OF AFFIRMATION OF AU-**
 4 **THORITY FOR CYBER OPERATIONS TO IN-**
 5 **CLUDE DEFENSE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUC-**
 6 **TURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 (a) SCOPE OF AFFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY.—Sub-
 8 section (b) of section 394 of title 10, United States Code,
 9 is amended by inserting “defense of critical infrastructure
 10 of the Department of Defense,” after “force protection,”.

11 (b) AMENDMENT TO DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (f)
 12 of such section 394 is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
 14 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

15 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
 16 lowing new paragraph (2):

17 “(2) The term ‘critical infrastructure of the De-
 18 partment of Defense’ means any asset of the De-
 19 partment of Defense of such extraordinary impor-
 20 tance to the functioning of the Department and the
 21 operation of the armed forces that the incapacitation
 22 or destruction of such asset by a cyber attack would
 23 have a debilitating effect on the ability of the De-
 24 partment to fulfill its missions.”.

1 **SEC. 1610. REVIEW OF FUTURE FORCE EMPLOYMENT CON-**
2 **CEPTS AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL POLICY**
3 **NEEDS FOR EVOLVING CYBER FORCES.**

4 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than June 1,
5 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through the
6 covered officials, conduct a review of future force employ-
7 ment concepts for the cyber force, including all elements
8 of the Cyber Operations Force (COF), to assess where ad-
9 ditional recommendations for personnel policy changes
10 may be warranted.

11 (b) ELEMENTS OF REVIEW.—The review and updates
12 under subsection (a) shall address the respective roles of
13 the military departments and United States Cyber Com-
14 mand with respect to the following:

15 (1) Evaluation of future force employment con-
16 cepts of cyber forces, including the following:

17 (A) Inclusion of additional elements of the
18 Cyber Operations Force in various geographic
19 combatant command operational scenarios to
20 provide tactical-level effects, or integration with
21 non-cyber tactical units, using radio-frequency
22 enabled cyber or other off-net cyber operations
23 techniques.

24 (B) Assessment of new or novel formations
25 outside of the current Cyber Mission Force con-
26 struct.

1 (C) Experimentation with other doctrine,
2 organization, training, materiel, leadership and
3 education, personnel, facilities, and policy ap-
4 proaches for cyber effects or integrated non-ki-
5 netic effects beyond the current Cyber Mission
6 Force approach for on-net operations.

7 (2) Coordination between United States Cyber
8 Command and the military departments regarding
9 recruiting and retention to ensure that personnel re-
10 quirements of the cyber mission forces and the mili-
11 tary departments are met appropriately.

12 (3) Opportunities for members of the cyber mis-
13 sion forces to enroll in professional military edu-
14 cation for potential future forces, or needs for new
15 professional military education opportunities for
16 such forces.

17 (4) Assessment of expansion of promotion path-
18 ways for members of such future forces and an as-
19 sessment of whether such opportunities are adequate
20 to fulfill staffing requirements based on these future
21 force employment concepts.

22 (5) Data sharing between the military depart-
23 ments and United States Cyber Command with re-
24 spect to capturing information on, demographics and

1 additional skill identifiers for personnel of such fu-
2 ture forces.

3 (6) Such other matters as the Secretary of De-
4 fense considers appropriate.

5 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than September
6 1, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
7 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on
8 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report
9 on such review and any resulting updates to guidance and
10 processes. The report shall also include such recommenda-
11 tions as the Secretary may have regarding matters de-
12 scribed in subsection (a) or (b).

13 (d) DEFINITION OF COVERED OFFICIALS.—In this
14 section, the term “covered officials” means—

15 (1) the Secretaries of the military departments;

16 (2) the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
17 Cyber Policy; and

18 (3) the Commander of United States Cyber
19 Command.

20 **SEC. 1610A. EVALUATION OF JOINT TASK FORCE-CYBER IN**
21 **SUPPORT OF GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT**
22 **COMMANDS.**

23 (a) STUDY AND EVALUATION.—Not later than July
24 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through
25 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy and

1 the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in con-
2 sultation with the Commander of United States Cyber
3 Command, jointly conduct a comprehensive study on force
4 employment in support of combatant commands and an
5 evaluation of establishing Joint Task Force-Cyber ele-
6 ments across all of the geographic combatant commands.

7 (b) ELEMENTS OF EVALUATION AND STUDY.—The
8 study and evaluation required under subsection (a) shall
9 include the following:

10 (1) An assessment of cyber force employment
11 requirements and capabilities across all geographic
12 combatant commands.

13 (2) An assessment of the benefits and limita-
14 tions of the operational need for Joint Task Force-
15 Cyber elements in each geographic combatant com-
16 mand area of operations under the following condi-
17 tions:

18 (A) Under the operational control of the
19 geographic command of the geographic combat-
20 ant commanders.

21 (B) Under the existing construct.

22 (3) An analysis of the optimal command and
23 control structures for Joint Task Force-Cyber ele-
24 ments, including—

1 (A) the designation of Joint Task Force
2 Establishing Authority, as defined in joint doc-
3 trine and instructions;

4 (B) the alignment of operational control
5 and tactical control over subordinate forces; and

6 (C) concurrent Joint Task Force Estab-
7 lishing Authority management structures be-
8 tween United States Cyber Command and re-
9 spective geographic combatant commands.

10 (4) An assessment of force structure require-
11 ments, including—

12 (A) assigned forces for each potential Joint
13 Task Force-Cyber element;

14 (B) manning and resourcing requirements
15 relative to assigned missions; and

16 (C) sources of personnel required.

17 (5) An evaluation of the integration and
18 sustainment of cyber capabilities and effects.

19 (6) An identification of supporting infrastruc-
20 ture requirements for each geographic combatant
21 command.

22 (7) A description of potential missions and lines
23 of effort for Joint Task Force-Cyber elements.

24 (8) An analysis of relationships with existing
25 entities within each geographic combatant command,

1 including an assessment of complementary and du-
2 plicative activities.

3 (9) Such other matters as the Assistant Sec-
4 retary of Defense for Cyber Policy and the Vice
5 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff determine ap-
6 propriate.

7 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR JOINT TASK
8 FORCE-CYBER.—The study and evaluation required under
9 subsection (a) shall include a comprehensive implementa-
10 tion plan for establishing Joint Task Force-Cyber ele-
11 ments across geographic combatant commands starting
12 with United States Indo-Pacific Command, as determined
13 appropriate based on the findings of the study and evalua-
14 tion.

15 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than July 1,
16 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy,
17 the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the
18 Commander of United States Cyber Command shall joint-
19 ly submit to the Secretary of Defense and the congres-
20 sional defense committees a report containing—

21 (1) the results of the study and evaluation re-
22 quired under subsection (a);

23 (2) the implementation plan required under
24 subsection (c);

1 (3) views from each of the geographic combat-
2 ant commands regarding the results of the study in
3 subsection (a) and the implementation plan in sub-
4 section (b); and

5 (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-
6 trative actions required to implement the plan.

7 (e) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of
8 the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act, or
9 otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for operation
10 and maintenance, Defense-wide, and available for the As-
11 sistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, not more
12 than 90 percent may be obligated or expended until the
13 date on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for
14 Cyber Policy and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
15 of Staff submit to the congressional defense committees
16 the complete report required under subsection (d).

17 **SEC. 1610B. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO**
18 **MODIFY AUTHORITIES OF THE COMMANDER**
19 **OF UNITED STATES CYBER COMMAND.**

20 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
21 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026
22 for the Department of Defense, may be obligated or ex-
23 pended to modify, reorganize, or otherwise change the re-
24 sponsibilities, authorities, or command structure of the

1 Commander of United States Cyber Command from those
2 in effect on June 1, 2025.

3 **SEC. 1610C. PROGRAM FOR TALENT MANAGEMENT OF**
4 **CYBER PERSONNEL THROUGH ACTIVE AND**
5 **RESERVE TRANSITIONING.**

6 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary of De-
7 fense, as part of the Defense Cyber Workforce Frame-
8 work, shall design and implement a program to support
9 active management of cyber talent transitioning to the re-
10 serve cyber force by May 1, 2026.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The program as required under
12 subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

13 (1) The ability to track, reskill, and upskill
14 transitioning active-duty cyber personnel and critical
15 enablers from the Cyber Mission Force (CMF) for
16 potential retention in the reserve component to meet
17 emerging cyber mission demands.

18 (2) The ability to conduct transparent and time
19 efficient means to recruit transitioning, fully quali-
20 fied, and in good standing active-duty cyber mission
21 force personnel and cyber enabling forces deemed
22 necessary by the United States Cyber Command
23 (USCYBERCOM) and its subordinate commands.

24 (3) Establishment of a centralized resource in
25 the Department to—

1 (A) provide incentive services as a reten-
2 tion tool to aid transitioning CMF personnel in
3 navigating the active to reserve component per-
4 sonnel system across the military services;

5 (B) identify and advertise vacancies in re-
6 serve cyber units; and

7 (C) enable transition to civilian occupa-
8 tions (specifically with critical need strategic in-
9 dustries and critical infrastructure providers)
10 that could include mentorship, employment
11 counseling, and education focused on critical
12 high demand/low density cyber skills.

13 (4) The ability to expand such services to re-
14 lated areas, such as cyber auxiliary forces or direct
15 commissioning programs directed towards cyber
16 forces.

17 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
18 Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the Com-
19 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
20 of Representatives on the establishment of the program
21 required under subsection (a), including—

22 (1) the establishment of this program;

23 (2) an assessment of resourcing needs for the
24 program across the future years defense program;
25 and

1 (3) identification of metrics or other assessment
 2 capabilities to determine the impact on retention of
 3 CMF forces and enabling cyber forces as part of a
 4 total force strategy.

5 (d) PILOT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense
 6 shall establish a pilot program to assess the feasibility and
 7 advisability of paying skill incentive pay or a skill pro-
 8 ficiency bonus under section 353 of title 37, United States
 9 Code, to members of the Cyber Mission Force working for
 10 the United States Cyber Command that will expire on
 11 September 30, 2030.

12 **SEC. 1610D. DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF**
 13 **DEFENSE FOR CYBER POLICY AS PRINCIPAL**
 14 **STAFF ASSISTANT.**

15 Section 138(b)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is
 16 amended—

17 (1) by inserting “(A)” before the first sentence;
 18 and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 20 paragraph:

21 “(B) Subject to the authority, direction, and control
 22 of the Secretary of Defense, the Assistant Secretary of De-
 23 fense for Cyber Policy—

1 “(i) shall serve as a principal staff assistant to
 2 the Secretary of Defense on matters within the re-
 3 sponsibility of the Assistant Secretary;

4 “(ii) shall report directly to the Secretary with-
 5 out intervening authority; and

6 “(iii) may communicate views on matters within
 7 the responsibility of the Assistant Secretary directly
 8 to the Secretary without obtaining the approval or
 9 concurrence of any other official within the Depart-
 10 ment of Defense.”.

11 **Subtitle B—Matters Relating to De-**
 12 **partment of Defense Cybersecu-**
 13 **urity and Information Tech-**
 14 **nology**

15 **SEC. 1611. MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR FULL CONTENT**
 16 **INSPECTION.**

17 Section 1515 of the National Defense Authorization
 18 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (118–31; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note)
 19 is amended—

20 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**NET-**
 21 **WORK BOUNDARY AND CROSS-DOMAIN DE-**
 22 **FENSE**” and inserting “**FULL CONTENT INSPEC-**
 23 **TION**”;

24 (2) in subsection (a), by inserting “and cross-
 25 domain” after “network boundary”;

1 (3) in subsection (b)(2)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

3 (i) by inserting “specified in sub-
4 section (a)” after “defense capabilities”
5 both places in appears; and

6 (ii) in clause (ii), by inserting “that
7 support operational missions as defined by
8 the Department of Defense Cyber Defense
9 Command” before the period at the end;

10 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
11 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respec-
12 tively;

13 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
14 the following new subparagraph (B):

15 “(B) By December 1, 2026, integrate the
16 capabilities into the pilot program required by
17 subparagraph (A) that leverages, where appro-
18 priate, investments in artificial intelligence to il-
19 luminate and actively counter foreign cyber ag-
20 gression to Department of Defense networks.”;

21 (D) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated
22 by subparagraph (B), by striking “deployment
23 of modernized network boundary defense capa-
24 bilities to the access points and cross-domain
25 capabilities” and inserting “deployment of the

1 same capabilities described in subsection (a) to
2 the access points and cross-domain capabilities,
3 and any other network interconnection point,”;
4 and

5 (E) in subparagraph (D), as redesignated
6 by subparagraph (B)—

7 (i) by striking “modernized network
8 boundary defense capabilities” and insert-
9 ing “the same capabilities described in
10 subsection (a)”;

11 (ii) by adding at the end the following
12 new sentence: “To ensure the coverage of
13 these capabilities is complete, the Secretary
14 shall, acting through the Director of the
15 Defense Information Systems Agency and
16 the Chief Information Officer of the De-
17 partment of Defense, create a list of re-
18 maining networks and enclaves.”;

19 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 section:

21 “(d) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than November 1, 2026,
22 and not less frequently than once each year thereafter
23 until December 31, 2028, the Chief Information Officer
24 of the Department of Defense, the Director of the Defense
25 Information Systems Agency, and the Commander of the

1 Department of Defense Cyber Defense Command shall
2 jointly provide to the congressional defense committees a
3 briefing on the status of deployment of the modernization
4 program required by subsection (a), the results of the sur-
5 veys conducted pursuant to subparagraphs (B) and (C)
6 of subsection (b)(2), and identification of remaining net-
7 works and enclaves to be incorporated into the program.”.

8 **SEC. 1612. ASSESSMENT REGARDING REAL-TIME MONI-**
9 **TORING OF DEFENSE WEAPONS PLATFORMS**
10 **FOR CYBER THREATS.**

11 (a) **ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of De-
12 fense shall conduct a comprehensive assessment of the fea-
13 sibility and advisability of establishing a Department of
14 Defense-wide program—

15 (1) to remediate all weapon system platforms
16 that do not currently have capabilities that satisfy
17 requirements for weapon system platform cybersecu-
18 rity through automated, real-time monitoring for
19 threat detection and mitigation; and

20 (2) that would do so by—

21 (A) identifying and prioritizing weapon
22 systems lacking real-time monitoring for self-
23 protection capabilities;

24 (B) establishing technical requirements
25 and minimum cybersecurity standards for real-

1 time protection across different categories of
2 weapon systems;

3 (C) developing implementation schedules
4 and funding requirements to retrofit existing
5 systems with real-time monitoring for self-pro-
6 tection capabilities;

7 (D) creating a verification and validation
8 process to ensure deployed solutions effectively
9 mitigate identified cybersecurity risks; and

10 (E) establishing a governance structure for
11 ongoing maintenance, updates, and operational
12 support of implemented capabilities.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required pursuant
14 to subsection (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) A detailed assessment of the costs,
16 timelines, and resources associated with developing,
17 testing, acquiring, and implementing real-time moni-
18 toring for self-protection capabilities, and the associ-
19 ated capabilities needed to aggregate and evaluate
20 data from such applications.

21 (2) A thorough evaluation of existing real-time
22 monitoring for self-protection solutions and their ap-
23 plicability to military weapon system environments.

24 (3) A proposed phased implementation and
25 funding plan that includes—

1 (A) projected budget requirements delin-
2 eated by fiscal year;

3 (B) recommended acquisition strategies;

4 (C) detailed technical implementation con-
5 siderations;

6 (D) detailed operational implementation
7 considerations, including development of tactics,
8 training, and procedures for the employment of
9 such applications; and

10 (E) estimated timelines for achieving ini-
11 tial and full operational capability.

12 (4) A detailed inventory of—

13 (A) weapon system platforms for which
14 real-time monitoring for self-protection capabili-
15 ties are recommended;

16 (B) weapon system platforms for which
17 such capabilities are not recommended, together
18 with a justification for each such determination;
19 and

20 (C) alternative cybersecurity methods
21 being employed or proposed for platforms ex-
22 cluded from the recommendation for real-time
23 monitoring for self-protection implementation.

24 (c) COORDINATION WITH RELATED CYBERSECURITY
25 PROGRAMS.—In conducting the assessment required by

1 subsection (a), the Secretary shall coordinate with the Sec-
2 retary for each of the military departments for programs
3 within their department and with the Under Secretary of
4 Defense for Intelligence and Security regarding programs
5 identified in the Strategic Cybersecurity Program.

6 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
8 2027, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
9 sional defense committees a report on the findings of
10 the Secretary with respect to the assessment con-
11 ducted pursuant to subsection (a).

12 (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursu-
13 ant to paragraph (1) on the findings of the Sec-
14 retary with respect to the assessment conducted pur-
15 suant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

16 (A) A summary of key findings of the Sec-
17 retary.

18 (B) A comprehensive assessment of tech-
19 nical feasibility for implementing real-time mon-
20 itoring for self-protection across different weap-
21 on system platform types.

22 (C) A thorough analysis of the advisability
23 of developing a program for implementing such
24 capabilities, including potential risks, benefits,
25 and trade-offs.

1 (D) Specific recommendations regarding—

2 (i) whether real-time monitoring for
3 self-protection capabilities should be imple-
4 mented across Department weapon sys-
5 tems;

6 (ii) if implementation is rec-
7 ommended, which specific weapon systems
8 should receive priority for such implemen-
9 tation;

10 (iii) appropriate acquisition strategies
11 and funding mechanisms to support imple-
12 mentation;

13 (iv) any necessary policy or regulatory
14 changes to support effective implementa-
15 tion; and

16 (v) proposed metrics for measuring
17 successful implementation and operational
18 effectiveness.

19 (E) For weapon system platforms deemed
20 suitable candidates for real-time monitoring for
21 self-protection capabilities—

22 (i) recommended prioritization cri-
23 teria;

24 (ii) a proposed implementation sched-
25 ule;

1 (iii) estimated costs and funding re-
2 quirements across the Future Years De-
3 fense Program; and

4 (iv) recommended technical ap-
5 proaches tailored to different platform cat-
6 egories.

7 (F) An assessment real-time monitoring
8 for self-protection or similar capabilities cur-
9 rently deployed on Department of Defense
10 weapon system platforms, including—

11 (i) a comprehensive inventory of plat-
12 forms currently utilizing such capabilities,
13 including relevant pilot programs;

14 (ii) the specific technical implementa-
15 tions in use;

16 (iii) an evaluation of the operational
17 effectiveness of existing implementations;
18 and

19 (iv) lessons learned that could inform
20 future acquisition and implementation ef-
21 forts.

22 (3) FORM OF REPORT.—The report submitted
23 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in un-
24 classified form, but may include a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 1613. ASSESSMENT OF FEASIBILITY AND ADVIS-**
2 **ABILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN OPERATIONAL**
3 **TECHNOLOGY CYBERSECURITY TRAINING**
4 **CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

5 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 1,
7 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through
8 the Chief Information Officer of the Department of
9 Defense and in coordination with the Commander of
10 United States Cyber Command and such representa-
11 tives from the military departments as the Secretary
12 considers appropriate, complete an assessment of the
13 feasibility and advisability of establishing a center of
14 excellence for operational technology cybersecurity
15 training (in this section referred to as the “Center”)
16 that would institutionalize training for the Depart-
17 ment of Defense on security and protection of oper-
18 ational technology and industrial control systems.

19 (2) FUNCTIONS TO BE ASSESSED.—In carrying
20 out the assessment required by subsection (a), the
21 Secretary shall assess the need for a Center—

22 (A) to provide comprehensive training and
23 other educational programs relating to oper-
24 ational technology and industrial control sys-
25 tems cybersecurity;

1 (B) to develop and regularly update the
2 curriculum for such training and programs;

3 (C) to identify, develop, and integrate ma-
4 teriel and organizational requirements for De-
5 partment of Defense operational technology and
6 industrial control systems cybersecurity;

7 (D) to develop and manage the integration
8 of operational technology and industrial control
9 systems cybersecurity solutions with military
10 service doctrine, organization, training, mate-
11 riel, leadership and education, personnel, and
12 facilities; and

13 (E) to leverage and benefit from readily
14 available capacity of a military installation
15 with—

16 (i) existing infrastructure and multi-
17 service training facilities

18 (ii) a cadre or workforce of engineer-
19 ing and infrastructure expertise designed
20 for functions relating to the Armed Forces;
21 and

22 (iii) current centers of excellence with
23 specific consideration of existing facilities
24 that support physical and logical cyber
25 training ranges.

1 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 1,
3 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
4 sional defense committees a report on the findings of
5 the Secretary with respect to the assessment com-
6 pleted pursuant to subsection (a).

7 (2) RECOMMENDATION AND MATTERS TO BE
8 ADDRESSED.—The report submitted pursuant to
9 paragraph (1) shall include a recommendation on
10 whether the establishment of a Center is feasible
11 and advisable and shall address the following:

12 (A) An identification of curricula relating
13 to training and education of operational tech-
14 nology and industrial control systems, including
15 such training that might be provided by private
16 sector entities.

17 (B) Identification of anticipated through-
18 put demands for such training for military and
19 civilian personnel based on workforce estimates
20 from the operational cyber community.

21 (C) Assessment of the resources needed to
22 establish and maintain a Center and a cost-ben-
23 efit analysis to determine if the anticipated
24 training throughput in subparagraph (B) war-
25 rants such expenditure.

1 (D) An evaluation of potential locations
2 that maximizes readily available capacity of a
3 military installation and synergies with—

4 (i) existing infrastructure and multi-
5 service training facilities;

6 (ii) a cadre or workforce of engineer-
7 ing and infrastructure expertise designed
8 for functions related to the Armed Forces
9 of the United States; and

10 (iii) current centers of excellence with
11 specific consideration of existing facilities
12 that support physical and logical cyber
13 training ranges.

14 (E) If the Secretary determines that estab-
15 lishing a Center is feasible and advisable—

16 (i) a proposed phased implementation
17 approach, including initial operating capa-
18 bility milestones and full operational capa-
19 bility targets;

20 (ii) an assessment of how a Center
21 could integrate training and education pro-
22 grams with existing Department of De-
23 fense cybersecurity certification require-
24 ments and career progression models;

1 (iii) proposed metrics and evaluation
 2 criteria that could be used to assess a Cen-
 3 ter’s effectiveness in improving operational
 4 technology and industrial control systems
 5 security outcomes across the Department
 6 of Defense, if established;

7 (iv) estimated funding, personnel, and
 8 resource requirements for establishment
 9 and maintenance of a Center; and

10 (v) analysis of potential challenges
 11 and limitations to establish a Center and
 12 recommendations to mitigate these chal-
 13 lenges and limitations.

14 (F) Proposed metrics and evaluation cri-
 15 teria that could be used to assess the Center’s
 16 effectiveness in improving operational tech-
 17 nology and industrial control systems security
 18 outcomes across the Department.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEM.—The term
 21 “industrial control system” has the meaning given
 22 such term in section 2220C of the Homeland Secu-
 23 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 665i(f)).

24 (2) OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY.—The term
 25 “operational technology” has the meaning given

1 such term in section 3 of the Internet of Things Cy-
2 bersecurity Improvement Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C.
3 278g–3a).

4 **SEC. 1614. FRAMEWORK FOR INTEGRATION OF INFORMA-**
5 **TION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICAL DEBT AS-**
6 **SESSMENT INTO ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS.**

7 (a) **FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT.**—Not later than
8 September 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, in co-
9 ordination with the Chief Information Officer of the De-
10 partment of Defense, the Secretaries of the military de-
11 partments, and the Chief Information Officers of the mili-
12 tary departments, develop a framework for the integration
13 of technical debt assessment, tracking, and management
14 into existing Department of Defense processes for infor-
15 mation technology investment decisions and budget jus-
16 tification materials.

17 (b) **TECHNICAL DEBT DEFINITION.**—The Secretary
18 of Defense shall direct a comprehensive reevaluation of the
19 Department’s current definition of “technical debt” and
20 develop a categorization framework that adequately re-
21 flects different types of technical debt, including applica-
22 tion, physical infrastructure, architecture, and documenta-
23 tion components.

24 (c) **FRAMEWORK COMPONENTS.**—

1 (1) INTEGRATION REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
2 retary of Defense shall ensure the framework devel-
3 oped under subsection (a) provides for integration of
4 technical debt considerations into existing Depart-
5 ment management processes and structures relating
6 to resourcing and programmatic decisions for exist-
7 ing or proposed information technology systems,
8 services, or related programs of record.

9 (2) METRICS.—The framework developed under
10 subsection (a) shall include—

11 (A) baseline measurement for technical
12 debt for a specific technology or program;

13 (B) objectives for technical debt reduction;

14 (C) consolidated metrics for Department-
15 wide use; and

16 (D) outcome-based metrics for assessing
17 operational and financial impacts.

18 (3) PROCESS INTEGRATION.—The framework
19 developed under subsection (a) shall utilize existing
20 governance structures for overseeing information
21 technology investments.

22 (4) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The framework
23 developed under subsection (a) shall—

24 (A) establish methods for identifying and
25 evaluating technical debt;

1 (B) integrate technical debt management
2 into the planning, programming, budgeting, and
3 execution process, as well as information tech-
4 nology governance bodies;

5 (C) establish prioritization approaches
6 based on mission impact;

7 (D) develop mechanisms for gap identifica-
8 tion; and

9 (E) define organizational responsibilities
10 for remediating assessed technical debt of a
11 program or system.

12 (5) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of De-
13 fense shall implement the framework developed
14 under subsection (a) not later than October 1, 2026,
15 to support the planning, programming, and process
16 for the budget justification materials to be submitted
17 to Congress in support of the Department, as sub-
18 mitted with the budget of the President for fiscal
19 year 2027 under section 1105(a) of title 31, United
20 States Code.

21 (d) BUDGET MATERIALS.—

22 (1) JUSTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Begin-
23 ning with the fiscal year 2027 budget request, the
24 Secretary of Defense shall ensure that, for each fis-
25 cal year, the budget justification materials to be sub-

mitted to Congress in support of the budget of the Department (as submitted with the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code) include—

(A) technical debt status assessments;

(B) planned remediation investments;

(C) risk assessments of investment gaps;

and

(D) alignment with modernization priorities.

(2) PROGRAM ALIGNMENT.—The Secretary shall ensure Defense planning guidance and program objective memoranda address technical debt remediation requirements.

(e) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than September 15, 2026, the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the implementation and effectiveness of the technical debt management framework developed under subsection (a).

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “information technology” has the meaning given such term in section 11101 of title 40, United States Code.

(2) The term “technical debt” means design or implementation constructs that are expedient in the

1 short-term, but that set up a technical context that
2 can make a future change costlier or impossible, as
3 defined in Department of Defense Instruction
4 5000.87, or successor instruction.

5 **SEC. 1615. MISSION INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE TASK**
6 **FORCE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
10 retary of Defense shall establish a task force to sup-
11 port the assessment of vulnerabilities to defense crit-
12 ical infrastructure necessary for the execution of ex-
13 isting defense operational and contingency plans.

14 (2) DESIGNATION.—The task force established
15 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be known as the
16 “Mission Infrastructure Resilience Task Force” (in
17 this section the “Task Force”).

18 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Task Force
19 shall be—

20 (1) to conduct assessments and analysis of use
21 case-based mission threads to comprehensively iden-
22 tify, develop, and operationalize the full spectrum of
23 capabilities required to protect and maintain defense
24 critical infrastructure; and

1 (2) to build and integrate the necessary re-
2 sources, technologies, communication systems, tac-
3 tics, techniques, and procedures, personnel with ap-
4 propriate authorities, and exercise programs to en-
5 sure efficient and effective response when critical in-
6 frastructure supporting military operations and con-
7 tingencies is threatened, degraded, or disrupted.

8 (c) COMPOSITION.—

9 (1) CHAIR.—The Task Force shall be chaired
10 by a representative from the Department of Defense
11 Cyber Defense Command.

12 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall in-
13 clude representatives from the following:

14 (A) United States Cyber Command.

15 (B) The Office of the Deputy Assistant
16 Secretary of Defense for Defense Continuity
17 and Mission Assurance.

18 (C) The Joint Warfighting Analysis Cen-
19 ter.

20 (D) The Defense Advanced Research
21 Projects Agency.

22 (E) The Critical Infrastructure Defense
23 Analysis Center.

24 (F) The Air Force Cyber Resiliency Office
25 of Control Systems program.

1 (G) The energy, installations and environ-
2 ment, or civil engineering organizations of the
3 military departments.

4 (H) The Army Corps of Engineers Engi-
5 neering Research and Development Center.

6 (I) Each of the geographic and functional
7 combatant commands, on an as-needed basis.

8 (d) TASKS.—The Task Force shall—

9 (1) conduct assessments and analysis of use
10 case-based mission threads associated with defense
11 operational and contingency plans, including through
12 pilot programs, tabletop exercises, or studies that
13 identify infrastructure dependencies and organiza-
14 tional transition points where operational respon-
15 sibilities transfer between entities;

16 (2) identify vulnerabilities and capability gaps
17 in mission-critical infrastructure and determine—

18 (A) the resources, authorities, technologies,
19 partnerships with external and nongovernment
20 entities, and funding necessary to address such
21 vulnerabilities and gaps; and

22 (B) the designation of lead organizations
23 responsible for remediation activities and asso-
24 ciated costs;

1 (3) develop broad-based solutions to address
2 gaps identified under paragraph (2), including—

3 (A) establishment of communication path-
4 ways;

5 (B) development of tools and technologies;

6 (C) implementation of visualization and
7 analytic programs; and

8 (D) integration of unique capabilities, such
9 as those provided by the National Guard;

10 (4) assign organizational leads for remediation
11 of specific gaps and vulnerabilities and develop com-
12 prehensive plans to address such gaps, including
13 identification of funding and budgeting requirements
14 necessary for successful remediation efforts;

15 (5) monitor and assess the progress of remedi-
16 ation efforts and identify process improvements and
17 solutions to address common deficiencies across mul-
18 tiple remediation activities;

19 (6) develop and conduct exercises based on like-
20 ly operational scenarios—

21 (A) to validate the effectiveness of remedi-
22 ation efforts; and

23 (B) to identify additional deficiencies or
24 vulnerabilities requiring remediation;

1 (7) establish a framework for readiness assess-
2 ments to provide installation commanders and com-
3 batant commanders with visibility into the status of
4 mission infrastructure resilience capabilities within
5 their respective areas of responsibility;

6 (8) conduct targeted analysis of specific topics
7 as directed by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
8 Staff or the Secretary of Defense; and

9 (9) perform such other duties as the Secretary
10 of Defense may determine to be necessary and ap-
11 propriate.

12 (e) TRANSITION TO PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.—

13 (1) TRANSITION PLAN REQUIRED.—The Task
14 Force shall develop a comprehensive transition plan
15 for converting the Task Force into a permanent or-
16 ganization within the Department of Defense.

17 (2) SUBMISSION TO SECRETARY OF DE-
18 FENSE.—The transition plan required under para-
19 graph (1) shall be developed and presented to the
20 Secretary of Defense not later than 180 days prior
21 to the termination date specified in subsection (f).

22 (3) BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
23 180 days before the termination date specified in
24 subsection (f), and annually thereafter through Sep-
25 tember 30, 2033, the Secretary shall provide to the

1 congressional defense committees a briefing on the
 2 transition plan required under paragraph (1).

3 (f) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
 4 on September 30, 2030.

5 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) The term “defense critical infrastructure”
 7 has the meaning given that term “critical infrastruc-
 8 ture of the Department of Defense” in section
 9 1650(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act
 10 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10
 11 U.S.C. 2224 note).

12 (2) The term “mission threads” means an end-
 13 to-end set of activities and tasks that support the
 14 execution of a specific operational mission or func-
 15 tion.

16 **SEC. 1616. PLAN FOR DEPLOYING PRIVATE FIFTH GENERA-**
 17 **TION OPEN RADIO ACCESS NETWORKS ON**
 18 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASES.**

19 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR PRIORITIZED LIST OF
 20 BASES.—Pursuant to section 1526 of the National De-
 21 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
 22 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 4571 note) and the Department of De-
 23 fense Private 5G Deployment Strategy (dated October
 24 2024), each Secretary of a military department shall de-
 25 velop a prioritized list of bases that merit investment in

1 private fifth generation information and communications
2 networks.

3 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing a list under
4 subsection (a), a Secretary of a military department shall
5 consider matters relating to the following:

6 (1) High connection density.

7 (2) Low latency.

8 (3) High capacity.

9 (4) Large geographic coverage.

10 (5) Enhanced and tailored security, including
11 obscured data transport, within wireless network
12 services.

13 (6) Base physical security and force protection
14 requiring advanced processing of high-resolution dis-
15 tributed sensor feeds for perimeter monitoring, and
16 detection and tracking of unmanned aerial systems
17 (UAS), including through the potential use of a fifth
18 generation information and communications net-
19 work.

20 (7) Efficient large-scale warehousing and logis-
21 tics operations.

22 (8) The use of augmented or virtual reality
23 technology for efficient maintenance and training.

24 (9) Large-scale and high-tempo flight line oper-
25 ations.

1 (c) INFORMING TASK ORDERS.—The Secretary of the
2 Air Force shall use the prioritized list the Secretary devel-
3 oped under subsection (a) to inform task orders issued
4 under the Enterprise Information Technology as a Service
5 Base Infrastructure Modernization program. Task orders
6 issued after the date of the enactment of this Act shall
7 specify where Wi-Fi is fully adequate to meet require-
8 ments and where private fifth generation information and
9 communications network performance is needed.

10 (d) COORDINATION REQUIRED.—In developing
11 prioritized lists under subsection (a), each of the Secre-
12 taries of the military departments shall coordinate with
13 the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engi-
14 neering, the Chief Information Officer of the Department
15 of Defense, and such combatant commanders and direc-
16 tors of defense agencies as the Secretaries each consider
17 appropriate.

18 (e) PLAN FOR PRIVATE 5G ORAN NETWORK DE-
19 PLOYMENTS.—Not later than March 1, 2026, the Sec-
20 retary of Defense shall—

21 (1) consolidate the prioritized base lists devel-
22 oped by the Secretaries of the military departments
23 under subsection (a), and determine an optimal in-
24 vestment, deployment, and spend plan for private

1 fifth generation Open Radio Access Network
2 (ORAN) networks across the Department; and

3 (2) submit to the congressional defense commit-
4 tees a report on the lists consolidated under para-
5 graph (1) and the determinations made pursuant to
6 such paragraph.

7 **SEC. 1617. LIMITATION ON FUNDS FOR TRAVEL PENDING**
8 **BRIEFING ON PROCESS FOR BEST-IN-CLASS**
9 **CYBER DATA PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.**

10 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
11 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-
12 cal year 2026 for operation and maintenance, Defense-
13 wide, and available for travel expenses for the Office of
14 the Chief Information Officer of the Department of De-
15 fense, not more than 90 percent may be obligated or ex-
16 pended until the date on which the Secretary of Defense
17 provides the briefing required under subsection (b).

18 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall, act-
19 ing through the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-
20 ment of Defense and in coordination with the Chief Infor-
21 mation Officers from each of the military departments and
22 the Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency,
23 provide a brief to the congressional defense committees
24 on—

1 (1) how the Department of Defense plans to es-
2 tablish an open and competitive process through au-
3 thorities granted in section 1521 of the National De-
4 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Pub-
5 lic Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note) to procure
6 best in class cybersecurity solutions, including end-
7 point, identity, and threat-hunting solutions; and

8 (2) the benefits associated with the use of mul-
9 tiple different cybersecurity providers to support
10 operational resilience of Department networks.

11 (c) IMPLEMENTATION STATUS.—The brief required
12 under subsection (b) shall include—

13 (1) the status of the designation of an executive
14 agent for Department of Defense-wide procurement
15 of cyber data products and services as required by
16 subsection (a) of section 1521 of the National De-
17 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Pub-
18 lic Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note);

19 (2) the establishment and operational status of
20 the program management office required by such
21 subsection;

22 (3) progress made in developing Department-
23 wide requirements for cyber data products and serv-
24 ices; and

1 (4) a detailed timeline for full implementation
2 of the requirements specified in section 1521 of such
3 Act (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note).

4 (d) ACQUISITION STRATEGY.—The brief required by
5 subsection (b) shall include a comprehensive acquisition
6 strategy that—

7 (1) outlines how the Department will leverage
8 enterprise-wide procurement to achieve cost effi-
9 ciencies compared to component-level procurements;

10 (2) identifies metrics for measuring the effec-
11 tiveness and value of enterprise-wide cyber solutions;

12 (3) details plans to ensure accessibility of pro-
13 cured solutions across all military departments and
14 components of the Department; and

15 (4) describes how the Department will maintain
16 vendor diversity and competition throughout the ac-
17 quisition lifecycle.

18 (e) BUDGET IMPLICATIONS.—The brief required
19 under subsection (b) shall include—

20 (1) estimated funding requirements for the im-
21 plementation of enterprise-wide procurement of
22 cyber data products and services for fiscal years
23 2026 through 2030; and

1 (2) a description of how enterprise-wide pro-
2 curement will result in cost savings compared to cur-
3 rent acquisition approaches.

4 **SEC. 1618. LIMITATION OF FUNDS FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES**
5 **FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMA-**
6 **TION OFFICER.**

7 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
8 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-
9 cal year 2026 for operation and maintenance, Defense-
10 wide, and available for travel expenses for the Office of
11 the Chief Information Officer of the Department of De-
12 fense, not more than 85 percent may be obligated or ex-
13 pended until the date on which the Chief Information Offi-
14 cer of the Department of Defense, in coordination with
15 the Chief Information Officers of the military depart-
16 ments, submits to the congressional defense committees
17 the plan required under subsection (b).

18 (b) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Chief Information Offi-
19 cer of the Department of Defense, in coordination with
20 the Chief Information Officers of the military depart-
21 ments, shall develop and submit to the congressional de-
22 fense committees a comprehensive plan to transition from
23 legacy circuits to Internet Protocol-based circuits that
24 comply with Department of Defense security require-
25 ments, including—

1 (1) identification of all legacy circuits currently
2 in use across the Department of Defense and the
3 military departments;

4 (2) establishment of timelines for the transition
5 of each identified legacy circuit;

6 (3) detail of resource requirements necessary to
7 execute the transition;

8 (4) identification of any technical, operational,
9 or security challenges that may impact the transition
10 and proposed solutions to address such challenges;

11 (5) specification of associated funding lines for
12 each military department and defense agency par-
13 ticipating in the transition; and

14 (6) identification of investments over the Fu-
15 ture Years Defense Program required to complete
16 the transition.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “Internet Protocol-based circuits”
19 means telecommunications circuits or services that
20 utilize the Internet Protocol suite for packet switch-
21 ing and routing to transmit voice, data, and video
22 communications.

23 (2) The term “legacy circuits” means tele-
24 communications circuits that utilize outdated tech-
25 nology with limited bandwidth, security features, or

1 interoperability capabilities as compared to modern
2 Internet Protocol-based alternatives.

3 **SEC. 1619. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
4 **THE COMBINED JOINT ALL-DOMAIN COM-**
5 **MAND AND CONTROL INITIATIVE.**

6 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this
7 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for
8 research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide,
9 for the Joint Staff and the Chief Digital and Artificial
10 Intelligence Officer for the Combined Joint All-Domain
11 Command and Control initiative, not more than 90 per-
12 cent may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of
13 Defense provides to the congressional defense committees
14 a framework for such initiative that helps guide invest-
15 ments and measures progress for the initiative, as rec-
16 ommended by the Comptroller General of the United
17 States in the report of the Comptroller General titled “De-
18 fense Command and Control: Further Progress Hinges on
19 Establishing a Comprehensive Framework” (GAO–25–
20 106454).

21 **SEC. 1620. REVIEW OF JOINT FIRES NETWORK PROGRAM**
22 **TRANSITION.**

23 (a) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1,
25 2026, the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination

1 with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition
2 and Sustainment, the Under Secretary of Defense
3 for Research and Engineering, and the Director of
4 Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, shall pro-
5 vide to the congressional defense committees a brief-
6 ing on the plans and progress of transitioning the
7 Joint Fires Network initiative to a program of
8 record within the Air Force.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by
10 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

11 (A) An update on the charter for the pro-
12 gram, including organizational relationships be-
13 tween the Air Force program manager, relevant
14 stakeholders supporting developmental efforts,
15 and operational customers of the Joint Fires
16 Network.

17 (B) Details on the funding profile and
18 milestones for the program across the future-
19 years defense program, highlighting any poten-
20 tial challenges or delays, and recommendations
21 for how to advance the Joint Fires Network
22 program.

23 (C) A description of processes and guard-
24 rails related to the management of require-
25 ments and funding to ensure military depart-

1 ment-specific requirements or funding pressures
2 are not prioritized over joint requirements or
3 needs of operational customers.

4 (D) A description and timeline of transi-
5 tion planning for providing specific capabilities
6 to operational customers, including processes
7 for balancing needs and requirements across
8 multiple operational customers.

9 (b) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 30,
11 2026, the Commander of the United States Indo-Pa-
12 cific Command shall—

13 (A) assess the plans and progress de-
14 scribed in subsection (a)(1); and

15 (B) provide to the congressional defense
16 committees a briefing on the findings of the as-
17 sessment.

18 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by
19 paragraph (1) shall include the Commander’s assess-
20 ment of the following:

21 (A) The charter for the program and orga-
22 nizational relationships for facilitating coordina-
23 tion with the Combatant Command.

24 (B) Mechanisms to include feedback from
25 operational customers in the program and con-

1 tinue the rapid delivery of the Joint Fires Net-
2 work capability at the point of need.

3 **SEC. 1620A. PROHIBITION ON THE ELIMINATION OF CER-**
4 **TAIN CYBER ASSESSMENT CAPABILITIES FOR**
5 **TEST AND EVALUATION.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
7 not take any action to divest, consolidate, or curtail any
8 current cyber assessment capabilities or National Security
9 Agency (NSA)-certified red teams supporting operational
10 test and evaluation (OT&E) for Department of Defense
11 programs until the Secretary provides the certification de-
12 scribed under subsection (b).

13 (b) CERTIFICATION.— The certification referred to in
14 subsection (a) is a certification to the congressional de-
15 fense committees that includes the following:

16 (1) The analytic basis for making the decision
17 to take an action described in subsection (a), includ-
18 ing any cost, workload, and workforce requirements,
19 as well as any analysis related to operational impact
20 on users of cyber assessment capabilities provided by
21 the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation
22 (DOT&E).

23 (2) Independent review by the Director of Cost
24 Assessment and Program Evaluation of all such
25 analyses provided under paragraph (1).

1 (3) Certification by the Director of the Test Re-
2 source Management Center that such analyses and
3 such decisions meet the requirements of the Depart-
4 ment of Defense, as required by section
5 4173(c)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code.

6 (4) A comprehensive transition plan for critical
7 cyber test and evaluation capabilities currently man-
8 aged by the Director of Operational Test and Eval-
9 uation, including identification of receiving organiza-
10 tions within the services or Office of the Secretary
11 of Defense, timeline for transfer, and measures to
12 ensure continuity of operations.

13 (5) A detailed assessment of funding require-
14 ments for maintaining and enhancing cyber test and
15 evaluation capabilities during and after the transi-
16 tion, including how these funding elements will be
17 incorporated into annual budget request documents.

18 (6) A review of staffing, tools, and specialized
19 resources needed to support cyber operational test
20 and evaluation across major weapons and informa-
21 tion technology programs within the receiving orga-
22 nizations.

23 (7) A summary of efforts to integrate intel-
24 ligence-informed threat data into operational cyber

1 testing, including any remaining legal or technical
2 barriers and proposed solutions.

3 (8) A plan to improve coordination and infor-
4 mation-sharing between cyber test and evaluation
5 stakeholders, United States Cyber Command, and
6 the intelligence community following the organiza-
7 tional transition.

8 (9) Proposed metrics for evaluating mission ef-
9 fects in cyber-contested environments, consistent
10 with guidance in the Cyber OT&E Guidebook, and
11 how these will be maintained across organizational
12 boundaries.

13 (10) An assessment of the effectiveness and fu-
14 ture needs of cyber assessment programs, including
15 resource gaps and how these will be addressed by
16 the receiving organizations.

17 **SEC. 1620B. MODIFICATION TO CERTIFICATION REQUIRE-**
18 **MENT REGARDING CONTRACTING FOR MILI-**
19 **TARY RECRUITING.**

20 Section 1555 of the National Defense Authorization
21 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C.
22 503 note) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “does not”
24 and all that follows through the end and inserting
25 the following: “does not—

1 “(1) rate or rank news or information sources
2 for the factual accuracy of their content;

3 “(2) provide ratings or opinions on news or in
4 formation sources regarding misinformation, bias,
5 adherence to journalistic standards, or ethics; or

6 “(3) acquire or use any service that provides
7 any ratings, rankings, or opinions described in para-
8 graph (1) or (2) from any other person.”; and

9 (2) by striking subsection (c).

10 **SEC. 1620C. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WORKING GROUP,**
11 **STRATEGY, AND REPORT ON ENSURING THE**
12 **SECURITY, RESILIENCY, AND INTEGRITY OF**
13 **UNDERSEA CABLES.**

14 (a) WORKING GROUP.—

15 (1) CONVENING.—Not later than March 1,
16 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation
17 with the Joint Staff, the Director of the Defense In-
18 formation Systems Agency, and such other agencies
19 and combatant commands as the Secretary considers
20 relevant, convene a working group—

21 (A) to prepare the report required by sub-
22 section (b);

23 (B) to provide the briefing required by
24 subsection (c); and

1 (C) to develop the strategy required by
2 subsection (d).

3 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall
4 be composed of participants with relevant back-
5 ground or expertise, as determined by the Secretary,
6 but shall include, at a minimum, the following:

7 (A) At least one individual from the Office
8 of the Secretary of Defense.

9 (B) At least one individual from the Joint
10 Staff.

11 (C) At least one individual from the De-
12 fense Information Systems Agency.

13 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary, or the Sec-
14 retary's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of
15 the Working Group.

16 (b) REPORT.—

17 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than February
18 1, 2027, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
19 priate committees of Congress a report—

20 (A) assessing the unique challenges of pro-
21 tecting covered undersea cables and covered
22 cable landing stations from threats posed by the
23 People's Republic of China, the Russian Fed-
24 eration, the Islamic Republic of Iran, naval and
25 shadow fleets of adversaries of the United

1 States, and subsea cable destruction mecha-
2 nisms and any foreign entity of concern;

3 (B) specifically discussing the implications
4 posed by relevant treaties and customary inter-
5 national law;

6 (C) examining the roles, responsibilities,
7 and limits of the Department of Defense in en-
8 suring the security, resiliency, and integrity of
9 covered undersea cables;

10 (D) identifying gaps in current mecha-
11 nisms for detection of, prevention of, and re-
12 sponse to threats against covered undersea ca-
13 bles and covered cable landing stations; and

14 (E) identifying methods for the Depart-
15 ment to create and disseminate lawfare or
16 transparency methods to promote international
17 law and deter future grey zone tactics and de-
18 classify instances of adversarial action, as may
19 be appropriate.

20 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report
21 submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include a
22 description of each of the following:

23 (A) Past, ongoing, or planned efforts to
24 protect covered undersea cables and covered
25 cable landing stations from espionage, cyberse-

1 security threats, physical damage, and natural
2 disasters.

3 (B) Analysis of the capabilities of adver-
4 sarial countries, including the People's Republic
5 of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic
6 Republic of Iran, and others, to target, com-
7 promise, intercept data transmissions or sen-
8 sitive information from covered undersea cables.

9 (C) Recommended areas for enhanced col-
10 laboration with industry stakeholders, including
11 establishing standards, guidelines, and public-
12 private reporting mechanisms.

13 (D) Assessment of training needs, includ-
14 ing the development of a dedicated cadre of cov-
15 ered undersea cable security experts.

16 (E) Identification of resources required for
17 expanded operations and enhanced interagency
18 and international coordination.

19 (F) Recommendations for enhanced col-
20 laboration with allied and partner nations, in-
21 cluding current best practices and lessons
22 learned.

23 (G) Assessment of the maximum disrup-
24 tion to covered undersea cables and landing sta-

1 tions tolerable for the continuity of critical De-
2 partment of Defense operations.

3 (H) The practicability of repairing any
4 covered undersea cable within 100 hours, in-
5 cluding through the development and use of
6 aerial-deliverable, submersible, splicing robots.

7 (I) The utility and practicability of devel-
8 oping 72-hour deployable portable cable landing
9 stations.

10 (J) Identification of the costs associated
11 with the deployment of anti-tamper sensors.

12 (3) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
13 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
14 clude a classified annex.

15 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 15, 2027, the
16 Working Group shall provide to the appropriate commit-
17 tees of Congress a briefing on the findings and rec-
18 ommendations contained in such report.

19 (d) STRATEGY.—Not later than February 1, 2027,
20 the Working Group shall, in consultation with such gov-
21 ernmental or non-governmental entities as the Working
22 Group considers appropriate, submit to the appropriate
23 committees of Congress a strategy to disseminate to allies
24 and partners of the United States, industry, and such
25 other entities as the Working Group considers appropriate

1 to address the threats, gaps, roles, responsibilities, and
2 challenges described in subsection (b)—

3 (1) to address threats to the physical security,
4 cybersecurity resiliency, and integrity of covered un-
5 dersea cables and covered cable landing stations, in-
6 cluding redundancies and response options in the
7 event of multiple or coordinated attacks on cable in-
8 frastructure;

9 (2) to enhance the Department of Defense’s
10 international collaboration on matters relating to the
11 security of covered undersea cable and covered cable
12 landing stations, including joint exercises with allies
13 and partners of the United States;

14 (3) to incorporate covered undersea cable secu-
15 rity into mission sets and operational planning of
16 relevant combatant commands (COCOMs);

17 (4) to foster engagement with private industry
18 to ensure technological advancements and best prac-
19 tices are leveraged for the protection of covered un-
20 dersea cable and covered cable landing stations; and

21 (5) to develop lawfare or transparency methods
22 to promote international law and deter future grey
23 zone tactics.

24 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means the Committee on Armed Services of
4 the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of
5 the House of Representatives.

6 (2) COVERED CABLE LANDING STATION.—The
7 term “covered cable landing station” means a cov-
8 ered undersea cable landing station in, owned by, or
9 operated by the United States or an ally of the
10 United States.

11 (3) COVERED UNDERSEA CABLE.—The term
12 “covered undersea cable” means a commercial un-
13 dersea telecommunications cable landing in, owned
14 by, or operated by the United States or an ally of
15 the United States.

16 (4) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term “cy-
17 bersecurity threat” has the meaning given such term
18 in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of
19 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

20 (5) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term
21 “foreign entity of concern” has the meaning given
22 such term in section 9901 of the William M. (Mac)
23 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
24 Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651).

1 (6) WORKING GROUP.—The term “Working
2 Group” means the working group convened pursuant
3 to subsection (b)(1).

4 **Subtitle C—Data and Artificial**
5 **Intelligence**

6 **SEC. 1621. PUBLIC-PRIVATE CYBERSECURITY PARTNER-**
7 **SHIP FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE ARTIFICIAL IN-**
8 **TELLIGENCE SYSTEMS.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than
10 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
11 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy shall es-
12 tablish a public-private partnership body to address cyber-
13 security and physical security threats and vulnerabilities
14 to highly capable artificial intelligence and machine learn-
15 ing systems.

16 (b) FORUM FOR ENGAGEMENT.—The public-private
17 partnership body established under subsection (a) shall
18 serve as a forum for engagement between the Department
19 of Defense and commercial industry partners to align and
20 enhance cybersecurity and physical security frameworks
21 and practices applicable to both national security systems
22 and artificial intelligence and machine learning systems at
23 risk from sophisticated state actors.

24 (c) PURPOSE.—The public-private partnership body
25 developed under subsection (a) shall—

1 (1) convene regular engagements to discuss cy-
2 bersecurity and physical security threats and
3 vulnerabilities specific to highly capable artificial in-
4 telligence and machine learning systems, with a
5 focus on both current and emerging threats posed by
6 state-sponsored cyber actors;

7 (2) facilitate the development, sharing, and
8 alignment of best practices and robust cybersecurity
9 and physical security frameworks between the De-
10 partment and commercial industry to protect artifi-
11 cial intelligence and machine learning systems;

12 (3) promote collaborative threat intelligence
13 sharing between the Department and commercial en-
14 tities, with particular attention to vulnerabilities in
15 artificial intelligence and machine learning systems
16 used in critical infrastructure, defense operations,
17 and sensitive national security functions; and

18 (4) develop recommendations for cybersecurity
19 and physical security policy enhancements aimed at
20 safeguarding artificial intelligence and machine
21 learning technologies from state-sponsored cyber at-
22 tacks and report findings and policy recommenda-
23 tions to Congress on an annual basis.

1 (d) PARTICIPANTS.—The public-private partnership
2 body developed under subsection (a) shall include rep-
3 resentatives from—

4 (1) the Department of Defense, including—

5 (A) the Office of the Assistant Secretary of
6 Defense for Cyber Policy;

7 (B) the Under Secretary of Defense for In-
8 telligence and Security;

9 (C) the Chief Information Officers of the
10 Department of Defense and the Armed Forces;

11 (D) the Chief Digital and Artificial Intel-
12 ligence Officer of the Department of Defense;

13 (E) the Defense Advanced Research
14 Projects Agency;

15 (F) the National Security Agency;

16 (G) United States Cyber Command;

17 (H) the Defense Cyber Crime Center; and

18 (I) such other entities in the Department
19 of Defense and military departments with re-
20 sponsibilities for cybersecurity or artificial intel-
21 ligence systems as the Assistant Secretary con-
22 siders relevant;

23 (2) commercial industry companies with exper-
24 tise in highly capable artificial intelligence and ma-

chine learning systems, or cybersecurity or physical security practices, including—

(A) cloud computing and artificial intelligence service providers;

(B) cybersecurity companies;

(C) artificial intelligence research and development companies;

(D) telecommunications companies; and

(E) such other industry leaders as the Assistant Secretary identifies as relevant and appropriate; and

(3) federally funded research and development centers, national laboratories, and academic institutions with demonstrated expertise in highly capable artificial intelligence and machine learning systems, cybersecurity or physical security practices.

(e) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than one year after the date of the establishment of the public-private partnership body under subsection (a), and not less frequently than once each year thereafter until December 1, 2030, the Assistant Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report summarizing—

(1) the key finding from the engagements held under subsection (c)(1), including any identified cy-

1 bersecurity or physical security vulnerabilities in ar-
2 tificial intelligence and machine learning systems;

3 (2) recommendations for enhancing cybersecu-
4 rity or physical security policy and practices to pro-
5 tect artificial intelligence and machine learning sys-
6 tems across both the Department and commercial
7 sectors; and

8 (3) an analysis of the progress made in aligning
9 Department and commercial cybersecurity and phys-
10 ical security frameworks to address state-sponsored
11 cyber threats.

12 **SEC. 1622. DIGITAL SANDBOX ENVIRONMENTS FOR ARTIFI-**
13 **CIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

14 (a) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH.—Not later than
15 April 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting
16 through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Offi-
17 cer and the Chief Information Officer of the Department
18 of Defense, establish a task force on artificial intelligence
19 sandbox environments (in this section referred to as the
20 “Task Force”).

21 (b) PURPOSE.—The Task Force shall identify, co-
22 ordinate, and advance Department-wide efforts to develop
23 and deploy virtual environments necessary to support arti-
24 ficial intelligence experimentation, training, familiariza-
25 tion, and development across the Department of Defense

1 enterprise. These virtual environments, known as an “arti-
2 ficial intelligence sandbox”, shall—

3 (1) provide capability for personnel with varied
4 technical proficiency, from novice users to experi-
5 enced practitioners;

6 (2) enable the building, training, evaluation,
7 and deployment of artificial intelligence models;

8 (3) facilitate familiarity with and utilization of
9 existing artificial intelligence capabilities; and

10 (4) accelerate the responsible adoption of artifi-
11 cial intelligence across the Department.

12 (c) CO-CHAIRS.—The Task Force shall be co-chaired
13 by the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer and
14 the Chief Information Officer.

15 (d) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall be com-
16 posed of—

17 (1) the chief artificial intelligence officers of the
18 military departments, or in the absence of such posi-
19 tion, the individual responsible for leading artificial
20 intelligence efforts within each military department;

21 (2) the chief information officers of the military
22 departments;

23 (3) the chief artificial intelligence officers of the
24 combatant commands and joint staff, or in the ab-
25 sence of such position, the individual responsible for

1 leading artificial intelligence efforts within each com-
2 batant commands;

3 (4) the chief information officers of the combat-
4 ant commands, and joint staff, or in the absence of
5 such position, the individual responsible for leading
6 information technology efforts within each combat-
7 ant commands;

8 (5) the Directors for Command, Control, Com-
9 munications, and Computers/Cyber (J6) of the com-
10 batant commands, or their designees;

11 (6) the Director for Command, Control, Com-
12 munications, and Computers/Cyber (J6) of the Joint
13 Staff, or their designee; and

14 (7) such other officials of the Department as
15 the co-chairs of the Task Force consider appro-
16 priate.

17 (e) FUNCTIONS.—The Task Force shall—

18 (1) identify and consolidate common require-
19 ments with respect to artificial intelligence sandbox
20 environments across the Department, including re-
21 quirements relating to interfaces for users with vary-
22 ing technical expertise, computational resources and
23 infrastructure, pre-trained models and datasets, and
24 educational and training materials;

1 (2) identify, inventory, and ensure the avail-
2 ability of existing solutions and technical documenta-
3 tion, including machine-readable documents, ref-
4 erence architectures, and user guides;

5 (3) publish an analysis matching common re-
6 quirements identified under paragraph (1) with ex-
7 isting solutions identified under paragraph (2);

8 (4) utilize existing Department mechanisms to
9 achieve efficiencies through enterprise licenses and
10 contracts;

11 (5) identify and, where possible, streamline au-
12 thority to operate approvals for each element of
13 common artificial intelligence sandbox environment
14 architectures; and

15 (6) publish guidance on the appropriate use of
16 artificial intelligence sandbox environments for users
17 at all skill levels.

18 (f) BRIEFING.—Not later than August 1, 2026, the
19 co-chairs of the Task Force shall provide to the congres-
20 sional defense committees a briefing on the goals and ob-
21 jectives of the Task Force.

22 (g) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
23 on January 1, 2030.

24 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the
2 meaning given such term in section 238(g) of the
3 John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act
4 for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10
5 U.S.C. note prec. 4061).

6 (2) The term “artificial intelligence sandbox en-
7 vironment” means a secure, isolated computing envi-
8 ronment that enables users with varying levels of
9 technical expertise to access artificial intelligence
10 tools, models, and capabilities for the purposes of ex-
11 perimentation, training, testing, and development
12 without affecting operational systems or requiring
13 specialized technical knowledge to operate.

14 (3) The term “authority to operate” means the
15 official management decision given by a senior orga-
16 nizational official to authorize operation of an infor-
17 mation system and to explicitly accept the risk to or-
18 ganizational operations and assets, individuals, other
19 organizations, and the United States based on the
20 implementation of an agreed-upon set of security
21 controls, as defined in Committee on National Secu-
22 rity Systems Instruction 4009, or successor docu-
23 ment.

1 **SEC. 1623. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE MODEL ASSESSMENT**
2 **AND OVERSIGHT.**

3 (a) CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAM FOR ARTIFICIAL IN-
4 TELLIGENCE MODEL ASSESSMENT AND OVERSIGHT.—

5 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-
6 fense shall, in accordance with section 911 of the
7 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
8 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 111 note),
9 establish a cross-functional team for artificial intel-
10 ligence model assessment and oversight (in this sec-
11 tion referred to as the “Cross-Functional Team”).

12 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Cross-Func-
13 tional Team is to develop a standardized assessment
14 framework and governance structure to evaluate,
15 oversee, and facilitate collaboration on artificial in-
16 telligence models employed by the Department of
17 Defense.

18 (3) COMPOSITION.—

19 (A) LEADERSHIP.—The Chief Digital and
20 Artificial Intelligence Officer shall lead the
21 Cross-Functional Team.

22 (B) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary shall
23 ensure that the Cross-Functional Team includes
24 representatives from—

25 (i) the Office of the Chief Information
26 Officer;

1 (ii) the chief artificial intelligence offi-
2 cers of the military departments, or in the
3 absence of such position, the individual re-
4 sponsible for leading artificial intelligence
5 efforts within each military department;

6 (iii) the chief information officers of
7 the military departments;

8 (iv) the chief artificial intelligence of-
9 ficers of the combatant commands and the
10 Joint Staff, or in the absence of such posi-
11 tion, the individuals responsible for leading
12 artificial intelligence efforts within each
13 such command and the Joint Staff;

14 (v) the chief information officers of
15 the combatant commands and the Joint
16 Staff, or in the absence of such position,
17 the individuals responsible for leading in-
18 formation technology efforts within each
19 such command and the Joint Staff; and

20 (vi) such other components as the
21 Secretary determines appropriate.

22 (4) DUTIES.—The duties of the Cross-Func-
23 tional Team are as follows:

1 (A) To develop a standardized assessment
2 framework for artificial intelligence models cur-
3 rently used by the Department of Defense.

4 (B) To establish Department-wide guide-
5 lines for artificial intelligence model evaluation
6 for future models being considered for Depart-
7 ment use.

8 (C) To develop governance structures for
9 model development, testing, and deployment.

10 (D) To identify appropriate assessment
11 levels based on use case-based risk.

12 (E) To establish mechanisms for cross-
13 component collaboration.

14 (F) To develop processes for use case sub-
15 mission, review, and approval.

16 (5) FRAMEWORK CONTENT.—The assessment
17 framework developed under subsection (b) shall ad-
18 dress—

19 (A) model performance standards;

20 (B) development documentation require-
21 ments;

22 (C) testing procedures;

23 (D) ethical principles compliance;

24 (E) assessment methodologies and validity
25 periods;

1 (F) security requirements and compliance
2 regulations, including the Federal Risk and Au-
3 thorization Management Program; and

4 (G) such other elements as the Cross-
5 Functional Team determines appropriate.

6 (b) FUNCTIONAL LEADS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
7 LIGENCE APPLICATION.—

8 (1) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall des-
9 ignate such Department organizations as the Sec-
10 retary considers appropriate to serve as functional
11 leads for artificial intelligence applications.

12 (2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In designating
13 functional leads under paragraph (1), the Secretary
14 shall consider—

15 (A) subject matter expertise;

16 (B) equities in the functional area; and

17 (C) capability to establish assessment
18 standards.

19 (3) CDAO RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Chief Dig-
20 ital and Artificial Intelligence Officer shall—

21 (A) serve as the functional lead for busi-
22 ness systems with artificial intelligence models;
23 and

24 (B) provide Department-wide guidance on
25 commercial artificial intelligence models.

1 (c) ASSESSMENTS OF MAJOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
2 LIGENCE SYSTEMS.—Not later than January 1, 2028, the
3 Secretary shall, using the standard assessment framework
4 developed by the Cross-Functional Team under subsection
5 (a)(2), assess all major artificial intelligence systems of
6 the Department.

7 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—In administering this sec-
9 tion, the Secretary shall ensure the completion of
10 each of the following milestones:

11 (A) The Cross-Functional Team is estab-
12 lished in accordance with subsection (a) on or
13 before June 1, 2026.

14 (B) The functional leads for artificial intel-
15 ligence application are designated in accordance
16 with subsection (b) on or before January 1,
17 2027.

18 (C) The Cross-Function Team completes
19 development of the standardized assessment
20 framework and governance structure required
21 by subsection (a)(2) on or before June 1, 2027.

22 (D) Initial assessments of major artificial
23 intelligence systems are conducted under sub-
24 section (c) and completed on or before January
25 1, 2028.

1 (2) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than
2 30 days after the completion of each milestone set
3 forth under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall pro-
4 vide the congressional defense committees a briefing
5 on the status of the Secretary in administering this
6 section.

7 (e) SUNSET AND TRANSITION.—

8 (1) SUNSET.—The Cross-Functional Team
9 shall terminate on December 31, 2030.

10 (2) TRANSITION.—Not later than June 30,
11 2030, the Secretary shall designate an organization
12 to succeed the Cross-Functional Team and develop
13 a plan to transfer the duties of the Cross-Functional
14 Team specified by subsection (a)(4) to such suc-
15 cessor organization.

16 (3) REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF SUCCESSOR OR-
17 GANIZATION.—Not later than one year after the
18 date on which the Cross-Functional Team is termi-
19 nated and not less frequently than once each year
20 thereafter until the date that is three years after the
21 date on which the Cross-Functional Team is termi-
22 nated, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
23 sional defense committees an annual report on the
24 activities of the element of the Department to which

1 the duties of the Cross-Functional Team were trans-
2 ferred.

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the
5 meaning given in section 238(g) of the John S.
6 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
7 cal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note
8 prec. 4061).

9 (2) The term “functional area” refers to a spe-
10 cialized domain of artificial intelligence application
11 within the Department where models are developed,
12 evaluated, and employed for similar use cases under
13 comparable operational conditions. Examples of
14 functional areas may include decision support sys-
15 tems, business systems, avionics, cybersecurity, intel-
16 ligence applications, logistics and maintenance, and
17 health care.

18 **SEC. 1624. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ONTOLOGY GOVERN-**
19 **ANCE WORKING GROUP.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
22 shall establish a working group to develop and im-
23 plement a common data ontology and governance
24 structure across the Department of Defense.

1 (2) DESIGNATION.—The working group estab-
2 lished pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be known as
3 the “Department of Defense Ontology Governance
4 Working Group” (in this section the “Working
5 Group”).

6 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Working Group
7 is to develop and implement a common data ontology and
8 governance structure across the Department of Defense
9 to improve data interoperability, enhance information
10 sharing, and enable more effective decision making
11 throughout the Department.

12 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall consist
13 of—

14 (1) the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence
15 Officer;

16 (2) the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-
17 ment of Defense;

18 (3) the Chief Data Officers of the Department
19 of Defense;

20 (4) the Chief Information Officers of the mili-
21 tary departments and the combatant commands;

22 (5) such representatives from defense intel-
23 ligence entities as the Secretary considers appro-
24 priate; and

1 (6) such other officers or employees of the De-
2 partment as the Secretary considers appropriate.

3 (d) DUTIES.—The Working Group shall—

4 (1) shall coordinate with and build upon any ex-
5 isting data ontology development efforts within the
6 Department of Defense and intelligence community
7 (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act
8 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)) to ensure complementary
9 and nonduplicative efforts;

10 (2) incorporate Department-wide data as well
11 as data from defense intelligence entities;

12 (3) develop and maintain domain-specific data
13 ontologies that address specialized knowledge areas
14 within the Department of Defense, including
15 warfighting, logistics, personnel, intelligence, and cy-
16 bersecurity domains;

17 (4) establish a process to identify and designate
18 functional domain leads responsible for leading the
19 development, review, approval, and respective guid-
20 ance of data ontologies for their particular domains;

21 (5) evaluate what security risks are introduced
22 with common and domain-specific data ontologies
23 and how these risks should be mitigated; and

24 (6) establish a governance framework that in-
25 cludes—

1 (A) a centralized repository to store the
2 common and domain-specific data ontologies in
3 a manner accessible to all authorized stake-
4 holders;

5 (B) robust version control mechanisms to
6 track changes, manage different versions, and
7 ensure a stable and authoritative source;

8 (C) clear ownership designations and role
9 definitions for data ontology management, in-
10 cluding modification and access authorities for
11 both enterprise-wide and domain-specific
12 ontologies;

13 (D) standardized governance procedures
14 for updating, reviewing, and maintaining the
15 data ontologies to ensure relevance and accu-
16 racy;

17 (E) adherence to established data ontology
18 engineering principles that promote interoper-
19 ability and reusability across domains; and

20 (F) integration with existing Department
21 data management practices and systems.

22 (e) FUNCTIONAL DOMAIN LEADS.—

23 (1) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In designating
24 functional domain leads under subsection (d)(4), the
25 Working Group shall select individuals who possess

1 extensive subject matter expertise in their respective
2 domains and maintain substantial equities or re-
3 sponsibilities within the domain.

4 (2) REPRESENTATION.—Functional domain
5 leads selected under subsection (d)(4) shall be se-
6 lected to ensure appropriate representation across
7 the Department, including the military departments,
8 combatant commands, defense agencies, and field
9 activities.

10 (3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Functional domain
11 leads selected under subsection (d)(4) shall be re-
12 sponsible for—

13 (A) leading the development and mainte-
14 nance of data ontologies within their domains;

15 (B) reviewing and approving domain-spe-
16 cific data ontology elements;

17 (C) ensuring alignment between domain-
18 specific data ontologies and the enterprise-wide
19 data ontology framework;

20 (D) developing domain-specific guidance
21 for data ontology implementation; and

22 (E) serving as the authoritative source for
23 domain knowledge within the data ontology gov-
24 ernance structure.

25 (f) TIMELINE AND DELIVERABLES.—

1 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall en-
2 sure that the Working Group is established pursuant
3 to subsection (a) not later than June 1, 2026, and
4 the Working Group shall remain in effect for a pe-
5 riod of not less than 5 years beginning on the date
6 of the establishment of the Working Group, unless
7 the Secretary determines that it is necessary to tran-
8 sition the Working Group into a permanent organi-
9 zation.

10 (2) FUNCTIONAL DOMAIN LEAD DESIGNA-
11 TION.—Not later than August 1, 2026, the Working
12 Group shall identify and designate functional do-
13 main leads in accordance with subsections (d)(4)
14 and (e).

15 (3) DEPARTMENT-LEVEL POLICY.—Not later
16 than June 1, 2027, the Working Group shall develop
17 and distribute Department-level policy on the data
18 ontology governance structure, including guidelines
19 for the development, maintenance, and integration of
20 domain-specific ontologies.

21 (4) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Working Group
22 shall oversee the implementation of the governance
23 structure by June 1, 2028.

24 (g) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—

1 (1) BRIEFING.—Not later than July 1, 2027,
2 the Working Group shall provide to the congres-
3 sional defense committees a briefing on progress of
4 the Working Group.

5 (2) REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 2028,
6 the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-
7 fense committees a report on the implementation of
8 the ontology governance structure, including the sta-
9 tus of implementation for both enterprise-wide and
10 domain-specific ontologies, and recommendations for
11 sustainment and further development.

12 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “data domain ontology” means a
14 data ontology that is specific to a particular func-
15 tional, operational, or subject-matter area within the
16 Department, including warfighting, logistics, per-
17 sonnel, intelligence, or cybersecurity domains.

18 (2) The term “data ontology” means a formal,
19 structured representation and categorization of data
20 elements, their properties, and the relationships be-
21 tween them within an information system or knowl-
22 edge domain that enables consistent interpretation,
23 integration, and analysis of data across different
24 systems and users.

1 **SEC. 1625. MODIFICATION OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE COM-**
2 **PUTING ROADMAP.**

3 Section 1532(c) of the National Defense Authoriza-
4 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, including
7 both dedicated Department of Defense owned and
8 maintained computing assets, as well as commer-
9 cially procured cloud services or other infrastructure-
10 as-a service contracts” before the period at the end;

11 (2) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
13 subparagraph (D); and

14 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
15 the following new subparagraph (C):

16 “(C) For any data centers to be built or
17 expanded on a military installation, an esti-
18 mate, to the degree that the Secretary deter-
19 mines that providing such an estimate will not
20 delay the submittal of the triennial update re-
21 quired by paragraph (3), of the additional needs
22 for those data centers, including—

23 “(i) an estimate of the increased foot-
24 print for physical space needs;

25 “(ii) assessments of projected elec-
26 tricity and water usage requirements for

1 the projected artificial intelligence data
2 center footprint;

3 “(iii) anticipated impact on the instal-
4 lation and the surrounding community
5 based on increased power, water, and other
6 resource needs, including measures to miti-
7 gate any potential adverse impacts on mili-
8 tary installations; and

9 “(iv) strategies to prevent disruptions
10 to local utility services and to ensure com-
11 munity resilience, including consultation
12 with local, State, and Federal agencies to
13 align infrastructure planning with broader
14 community needs.”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(3) TRIENNIAL UPDATES.—Not later than
17 March 1, 2027, and not later than March 1 of every
18 third year thereafter until March 1, 2033, the Sec-
19 retary shall update the roadmap required by para-
20 graph (1) and submit to the congressional defense
21 committees the updated roadmap.”.

22 **SEC. 1626. ARTIFICIAL GENERAL INTELLIGENCE STEERING**
23 **COMMITTEE.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1,
2 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a
3 steering committee on artificial general intelligence.

4 (2) DESIGNATION.—The steering committee es-
5 tablished pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be known
6 as the “Artificial General Intelligence Steering Com-
7 mittee” (in this section the “Steering Committee”).

8 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Steering Committee shall be
9 composed of the following:

10 (1) The Deputy Secretary of Defense.

11 (2) The Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
12 Staff.

13 (3) The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, the
14 Vice Chief of Staff of Naval Operations, the Assist-
15 ant Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Vice
16 Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Vice Chief of
17 Space Operations, and the Vice Chief of the Na-
18 tional Guard Bureau.

19 (4) The Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-
20 sition and Sustainment.

21 (5) The Under Secretary of Defense for Re-
22 search and Engineering.

23 (6) The Under Secretary of Defense for Intel-
24 ligence and Security.

1 (7) The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer.

3 (8) Such representatives from the military departments as the Secretary considers appropriate.

5 (9) The Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Department of Defense.

7 (10) Representatives of such innovation centers within the defense innovation ecosystem as the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.

10 (11) Representatives of such other organizations and elements of the Department of Defense as the Secretary determines appropriate.

13 (c) CO-CHAIRPERSONS.—The Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall serve as the Co-Chairpersons of the Steering Committee.

17 (d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Steering Committee shall be responsible for—

19 (1) analyzing the current trajectory of artificial intelligence models and enabling technologies that would support achievement of artificial general intelligence, including—

23 (A) current and emerging models, including frontier and world models;

25 (B) agentic algorithms;

1 (C) neuromorphic computing;

2 (D) cognitive science applications for algo-
3 rithm or model development;

4 (E) infrastructure needs;

5 (F) new or emerging microelectronics de-
6 signs or architectures; and

7 (G) such other technology disciplines as
8 the Steering Committee determines appropriate;

9 (2) assess the technological, operational, and
10 doctrinal trajectory of adversaries of the United
11 States towards the goal of achieving an artificial
12 general intelligence;

13 (3) analyzing the military applications and im-
14 plications of artificial general intelligence for the De-
15 partment;

16 (4) developing a strategy for the Department
17 adoption of artificial general intelligence, includ-
18 ing—

19 (A) articulation of ethical and policy
20 guardrails;

21 (B) required resources, including through
22 the use of new or novel funding mechanisms
23 like purchase commitments, financing arrange-
24 ments, or loans or loan guarantees;

25 (C) measurable goals; and

1 (D) mechanisms available for transition or
2 adoption through public-private partnerships;
3 and

4 (5) analyzing the threat landscape emanating
5 from adversarial use of artificial general intelligence
6 and developing options and counter-artificial general
7 intelligence strategies to defend against such use.

8 (e) REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 31,
10 2027, the Deputy Secretary shall submit to the con-
11 gressional defense committees a report on the find-
12 ings of the Steering Committee with respect to the
13 matters covered by subsection (d).

14 (2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report submitted
15 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in un-
16 classified form, but may include a classified annex.

17 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Deputy Sec-
18 retary shall make available to the public the unclas-
19 sified portion of the report submitted pursuant to
20 paragraph (1).

21 (f) SUNSET.—The requirements and authorities of
22 this section shall terminate on December 31, 2027.

23 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) The term “artificial general intelligence”
25 means artificial intelligence-capable systems with the

1 potential to match or exceed human intelligence
 2 across most cognitive tasks, distinct from narrow ar-
 3 tificial intelligence systems designed for specific
 4 tasks in defined domains.

5 (2) The term “innovation ecosystem” means a
 6 regionally based network of private sector, academic,
 7 and government institutions in a network of formal
 8 and informal institutional relationships that con-
 9 tribute to technological and economic development in
 10 a defined technology sector or sectors.

11 **SEC. 1627. PHYSICAL AND CYBERSECURITY PROCUREMENT**
 12 **REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**
 13 **LIGENCE SYSTEMS.**

14 (a) SECURITY FRAMEWORK.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
 16 shall develop a framework for implementation of cy-
 17 bersecurity and physical security standards and best
 18 practices relating to covered artificial intelligence
 19 and machine learning technologies to mitigate risks
 20 to the Department of Defense from the use of such
 21 technologies.

22 (2) COVERAGE OF RELEVANT ASPECTS OF SE-
 23 CURITY.—The framework developed under para-
 24 graph (1) shall cover all relevant aspects of the secu-

1 rity of artificial intelligence and machine learning
2 systems, including the following:

3 (A) Workforce risks, such as insider threat
4 risks.

5 (B) Training and workforce development
6 requirements, including with respect to the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (i) Artificial intelligence security
9 awareness.

10 (ii) Artificial intelligence-specific
11 threats and vulnerabilities.

12 (iii) Continuum of professional devel-
13 opment and education of artificial intel-
14 ligence security expertise.

15 (C) Supply chain risks, such as counterfeit
16 parts or data poisoning risks.

17 (D) Risks relating to adversarial tam-
18 pering with artificial intelligence systems.

19 (E) Risks relating to unintended exposure
20 or theft of artificial intelligence systems or
21 data.

22 (F) Security posture management prac-
23 tices, including governance of security meas-
24 ures, continuous monitoring, and incident re-
25 porting procedures.

1 (G) An evaluation of commercially avail-
2 able platforms for continuous monitoring and
3 assessment.

4 (3) RISK-BASED FRAMEWORK.—The framework
5 developed under paragraph (1) shall be risk-based,
6 with higher security levels corresponding proportion-
7 ally to the national security or foreign policy risks
8 posed by the covered artificial intelligence technology
9 being stolen or tampered with.

10 (4) USE OF EXISTING FRAMEWORKS.—To the
11 maximum extent feasible, the framework developed
12 under paragraph (1) shall—

13 (A) draw on existing cybersecurity ref-
14 erences, such as the NIST Special Publication
15 800 series; and

16 (B) be implemented as an extension or
17 augmentation of existing cybersecurity frame-
18 works developed by the Department of Defense,
19 such as the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Cer-
20 tification framework.

21 (5) ADDRESSING EXTREME SECURITY RISKS.—

22 (A) HIGHLY CAPABLE CYBER THREAT AC-
23 TORS.—The framework developed under para-
24 graph (1) shall take into account that the most
25 highly capable artificial intelligence systems

1 may be of great interest to the most highly ca-
2 pable cyber threat actors, such as intelligence
3 and defense agencies of peer and near-peer na-
4 tions.

5 (B) SECURITY LEVELS.—The Secretary
6 shall ensure that cybersecurity frameworks pro-
7 vided for contractors contain security levels de-
8 signed to mitigate risks posed by cyber threat
9 actors described in subparagraph (A), with the
10 highest levels being similar in scope to the level
11 of protection offered by national security sys-
12 tems.

13 (C) GENERAL DESIGN WITH SPECIFIC
14 COMPONENTS.—To the extent feasible, any ad-
15 ditional security levels developed under subpara-
16 graph (B) shall be designed generally for all
17 software systems, but may contain components
18 designed specifically for highly capable artificial
19 intelligence systems.

20 (b) SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may amend
22 the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supple-
23 ment, or take other similar action, to require covered
24 entities to implement the best practices described in
25 the framework developed under subsection (a).

1 (2) RISK-BASED RULES.—Requirements imple-
2 mented in rules developed under paragraph (1) shall
3 be as narrowly tailored as practicable to the specific
4 covered artificial intelligence and machine learning
5 technologies developed, deployed, stored, or hosted
6 by a covered entity, and shall be calibrated accord-
7 ingly to the different tasks involved in development,
8 deployment, storage, or hosting of components of
9 those covered artificial intelligence and machine
10 learning technologies.

11 (3) COST-BENEFIT CONSIDERATION.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—In implementing para-
13 graph (1), the Secretary shall—

14 (i) consider the costs and benefits to
15 the Department and to United States na-
16 tional security and technological leader-
17 ship, of imposing security requirements on
18 covered entities; and

19 (ii) to the extent feasible, design re-
20 quirements in a way that allows for trans-
21 parent trade space analysis between com-
22 peting requirements in order to minimize
23 costs and maximize benefits.

24 (B) WEIGHING COSTS OF SLOWING DOWN
25 DEVELOPMENT.—In carrying out subparagraph

1 (A), the Secretary shall, in particular, weigh the
2 costs of slowing down artificial intelligence and
3 machine learning development and deployment
4 against the benefits of mitigating national secu-
5 rity risks and potential security risks to the De-
6 partment of Defense from using commercial
7 software.

8 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—The framework re-
9 quired by subsection (a)(1) shall include a detailed imple-
10 mentation plan that—

11 (1) establishes timelines and milestones for
12 achieving the objectives outlined in the framework;

13 (2) identifies resource requirements and fund-
14 ing mechanisms; and

15 (3) provides metrics for measuring progress and
16 effectiveness.

17 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
18 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
19 Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-
20 mittees an update on the status of implementation of the
21 requirements of this section.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the
24 meaning given such term in 238(g) of the John S.
25 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-

1 cal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232; 10 U.S.C. note
2 prec. 4061).

3 (2) The term “covered artificial intelligence and
4 machine learning technology” means an artificial in-
5 telligence or machine learning system procured by
6 the Department of Defense and all components of
7 the development and deployment lifecycle of that ar-
8 tificial intelligence system, including source code, nu-
9 merical parameters (such as model weights) of the
10 trained artificial intelligence or machine learning
11 system, details of any methods and algorithms used
12 to develop that system, data used in the development
13 of the system, and software used for evaluating the
14 trustworthiness of the artificial intelligence or ma-
15 chine learning system during development or deploy-
16 ment.

17 (3) The term “covered entity” means an entity
18 that enters into a Department of Defense contract
19 that engages in the development, deployment, stor-
20 age, or hosting of a covered artificial intelligence
21 technology.

22 **SEC. 1628. GUIDANCE AND PROHIBITION ON USE OF CER-**
23 **TAIN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

24 (a) GUIDANCE AND PROHIBITIONS.—

1 (1) REQUIREMENT REQUIRED REGARDING EX-
2 CLUSION AND REMOVAL FROM DEPARTMENT SYS-
3 TEMS AND DEVICES.—Except as provided in sub-
4 section (b), not later than 30 days after the date of
5 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall require all Department of Defense offices and
7 components to exclude or remove covered artificial
8 intelligence from all Department of Defense systems
9 and devices.

10 (2) CONSIDERATION OF GUIDANCE FOR DE-
11 PARTMENT SYSTEMS AND DEVICES.—Not later than
12 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
13 the Secretary of Defense shall consider issuing guid-
14 ance to all Department offices and components to
15 exclude or remove artificial intelligence developed by
16 a foreign adversary entity in cases in which the Sec-
17 retary determines that the artificial intelligence
18 poses a national security risk for all Department
19 systems and devices.

20 (3) PROHIBITION FOR CONTRACTORS.—

21 (A) USE OF COVERED ARTIFICIAL INTEL-
22 LIGENCE.—Except as provided in subsection
23 (b), not later than 30 days after the date of en-
24 actment of this Act, no contractor with an ac-
25 tive Department contract may use covered arti-

1 ficial intelligence for fulfillment, assistance, exe-
2 cution, or otherwise support to complete, or
3 support in part, a contract with the Depart-
4 ment.

5 (B) USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
6 DEVELOPED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY.—Ex-
7 cept as provided in subsection (b), if the Sec-
8 retary issues guidance described in paragraph
9 (2) to exclude or remove an artificial intel-
10 ligence developed by a foreign adversary entity
11 that the Secretary determines poses a national
12 security risk as described in such paragraph, no
13 contractor with an active Department contract
14 may use the artificial intelligence for fulfill-
15 ment, assistance, execution, or otherwise sup-
16 port to complete, or support in part, a contract
17 with the Department.

18 (b) WAIVER.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may waive a
20 prohibition under subsection (a), on a case-by-case
21 basis, if the Secretary determines that the waiver is
22 necessary—

23 (A) for the purpose of scientifically valid
24 research (as defined in section 102 of the Edu-

1 cation Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (20 U.S.C.
2 9501));

3 (B) for the purpose of evaluation, training,
4 testing, or other analysis needed for national
5 security;

6 (C) for the purpose of conducting counter
7 terrorism, counterintelligence, or other oper-
8 ational military activities supporting national
9 security; or

10 (D) for the purpose of fulfilling mission
11 critical functions.

12 (2) MITIGATION OF RISKS.—In any case in
13 which the Secretary issues a waiver pursuant to
14 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take such steps as
15 the Secretary considers necessary to mitigate any
16 risks due to the issuance of the waiver.

17 (c) 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) and includes the systems and
22 techniques described in paragraphs (1) through (5)
23 of section 238(g) of the John S. McCain National
24 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019
25 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 4061).

1 (2) The term “covered artificial intelligence”
2 means—

3 (A) any artificial intelligence, or successor
4 artificial intelligence, developed by the Chinese
5 company DeepSeek; and

6 (B) any artificial intelligence, or successor
7 artificial intelligence, developed by High Flyer
8 or an entity owned by, funded by, or supported
9 by High Flyer or an entity with respect to
10 which High Flyer directly or indirectly owns at
11 least a 20 percent stake.

12 (3) The term “foreign adversary” has the
13 meaning given the term “covered nation” in section
14 4872(f) of title 10, United States Code.

15 (4) The term “foreign adversary entity”
16 means—

17 (A) a foreign adversary;

18 (B) a foreign person domiciled in,
19 headquartered in, has its principal place of
20 business in, or is organized under the laws of
21 a foreign adversary;

22 (C) an entity with respect to which a for-
23 eign person or combination of foreign persons
24 described in subparagraphs (A) or (B) directly

1 or indirectly owns at least a 20 percent stake;

2 or

3 (D) a person subject to the direction or
4 control of a foreign person or entity described
5 in subparagraphs (A), (B), or (C).

6 **SEC. 1629. ROADMAP FOR ADVANCING DIGITAL CONTENT**
7 **PROVENANCE STANDARDS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
9 Secretary of Defense shall develop a roadmap to guide po-
10 tential future adoption and integration of digital content
11 provenance capabilities across the Department of Defense.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap developed pursuant
13 to subsection (a) shall—

14 (1) identify and assess current and proposed
15 open technical standards for digital content prove-
16 nance that could be applied to publicly released dig-
17 ital media assets produced by the Department of
18 Defense, the military components, and field activities
19 of the Department;

20 (2) identify strategic objectives relating to se-
21 curing and authenticating public-facing digital con-
22 tent;

23 (3) describe relevant roles and responsibilities
24 across military departments and components of the
25 Department;

1 (4) explore the establishment of standardized
2 processes to enable embedding and verification of
3 content credentials in appropriate public-facing De-
4 partment media;

5 (5) outline potential acquisition approaches for
6 supporting technologies and solutions;

7 (6) develop metrics, as appropriate, to assess
8 the effectiveness, reliability, and scalability of digital
9 content provenance technologies;

10 (7) establish an engagement mechanism for co-
11 ordination with relevant stakeholders, including fed-
12 erally funded research and development centers, in-
13 dustry, and academia, to align efforts with evolving
14 best practices and technical capabilities; and

15 (8) establish notional milestones and resource
16 needs, disaggregated by fiscal year, to inform longer-
17 term planning.

18 (c) BRIEFING TO CONGRESS.—Not later than July
19 1, 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall provide the con-
20 gressional defense committees a briefing on the Depart-
21 ment’s roadmap for adopting digital content provenance
22 standards. The briefing should address—

23 (1) initial findings regarding feasibility, oppor-
24 tunities, and potential barriers;

25 (2) stakeholder engagement to date; and

1 (3) any planned next steps or pilot efforts
2 under consideration.

3 (d) DEFINITION OF DIGITAL CONTENT PROVE-
4 NANCE.—In this section, the term “digital content prove-
5 nance” means the verifiable history and origin of a digital
6 asset, including information about its creation, ownership,
7 and modifications over time.

8 **SEC. 1630. ENHANCED PROTECTION OF DATA AFFECTING**
9 **OPERATIONAL SECURITY OF DEPARTMENT**
10 **OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL.**

11 (a) PRIORITIES FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONAL
12 DATA FOR OPERATIONAL SECURITY.—In carrying out the
13 duties of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary shall
14 identify and prioritize the protection of personal data that
15 is related to or may have impacts on the operational secu-
16 rity of members of the Armed Forces and civilian employ-
17 ees of the Department of Defense through the prevention
18 of collection, use, dissemination, or retention of such data
19 that does not conform with provisions of law and practices
20 relating to privacy that were in effect on the day before
21 the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (b) REVIEW AND ISSUANCE OF NEW GUIDANCE RE-
23 LATED TO PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA RELATED TO
24 OPERATIONAL SECURITY.—Not later than June 1, 2026,
25 the Secretary of Defense will review all applicable guid-

1 ance and policy relating to the protection of personal data
2 that is related to or may have impacts on the operational
3 security of Department personnel and, if necessary, issue
4 revised or new guidance for enhanced protection measures
5 for such data. Such guidance shall cover provisions of law
6 and practices relating to privacy and personnel security
7 that were in effect on the day before the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act.

9 (c) STORAGE OF DATA.—

10 (1) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall ensure
11 that no Department personal data related to or that
12 may have impacts on the operational security of De-
13 partment personnel is stored on a non-Department
14 server or cloud service except pursuant to a contract
15 or other agreement entered into by the Secretary
16 and a contractor or subcontractor of the Department
17 or, for personnel data, with the permission of the
18 data subject.

19 (2) WAIVERS.—The Secretary may waive para-
20 graph (1) in a case in which the Secretary certifies
21 in writing that such waiver—

22 (A) appropriately considers the operational
23 security risks to an employee of the Department
24 with respect to whom such data may relate;

1 (B) does not pose a risk to national secu-
2 rity; and

3 (C) is necessary in the interest of national
4 security.

5 (d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO
6 DEPARTMENTAL ISSUANCES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
8 the date on which the Secretary changes a Depart-
9 ment issuance relating to the protection of personal
10 data that is related to or may have impacts on the
11 operational security of Department personnel, the
12 Secretary shall submit to Congress notice of the
13 change.

14 (2) SUNSET.—The requirement of paragraph
15 (1) shall terminate on the date that is five years
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (e) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF EVENTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
19 the date of the occurrence of an event described in
20 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall submit to Con-
21 gress notice of the event.

22 (2) EVENTS DESCRIBED.—An event described
23 in this paragraph is an occurrence of an event in
24 which—

1 (A) the Secretary issues a waiver under
2 subsection (c)(2);

3 (B) personal data related to or that may
4 have an impact on operational security of De-
5 partment personnel is not stored according to
6 Department regulations or exfiltrated in viola-
7 tion of Department regulations;

8 (C) personal data related to or that may
9 have an impact on operational security of De-
10 partment personnel is stored on a non-Depart-
11 ment server or cloud service that has not under-
12 gone an authorization process in accordance
13 with Department regulations; or

14 (D) personal data related to or that may
15 have an impact on operational security of De-
16 partment of Defense personnel is exposed in
17 any cybersecurity incident.

18 (f) STANDARDS, TRAINING, AND REPORTING PROC-
19 ESSES FOR SYSTEM OWNERS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop
21 standards, training, reporting, and security debrief-
22 ing requirements for Department personnel who re-
23 ceive write or read access privileges as system own-
24 ers across more than one platform of Department
25 information systems that hosts personal data related

1 to or that may have an impact on operational secu-
 2 rity of Department personnel.

3 (2) SECURITY DEBRIEFINGS.—The Secretary
 4 shall ensure that personnel described in paragraph
 5 (1) are provided regular security debriefings, includ-
 6 ing after departing the Department.

7 (3) NOTIFICATION OF CONGRESS UNDER CER-
 8 TAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.—Not later than 30 days
 9 after the completion of the development of the
 10 standards, training, reporting, and security debrief-
 11 ing requirements in paragraph (1) the Secretary
 12 shall submit to Congress details of the requirements.

13 **DIVISION B—MILITARY CON-**
 14 **STRUCTION AUTHORIZA-**
 15 **TIONS**

16 **SEC. 2001. SHORT TITLE.**

17 This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-
 18 tion Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026”.

19 **SEC. 2002. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AND**
 20 **AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO BE SPECIFIED BY**
 21 **LAW.**

22 (a) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AFTER THREE
 23 YEARS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), all author-
 24 izations contained in titles XXI through XXVII for mili-
 25 tary construction projects, land acquisition, facilities

1 sustainment, family housing projects and facilities, and
2 contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
3 Security Investment Program (and authorizations of ap-
4 propriations therefor) shall expire on the later of—

5 (1) October 1, 2028; or

6 (2) the date of the enactment of an Act author-
7 izing funds for military construction for fiscal year
8 2029.

9 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
10 authorizations for military construction projects, land ac-
11 quisition, family housing projects and facilities, and con-
12 tributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Se-
13 curity Investment Program (and authorizations of appro-
14 priations therefor), for which appropriated funds have
15 been obligated before the later of—

16 (1) October 1, 2028; or

17 (2) the date of the enactment of an Act author-
18 izing funds for fiscal year 2029 for military con-
19 struction projects, land acquisition, family housing
20 projects and facilities, or contributions to the North
21 Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment
22 Program.

23 **SEC. 2003. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

24 Titles XXI through XXVII shall take effect on the
25 later of—

(1) October 1, 2025; or

(2) the date of the enactment of this Act.

TITLE XXI—ARMY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

SEC. 2101. AUTHORIZED ARMY CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.

(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2103(a) and available for military construction projects inside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the installations or locations inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Army: Inside the United States

State	Installation	Amount
Alaska	Fort Wainwright	\$208,000,000
Florida	Eglin Air Force Base	\$91,000,000
	Naval Air Station Key West	\$457,000,000
Georgia	Fort Gillem	\$166,000,000
Guam	Joint Region Marianas	\$440,000,000
Hawaii	Pohakuloa Training Area	\$20,000,000
Illinois	Rock Island Arsenal	\$50,000,000
Indiana	Crane Army Ammunition Plant	\$161,000,000
Kansas	Fort Riley	\$39,200,000
Kentucky	Fort Campbell	\$212,000,000
New York	Fort Hamilton	\$31,000,000
	Watervliet Arsenal	\$29,000,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	\$19,000,000
Pennsylvania	Letterkenny Army Depot	\$91,500,000
	Tobyhanna Army Depot	\$68,000,000
South Carolina	Fort Jackson	\$51,000,000
Washington	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	\$128,000,000

(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-

tions in section 2103(a) and available for military construction projects outside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army 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:

Army: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Germany	United States Army Garrison Ansbach	\$92,000,000
	United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	\$62,000,000
Republic of the Marshall Islands	United States Army Garrison Kwajalein	\$161,000,000

8 SEC. 2102. FAMILY HOUSING.

(a) CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2103(a) and available for military family housing functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may construct or acquire family housing units (including land acquisition and supporting facilities) at the installations or locations, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Army: Family Housing

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Belgium	Chièvres Air Base	\$145,042,000
Germany	Army Garrison Bavaria	\$50,692,000

(b) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2103(a) and available for military family housing

1 functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,
2 the Secretary of the Army may carry out architectural and
3 engineering services and construction design activities
4 with respect to the construction or improvement of family
5 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$32,824,000.

6 **SEC. 2103. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, ARMY.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
8 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
9 beginning after September 30, 2025, for military con-
10 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and
11 military family housing functions of the Department of the
12 Army as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

13 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION
14 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-
15 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and
16 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost
17 of all projects carried out under sections 2101 and 2102
18 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized
19 to be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in
20 the funding table in section 4601.

21 **SEC. 2104. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
22 **CAL YEAR 2021 PROJECT AT FORT GILLEM,**
23 **GEORGIA.**

24 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
25 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 2021 (division B of Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat.
 2 4294), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
 3 section (b), as provided in section 2101(a) of that Act
 4 (134 Stat. 4295) and most recently extended by section
 5 2107 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for
 6 Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138
 7 Stat. 2216), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
 8 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
 9 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
 10 is later.

11 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 12 is as follows:

Army: Extension of 2021 Project Authorizations

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Georgia	Fort Gillem	Forensic Laboratory	\$71,000,000

13 **SEC. 2105. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
 14 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.**

15 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 16 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 17 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.
 18 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 19 section (b), as provided in section 2101 of that Act (135
 20 Stat. 2163) and extended by section 2108 of the Military
 21 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (di-
 22 vision B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2216), shall

1 remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the
 2 enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military con-
 3 struction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

4 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 5 is as follows:

Army: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Georgia	Fort Stewart	Barracks	\$105,000,000
Germany	Smith Barracks ..	Live Fire Exercise Shoothouse	\$16,000,000
Hawaii	West Loch Naval Magazine Annex	Ammunition Storage	\$51,000,000
Texas	Fort Bliss	Defense Access Roads	\$20,000,000

6 **SEC. 2106. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
 7 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

8 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 9 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 10 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
 11 2970), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
 12 section (b), as provided in section 2101 of that Act (136
 13 Stat. 2971), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
 14 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
 15 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
 16 is later.

17 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 18 is as follows:

Army: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	Physics Lab	\$44,000,000
Hawaii	Fort Shafter	Water System Upgrade	\$33,000,000
	Schofield Barracks	Company Operations Facility	\$159,000,000
	Tripler Army Medical Center	Water System Upgrade	\$38,000,000
Germany	East Camp Grafenwoehr ...	EDI: Battalion Trng Cplx1 (Brks/Veh Maint)	\$104,000,000
	.....	EDI: Battalion Trng Cplx2 (OPS/Veh Maint)	\$64,000,000
Japan	Kadena Air Force Base	Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$80,000,000

1 SEC. 2107. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
2 CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECTS.

3 (a) SMITH BARRACKS, GERMANY.—In the case of the
4 authorization contained in the table in section 2101(b) of
5 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
6 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
7 2213) for Hohenfels Training Area, for construction of a
8 barracks as specified in the funding table in section 4601
9 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and
10 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
11 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2382), the Secretary of
12 the Army may construct a barracks at Smith Barracks,
13 Germany.

14 (b) NAVAL AIR STATION, KEY WEST, FLORIDA.—

15 (1) MODIFICATION OF PROJECT AUTHORITY.—

16 In the case of the authorization contained in the
17 table in section 2101(a) of the Military Construction

1 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B
2 of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2212) for Naval
3 Air Station Key West, Florida, for construction of a
4 Joint Interagency Task Force South command and
5 control facility, the Secretary of the Army may con-
6 struct a command and control facility in the amount
7 of \$397,000,000.

8 (2) MODIFICATION OF PROJECT AMOUNTS.—

9 (A) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The au-
10 thorization table in section 2101(a) of the Mili-
11 tary Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
12 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159;
13 138 Stat. 2212) is amended in the item relating
14 to Naval Air Station Key West, Florida, by
15 striking “\$90,000,000” and inserting
16 “\$397,000,000”.

17 (B) FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—The
18 funding table in section 4601 of the Service-
19 member Quality of Life Improvement and Na-
20 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
21 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
22 2382) is amended in the item relating to Naval
23 Air Station Key West, Florida, Joint Inter-
24 agency Task Force South command and control

1 facility, by striking “\$90,000” and inserting
2 “\$397,000”.

3 (c) FORT CAVAZOS, TEXAS.—

4 (1) MODIFICATIONS OF PROJECT AUTHORITY.—

5 In the case of the authorization contained in the
6 table in section 2101(a) of the Military Construction
7 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B
8 of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2212) for Fort
9 Cavazos, Texas, for construction of Motor Pool #70,
10 the Secretary of the Army may construct a vehicle
11 maintenance shop.

12 (2) MODIFICATION OF PROJECT NAMES AND
13 AMOUNTS.—

14 (A) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The au-
15 thorization table in section 2101(a) of the Mili-
16 tary Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
17 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159;
18 138 Stat. 2212) is amended in the item relating
19 to Fort Cavazos, Texas, by striking
20 “\$147,000,000” and inserting “\$69,000,000”.

21 (B) FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—The
22 funding table in section 4601 of the Service-
23 member Quality of Life Improvement and Na-
24 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
25 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.

2383) is amended in the items relating to Fort Cavazos, Texas, by striking “Motor Pool #70” and inserting “Vehicle Maintenance Shop”.

TITLE XXII—NAVY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

SEC. 2201. AUTHORIZED NAVY CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.

(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2203(a) and available for military construction projects inside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the installations or locations inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Navy and Marine Corps: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
California	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	\$171,020,000
	Naval Air Station Lemoore	\$399,610,000
	Naval Base Coronado	\$302,000,000
	Naval Base San Diego	\$154,820,000
	Naval Base Ventura County	\$164,000,000
	Naval Support Activity Monterey	\$430,000,000
Connecticut	Naval Submarine Base New London	\$255,000,000
District of Columbia	Naval Research Laboratory	\$157,000,000
Florida	Naval Air Station Pensacola	\$164,000,000
Guam	Andersen Air Force Base	\$70,070,000
	Joint Region Marianas	\$2,555,000,000
	Naval Base Guam	\$105,950,000
	Naval Base Guam North Finegayan Telecommunications Site.	\$61,010,000
Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	\$83,000,000
	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	\$143,510,000
	Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands	\$235,730,000
Maine	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	\$1,042,000,000
Maryland	National Maritime Intelligence Center	\$114,000,000
	Naval Support Facility Indian Head	\$106,000,000
	United States Naval Academy Annapolis	\$86,000,000

Navy and Marine Corps: Inside the United States—Continued

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Nevada	Naval Air Station Fallon	\$47,000,000
North Carolina	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	\$48,280,000
Pennsylvania	Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg	\$88,000,000
Rhode Island	Naval Station Newport	\$190,000,000
South Carolina	Joint Base Charleston	\$357,900,000
Virginia	Marine Corps Base Quantico	\$63,560,000
	Naval Station Norfolk	\$1,582,490,000
Washington	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	\$202,000,000
	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	\$245,700,000
Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	\$129,620,000

(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2203(a) and available for military construction projects outside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the installation or location outside the United States, and in the amount, set forth in the following table:

Navy: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Japan	Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.	\$58,000,000

SEC. 2202. FAMILY HOUSING.

(a) CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2203(a) and available for military family housing functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may construct or acquire family housing units (including land acquisition

- 1 and supporting facilities) at the installations or locations,
 2 and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Navy and Marine Corps: Family Housing

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Japan	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	\$11,230,000

3 (b) IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING
 4 UNITS.—Subject to section 2825 of title 10, United States
 5 Code, and using amounts appropriated pursuant to the
 6 authorization of appropriations in section 2203(a) and
 7 available for military family housing functions as specified
 8 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
 9 Navy may improve existing military family housing units
 10 in an amount not to exceed \$68,230,000.

11 (c) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—Using amounts appro-
 12 priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in
 13 section 2203(a) and available for military family housing
 14 functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,
 15 the Secretary of the Navy may carry out architectural and
 16 engineering services and construction design activities
 17 with respect to the construction or improvement of family
 18 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$3,806,000.

19 **SEC. 2203. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NAVY.**

20 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
 21 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
 22 beginning after September 30, 2025, for military con-
 23 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and

1 military family housing functions of the Department of the
2 Navy, as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

3 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION
4 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-
5 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and
6 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost
7 of all projects carried out under sections 2201 and 2202
8 may not exceed the total amount authorized to be appro-
9 priated under subsection (a), as specified in the funding
10 table in section 4601.

11 **SEC. 2204. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
12 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.**

13 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
14 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.
16 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
17 section (b), as provided in sections 2201 and 2202 of that
18 Act (135 Stat. 2166, 2167) and extended by section 2207
19 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
20 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
21 2221), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the
22 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-
23 tary construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

24 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
25 is as follows:

Navy: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
California	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	CLB MEU Complex	\$83,900,000
District of Columbia.	Marine Barracks Washington	Family Housing Improvements	\$10,415,000
Florida	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	Lighterage and Small Craft Facility	\$69,400,000
Hawaii	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe	Electrical Distribution Modernization	\$64,500,000
South Carolina	Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$122,600,000

1 **SEC. 2205. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
5 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
6 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
7 section (b), as provided in section 2201 of that Act (136
8 Stat. 2975), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
9 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
10 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
11 is later.

12 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
13 is as follows:

Navy: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Florida	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	Engine Test Cells Modifications	\$100,570,000
Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Missile Magazines	\$142,783,000
Nevada	Naval Air Station Fallon	F-35C Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$111,566,000
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	\$81,890,000
	.....	Recruit Barracks	\$85,040,000
Spain	Naval Station Rota	EDI: Missile Magazines	\$92,323,000

1 **TITLE XXIII—AIR FORCE**
2 **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**

3 **SEC. 2301. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE CONSTRUCTION AND**
4 **LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

5 (a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
6 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
7 tions in section 2303(a) and available for military con-
8 struction projects inside the United States as specified in
9 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
10 Air Force may acquire real property and carry out mili-
11 tary construction projects for the installations or locations
12 inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth
13 in the following table:

Air Force: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Arizona	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	\$174,000,000
	Luke Air Force Base	\$45,000,000
California	Travis Air Force Base	\$60,000,000

Air Force: Inside the United States—Continued

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Florida	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	\$49,800,000
	Eglin Air Force Base	\$166,000,000
	Hurlburt Field	\$66,000,000
	MacDill Air Force Base	\$74,000,000
	Tyndall Air Force Base	\$48,000,000
Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	\$49,500,000
	Robins Air Force Base	\$28,000,000
Louisiana	Barksdale Air Force Base	\$116,000,000
Maryland	Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling	\$50,000,000
Massachusetts	Hanscom Air Force Base	\$55,000,000
Mississippi	Columbus Air Force Base	\$14,200,000
Missouri	Whiteman Air Force Base	\$127,600,000
New Jersey	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	\$23,000,000
New Mexico	Cannon Air Force Base	\$169,000,000
	Kirtland Air Force Base	\$233,000,000
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	\$95,000,000
Ohio	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	\$45,000,000
Oklahoma	Tinker Air Force Base	\$497,000,000
South Dakota	Ellsworth Air Force Base	\$378,000,000
Tennessee	Arnold Air Force	\$17,500,000
Texas	Dyess Air Force Base	\$90,800,000
	Goodfellow Air Force Base	\$112,000,000
Utah	Hill Air Force Base	\$250,000,000
Virginia	Joint Base Langley-Eustis	\$49,000,000

1 (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
2 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
3 tions in section 2303(a) and available for military con-
4 struction projects outside the United States as specified
5 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
6 Air Force may acquire real property and carry out mili-
7 tary construction projects for the installations or locations
8 outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth
9 in the following table:

Air Force: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Diego Garcia	Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia	\$29,000,000
Germany	Ramstein Air Base	\$44,000,000
Greenland	Pituffik Space Base	\$32,000,000
Norway	Royal Norwegian Air Force Base Rygge	\$72,000,000
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Feltwell	\$20,000,000
	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	\$253,000,000

1 **SEC. 2302. FAMILY HOUSING.**

2 (a) IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING
3 UNITS.—Subject to section 2825 of title 10, United States
4 Code, and using amounts appropriated pursuant to the
5 authorization of appropriations in section 2303(a) and
6 available for military family housing functions as specified
7 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the
8 Air Force may improve existing military family housing
9 units in an amount not to exceed \$237,655,000.

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 \$36,575,000.

18 **SEC. 2303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, AIR**
19 **FORCE.**

20 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
21 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
22 beginning after September 30, 2025, for military con-
23 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and
24 military family housing functions of the Department of the
25 Air Force, as specified in the funding table in section
26 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 2301 and 2302
 6 may not exceed the total amount authorized to be appro-
 7 priated under subsection (a), as specified in the funding
 8 table in section 4601.

9 **SEC. 2304. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
 10 **CAL YEAR 2017 PROJECT AT SPANGDAHLEM**
 11 **AIR BASE, GERMANY.**

12 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 13 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 14 Year 2017 (division B of Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat.
 15 2688), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
 16 section (b), as provided in section 2902 of that Act (130
 17 Stat. 2743) and most recently extended by section 2304
 18 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 19 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
 20 2224), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the
 21 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-
 22 tary construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

23 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 24 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2017 Project Authorization

Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Germany	Spangdahlem Air Base	ERI: F/A-22 Low Observable/Comp Repair Fac	\$12,000,000

1 **SEC. 2305. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2019 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
5 Year 2019 (division B of Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat.
6 2240), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
7 section (b), as provided in section 2903 of that Act (132
8 Stat. 2287) and most recently extended by section 2306
9 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
10 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.
11 2225), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the
12 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-
13 tary construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

14 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
15 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2019 Project Authorization

Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Fairford	EDI: Construct DABS-FEV Storage	\$87,000,000
.....	.....	EDI: Munitions Holding Area	\$19,000,000

1 SEC. 2306. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-
2 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROJECTS.

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 5 Year 2020 (division B of Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.
 6 1862), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
 7 section (b), as provided in sections 2301(a) and 2912(a)
 8 of that Act (133 Stat. 1867, 1913), and extended by sec-
 9 tion 2307 of the Military Construction Authorization Act
 10 for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159;
 11 138 Stat. 2226), shall remain in effect until October 1,
 12 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing
 13 funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, which-
 14 ever is later.

15 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 16 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2020 Project Authorization

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Florida	Tyndall Air Force Base	Deployment Center/ Flight Line Dining/AAFES	\$43,000,000
Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	41 RQS HH–60W Apron	\$12,500,000

17 SEC. 2307. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-
18 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.

19 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 20 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.
2 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-
3 section (b), as provided in section 2301 of that Act (135
4 Stat. 2168) and extended by section 2309 of the Military
5 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (di-
6 vision B of Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2227), shall
7 remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the
8 enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military con-
9 struction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

10 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
11 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2022 Project Authorization

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
Massachusetts	Hanscom Air Force Base	NC3 Acquisitions Management Fa- cility	\$66,000,000
United King- dom	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	F-35A Child Devel- opment Center	\$24,000,000
.....	.....	F-35A Munition In- spection Facility ..	\$31,000,000
.....	.....	F-35A Weapons Load Training Facility	\$49,000,000

12 **SEC. 2308. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**
13 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

14 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
15 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
16 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
17 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-

1 section (b), as provided in section 2301 of that Act (136
 2 Stat. 2978), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
 3 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
 4 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
 5 is later.

6 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 7 is as follows:

Air Force: Extension of 2023 Project Authorization

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
Florida	Patrick Space Force Base	Consolidated Com- munications Cen- ter	\$97,000,000
Norway	Rygge Air Station	EDI: Base Perim- eter Security Fence	\$8,200,000
Oklahoma	Tinker Air Force Base	Facility and Land Acquisition (MROTC)	\$30,000,000
Texas	Joint Base San Anto- nio-Randolph	Child Development Center	\$29,000,000

8 **SEC. 2309. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**
 9 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT AT F.E. WARREN**
 10 **AIR FORCE BASE, WYOMING.**

11 In the case of the authorization contained in the table
 12 in section 2301(a) of the Military Construction Authoriza-
 13 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law
 14 118–159; 138 Stat. 2222) for F.E. Warren Air Force
 15 Base, Wyoming, for the Ground Based Strategic Deter-
 16 rent Utility Corridor, the Secretary of the Air Force may
 17 construct 3,219 kilometers of telephone duct facility.

1 TITLE XXIV—DEFENSE AGEN-
2 CIES MILITARY CONSTRUC-
3 TION

4 SEC. 2401. AUTHORIZED DEFENSE AGENCIES CONSTRUC-
5 TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.

6 (a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
7 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
8 tions in section 2403(a) and available for military con-
9 struction projects inside the United States as specified in
10 the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of De-
11 fense may acquire real property and carry out military
12 construction projects for the installations or locations in-
13 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
14 the following table:

Defense Agencies: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Alabama	DLA Distribution Center Anniston	\$32,000,000
California	Naval Base Coronado	\$75,900,000
	Travis Air Force Base	\$49,980,000
Florida	Homestead Air Reserve Base	\$33,000,000
Georgia	Fort Benning	\$127,375,000
Maryland	Fort Meade	\$26,600,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	\$275,000,000
	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	\$289,000,000
Pennsylvania	DLA Distribution Center Susquehanna	\$90,000,000
	Harrisburg Air National Guard Base	\$13,400,000
Puerto Rico	Punta Borinquen	\$155,000,000
Texas	NSA Texas	\$500,000,000
Virginia	Pentagon	\$34,000,000
Washington	Faithchild Air Force Base	\$85,000,000
	Manchester Tank Farm	\$71,000,000

15 (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts
16 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
17 tions in section 2403(a) and available for military con-
18 struction projects outside the United States as specified

1 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of De-
 2 fense may acquire real property and carry out military
 3 construction projects for the installations or locations out-
 4 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in
 5 the following table:

Defense Agencies: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Germany	United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	\$16,700,000
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	\$397,500,000
	Royal Air Force Mildenhall	\$45,000,000

6 **SEC. 2402. AUTHORIZED ENERGY RESILIENCE AND CON-**
 7 **SERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM**
 8 **PROJECTS.**

9 (a) **INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**—Using amounts
 10 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
 11 tions in section 2403(a) and available for energy conserva-
 12 tion projects as specified in the funding table in section
 13 4601, the Secretary of Defense may carry out energy con-
 14 servation projects under chapter 173 of title 10, United
 15 States Code, for the installations or locations inside the
 16 United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the fol-
 17 lowing table:

ERCIP Projects: Inside the United States

State	Installation or Location	Amount
California	Armed Forces Reserve Center Mountain View	\$20,600,000
	Travis Air Force Base	\$25,120,000
Florida	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	\$30,500,000
Guam	Joint Region Marianas	\$53,000,000
	Naval Base Guam	\$63,010,000
Massachusetts	Cape Cod Space Force Station	\$124,000,000
New Mexico	White Sands Missile Range	\$38,500,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	\$80,000,000
Texas	Camp Swift	\$19,800,000
	Fort Hood	\$34,500,000

ERCIP Projects: Inside the United States—Continued

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Utah	Camp Williams	\$28,500,000

(b) OUTSIDE 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 outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

ERCIP Projects: Outside the United States

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Germany	United States Army Garrison Ansbach	\$73,000,000
Japan	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	\$146,800,000

SEC. 2403. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, DEFENSE AGENCIES.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for military construction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and military family housing functions of the Department of Defense (other than the military departments), as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

(b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION 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 2401 and 2402
 4 may not exceed the total amount authorized to be appro-
 5 priated under subsection (a), as specified in the funding
 6 table in section 4601.

7 **SEC. 2404. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**
 8 **CAL YEAR 2019 PROJECT AT IWAKUNI, JAPAN.**

9 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of
 10 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
 11 Year 2019 (division B of Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat.
 12 2240), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-
 13 section (b), as provided in section 2401(b) of that Act
 14 (132 Stat. 2249) and most recently extended by section
 15 2405 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for
 16 Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159; 138
 17 Stat. 2232), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026,
 18 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds
 19 for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever
 20 is later.

21 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)
 22 is as follows:

Defense Agencies: Extension of 2019 Project Authorization

Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Japan	Iwakuni	Fuel Pier	\$33,200,000

SEC. 2405. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROJECTS.

(a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b), as provided in sections 2401 and 2402 of that Act (135 Stat. 2173, 2174), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alabama	Fort Novosel	10 MW RICE Generator Plant and Microgrid Controls	\$24,000,000
Georgia	Fort Benning	4.8 MW Generation and Microgrid	\$17,593,000
.....	Fort Stewart	10 MW Generation Plant, with Microgrid Controls	\$22,000,000
New York	Fort Drum	Wellfield Field Expansion Project ...	\$27,000,000
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Emergency Water System	\$7,705,000
Ohio	Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport	Base-Wide Microgrid With Natural Gas Generator, Photovoltaic, and Battery	\$4,700,000
Tennessee	Memphis International Airport	PV Arrays and Battery Storage	\$4,780,000

SEC. 2406. 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 sections 2401(a) and 2402(a) of that Act (136 Stat. 2982, 2983), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	1MSIC Advanced Analysis Facility Phase 2 (INC)	\$151,000,000
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
Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	Primary Electrical Distribution	\$25,000,000
Kansas	Fort Riley	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$25,780,000
Texas	Fort Cavazos	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$31,500,000

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2023
Project Authorizations—Continued**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
.....	United States Army Reserve Center, Conroe	Power Generation and Microgrid	\$9,600,000
Virginia	Dam Neck	SOF Operations Building Addition	\$26,600,000

**SEC. 2407. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.**

(a) REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA.—In the case of the authorization contained in the table in section 2401 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 726) for Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, for construction of a ground test facility infrastructure project at that location, the Missile Defense Agency may renovate additional square footage and convert administrative space to classified space.

(b) LAKE CITY ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, MISSOURI.—

(1) MODIFICATIONS OF PROJECT AUTHORITY.—

In the case of the authorization contained in the table in section 2402(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 727) for Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Missouri, for construction

of a microgrid and backup power, the Secretary of Defense may construct a microgrid and backup power, including the installation of liquid propane gas tanks and associated piping, foundations, pumps, saddles, propane vaporizers, and controls.

(2) MODIFICATION OF PROJECT AMOUNTS.—

(A) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION.—The authorization table in section 2402(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 727) is amended in the item relating to Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Missouri, by striking “\$80,100,000” and inserting “\$86,500,000”.

(B) FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—The funding table in section 4601 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 911) is amended in the items relating to Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Missouri, by striking “\$80,100” and inserting “\$86,500”.

SEC. 2408. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECTS.

(a) JOINT BASE ANDREWS, MARYLAND.—In the case of the authorization contained in the table in section

1 2402(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act
2 for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159;
3 138 Stat. 2229) for Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, for
4 construction of a microgrid with electric vehicle charging
5 infrastructure, the Secretary of the Air Force may con-
6 struct a new power generation and microgrid facility,
7 which shall be entitled “Power Generation and
8 Microgrid”.

9 (b) JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW
10 JERSEY.—In the case of the authorization contained in
11 the table in section 2402(a) of the Military Construction
12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of
13 Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2229) for Joint Base
14 McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, for construction of
15 a microgrid with electric vehicle charging infrastructure,
16 the Secretary of the Air Force may construct a new power
17 generation and microgrid facility, which shall be entitled
18 “Power Generation and Microgrid”.

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 authorized to be appropriated for this pur-
13 pose in section 2502 and the amount collected from the
14 North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a result of con-
15 struction previously financed by the United States.

16 **SEC. 2502. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NATO.**

17 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
18 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for con-
19 tributions by the Secretary of Defense under section 2806
20 of title 10, United States Code, for the share of the United
21 States of the cost of projects for the North Atlantic Treaty
22 Organization Security Investment Program authorized by
23 section 2501, and in the amounts, set forth in the fol-
24 lowing table:

**North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment
Program**

Location	Installation or Location	Amount
Worldwide Unspecified	NATO Security Investment Program	\$531,832,000

**Subtitle B—Host Country In-kind
Contributions**

**SEC. 2511. REPUBLIC OF KOREA FUNDED CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS.**

Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Korea for required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of Defense may accept military construction projects for the installations or locations in the Republic of Korea, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Republic of Korea Funded Construction Projects

Component	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Army	Camp Humphreys	Access Control Point	\$24,000,000
Army	Camp Humphreys	Runway	\$180,000,000
Navy	Pohang AB	Replace Concrete Apron	\$22,000,000
Navy	Yecheon Air Base	Replace Magazine Munitions Supply Area.	\$59,000,000
Air Force	Gimhae Air Base	Repair Contingency Hospital.	\$86,000,000
Air Force	Gwangju Air Base.	Hydrant Fuel System	\$57,000,000
Air Force	Osan AB	Aircraft Corrosion Control Facility Part 3.	\$25,000,000

**SEC. 2512. REPUBLIC OF POLAND FUNDED CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS.**

Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Poland for required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of Defense may accept military construction projects for the in-

- 1 stallations or locations in the Republic of Poland, and in
 2 the amounts, set forth in the following table:

Republic of Poland Funded Construction Projects

Component	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Army	Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area (DPTA).	Information Systems Facility.	\$6,200,000
Army	Powdiz	Barracks & Dining Facility Phase 2.	\$199,000,000
Army	Powdiz	Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance Hangar.	\$91,000,000
Air Force	Lask AB	Communication Infrastructure.	\$18,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw AB	Combined Aerial Port Facilities.	\$111,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw AB	Contingency Beddown Area.	\$13,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw AB	Hot Cargo Pad / Munition Handling / Holding Area.	\$44,000,000
Air Force	Wroclaw AB	Railhead and Rail Extension.	\$22,000,000

3 **TITLE XXVI—GUARD AND** 4 **RESERVE FORCES FACILITIES**

5 **SEC. 2601. AUTHORIZED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CON-** 6 **STRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION** 7 **PROJECTS.**

8 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
 9 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
 10 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
 11 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may
 12 acquire real property and carry out military construction
 13 projects for the Army National Guard locations inside the
 14 United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the fol-
 15 lowing table:

Army National Guard: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
Guam	Joint Forces Headquarters - Guam	\$55,000,000
Indiana	Shelbyville Armory	\$55,000,000
Iowa	Waterloo Armory	\$13,800,000
New Hampshire	Plymouth Training Center	\$26,000,000
New York	Albany	\$90,000,000
North Carolina	Salisbury Training Center	\$69,000,000
Oregon	Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Base.	\$16,000,000
South Dakota	Watertown Training Center	\$28,000,000

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 fund-
6 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may
7 acquire real property and carry out military construction
8 projects for the Army Reserve location inside the United
9 States, and in the amount, set forth in the following table:

Army Reserve: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
Alabama	Maxwell Gunter	\$28,000,000
Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	\$46,000,000
Illinois	Fort Sheridan	\$36,000,000
Pennsylvania	New Castle Army Reserve Center	\$30,000,000
Texas	Conroe Army Reserve Center	\$12,000,000

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 fund-
16 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may

1 acquire real property and carry out military construction
 2 projects for the Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve
 3 location inside the United States, and in the amount, set
 4 forth in the following table:

Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
Texas	Naval Air Station Reserve Base Fort Worth	\$106,870,000

5 **SEC. 2604. AUTHORIZED AIR NATIONAL GUARD CONSTRUC-**
 6 **TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

7 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-
 8 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for
 9 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-
 10 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force
 11 may acquire real property and carry out military construc-
 12 tion projects for the Air National Guard locations inside
 13 the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the
 14 following table:

Air National Guard: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	\$16,000,000
	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	\$46,000,000
Georgia	Savannah/Hilton Head International Air- port.	\$38,400,000
Iowa	Sioux Gateway Airport	\$148,000,000
Massachusetts	Otis Air National Guard Base	\$31,000,000
Mississippi	Key Field Air National Guard Base	\$19,000,000
New Hampshire	Pease Air National Guard Base	\$16,000,000
New Jersey	Atlantic City International Airport	\$68,000,000
Oregon	Klamath Falls Airport	\$80,000,000
	Portland International Airport	\$16,500,000
Utah	Salt Lake City International Airport	\$145,000,000
Wisconsin	Volk Air National Guard Base	\$8,400,000

1 SEC. 2605. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE RESERVE CONSTRUC-
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 fund-
 6 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force
 7 may acquire real property and carry out military construc-
 8 tion projects for the Air Force Reserve location inside the
 9 United States, and in the amount, set forth in the fol-
 10 lowing table:

Air Force Reserve: Inside the United States

State	Location	Amount
New York	Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station	\$54,000,000
South Carolina	Joint Base Charleston Air Reserve Base	\$33,000,000
Texas	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	\$18,000,000

11 SEC. 2606. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NA-
12 TIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE.

13 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
 14 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for mili-
 15 tary construction, land acquisition, and facilities
 16 sustainment for the Guard and Reserve Forces, and for
 17 contributions therefor, under chapter 1803 of title 10,
 18 United States Code, as specified in the funding table in
 19 section 4601.

SEC. 2607. 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 sections 2601, 2602, 2603 and 2604 of that Act (136 Stat. 2986, 2987), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations

State	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$63,000,000
Arizona	Morris Air National Guard Base	Base Entry Complex	\$12,000,000
	Tucson International Airport	Land Acquisition	\$11,700,000
Arkansas	Camp Robinson ..	Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range	\$9,500,000
Florida	Gainesville	National Guard Readiness Center	\$21,000,000
	Perrine	Army Reserve Center/AMSA	\$46,000,000
Hawaii	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	C-40 Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$116,964,000
Indiana	Fort Wayne International Airport	Munitions Maintenance & Storage Complex	\$16,500,000
Ohio	Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base	Small Arms Range	\$8,000,000

**National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2023 Project
Authorizations—Continued**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Amount
Puerto Rico	Camp Santiago Joint Maneuver Training Center	Engineering/Housing Maintenance Shops (DPW)	\$14,500,000
West Virginia	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base	C-130J Apron Expansion	\$10,000,000

1 SEC. 2608. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT
2 FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECT AT TUCSON
3 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ARIZONA.

4 In the case of the authorization contained in the table
5 in section 2604 of the Military Construction Authorization
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–
7 263; 136 Stat. 2987) for Tucson International Airport,
8 Arizona, the Secretary of the Air Force may acquire 10
9 acres of land.

10 TITLE XXVII—BASE REALIGN-
11 MENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVI-
12 TIES

13 SEC. 2701. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR
14 BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVI-
15 TIES FUNDED THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF
16 DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT.

17 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for
18 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2025, for base
19 realignment and closure activities, including real property

1 acquisition and military construction projects, as author-
 2 ized by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act
 3 of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101–510;
 4 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) and funded through the Department
 5 of Defense Base Closure Account established by section
 6 2906 of such Act, as specified in the funding table in sec-
 7 tion 4601.

8 **TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CON-**
 9 **STRUCTION GENERAL PROVI-**
 10 **SIONS**

11 **Subtitle A—Military Construction**
 12 **Program**

13 **SEC. 2801. REQUIREMENT FOR THE MILITARY DEPART-**
 14 **MENTS TO DEVELOP AND ANNUALLY UPDATE**
 15 **A 20-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT**
 16 **PLAN.**

17 (a) SUBMISSION.—Commencing as part of the annual
 18 budget submission of the President under section 1105(a)
 19 of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 2027, and
 20 every five years thereafter, each Secretary of a military
 21 department shall include with the defense budget mate-
 22 rials for that fiscal year each of the following:

23 (1) A summary of the major lines of effort,
 24 milestones, and specific goals of the Secretary con-
 25 cerned during the next 20 fiscal years relating to the

1 improvement of infrastructure and facilities under
2 the jurisdiction of that Secretary, including a de-
3 tailed plan describing the objectives of that Sec-
4 retary to manage and improve such infrastructure
5 and facilities during that period, including utility
6 systems (electric, water and wastewater systems, en-
7 ergy distribution systems, transportation, and com-
8 munication networks) and all physical structures of
9 a base or installation.

10 (2) A certification by that Secretary that both
11 the budget for that fiscal year and the future-years
12 defense program submitted to Congress in relation
13 to such budget under section 221 of title 10, United
14 States Code, provide for funding of planning, design,
15 and construction at a level that is sufficient to meet
16 the requirements specified in the plan under para-
17 graph (1) on the schedule provided in that plan.

18 (3) An unaltered assessment by the service
19 chief of the military department concerned with re-
20 spect to the summary and plan under paragraph (1)
21 and the certification under paragraph (2).

22 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each plan submitted by a Secretary
23 of a military department under subsection (a)(1) shall in-
24 clude the following:

1 (1) With respect to the 20-year period covered
2 by the plan, an identification of the major lines of
3 effort, milestones, and specific goals of the Secretary
4 over such period relating to the improvement of in-
5 frastructure and facilities under the jurisdiction of
6 that Secretary.

7 (2) The estimated costs of necessary infrastruc-
8 ture and facility improvements and a description of
9 how such costs would be addressed by the budget re-
10 quest of the Department of Defense and the future-
11 years defense program submitted for such year.

12 (3) An assessment of how the military depart-
13 ment is accurately accounting for the costs of sus-
14 taining facilities and addressing the identified nec-
15 essary improvements of infrastructure and facilities
16 as outlined in the plan.

17 (c) INCORPORATION OF RESULTS-ORIENTED MAN-
18 AGEMENT PRACTICES.—Each plan under subsection
19 (a)(1) shall incorporate the leading results-oriented man-
20 agement practices, including—

- 21 (1) analytically based goals;
22 (2) results-oriented metrics;
23 (3) the identification of required resources,
24 risks, and stakeholders; and

1 (4) regular reporting on progress to decision
2 makers.

3 **SEC. 2802. INCREASE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR RESTORA-**
4 **TION OR REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED OR DE-**
5 **STROYED FACILITIES.**

6 Section 2854(c)(3) of title 10, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “\$100,000,000” and inserting
8 “\$150,000,000”.

9 **SEC. 2803. REAUTHORIZATION AND MODIFICATION OF SPE-**
10 **CIAL DESIGN-BUILD AUTHORITY FOR MILI-**
11 **TARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

12 Section 3241(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
13 amended—

14 (1) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the
15 following new paragraph (3):

16 “(3) Any contract awarded under this subsection
17 shall be considered to be a construction contract and shall
18 be subject to the same oversight mechanisms to which con-
19 struction contracts are subject under this title.”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “2008” each
21 place it appears and inserting “2030”.

1 **SEC. 2804. MODIFICATION OF PILOT PROGRAM ON IN-**
 2 **CREASED USE OF SUSTAINABLE BUILDING**
 3 **MATERIALS IN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION TO**
 4 **INCLUDE SUSTAINABLE BUILDING TECH-**
 5 **NOLOGIES IDENTIFIED BY THE COMP-**
 6 **TROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.**

7 Section 2861 of the Military Construction Authoriza-
 8 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (division B of Public Law
 9 118–81; 10 U.S.C. 2802 note) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “at least”
 11 and all that follows through the period at the end
 12 and inserting “at least two military construction
 13 projects”;

14 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “September
 15 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2029”;

16 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “January 1,
 17 2025” and inserting “January 1, 2029”;

18 (4) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
 19 subsections (g) and (h), respectively;

20 (5) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
 21 lowing new subsection (f):

22 “(f) **USE OF CERTAIN TECHNOLOGIES.**—In carrying
 23 out each project under the pilot program commencing on
 24 or after the date of the enactment of the National Defense
 25 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Secretary
 26 concerned shall use not fewer than three technologies iden-

1 tified in the report published by the Comptroller General
2 of the United States on February 11, 2025, and entitled
3 ‘Science & Tech Spotlight: Sustainable Building Tech-
4 nologies’ (GAO–25–107931).”;

5 (6) in subsection (g)(1), as redesignated by
6 paragraph (4), by striking “December 31, 2025”
7 and inserting “December 31, 2030”; and

8 (7) in subsection (h), as so redesignated, in the
9 first sentence, by inserting before the period the fol-
10 lowing: “that is identified in the report published by
11 the Comptroller General of the United States on
12 February 11, 2025, and entitled ‘Science & Tech
13 Spotlight: Sustainable Building Technologies’
14 (GAO–25–107931)”.

15 **SEC. 2805. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL**
16 **RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO INFORMA-**
17 **TION SHARING TO IMPROVE OVERSIGHT OF**
18 **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.**

19 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

21 (1) implement the recommendations of the
22 Comptroller General of the United States contained
23 in the report published by the Comptroller General
24 in September 2024 and titled “Military Construc-

1 tion: Better Information Sharing Would Improve
2 DOD’s Oversight” (GAO–24–106499); or

3 (2) if the Secretary does not implement any
4 such recommendation, submit to the Committees on
5 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-
6 resentatives a report explaining why the Secretary
7 has not implemented those recommendations.

8 **SEC. 2806. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT FOR CONTRACT**
9 **FOR OBLIGATION AND EXECUTION OF DE-**
10 **SIGN FUNDS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
11 **PROJECTS.**

12 Section 2811(a) of the Military Construction Author-
13 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law
14 118–159) is amended by striking “150 days” and insert-
15 ing “one year”.

16 **SEC. 2807. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF DEPOT**
17 **WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS FOR UNSPECIFIED**
18 **MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.**

19 Section 2208(u)(4) of title 10, United States Code,
20 is amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and insert-
21 ing “September 30, 2027”.

1 **SEC. 2808. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR TEMPORARY EX-**
2 **PANDED LAND ACQUISITION FOR EQUINE**
3 **WELFARE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2804(c) of the Service-
5 member Quality of Life Improvement and National De-
6 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
7 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 2805 note) is amended by striking
8 “February 1, 2026” and inserting “August 1, 2026”.

9 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February
10 20, 2026, the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the
11 congressional defense committees a briefing on the use of
12 the authority under section 2804(c) of the Servicemember
13 Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Au-
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
15 159; 10 U.S.C. 2805 note).

16 **SEC. 2809. PROHIBITION ON DESIGNATION OF MILITARY**
17 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AS PART OF MILI-**
18 **TARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM.**

19 The Secretary of Defense shall not designate any
20 military construction project as being part of the military
21 intelligence program.

22 **SEC. 2810. EXPANSION OF DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRA-**
23 **STRUCTURE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE INSTAL-**
24 **LATIONS OF THE COAST GUARD.**

25 Section 2391 of title 10, United States Code, is
26 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (d)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), in the matter
3 preceding clause (i), by inserting “, and with
4 respect to Coast Guard-related projects, the
5 Secretary, with the concurrence of the Com-
6 mandant of the Coast Guard,” after “The Sec-
7 retary”; and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(5)(A) In considering grants, agreements, or other
11 funding under paragraph (1)(A) with respect to commu-
12 nity infrastructure supportive of a military installation of
13 the Coast Guard, the Secretary of Defense shall seek the
14 concurrence of the Commandant of the Coast Guard with
15 respect to assessing the selection and prioritization of the
16 project concerned.

17 “(B) A grant made under this section shall be avail-
18 able to support any Coast Guard mission authorized under
19 section 888 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
20 U.S.C. 468).”; and

21 (2) in subsection (e)(1), by adding at the end
22 the following new sentence: “For purposes of sub-
23 section (d), the term ‘military installation’ includes
24 an installation of the Coast Guard under the juris-
25 diction of the Department of Homeland Security.”.

1 **Subtitle B—Military Housing**

2 **SEC. 2821. IMPROVEMENTS TO ANNUAL REPORTS OF DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON WAIVERS OF PRI-**
4 **VACY AND CONFIGURATION STANDARDS FOR**
5 **COVERED MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUS-**
6 **ING.**

7 Subsection (b) of section 2856a of title 10, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and” and
10 inserting a semicolon;

11 (2) in paragraph (5)(C), by striking the period
12 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraphs:

15 “(6) an assessment of whether a need for fu-
16 ture waivers has been identified;

17 “(7) a summary of the analysis performed by
18 each military department to identify covered military
19 unaccompanied housing that requires such waivers,
20 including a certification by the Secretary of each
21 military department that the list of waivers for that
22 military department is complete and identifies all
23 permanent party unaccompanied housing that does
24 not meet covered privacy and configuration stand-

1 ards or standards of the Department for health and
2 safety;

3 “(8) an action plan to bring covered military
4 unaccompanied housing that requires such waivers
5 into compliance with the standards of the Depart-
6 ment and a timeline for implementing the action
7 plan;

8 “(9) information about costs associated with
9 the remediation options for covered military unac-
10 companied housing that requires such waivers, in-
11 cluding—

12 “(A) funding needs for military construc-
13 tion projects;

14 “(B) funding needs for projects as part of
15 facilities sustainment, restoration, and mod-
16 ernization; and

17 “(C) any resulting increases in the need
18 for housing allowances for members of the
19 armed forces that would otherwise be living in
20 covered military unaccompanied housing; and

21 “(10) a description of the status of the re-
22 sponse of the Department to open recommendations
23 contained in the 2023 report by the Comptroller
24 General of the United States entitled, ‘Military Bar-
25 racks: Poor Living Conditions Undermine Quality of

1 Life and Readiness’ (GAO–23–105797), including
2 the status of each military department in issuing
3 service standards that meet covered privacy and con-
4 figuration standards and standards of the Depart-
5 ment for health and safety for covered military un-
6 accompanied housing.”.

7 **SEC. 2822. MODIFICATION OF HOUSING REQUIREMENTS**
8 **AND MARKET ANALYSIS TO ACCOUNT FOR**
9 **IMPACT OF CIVILIANS AND CONTRACTORS.**

10 Section 2837(d) of title 10, United States Code, is
11 amended by inserting before the period the following: “,
12 including an accounting for impacts of civilians and con-
13 tractors”.

14 **SEC. 2823. AUTHORITY FOR UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING**
15 **PROJECT UNDER PILOT AUTHORITY FOR USE**
16 **OF OTHER TRANSACTIONS FOR INSTALLA-**
17 **TION OR FACILITY PROTOTYPING.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may
19 conduct an unaccompanied housing project under section
20 4022(i) of title 10, United States Code, that is not subject
21 to the limits under paragraph (2) of such section.

22 (b) USE OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may use the
23 authority under subsection (a) for not more than one
24 project.

1 (c) LOCATION.—The project conducted under sub-
 2 section (a) shall be located at a joint base of the Depart-
 3 ment of Defense for medical training.

4 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—The aggregate value of all
 5 transactions entered into under the project conducted
 6 under subsection (a) may not exceed \$500,000,000.

7 **SEC. 2824. ELIMINATION OF INDOOR RESIDENTIAL MOLD**
 8 **IN HOUSING OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

9 (a) STUDY AND REPORT ON HEALTH IMPACTS OF
 10 INDOOR RESIDENTIAL MOLD.—

11 (1) STUDY.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
 13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
 14 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
 15 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Af-
 16 fairs, the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
 17 velopment, the Director of the Centers for Dis-
 18 ease Control and Prevention, the Administrator
 19 of the Environmental Protection Agency, and
 20 the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
 21 shall conduct a comprehensive study on the
 22 health effects of indoor residential mold growth
 23 in military unaccompanied housing or other
 24 housing on military installations, using the

1 most up-to-date scientific peer-reviewed medical
2 literature.

3 (B) ELEMENTS.—The study conducted
4 under subparagraph (A) shall ascertain—

5 (i) detailed information about harmful
6 or toxigenic mold that may impact the
7 military departments and individuals living
8 on military installations, as well as any
9 toxin or toxic compound such mold can
10 produce;

11 (ii) the most accurate research-based
12 methods of detecting harmful or toxigenic
13 mold;

14 (iii) improved understanding of the
15 different health symptomology that can re-
16 sult from exposure to mold in indoor resi-
17 dential environments on military installa-
18 tions, including military unaccompanied
19 housing;

20 (iv) the ability to conduct and the cost
21 of conducting ongoing surveillance of the
22 prevalence of idiopathic pulmonary hemor-
23 rhage in infants living on military installa-
24 tions; and

1 (v) longitudinal studies on the effects
2 of indoor mold exposure in early childhood
3 on the development of asthma and other
4 respiratory illnesses of children living on
5 military installations.

6 (2) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

7 (A) INTERIM FINDINGS.—Not later than
8 one year after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
10 the congressional defense committees a report
11 that contains the interim findings of the study
12 conducted under paragraph (1).

13 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than two
14 years after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
16 the congressional defense committees a final re-
17 port detailing the results of the study conducted
18 under paragraph (1).

19 (b) IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS.—The Secretary of
20 Defense shall implement mitigation measures at military
21 installations found to have hazardous mold conditions fol-
22 lowing the submission of the interim findings under sub-
23 section (a)(2)(A).

24 (c) CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW HOUS-
25 ING ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
2 consultation with the Secretary of Housing and
3 Urban Development, may develop model construction
4 standards and techniques for preventing and control-
5 ling indoor residential mold in new residential prop-
6 erties on a military installation if existing facilities
7 at the military installation are found to be inappro-
8 priately constructed for the environment.

9 (2) CONTENTS.—The model standards and
10 techniques developed under paragraph (1) shall pro-
11 vide for geographic differences in construction types
12 and materials, geology, weather, and other variables
13 that may affect indoor residential mold levels in new
14 buildings and on various military installations.

15 (3) CONSULTATION.—To the maximum extent
16 possible, model standards and techniques shall be
17 developed under paragraph (1) with the assistance
18 of organizations involved in establishing national
19 building construction standards and techniques.

20 (4) APPLICABILITY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION
21 AND REHABILITATION.—If the Secretary of Defense
22 develops model construction standards and tech-
23 niques under paragraph (1), not later than one year
24 after deciding to develop such standards and tech-
25 niques, the Secretary shall include such model stand-

1 ards and techniques as a requirement for residential
2 rehabilitation or new construction projects conducted
3 by the Department of Defense with amounts appro-
4 priated to the Department.

5 (d) EDUCATION FOR MILITARY HEALTH PROFES-
6 SIONALS.—The Secretary of Defense shall include edu-
7 cation for military health professions on mold-related ill-
8 ness, including signs and symptoms of toxigenic mold ex-
9 posure, in recurring training received by miliary health
10 practitioners at such time and in such manner as the Sec-
11 retary chooses.

12 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) INDOOR RESIDENTIAL MOLD.—The term
14 “indoor residential mold” means any form of multi-
15 cellular fungi found in water-damaged indoor envi-
16 ronments and building materials, including
17 cladosporium, penicillium, alternaria, aspergillus, fu-
18 sarium, trichoderma, memnoniella, mucor,
19 stachybotrys chartarum, streptomyces, and
20 epicoccumoften.

21 (2) MILITARY INSTALLATION.—The term “mili-
22 tary installation” has the meaning given that term
23 in section 2801(c) of title 10, United States Code.

24 (3) MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING.—The
25 term “military unaccompanied housing” has the

1 meaning given that term in section 2871 of title 10,
2 United States Code.

3 (4) TOXIGENIC MOLD.—The term “toxigenic
4 mold” means any indoor mold growth that may be
5 capable of producing a toxin or toxic compound, in-
6 cluding mycotoxins and microbial volatile organic
7 compounds, that can cause pulmonary, respiratory,
8 neurological, gastrointestinal, or dermatological ill-
9 nesses, or other major adverse health impacts, as de-
10 termined by the Secretary of Defense in consultation
11 with the Director of the National Institutes of
12 Health, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
13 opment, the Administrator of the Environmental
14 Protection Agency, and the Director of the Centers
15 for Disease Control and Prevention.

16 **SEC. 2825. REQUIREMENT FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMA-**
17 **TION RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE**
18 **AND DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO**
19 **PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.**

20 Section 2891c(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
21 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 paragraphs:

23 “(G) The level of liability insurance coverage
24 maintained by the landlord for all such housing
25 units.

1 “(H) The amount of any payments made to
2 tenants by landlords relating to dispute resolu-
3 tions.”.

4 **SEC. 2826. TREATMENT OF NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS**
5 **WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATIZED MILITARY**
6 **HOUSING.**

7 Section 2890(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking “(1) A tenant or prospec-
11 tive tenant of a housing unit may not be re-
12 quired to sign” and inserting “A landlord may
13 not request that a tenant, former tenant, or
14 prospective tenant of a housing unit sign”; and

15 (B) in the first sentence, by inserting “or
16 in connection with the provision of services re-
17 lated to the housing unit” before the period;
18 and

19 (2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3).

20 **Subtitle C—Land Conveyances**

21 **SEC. 2831. AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE THROUGH EX-**
22 **CHANGE OR LEASE CERTAIN LAND USED BY**
23 **THE ARMED FORCES IN HAWAII.**

24 (a) ACQUISITION THROUGH EXCHANGE.—

1 (1) EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary
2 of each military department may acquire through ex-
3 change, upon such terms and conditions as the Sec-
4 retary concerned determines appropriate, all right,
5 title, and interest in any land, or any portion there-
6 of, that is, as of the date of the enactment of this
7 Act—

8 (A) leased by the military department con-
9 cerned from the State of Hawaii; or

10 (B) owned by the State of Hawaii and sub-
11 ject to an easement benefitting the military de-
12 partment concerned.

13 (2) LAND FOR EXCHANGE.—To acquire land
14 under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned
15 may—

16 (A) exchange right, title, and interest in
17 land under the jurisdiction and control of the
18 Secretary concerned, or under the jurisdiction
19 and control of the Secretary of another military
20 department with the consent of the Secretary
21 concerned, located in the State of Hawaii; and

22 (B) convey such land and interests therein
23 necessary to effect such an exchange.

24 (3) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact
25 acreage and legal description of any land or interests

1 in land to be exchanged under paragraph (1) shall
2 be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Sec-
3 retary concerned.

4 (4) STATUS OF LAND.—Land acquired through
5 exchange by the Secretary concerned under para-
6 graph (1) shall be administered by the Secretary
7 concerned.

8 (5) EXCHANGE OF LAND IN EXCESS OR BELOW
9 EQUAL VALUE.—

10 (A) EXCHANGES IN EXCESS OF EQUAL
11 VALUE.—Notwithstanding section 2869 of title
12 10, United States Code, the fair market value
13 of the land conveyed by the Secretary concerned
14 under paragraph (2) may exceed the fair mar-
15 ket value of the land acquired by the Secretary
16 concerned under paragraph (1) if the Secretary
17 concerned determines that it is in the public in-
18 terest.

19 (B) EXCHANGES BELOW EQUAL VALUE.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
21 (ii), if the fair market value of the land
22 and interests in land to be acquired under
23 paragraph (1), as determined by the Sec-
24 retary concerned, is greater than fair mar-
25 ket value of the land and interests in land

1 to be conveyed under paragraph (2), the
2 Secretary concerned may use funds made
3 available to the Secretary concerned on or
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act
5 for military construction to provide pay-
6 ment or in-kind consideration to the State
7 of Hawaii in the amount of the difference
8 in value.

9 (ii) LIMITATION ON PAYMENT.—The
10 amount of any payment or in-kind consid-
11 eration provided under clause (i) may not
12 exceed \$2,500,000.

13 (iii) IN-KIND CONSIDERATION.—In-
14 kind consideration provided under clause
15 (i) may include services or provision of real
16 property of the United States.

17 (b) LEASE.—

18 (1) LEASE AUTHORIZED.—If the Secretary con-
19 cerned determines that exchange under subsection
20 (a) is not appropriate or in the best interests of the
21 military department concerned, the Secretary con-
22 cerned may lease, upon such terms and conditions as
23 the Secretary concerned determines appropriate, any
24 land, or any portion thereof, that is, as of the date
25 of the enactment of this Act—

1 (A) leased by the military department con-
2 cerned from the State of Hawaii; or

3 (B) owned by the State of Hawaii and sub-
4 ject to an easement benefitting the military de-
5 partment concerned.

6 (2) DURATION OF LEASE.—A lease entered into
7 under paragraph (1) may provide for a lease term
8 of not more than 25 years, with options that extend
9 the term to a total period of not more than 50 years.

10 (3) CONSIDERATION UNDER LEASE.—

11 (A) PAYMENT IN EXCESS OF FAIR MARKET
12 RENTAL VALUE.—The Secretary concerned may
13 make rental payments under a lease entered
14 into under paragraph (1) that exceed fair mar-
15 ket value of the land to be leased, as deter-
16 mined by the Secretary concerned, if the Sec-
17 retary concerned determines that such pay-
18 ments are in the public interest.

19 (B) ADVANCE PAYMENT OF RENT.—A
20 lease entered into under paragraph (1) may au-
21 thorize the payment of rent in advance.

22 (C) FORM OF PAYMENT.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary con-
24 cerned may provide for payment or in-kind
25 consideration to the State of Hawaii as

1 consideration for a lease entered into
2 under paragraph (1).

3 (ii) IN-KIND CONSIDERATION.—In-
4 kind consideration provided under clause
5 (i) may include services or provision of real
6 property of the United States.

7 (4) SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR COSTS FOR EARLY
8 TERMINATION.—The costs associated with the early
9 termination of a lease entered into under paragraph
10 (1) may be paid from—

11 (A) authorizations available at the time the
12 lease was executed;

13 (B) authorizations available at the time the
14 United States terminates the lease; or

15 (C) any combination thereof.

16 (c) EXEMPTION FROM SCREENING REQUIRE-
17 MENTS.—The authority to convey land and interests
18 therein under this section is exempt from any screening
19 process required under section 2696(b) of title 10, United
20 States Code.

21 (d) SUNSET.—The authority to enter into any agree-
22 ment for lease or acquisition through exchange under this
23 section, except for lease extensions, shall expire on Decem-
24 ber 31, 2031.

1 **SEC. 2832. REPORT ON LAND WITHDRAWALS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
 4 Army shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
 5 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report
 6 on the land withdrawals at Fort Greely and Fort Wain-
 7 wright Training Ranges, Alaska, and McGregor Range,
 8 Fort Bliss, New Mexico, under subsections (c) and (d) of
 9 section 3011 of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of
 10 1999 (title XXX of Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 889).

11 (b) ELEMENTS REQUIRED.—The report required by
 12 subsection (a) shall include—

13 (1) a description of the operational and training
 14 impacts should the land withdrawals described in
 15 subsection (a) not be renewed; and

16 (2) any requested changes to those land with-
 17 drawals that would require an Act of Congress.

18 **Subtitle D—Other Matters**

19 **SEC. 2841. MODIFICATIONS TO DEFENSE COMMUNITY IN-**
 20 **FRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.**

21 (a) MODIFICATION TO CATEGORIES FOR ASSIST-
 22 ANCE.—Section 2391(d)(1)(B) of title 10, United States
 23 Code, is amended—

24 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by strik-
 25 ing “, including selection” and all that follows

1 through “of priority” and inserting “for each of the
2 following categories”;

3 (2) in clause (i), by striking “military value”
4 and all that follows through the period and inserting
5 “the readiness of a military department or mission
6 assurance at a military installation.”; and

7 (3) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iv) as
8 clauses (iv) and (ii), respectively, and—

9 (A) by moving clause (ii), as so redesign-
10 nated, after clause (i); and

11 (B) by moving clause (iv), as so redesign-
12 nated, after clause (iii).

13 (b) TEMPORARY PRIORITY AND ALLOCATION OF
14 FUNDS UNDER PROGRAM.—During the two-year period
15 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the
16 Secretary of Defense shall—

17 (1) give priority under the Defense Community
18 Infrastructure Program under section 2391(d) of
19 title 10, United States Code, to projects under sub-
20 paragraph (B)(ii) of such section (as amended by
21 subsection (a)), for which an application has been
22 previously made for assistance under that program;
23 and

24 (2) allocate not less than two-thirds of the
25 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available

1 for such program equally among projects under sub-
2 paragraphs (B)(i) and (B)(ii) of such program (as
3 amended by subsection (a)).

4 **SEC. 2842. DESIGNATION OF RONALD REAGAN SPACE AND**
5 **MISSILE TEST RANGE AT KWAJALEIN ATOLL**
6 **IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Ronald Reagan Ballistic
8 Missile Defense Test Site located at Kwajalein Atoll in the
9 Marshall Islands shall after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act be known and designated as the “Ronald Reagan
11 Space and Missile Test Range”.

12 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-
13 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
14 States to the site specified in subsection (a) shall be con-
15 sidered to be a reference to the Ronald Reagan Space and
16 Missile Test Range.

17 (c) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 2887 of the
18 Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
19 2001 (division B of Public Law 106–398; 114 Stat.
20 1654A–440) is repealed.

21 **SEC. 2843. JOINT BASE FACILITY MANAGEMENT OF DE-**
22 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

23 (a) WORKFORCE REASSESSMENT FOR JOINT BASE
24 FACILITY MANAGEMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 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 Senate and the House of Rep-
5 resentatives a report containing a reassessment by
6 the Secretary of each military department regarding
7 the joint base facility management workforce of the
8 Department of Defense.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each reassessment required
10 under paragraph (1) shall include—

11 (A) an assessment of the workload require-
12 ments of facility management offices with re-
13 spect to the work required to maintain the fa-
14 cilities of jointly used installations in good
15 working order;

16 (B) an assessment of the workforce levels
17 needed to complete the workload identified
18 under subparagraph (A);

19 (C) information on workforce gaps, if any,
20 that exist between current facility management
21 workforce levels and the workforce levels identi-
22 fied in subparagraph (B) and the reasons for
23 the workforce gaps; and

1 (D) a strategy on how to address work-
2 force gaps, including periodic reassessment of
3 workforce levels and funding needs.

4 (b) CONSOLIDATED JOINT BASE INSTRUCTION.—Not
5 later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of
6 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
7 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
8 House of Representatives a report on the status of and
9 reason for any delay in producing a draft Department of
10 Defense instruction to establish policies for the manage-
11 ment of jointly used military installations.

12 (c) BRIEFING ON JOINT BASE FUNDING TO SUP-
13 PORTED COMPONENTS.—Not later than 120 days after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
15 Defense shall provide to the Committees on Armed Serv-
16 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a
17 briefing on identifying the funding allocations among sup-
18 ported and supporting components for maintenance of fa-
19 cilities of jointly used military installations, and an assess-
20 ment of any risk to mission readiness resulting from those
21 funding levels.

1 **SEC. 2844. LIMITATION ON USE OF AMOUNTS FOR TRAVEL**
2 **BASED ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRE-**
3 **MENTS RELATED TO MINIMUM CAPITAL IN-**
4 **VESTMENT.**

5 The Secretary and each service chief of a military de-
6 partment (including the Commandant of the Marine Corps
7 with respect to the Department of the Navy and the Chief
8 of Space Operations with respect to the Department of
9 the Air Force) may not use amounts appropriated to the
10 Department of Defense for travel outside the continental
11 United States if the Secretary of Defense determines that
12 the military department is not in compliance with the re-
13 quirements under section 2680 of title 10, United States
14 Code.

15 **SEC. 2845. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON JOINT USE OF**
16 **HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE WITH CIVIL**
17 **AVIATION.**

18 Section 2874 of the Military Construction Authoriza-
19 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division B of Public Law
20 117–263; 136 Stat. 3014), as amended by section 2808
21 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal
22 Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–159), is further
23 amended by striking “September 30, 2028” and inserting
24 “September 30, 2034”.

1 **SEC. 2846. PILOT PROGRAM ON PROCUREMENT OF UTILITY**
2 **SERVICES FOR INSTALLATIONS OF THE DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE THROUGH**
4 **AREAWIDE CONTRACTS.**

5 (a) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
6 days after the date of the enactment of the Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall establish a pilot program for the
8 purposes of procuring utility services through an areawide
9 contract with a public utility provider for any services that
10 support energy resilience and mission readiness of an in-
11 stallation of the Department of Defense (in this section
12 referred to as the “pilot program”).

13 (b) DURATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
14 carry out the pilot program during the one-year period be-
15 ginning on the date of the commencement of the pilot pro-
16 gram.

17 (c) DEADLINE FOR CONTRACTS.—Not later than 180
18 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
19 retary of each military department shall enter into at least
20 one areawide contract under the pilot program.

21 (d) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.—The Sec-
22 retary shall carry out the pilot program by entering into
23 one or more public-private partnerships through an
24 areawide contract entered into under the pilot program.

25 (e) COMPETITION.—The pilot program shall include
26 the development of a justification and approval template

1 and waiver in accordance with part 6.302 of the Federal
2 Acquisition Regulation that is used by all acquisition com-
3 mands of the military departments in carrying out the
4 pilot program.

5 (f) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90
6 days after the termination of the pilot program, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
8 committees a report that includes—

9 (1) an analysis of the pilot program, including
10 any efficiencies, benefits, and cost-savings associated
11 with utilizing areawide contracts under the pilot pro-
12 gram to procure utility services from a public utility
13 provider; and

14 (2) proposed solutions, including recommended
15 legislative text and modifications to the Federal Ac-
16 quisition Regulation or policy guidance of the De-
17 partment of Defense, to overcome any remaining
18 legal and policy hurdles that the Department identi-
19 fies as inhibiting adherence to and implementation
20 of section 2811(b) of the Military Construction Au-
21 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B of
22 Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 2920 note).

23 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms
24 “areawide contract”, “energy resilience”, and “utility
25 service” have the meanings given those terms in section

1 2811(b)(3) of the Military Construction Authorization Act
2 for Fiscal Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31;
3 10 U.S.C. 2920 note).

4 **SEC. 2847. AUTHORIZATION FOR MONETARY CONTRIBU-**
5 **TIONS TO THE CONVEYEES OF UTILITY SYS-**
6 **TEMS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVE-**
7 **MENTS.**

8 Section 2688(k) of title 10, United States Codes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 “(k) IMPROVEMENT OF CONVEYED UTILITY SYS-
11 TEM.—(1) In lieu of carrying out a military construction
12 project for an infrastructure improvement that enhances
13 the reliability, resilience, efficiency, physical security, or
14 cybersecurity of a utility system conveyed under sub-
15 section (a), the Secretary concerned may use funds au-
16 thorized and appropriated for the project to make a mone-
17 tary contribution equal to the total amount for the com-
18 pleted project to the conveyee of the utility system to carry
19 out the project using a contract for utility services entered
20 into under subsection (d).

21 “(2) All right, title, and interest to infrastructure im-
22 provements constructed by the conveyee pursuant to para-
23 graph (1) shall vest in the conveyee.

24 “(3) The Secretary concerned shall provide to the
25 conveyee the necessary real property interests to access

1 and use lands under the jurisdiction and control of the
2 Secretary for construction of the project under paragraph
3 (1) and for ongoing use, operations, and maintenance.

4 “(4) If the Secretary concerned exercises a repur-
5 chase option under a contract entered into under sub-
6 section (d) for a system conveyed under subsection (a),
7 the Secretary shall receive an offset in the amount of the
8 contribution to the conveyee under paragraph (1) against
9 the payment made by the Secretary as consideration for
10 the repurchase, except that the maximum offset may not
11 exceed the full amount of the consideration for the repur-
12 chase.

13 “(5) The Secretary concerned may make a monetary
14 contribution authorized by paragraph (1) without regard
15 to the following provisions of law:

16 “(A) Sections 7540, 8612, and 9540 of this
17 title.

18 “(B) Subchapters I and III of chapter 169 of
19 this title.

20 “(C) Chapters 221 and 223 of this title.”.

1 **SEC. 2848. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT OF GREENBURY POINT CONSERVATION**
3 **AREA AT NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY ANNAP-**
4 **OLIS, MARYLAND.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
6 be appropriated to the Department of Defense for fiscal
7 year 2026 may be used for any activity of the Department
8 of Defense related to the construction of any project com-
9 mencing on or after the date of the enactment of this Act
10 at Greenbury Point Conservation Area at Naval Support
11 Activity Annapolis, Maryland, that—

12 (1) constructs a new golf course at Greenbury
13 Point Conservation Area;

14 (2) limits public access to Greenbury Point
15 Conservation Area; or

16 (3) is in violation of section 2855 of the Na-
17 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
18 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 766).

19 (b) OUTSIDE FUNDS PROHIBITED.—The Secretary
20 of Defense may not use any funds from sources outside
21 the Department of Defense to make improvements to
22 Greenbury Point Conservation Area at Naval Support Ac-
23 tivity Annapolis, Maryland.

1 **SEC. 2849. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES AND**
 2 **STANDARDS TO HISTORIC MILITARY HOUS-**
 3 **ING AND ASSOCIATED HISTORIC PROPERTIES**
 4 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND THE**
 5 **DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.**

6 Title 54, United States Code, is amended by inserting
 7 after section 307108 the following new section:

8 **“§ 307109. Application of certain authorities and**
 9 **standards to historic military housing**
 10 **and associated historic properties of the**
 11 **Department of the Navy and the Depart-**
 12 **ment of the Air Force**

13 “(a) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO NAVY
 14 AND AIR FORCE MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING.—The Sec-
 15 retary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force,
 16 in satisfaction of requirements under this division, may
 17 apply the authority and standards contained in the docu-
 18 ments titled ‘Department of the Army Program Comment
 19 for the Preservation of Pre-1919 Historic Army Housing,
 20 Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Fea-
 21 tures’ (published on June 13, 2024) (89 Fed. Reg.
 22 50350), ‘Department of the Army Program Comment for
 23 Inter-War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings
 24 and Structures, and Landscape Features (1919–1940)’
 25 (published on October 13, 2020) (85 Fed. Reg. 64491),
 26 and ‘Department of the Army Program Comment for Viet-

1 nam War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and
 2 Structures, and Landscape Features (1963–1975)’ (pub-
 3 lished on May 4, 2023) (88 Fed. Reg. 28573) to all mili-
 4 tary housing (including privatized military housing under
 5 subchapter IV of this chapter) constructed during the ap-
 6 plicable periods.

7 “(b) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO
 8 CAPEHART AND WHERRY ERA NAVY AND AIR FORCE
 9 MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING.—The Secretary of the Navy
 10 and the Secretary of the Air Force may apply the author-
 11 ity and standards contained in the document titled ‘Pro-
 12 gram Comment for Capehart and Wherry Era Housing
 13 and Associated Structures and Landscape Features
 14 (1949–1962)’ (published on November 18, 2005) (70 Fed.
 15 Reg. 69959) to all military housing (including privatized
 16 military housing under subchapter IV of this chapter) con-
 17 structed during the period beginning on January 1, 1941,
 18 and ending on December 31, 1948, located on a military
 19 installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the
 20 Navy or the Secretary of the Air Force.

21 “(c) TEMPORARY APPLICATION OF CERTAIN AU-
 22 THORITY TO VIETNAM WAR ERA NAVY AND AIR FORCE
 23 MILITARY HOUSING.—During the period beginning on the
 24 date of the enactment of the Military Construction Au-
 25 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 and ending on De-

1 cember 31, 2045, the Secretary of the Navy and the Sec-
 2 retary of the Air Force, in satisfaction of requirements
 3 under this division, may apply the authority and standards
 4 contained in the document titled ‘Department of the Army
 5 Program Comment for Vietnam War Era Historic Hous-
 6 ing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape
 7 Features (1963–1975)’ (published on May 4, 2023) (88
 8 Fed. Reg. 28573) to all military housing (including
 9 privatized military housing under subchapter IV of this
 10 chapter) constructed after 1975 located on a military in-
 11 stallation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the
 12 Navy or the Secretary of the Air Force.

13 “(d) REPORT.—As part of each report of the Navy
 14 or the Air Force required under section 3(c) of Executive
 15 Order 13287 (54 U.S.C. 306101 note), the Secretary of
 16 the Navy or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case
 17 may be, shall submit to the Advisory Council on Historic
 18 Preservation a report on the implementation of this sec-
 19 tion.

20 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 21 tion may be construed to preclude or require the amend-
 22 ment of the documents of the Office of the Assistant Sec-
 23 retary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environ-
 24 ment described in subsection (a) by the Secretary of the

1 Army or the Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic
2 Preservation.”.

3 **DIVISION C—DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**
5 **AUTHORIZATIONS AND**
6 **OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**

7 **TITLE XXXI—DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**
9 **PROGRAMS**

10 **Subtitle A—National Security**
11 **Programs and Authorizations**

12 **SEC. 3101. NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**
13 **TION.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds
15 are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Depart-
16 ment of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for the activities of
17 the National Nuclear Security Administration in carrying
18 out programs as specified in the funding table in section
19 4701.

20 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF NEW PLANT PROJECTS.—
21 From funds referred to in subsection (a) that are available
22 for carrying out plant projects, the Secretary of Energy
23 may carry out new plant projects for the National Nuclear
24 Security Administration as follows:

1 Project 26-D-511 MESA Photolithography Ca-
2 pability (MPC), Sandia National Laboratories,
3 \$40,000,000.

4 Project 26-D-510 Product Realization Infra-
5 structure for Stockpile Modernization, Lawrence
6 Livermore National Laboratory, \$15,000,000.

7 Project 26-D-512 LANSCE Modernization
8 Project (LAMP), Los Alamos National Laboratory,
9 \$20,000,000.

10 Project 26-D-513 Combined Radiation Environ-
11 ments for Survivability Testing, Sandia National
12 Laboratories, \$52,248,000.

13 Project 26-D-514 NIF Enhanced Fusion Yield
14 Capability, Lawrence Livermore National Labora-
15 tory, \$26,000,000.

16 Project 26-D-530 East Side Office Building,
17 \$75,000,000.

1 **SEC. 3102. DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP.**

2 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
3 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for defense
4 environmental cleanup activities in carrying out programs
5 as specified in the funding table in section 4701.

1 **SEC. 3103. OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES.**

2 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
3 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for other
4 defense activities in carrying out programs as specified in
5 the funding table in section 4701.

1 **SEC. 3104. NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

2 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
3 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2026 for nuclear
4 energy as specified in the funding table in section 4701.

1 **Subtitle B—Program Authoriza-**
 2 **tions, Restrictions, and Limita-**
 3 **tions**

4 **SEC. 3111. ORGANIZATION AND CODIFICATION OF PROVI-**
 5 **SIONS OF LAW RELATING TO ATOMIC EN-**
 6 **ERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part VI of subtitle
 8 A of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding
 9 at the end the following new chapter:

10 **“CHAPTER 552—ATOMIC ENERGY**
 11 **DEFENSE**

“CHAPTER 552—ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE

“Sec. 5601. Definitions.

“SUBCHAPTER I—ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

“Sec. 5611. Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

“Sec. 5612. Management structure for nuclear security enterprise.

“Sec. 5613. Monitoring of industrial base for nuclear weapons components,
subsystems, and materials .

“Sec. 5614. Common financial reporting system for the nuclear security enter-
prise .

“Sec. 5615. Restriction on licensing requirement for certain defense activities
and facilities.

“Sec. 5616. Establishment of Center for Security Technology, Analysis, Re-
sponse, and Testing.

“SUBCHAPTER II—NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE MATTERS

“PART A—STOCKPILE STEWARDSHIP AND WEAPONS PRODUCTION

“Sec. 5621. Stockpile stewardship program.

“Sec. 5622. Portfolio management framework for National Nuclear Security
Administration .

“Sec. 5623. Stockpile stewardship criteria.

“Sec. 5624. Nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship, management, and respon-
siveness plan.

“Sec. 5625. Major warhead refurbishment program .

“Sec. 5626. Stockpile management program.

“Sec. 5627. Annual assessments and reports to the President and Congress re-
garding the condition of the United States nuclear weapons
stockpile.

- “Sec. 5628. Form of certifications regarding the safety or reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile.
- “Sec. 5629. Nuclear test ban readiness program.
- “Sec. 5630. Requirements for specific request for new or modified nuclear weapons.
- “Sec. 5631. Testing of nuclear weapons.
- “Sec. 5632. Manufacturing infrastructure for refabrication and certification of nuclear weapons stockpile.
- “Sec. 5633. Acceleration of depleted uranium manufacturing processes .
- “Sec. 5634. Reports on critical difficulties at national security laboratories and nuclear weapons production facilities.
- “Sec. 5635. Selected acquisition reports and independent cost estimates and reviews of certain programs and facilities.
- “Sec. 5636. Advice to President and Congress regarding safety, security, and reliability of United States nuclear weapons stockpile.
- “Sec. 5637. Notification of certain regulations that impact the National Nuclear Security Administration .
- “Sec. 5638. Plutonium pit production capacity.
- “Sec. 5639. Certification of completion of milestones with respect to plutonium pit aging .
- “Sec. 5640. Authorization of workforce development and training partnership programs within National Nuclear Security Administration .
- “Sec. 5641. Stockpile responsiveness program.
- “Sec. 5642. Long-term plan for meeting national security requirements for unencumbered uranium.
- “Sec. 5643. Plan for domestic enrichment capability to satisfy Department of Defense uranium requirements .
- “Sec. 5644. Incorporation of integrated surety architecture.
- “Sec. 5645. W93 nuclear warhead acquisition process.
- “Sec. 5646. Earned value management and technology readiness levels for life extension programs.

“PART B—TRITIUM

- “Sec. 5651. Tritium production program.
- “Sec. 5652. Tritium recycling.
- “Sec. 5653. Modernization and consolidation of tritium recycling facilities .

“SUBCHAPTER III—PROLIFERATION MATTERS

- “Sec. 5661. Authority to conduct program relating to fissile materials.
- “Sec. 5662. Completion of material protection, control, and accounting activities in the Russian Federation .
- “Sec. 5663. Disposition of weapons-usable plutonium at Savannah River Site.
- “Sec. 5664. Disposition of surplus defense plutonium at Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.
- “Sec. 5665. Acceleration of removal or security of fissile materials, radiological materials, and related equipment at vulnerable sites worldwide.
- “Sec. 5666. Acceleration of replacement of cesium blood irradiation sources .
- “Sec. 5667. International agreements on nuclear weapons data.
- “Sec. 5668. International agreements on information on radioactive materials.
- “Sec. 5669. Defense nuclear nonproliferation management plan.
- “Sec. 5670. Information relating to certain defense nuclear nonproliferation programs.
- “Sec. 5671. Annual Selected Acquisition Reports on certain hardware relating to defense nuclear nonproliferation.

“SUBCHAPTER IV—DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP MATTERS

“PART A—DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

- “Sec. 5681. Defense environmental cleanup account.
- “Sec. 5682. Classification of defense environmental cleanup as capital asset projects or operations activities .
- “Sec. 5683. Requirement to develop future use plans for defense environmental cleanup.
- “Sec. 5684. Future-years defense environmental cleanup plan.
- “Sec. 5685. Accelerated schedule for defense environmental cleanup activities.
- “Sec. 5686. Defense environmental cleanup technology program.
- “Sec. 5687. Other programs relating to technology development.
- “Sec. 5688. Report on defense environmental cleanup expenditures.
- “Sec. 5689. Public participation in planning for defense environmental cleanup.
- “Sec. 5690. Policy of Department of Energy regarding future defense environmental management matters .
- “Sec. 5691. Estimation of costs of meeting defense environmental cleanup milestones required by consent orders.
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“PART B—CLOSURE OF FACILITIES

- “Sec. 5701. Reports in connection with permanent closures of Department of Energy defense nuclear facilities.
- “Sec. 5702. Defense site acceleration completion .
- “Sec. 5703. Sandia National Laboratories .
- “Sec. 5704. Plan for deactivation and decommissioning of nonoperational defense nuclear facilities.

“PART C—HANFORD RESERVATION, WASHINGTON

- “Sec. 5711. Safety measures for waste tanks at Hanford Nuclear Reservation.
- “Sec. 5712. Hanford waste tank cleanup program reforms.
- “Sec. 5713. River protection project.
- “Sec. 5714. Notification regarding air release of radioactive or hazardous material.

“PART D—SAVANNAH RIVER SITE, SOUTH CAROLINA

- “Sec. 5721. Accelerated schedule for isolating high-level nuclear waste at the Defense Waste Processing Facility, Savannah River Site.
- “Sec. 5722. Multi-year plan for clean-up.
- “Sec. 5723. Continuation of processing, treatment, and disposal of legacy nuclear materials.

“SUBCHAPTER V—SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY MATTERS

“PART A—SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY

- “Sec. 5731. Prohibition on international inspections of Department of Energy facilities unless protection of restricted data is certified.
- “Sec. 5732. Restrictions on access to national security laboratories by foreign visitors from sensitive countries.
- “Sec. 5733. Background investigations of certain personnel at Department of Energy facilities.
- “Sec. 5734. Department of Energy counterintelligence polygraph program.

- “Sec. 5735. Notice to congressional committees of certain security and counter-intelligence failures within atomic energy defense programs.
- “Sec. 5736. Annual report and certification on status of security of atomic energy defense facilities.
- “Sec. 5737. Protection of certain nuclear facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft.
- “Sec. 5738. Reporting on penetrations of networks of contractors and sub-contractors.

“PART B—CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

- “Sec. 5741. Review of certain documents before declassification and release.
- “Sec. 5742. Protection against inadvertent release of restricted data and formerly restricted data.
- “Sec. 5743. Supplement to plan for declassification of restricted data and formerly restricted data.
- “Sec. 5744. Protection of classified information during laboratory-to-laboratory exchanges.
- “Sec. 5745. Identification in budget materials of amounts for declassification activities and limitation on expenditures for such activities.

“SUBCHAPTER VI—PERSONNEL MATTERS

“PART A—PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- “Sec. 5751. Authority for appointment of certain scientific, engineering, and technical personnel.
- “Sec. 5752. Whistleblower protection program.
- “Sec. 5753. Department of Energy defense nuclear facilities workforce restructuring plan.
- “Sec. 5754. Authority to provide certificate of commendation to Department of Energy and contractor employees for exemplary service in stockpile stewardship and security.

“PART B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- “Sec. 5761. Executive management training in Department of Energy.
- “Sec. 5762. Stockpile stewardship recruitment and training program.
- “Sec. 5763. Fellowship program for development of skills critical to the nuclear security enterprise.

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1 **“§ 5601. Definitions**

2 “Except as otherwise provided, in this chapter:

3 “(1) The term ‘Administration’ means the Na-
4 tional Nuclear Security Administration.

5 “(2) The term ‘Administrator’ means the Ad-
6 ministrator for Nuclear Security.

7 “(3) The term ‘classified information’ means
8 any information that has been determined pursuant
9 to Executive Order No. 12333 of December 4, 1981
10 (50 U.S.C. 3001 note), Executive Order No. 12958

1 of April 17, 1995 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note), Executive
2 Order No. 13526 of December 29, 2009 (50 U.S.C.
3 3161 note), or successor orders, to require protec-
4 tion against unauthorized disclosure and that is so
5 designated.

6 “(4) The term ‘congressional defense commit-
7 tees’ means—

8 “(A) the Committee on Armed Services
9 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
10 Senate; and

11 “(B) the Committee on Armed Services
12 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
13 House of Representatives.

14 “(5) The terms ‘defense nuclear facility’ and
15 ‘Department of Energy defense nuclear facility’ have
16 the meaning given the term ‘Department of Energy
17 defense nuclear facility’ in section 318 of the Atomic
18 Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286g).

19 “(6) The term ‘nuclear security enterprise’
20 means the physical facilities, technology, and human
21 capital of the national security laboratories and the
22 nuclear weapons production facilities.

23 “(7) The term ‘national security laboratory’
24 means any of the following:

1 “(A) Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los
2 Alamos, New Mexico.

3 “(B) Sandia National Laboratories, Albu-
4 querque, New Mexico, and Livermore, Cali-
5 fornia.

6 “(C) Lawrence Livermore National Lab-
7 oratory, Livermore, California.

8 “(8) The term ‘Nuclear Weapons Council’
9 means the Nuclear Weapons Council established by
10 section 179.

11 “(9) The term ‘nuclear weapons production fa-
12 cility’ means any of the following:

13 “(A) The Kansas City National Security
14 Campus, Kansas City, Missouri.

15 “(B) The Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

16 “(C) The Y-12 National Security Com-
17 plex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

18 “(D) The Savannah River Site, Aiken,
19 South Carolina.

20 “(E) The Nevada National Security Site,
21 Nevada.

22 “(F) Any facility of the Department of En-
23 ergy that the Secretary of Energy, in consulta-
24 tion with the Administrator and Congress, de-

1 termines to be consistent with the mission of
2 the Administration.

3 “(10) The term ‘Restricted Data’ has the
4 meaning given such term in section 11 y. of the
5 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014(y)).

6 “SUBCHAPTER I—ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

7 **“§ 5611. Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program**

8 “The provisions of Executive Order Numbered
9 12344, dated February 1, 1982, pertaining to the Naval
10 Nuclear Propulsion Program, shall remain in force until
11 changed by law.

12 **“§ 5612. Management structure for nuclear security**
13 **enterprise**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall estab-
15 lish a management structure for the nuclear security en-
16 terprise in accordance with the National Nuclear Security
17 Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.).

18 “(b) NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-
19 TION COUNCIL.—

20 “(1) The Administrator shall establish a council
21 to be known as the ‘National Nuclear Security Ad-
22 ministration Council’. The Council may advise the
23 Administrator on—

24 “(A) scientific and technical issues relating
25 to policy matters;

1 “(B) operational concerns;

2 “(C) strategic planning;

3 “(D) the development of priorities relating
4 to the mission and operations of the Adminis-
5 tration and the nuclear security enterprise; and

6 “(E) such other matters as the Adminis-
7 trator determines appropriate.

8 “(2) The Council shall be composed of the di-
9 rectors of the national security laboratories and the
10 nuclear weapons production facilities.

11 “(3) The Council may provide the Adminis-
12 trator or the Secretary of Energy recommenda-
13 tions—

14 “(A) for improving the governance, man-
15 agement, effectiveness, and efficiency of the Ad-
16 ministration; and

17 “(B) relating to any other matter in ac-
18 cordance with paragraph (1).

19 “(4) Not later than 60 days after the date on
20 which any recommendation under paragraph (3) is
21 received, the Administrator or the Secretary, as the
22 case may be, shall respond to the Council with re-
23 spect to whether such recommendation will be imple-
24 mented and the reasoning for implementing or not
25 implementing such recommendation.

1 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This section may
 2 not be construed as affecting the authority of the Sec-
 3 retary of Energy, in carrying out national security pro-
 4 grams, with respect to the management, planning, and
 5 oversight of the Administration or as affecting the delega-
 6 tion by the Secretary of authority to carry out such activi-
 7 ties, as set forth under subsection (a) of section 4102 of
 8 the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2512) as it
 9 existed before the date of the enactment of the National
 10 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public
 11 Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2169).

12 **“§ 5613. Monitoring of industrial base for nuclear**
 13 **weapons components, subsystems, and**
 14 **materials**

15 “(a) DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL.—Not later than
 16 March 1, 2021, the Administrator shall designate a senior
 17 official within the Administration to be responsible for
 18 monitoring the industrial base that supports the nuclear
 19 weapons components, subsystems, and materials of the
 20 Administration, including—

- 21 “(1) the consistent monitoring of the current
 22 status of the industrial base;
 23 “(2) tracking of industrial base issues over
 24 time; and

1 “(3) proactively identifying gaps or risks in spe-
2 cific areas relating to the industrial base.

3 “(b) PROVISION OF RESOURCES.—The Adminis-
4 trator shall ensure that the official designated under sub-
5 section (a) is provided with resources sufficient to conduct
6 the monitoring required by that subsection.

7 “(c) CONSULTATIONS.—The Administrator, acting
8 through the official designated under subsection (a), shall,
9 to the extent practicable and beneficial, in conducting the
10 monitoring required by that subsection, consult with—

11 “(1) officials of the Department of Defense who
12 are members of the Nuclear Weapons Council estab-
13 lished under section 179;

14 “(2) officials of the Department of Defense re-
15 sponsible for the defense industrial base; and

16 “(3) other components of the Department of
17 Energy that rely on similar components, subsystems,
18 or materials.

19 “(d) BRIEFINGS.—

20 “(1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than April
21 1, 2021, the Administrator shall provide to the Com-
22 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
23 House of Representatives a briefing on the designa-
24 tion of the official required by subsection (a), includ-
25 ing on—

1 “(A) the responsibilities assigned to that
2 official; and

3 “(B) the plan for providing that official
4 with resources sufficient to conduct the moni-
5 toring required by subsection (a).

6 “(2) SUBSEQUENT BRIEFINGS.—Not later than
7 April 1, 2022, and annually thereafter through
8 2024, the Administrator shall provide to the Com-
9 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
10 House of Representatives a briefing on activities car-
11 ried out under this section that includes an assess-
12 ment of the progress made by the official designated
13 under subsection (a) in conducting the monitoring
14 required by that subsection.

15 “(e) REPORTS.—The Administrator, acting through
16 the official designated under subsection (a), shall submit
17 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
18 the House of Representatives, contemporaneously with
19 each briefing required by subsection (d)(2), a report—

20 “(1) identifying actual or potential risks to or
21 specific gaps in any element of the industrial base
22 that supports the nuclear weapons components, sub-
23 systems, or materials of the Administration;

1 “(2) describing the actions the Administration
2 is taking to further assess, characterize, and
3 prioritize such risks and gaps;

4 “(3) describing mitigating actions, if any, the
5 Administration has underway or planned to mitigate
6 any such risks or gaps;

7 “(4) setting forth the anticipated timelines and
8 resources needed for such mitigating actions; and

9 “(5) describing the nature of any coordination
10 with or burden sharing by other departments or
11 agencies of the Federal Government or the private
12 sector to address such risks and gaps.

13 **“§ 5614. Common financial reporting system for the**
14 **nuclear security enterprise**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—By not later than four years
16 after the date of the enactment of the National Defense
17 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–
18 328), the Administrator shall, in consultation with the Na-
19 tional Nuclear Security Administration Council estab-
20 lished by section 5612, complete, to the extent practicable,
21 the implementation of a common financial reporting sys-
22 tem for the nuclear security enterprise.

23 “(b) ELEMENTS.—The common financial reporting
24 system implemented pursuant to subsection (a) shall in-
25 clude the following:

1 “(1) Common data reporting requirements for
2 work performed using funds of the Administration,
3 including reporting of financial data by standardized
4 labor categories, labor hours, functional elements,
5 and cost elements.

6 “(2) A common work breakdown structure for
7 the Administration that aligns contractor work
8 breakdown structures with the budget structure of
9 the Administration.

10 “(3) Definitions and methodologies for identi-
11 fying and reporting costs for programs of records
12 and base capabilities within the Administration.

13 “(4) A capability to leverage, where appro-
14 priate, the Defense Cost Analysis Resource Center
15 of the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Eval-
16 uation of the Department of Defense using historical
17 costing data by the Administration.

18 “(c) REPORTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,
20 2017, and annually thereafter, the Administrator
21 shall, in consultation with the National Nuclear Se-
22 curity Administration Council, submit to the con-
23 gressional defense committees a report on progress
24 of the Administration toward implementing a com-

1 mon financial reporting system for the nuclear secu-
2 rity enterprise as required by subsection (a).

3 “(2) REPORT.—Each report under this sub-
4 section shall include the following:

5 “(A) A summary of activities, accomplish-
6 ments, challenges, benefits, and costs related to
7 the implementation of a common financial re-
8 porting system for the nuclear security enter-
9 prise during the year preceding the year in
10 which such report is submitted.

11 “(B) A summary of planned activities in
12 connection with the implementation of a com-
13 mon financial reporting system for the nuclear
14 security enterprise in the year in which such re-
15 port is submitted.

16 “(C) A description of any anticipated
17 modifications to the schedule for implementing
18 a common financial reporting system for the
19 nuclear security enterprise, including an update
20 on possible risks, challenges, and costs related
21 to such implementation.

22 “(3) TERMINATION.—No report is required
23 under this subsection after the completion of the im-
24 plementation of a common financial reporting sys-
25 tem for the nuclear security enterprise.

1 **“§ 5615. Restriction on licensing requirement for cer-**
2 **tain defense activities and facilities**

3 “None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
4 the Department of Energy National Security and Military
5 Applications of Nuclear Energy Authorization Act of 1981
6 (Public Law 96–540; 94 Stat. 3197) or any other Act may
7 be used for any purpose related to licensing of any defense
8 activity or facility of the Department of Energy by the
9 Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

10 **“§ 5616. Establishment of Center for Security Tech-**
11 **nology, Analysis, Response, and Testing**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator for Nu-
13 clear Security shall establish within the nuclear security
14 enterprise a Center for Security Technology, Analysis, Re-
15 sponse, and Testing.

16 “(b) DUTIES.—The center established under sub-
17 section (a) shall carry out the following:

18 “(1) Provide to the Administrator, the Chief of
19 Defense Nuclear Security, and the management and
20 operating contractors of the nuclear security enter-
21 prise a wide range of objective expertise on security
22 technologies, systems, analysis, testing, and response
23 forces.

24 “(2) Assist the Administrator in developing
25 standards, requirements, analysis methods, and test-
26 ing criteria with respect to security.

1 “(3) Collect, analyze, and distribute lessons
2 learned with respect to security.

3 “(4) Support inspections and oversight activi-
4 ties with respect to security.

5 “(5) Promote professional development and
6 training for security professionals.

7 “(6) Provide for advance and bulk procurement
8 for security-related acquisitions that affect multiple
9 facilities of the nuclear security enterprise.

10 “(7) Advocate for continual improvement and
11 security excellence throughout the nuclear security
12 enterprise.

13 “(8) Such other duties as the Administrator
14 may assign.

15 “SUBCHAPTER II—NUCLEAR WEAPONS

16 STOCKPILE MATTERS

17 “PART A—STOCKPILE STEWARDSHIP AND

18 WEAPONS PRODUCTION

19 “§ 5621. Stockpile stewardship program

20 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy,
21 acting through the Administrator, shall establish a stew-
22 ardship program to ensure—

23 “(1) the preservation of the core intellectual
24 and technical competencies of the United States in
25 nuclear weapons, including weapons design, system

1 integration, manufacturing, security, use control, re-
2 liability assessment, and certification; and

3 “(2) that the nuclear weapons stockpile is safe,
4 secure, and reliable without the use of underground
5 nuclear weapons testing.

6 “(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The program shall in-
7 clude the following:

8 “(1) An increased level of effort for the con-
9 struction of new facilities and the modernization of
10 existing facilities with production and manufacturing
11 capabilities that are necessary to support the deter-
12 rence of strategic attacks against the United States
13 by maintaining and enhancing the performance, reli-
14 ability, and security of the United States nuclear
15 weapons stockpile, including—

16 “(A) the nuclear weapons production facili-
17 ties; and

18 “(B) production and manufacturing capa-
19 bilities resident in the national security labora-
20 tories.

21 “(2) Support for advanced computational capa-
22 bilities to enhance the simulation and modeling ca-
23 pabilities of the United States with respect to the
24 performance over time of nuclear weapons.

1 “(3) Support for above-ground experimental
2 programs, such as hydrotesting, high-energy lasers,
3 inertial confinement fusion, plasma physics, and ma-
4 terials research.

5 “(4) Support for the modernization of facilities
6 and projects that contribute to the experimental ca-
7 pabilities of the United States that support the
8 sustainment and modernization of the United States
9 nuclear weapons stockpile and the capabilities re-
10 quired to assess nuclear weapons effects.

11 “(5) Support for the use of, and experiments
12 facilitated by, the advanced experimental facilities of
13 the United States, including—

14 “(A) the National Ignition Facility at Law-
15 rence Livermore National Laboratory;

16 “(B) the Dual Axis Radiographic Hydro-
17 dynamic Test Facility at Los Alamos National
18 Laboratory;

19 “(C) the Z Machine at Sandia National
20 Laboratories; and

21 “(D) the experimental facilities at the Ne-
22 vada National Security Site.

1 **“§ 5622. Portfolio management framework for Na-**
2 **tional Nuclear Security Administration**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
4 date of the enactment of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81), the
6 Administrator shall—

7 “(1) in consultation with the Nuclear Weapons
8 Council established under section 179, develop and
9 implement a portfolio management framework for
10 the nuclear security enterprise that—

11 “(A) defines the Administration’s portfolio
12 of nuclear weapons stockpile and infrastructure
13 maintenance and modernization programs;

14 “(B) establishes a portfolio governance
15 structure, including portfolio-level selection cri-
16 teria, prioritization criteria, and performance
17 metrics;

18 “(C) outlines the approach of the Adminis-
19 tration to managing that portfolio; and

20 “(D) incorporates the leading practices
21 identified by the Comptroller General of the
22 United States in the report titled “Nuclear Se-
23 curity Enterprise: NNSA Should Use Portfolio
24 Management Leading Practices to Support
25 Modernization Efforts” (GAO-21-398) and
26 dated June 2021; and

1 “(2) complete an integrated, comprehensive as-
2 sessment of the portfolio management capabilities
3 required to execute the weapons activities portfolio
4 of the Administration.

5 “(b) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than June
6 1, 2022, the Administrator shall provide to the congres-
7 sional defense committees a briefing on—

8 “(1) the progress of the Administrator in devel-
9 oping the framework described in paragraph (1) of
10 subsection (a) and completing the assessment re-
11 quired by paragraph (2) of that subsection; and

12 “(2) the plans of the Administrator for imple-
13 menting the recommendations of the Comptroller
14 General in the report referred to in paragraph
15 (1)(D) of that subsection.

16 **“§ 5623. Stockpile stewardship criteria**

17 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR CRITERIA.—The Secretary
18 of Energy shall develop clear and specific criteria for judg-
19 ing whether the science-based tools being used by the De-
20 partment of Energy for determining the safety and reli-
21 ability of the nuclear weapons stockpile are performing in
22 a manner that will provide an adequate degree of certainty
23 that the stockpile is safe and reliable.

24 “(b) COORDINATION WITH SECRETARY OF DE-
25 FENSE.—The Secretary of Energy, in developing the cri-

1 teria required by subsection (a), shall coordinate with the
2 Secretary of Defense.

3 **“§ 5624. Nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship,**
4 **management, and responsiveness plan**

5 “(a) PLAN REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator, in
6 consultation with the Secretary of Defense and other ap-
7 propriate officials of the departments and agencies of the
8 Federal Government, shall develop and annually update
9 a plan for sustaining the nuclear weapons stockpile. The
10 plan shall cover, at a minimum, stockpile stewardship,
11 stockpile management, stockpile responsiveness, stockpile
12 surveillance, program direction, infrastructure moderniza-
13 tion, human capital, and nuclear test readiness. The plan
14 shall be consistent with the programmatic and technical
15 requirements of the most recent annual Nuclear Weapons
16 Stockpile Memorandum.

17 “(b) SUBMISSIONS TO CONGRESS.—

18 “(1) In accordance with subsection (c), not
19 later than March 15 of each even-numbered year,
20 the Administrator shall submit to the congressional
21 defense committees a summary of the plan developed
22 under subsection (a).

23 “(2) In accordance with subsection (d), not
24 later than March 15 of each odd-numbered year, the
25 Administrator shall submit to the congressional de-

1 fense committees a detailed report on the plan devel-
2 oped under subsection (a).

3 “(3) The summaries and reports required by
4 this subsection shall be submitted in unclassified
5 form, but may include a classified annex.

6 “(c) ELEMENTS OF BIENNIAL PLAN SUMMARY.—
7 Each summary of the plan submitted under subsection
8 (b)(1) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

9 “(1) A summary of the status of the nuclear
10 weapons stockpile, including the number and age of
11 warheads (including both active and inactive) for
12 each warhead type.

13 “(2) A summary of the status, plans, budgets,
14 and schedules for warhead life extension programs
15 and any other programs to modify, update, or re-
16 place warhead types.

17 “(3) A summary of the methods and informa-
18 tion used to determine that the nuclear weapons
19 stockpile is safe and reliable, as well as the relation-
20 ship of science-based tools to the collection and in-
21 terpretation of such information.

22 “(4) A summary of the status of the nuclear se-
23 curity enterprise, including programs and plans for
24 infrastructure modernization and retention of human
25 capital, as well as associated budgets and schedules.

1 “(5) A summary of the status, plans, and budg-
2 ets for carrying out the stockpile responsiveness pro-
3 gram under section 5641.

4 “(6) A summary of the plan regarding the re-
5 search and development, deployment, and lifecycle
6 sustainment of technologies described in subsection
7 (d)(7).

8 “(7) A summary of the assessment under sub-
9 section (d)(8) regarding the execution of programs
10 with current and projected budgets and any associ-
11 ated risks.

12 “(8) Identification of any modifications or up-
13 dates to the plan since the previous summary or de-
14 tailed report was submitted under subsection (b).

15 “(9) Such other information as the Adminis-
16 trator considers appropriate.

17 “(d) ELEMENTS OF BIENNIAL DETAILED REPORT.—
18 Each detailed report on the plan submitted under sub-
19 section (b)(2) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

20 “(1) With respect to stockpile stewardship,
21 stockpile management, and stockpile responsive-
22 ness—

23 “(A) the status of the nuclear weapons
24 stockpile, including the number and age of war-

1 heads (including both active and inactive) for
2 each warhead type;

3 “(B) for each five-year period occurring
4 during the period beginning on the date of the
5 report and ending on the date that is 20 years
6 after the date of the report—

7 “(i) the planned number of nuclear
8 warheads (including active and inactive)
9 for each warhead type in the nuclear weap-
10 ons stockpile; and

11 “(ii) the past and projected future
12 total lifecycle cost of each type of nuclear
13 weapon;

14 “(C) the status, plans, budgets, and sched-
15 ules for warhead life extension programs and
16 any other programs to modify, update, or re-
17 place warhead types;

18 “(D) a description of the process by which
19 the Administrator assesses the lifetimes, and re-
20 quirements for life extension or replacement, of
21 the nuclear and non-nuclear components of the
22 warheads (including active and inactive war-
23 heads) in the nuclear weapons stockpile;

24 “(E) a description of the process used in
25 recertifying the safety, security, and reliability

1 of each warhead type in the nuclear weapons
2 stockpile;

3 “(F) any concerns of the Administrator
4 that would affect the ability of the Adminis-
5 trator to recertify the safety, security, or reli-
6 ability of warheads in the nuclear weapons
7 stockpile (including active and inactive war-
8 heads);

9 “(G) mechanisms to provide for the manu-
10 facture, maintenance, and modernization of
11 each warhead type in the nuclear weapons
12 stockpile, as needed;

13 “(H) mechanisms to expedite the collection
14 of information necessary for carrying out the
15 stockpile management program required by sec-
16 tion 5626, including information relating to the
17 aging of materials and components, new manu-
18 facturing techniques, and the replacement or
19 substitution of materials;

20 “(I) mechanisms to ensure the appropriate
21 assignment of roles and missions for each na-
22 tional security laboratory and nuclear weapons
23 production facility, including mechanisms for
24 allocation of workload, mechanisms to ensure
25 the carrying out of appropriate modernization

1 activities, and mechanisms to ensure the reten-
2 tion of skilled personnel;

3 “(J) mechanisms to ensure that each na-
4 tional security laboratory has full and complete
5 access to all weapons data to enable a rigorous
6 peer-review process to support the annual as-
7 sessment of the condition of the nuclear weap-
8 ons stockpile required under section 5627;

9 “(K) mechanisms for allocating funds for
10 activities under the stockpile management pro-
11 gram required by section 5626, including allo-
12 cations of funds by weapon type and facility;

13 “(L) for each of the five fiscal years fol-
14 lowing the fiscal year in which the report is
15 submitted, an identification of the funds needed
16 to carry out the program required under section
17 5626;

18 “(M) the status, plans, activities, budgets,
19 and schedules for carrying out the stockpile re-
20 sponsiveness program under section 5641;

21 “(N) for each of the five fiscal years fol-
22 lowing the fiscal year in which the report is
23 submitted, an identification of the funds needed
24 to carry out the program required under section
25 5641; and

1 “(O) as required, when assessing and de-
2 veloping prototype nuclear weapons of foreign
3 countries, a report from the directors of the na-
4 tional security laboratories on the need and
5 plan for such assessment and development that
6 includes separate comments on the plan from
7 the Secretary of Energy and the Director of
8 National Intelligence.

9 “(2) With respect to science-based tools—

10 “(A) a description of the information need-
11 ed to determine that the nuclear weapons stock-
12 pile is safe and reliable;

13 “(B) for each science-based tool used to
14 collect information described in subparagraph
15 (A), the relationship between such tool and
16 such information and the effectiveness of such
17 tool in providing such information based on the
18 criteria developed pursuant to section 5623(a);
19 and

20 “(C) the criteria developed under section
21 5623(a) (including any updates to such cri-
22 teria).

23 “(3) An assessment of the stockpile stewardship
24 program under section 5621(a) by the Adminis-

1 trator, in consultation with the directors of the na-
2 tional security laboratories, which shall set forth—

3 “(A) an identification and description of—

4 “(i) any key technical challenges to
5 the stockpile stewardship program; and

6 “(ii) the strategies to address such
7 challenges without the use of nuclear test-
8 ing;

9 “(B) a strategy for using the science-based
10 tools (including advanced simulation and com-
11 puting capabilities) of each national security
12 laboratory to ensure that the nuclear weapons
13 stockpile is safe, secure, and reliable without
14 the use of nuclear testing;

15 “(C) an assessment of the science-based
16 tools (including advanced simulation and com-
17 puting capabilities) of each national security
18 laboratory that exist at the time of the assess-
19 ment compared with the science-based tools ex-
20 pected to exist during the period covered by the
21 future-years nuclear security program; and

22 “(D) an assessment of the core scientific
23 and technical competencies required to achieve
24 the objectives of the stockpile stewardship pro-
25 gram and other weapons activities and weap-

1 ons-related activities of the Administration, in-
2 cluding—

3 “(i) the number of scientists, engi-
4 neers, and technicians, by discipline, re-
5 quired to maintain such competencies; and

6 “(ii) a description of any shortage of
7 such individuals that exists at the time of
8 the assessment compared with any short-
9 age expected to exist during the period cov-
10 ered by the future-years nuclear security
11 program.

12 “(4) With respect to the nuclear security infra-
13 structure—

14 “(A) a description of the modernization
15 and refurbishment measures the Administrator
16 determines necessary to meet the requirements
17 prescribed in—

18 “(i) the national security strategy of
19 the United States as set forth in the most
20 recent national security strategy report of
21 the President under section 108 of the Na-
22 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
23 3043) if such strategy has been submitted
24 as of the date of the plan;

1 “(ii) the most recent national defense
2 strategy as of the date of the plan; and

3 “(iii) the most recent Nuclear Posture
4 Review as of the date of the plan;

5 “(B) a schedule for implementing the
6 measures described under subparagraph (A)
7 during the 10-year period following the date of
8 the plan;

9 “(C) the estimated levels of annual funds
10 the Administrator determines necessary to
11 carry out the measures described under sub-
12 paragraph (A), including a discussion of the cri-
13 teria, evidence, and strategies on which such es-
14 timated levels of annual funds are based; and

15 “(D)(i) a description of-

16 “(I) the metrics (based on industry
17 best practices) used by the Administrator
18 to determine the infrastructure deferred
19 maintenance and repair needs of the nu-
20 clear security enterprise; and

21 “(II) the percentage of replacement
22 plant value being spent on maintenance
23 and repair needs of the nuclear security
24 enterprise; and

1 “(ii) an explanation of whether the annual
2 spending on such needs complies with the rec-
3 ommendation of the National Research Council
4 of the National Academies of Sciences, Engi-
5 neering, and Medicine that such spending be in
6 an amount equal to four percent of the replace-
7 ment plant value, and, if not, the reasons for
8 such noncompliance and a plan for how the Ad-
9 ministrator will ensure facilities of the nuclear
10 security enterprise are being properly sustained.

11 “(5) With respect to the nuclear test readiness
12 of the United States—

13 “(A) an estimate of the period of time that
14 would be necessary for the Administrator to
15 conduct an underground test of a nuclear weap-
16 on once directed by the President to conduct
17 such a test;

18 “(B) a description of the level of test read-
19 iness that the Administrator, in consultation
20 with the Secretary of Defense, determines to be
21 appropriate;

22 “(C) a list and description of the workforce
23 skills and capabilities that are essential to car-
24 rying out an underground nuclear test at the
25 Nevada National Security Site;

1 “(D) a list and description of the infra-
2 structure and physical plants that are essential
3 to carrying out an underground nuclear test at
4 the Nevada National Security Site; and

5 “(E) an assessment of the readiness status
6 of the skills and capabilities described in sub-
7 paragraph (C) and the infrastructure and phys-
8 ical plants described in subparagraph (D).

9 “(6) A strategy for the integrated management
10 of plutonium for stockpile and stockpile stewardship
11 needs over a 20-year period that includes the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(A) An assessment of the baseline science
14 issues necessary to understand plutonium aging
15 under static and dynamic conditions under
16 manufactured and nonmanufactured plutonium
17 geometries.

18 “(B) An assessment of scientific and test-
19 ing instrumentation for plutonium at elemental
20 and bulk conditions.

21 “(C) An assessment of manufacturing and
22 handling technology for plutonium and pluto-
23 nium components.

24 “(D) An assessment of computational mod-
25 els of plutonium performance under static and

1 dynamic loading, including manufactured and
2 nonmanufactured conditions.

3 “(E) An identification of any capability
4 gaps with respect to the assessments described
5 in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

6 “(F) An estimate of costs relating to the
7 issues, instrumentation, technology, and models
8 described in subparagraphs (A) through (D)
9 over the period covered by the future-years nu-
10 clear security program under section 3253 of
11 the National Nuclear Security Administration
12 Act (50 U.S.C. 2453).

13 “(G) An estimate of the cost of eliminating
14 the capability gaps identified under subpara-
15 graph (E) over the period covered by the fu-
16 ture-years nuclear security program.

17 “(H) Such other items as the Adminis-
18 trator considers important for the integrated
19 management of plutonium for stockpile and
20 stockpile stewardship needs.

21 “(7) A plan for the research and development,
22 deployment, and lifecycle sustainment of the tech-
23 nologies employed within the nuclear security enter-
24 prise to address physical and cyber security threats

1 during the five fiscal years following the date of the
2 report, together with—

3 “(A) for each site in the nuclear security
4 enterprise, a description of the technologies de-
5 ployed to address the physical and cybersecurity
6 threats posed to that site;

7 “(B) for each site and for the nuclear se-
8 curity enterprise, the methods used by the Ad-
9 ministration to establish priorities among in-
10 vestments in physical and cybersecurity tech-
11 nologies; and

12 “(C) a detailed description of how the
13 funds identified for each program element spec-
14 ified pursuant to paragraph (1) in the budget
15 for the Administration for each fiscal year dur-
16 ing that five-fiscal-year period will help carry
17 out that plan.

18 “(8) An assessment of whether the programs
19 described by the report can be executed with current
20 and projected budgets and any associated risks.

21 “(9) Identification of any modifications or up-
22 dates to the plan since the previous summary or de-
23 tailed report was submitted under subsection (b).

24 “(e) NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL ASSESSMENT.—

1 “(1) For each detailed report on the plan sub-
2 mitted under subsection (b)(2), the Nuclear Weap-
3 ons Council shall conduct an assessment that in-
4 cludes the following:

5 “(A) An analysis of the plan, including—

6 “(i) whether the plan supports the re-
7 quirements of the national security strat-
8 egy of the United States referred to in
9 subsection (d)(4)(A)(i), the most recent the
10 national defense strategy, and the most re-
11 cent Nuclear Posture Review;

12 “(ii) whether the modernization and
13 refurbishment measures described under
14 subparagraph (A) of subsection (d)(4) and
15 the schedule described under subparagraph
16 (B) of such subsection are adequate to
17 support such requirements; and

18 “(iii) whether the plan supports the
19 stockpile responsiveness program under
20 section 5641 in a manner that meets the
21 objectives of such program and an identi-
22 fication of any improvements that may be
23 made to the plan to better carry out such
24 program.

1 “(B) An analysis of whether the plan ade-
2 quately addresses the requirements for infra-
3 structure recapitalization of the facilities of the
4 nuclear security enterprise.

5 “(C) If the Nuclear Weapons Council de-
6 termines that the plan does not adequately sup-
7 port modernization and refurbishment require-
8 ments under subparagraph (A) or the nuclear
9 security enterprise facilities infrastructure re-
10 capitalization requirements under subparagraph
11 (B), a risk assessment with respect to—

12 “(i) supporting the annual certifi-
13 cation of the nuclear weapons stockpile;
14 and

15 “(ii) maintaining the long-term safety,
16 security, and reliability of the nuclear
17 weapons stockpile.

18 “(2) Not later than 180 days after the date on
19 which the Administrator submits the plan under
20 subsection (b)(2), the Nuclear Weapons Council
21 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
22 a report detailing the assessment required under
23 paragraph (1).

24 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘budget’, with respect to a fiscal
2 year, means the budget for that fiscal year that is
3 submitted to Congress by the President under sec-
4 tion 1105(a) of title 31.

5 “(2) The term ‘future-years nuclear security
6 program’ means the program required by section
7 3253 of the National Nuclear Security Administra-
8 tion Act (50 U.S.C. 2453).

9 “(3) The term ‘national defense strategy’
10 means the review of the defense programs and poli-
11 cies of the United States that is carried out every
12 four years under section 113(g).

13 “(4) The term ‘nuclear security budget mate-
14 rials’, with respect to a fiscal year, means the mate-
15 rials submitted to Congress by the Administrator in
16 support of the budget for that fiscal year.

17 “(5) The term ‘weapons activities’ means each
18 activity within the budget category of weapons ac-
19 tivities in the budget of the Administration.

20 “(6) The term ‘weapons-related activities’
21 means each activity under the Department of En-
22 ergy that involves nuclear weapons, nuclear weapons
23 technology, or fissile or radioactive materials, includ-
24 ing activities related to—

25 “(A) nuclear nonproliferation;

- 1 “(B) nuclear forensics;
- 2 “(C) nuclear intelligence;
- 3 “(D) nuclear safety; and
- 4 “(E) nuclear incident response.

5 **“§ 5625. Major warhead refurbishment program**

6 “In fiscal year 2015 and subsequent fiscal years, the
7 Secretary of Energy shall submit to the congressional de-
8 fense committees (as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(16)) a
9 report, on each major warhead refurbishment program
10 that reaches the Phase 6.3 milestone, that provides an
11 analysis of alternatives. Such report shall include—

12 “(1) a full description of alternatives considered
13 prior to the award of Phase 6.3;

14 “(2) a comparison of the costs and benefits of
15 each of those alternatives, to include an analysis of
16 trade-offs among cost, schedule, and performance
17 objectives against each alternative considered;

18 “(3) identification of the cost and risk of crit-
19 ical technology elements associated with each alter-
20 native, including technology maturity, integration
21 risk, manufacturing feasibility, and demonstration
22 needs;

23 “(4) identification of the cost and risk of addi-
24 tional capital asset and infrastructure capabilities

1 required to support production and certification of
2 each alternative;

3 “(5) a comparative analysis of the risks, costs,
4 and scheduling needs for any military requirement
5 intended to enhance warhead safety, security, or
6 maintainability, including any requirement to con-
7 solidate and/or integrate warhead systems or mods
8 as compared to at least one other feasible refurbish-
9 ment alternative the Nuclear Weapons Council con-
10 siderers appropriate; and

11 “(6) a life-cycle cost estimate for the alternative
12 selected that details the overall cost, scope, and
13 schedule planning assumptions.

14 **“§ 5626. Stockpile management program**

15 “(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of En-
16 ergy, acting through the Administrator and in consulta-
17 tion with the Secretary of Defense, shall carry out a pro-
18 gram, in support of the stockpile stewardship program, to
19 provide for the effective management, modernization, and
20 replacement, as required, of the weapons in the nuclear
21 weapons stockpile. The program shall have the following
22 objectives:

23 “(1) To enhance the performance and reliability
24 of the nuclear weapons stockpile of the United
25 States.

1 “(2) To further reduce the likelihood of the re-
2 sumption of underground nuclear weapons testing.

3 “(3) To maintain the safety and security of the
4 nuclear weapons stockpile.

5 “(4) To optimize the future size of the nuclear
6 weapons stockpile.

7 “(5) To reduce the risk of an accidental detona-
8 tion of an element of the stockpile.

9 “(6) To reduce the risk of an element of the
10 stockpile being used by a person or entity hostile to
11 the United States, its vital interests, or its allies.

12 “(b) PROGRAM LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out the
13 stockpile management program under subsection (a), the
14 Secretary of Energy shall ensure that—

15 “(1) any changes made to the stockpile shall be
16 consistent with the objectives identified in subsection
17 (a);

18 “(2) any changes made to the stockpile con-
19 sistent with the objectives identified in subsection
20 (a) are carried out in a cost effective manner; and

21 “(3) any such changes made to the stockpile
22 shall—

23 “(A) be well understood and certifiable
24 without the need to resume underground nu-
25 clear weapons testing;

1 “(B) use the design, certification, and pro-
 2 duction expertise resident in the nuclear secu-
 3 rity enterprise to fulfill current mission require-
 4 ments of the existing stockpile; and

5 “(C) develop future generations of design,
 6 certification, and production expertise in the
 7 nuclear security enterprise to support the fulfill-
 8 ment of mission requirements of the future
 9 stockpile.

10 “(c) PROGRAM BUDGET.—In accordance with the re-
 11 quirements under section 5630, for each budget submitted
 12 by the President to Congress under section 1105 of title
 13 31, the amounts requested for the program under this sec-
 14 tion shall be clearly identified in the budget justification
 15 materials submitted to Congress in support of that budget.

16 **“§ 5627. Annual assessments and reports to the Presi-**
 17 **dent and Congress regarding the condi-**
 18 **tion of the United States nuclear weap-**
 19 **ons stockpile**

20 “(a) ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED.—For each
 21 nuclear weapon type in the stockpile of the United States,
 22 each official specified in subsection (b) on an annual basis
 23 shall, to the extent such official is directly responsible for
 24 the safety, reliability, performance, or military effective-
 25 ness of that nuclear weapon type, complete an assessment

1 of the safety, reliability, performance, or military effective-
2 ness (as the case may be) of that nuclear weapon type.

3 “(b) COVERED OFFICIALS.—The officials referred to
4 in subsection (a) are the following:

5 “(1) The head of each national security labora-
6 tory.

7 “(2) The Commander of the United States
8 Strategic Command.

9 “(c) DUAL VALIDATION TEAMS IN SUPPORT OF AS-
10 SESSMENTS.—In support of the assessments required by
11 subsection (a), the Administrator may establish teams,
12 known as ‘dual validation teams’, to provide each national
13 security laboratory responsible for weapons design with
14 independent evaluations of the condition of each warhead
15 for which such laboratory has lead responsibility. A dual
16 validation team established by the Administrator shall—

17 “(1) be comprised of weapons experts from the
18 laboratory that does not have lead responsibility for
19 fielding the warhead being evaluated;

20 “(2) have access to all surveillance and under-
21 ground test data for all stockpile systems for use in
22 the independent evaluations;

23 “(3) use all relevant available data to conduct
24 independent calculations; and

1 “(4) pursue independent experiments to support
2 the independent evaluations.

3 “(d) USE OF TEAMS OF EXPERTS FOR ASSESS-
4 MENTS.—The head of each national security laboratory
5 shall establish and use one or more teams of experts,
6 known as ‘red teams’, to assist in the assessments re-
7 quired by subsection (a). Each such team shall include ex-
8 perts from both of the other national security laboratories.
9 Each such team for a national security laboratory shall—

10 “(1) review both the matters covered by the as-
11 sessments under subsection (a) performed by the
12 head of that laboratory and any independent evalua-
13 tions conducted by a dual validation team under
14 subsection (c);

15 “(2) subject such matters to challenge; and

16 “(3) submit the results of such review and chal-
17 lenge, together with the findings and recommenda-
18 tions of such team with respect to such review and
19 challenge, to the head of that laboratory.

20 “(e) REPORT ON ASSESSMENTS.—Not later than De-
21 cember 1 of each year, each official specified in subsection
22 (b) shall submit to the Secretary concerned, and to the
23 Nuclear Weapons Council, a report on the assessments
24 that such official was required by subsection (a) to com-
25 plete. The report shall include the following:

1 “(1) The results of each such assessment.

2 “(2)(A) Such official’s determination as to
3 whether or not one or more underground nuclear
4 tests are necessary to resolve any issues identified in
5 the assessments and, if so—

6 “(i) an identification of the specific under-
7 ground nuclear tests that are necessary to re-
8 solve such issues; and

9 “(ii) a discussion of why options other
10 than an underground nuclear test are not avail-
11 able or would not resolve such issues.

12 “(B) An identification of the specific under-
13 ground nuclear tests which, while not necessary,
14 might have value in resolving any such issues and a
15 discussion of the anticipated value of conducting
16 such tests.

17 “(C) Such official’s determination as to the
18 readiness of the United States to conduct the under-
19 ground nuclear tests identified under subparagraphs
20 (A)(i) and (B), if directed by the President to do so.

21 “(3) In the case of a report submitted by the
22 head of a national security laboratory—

23 “(A) a concise statement regarding the
24 adequacy of the science-based tools and meth-
25 ods, including with respect to cyber assurance,

1 being used to determine the matters covered by
2 the assessments;

3 “(B) a concise statement regarding the
4 adequacy of the tools and methods employed by
5 the manufacturing infrastructure required by
6 section 5632 to identify and fix any inadequacy
7 with respect to the matters covered by the as-
8 sessments, and the confidence of the head in
9 such tools and methods;

10 “(C) a concise summary of the findings
11 and recommendations of any teams under sub-
12 section (d) that relate to the assessments, to-
13 gether with a discussion of those findings and
14 recommendations;

15 “(D) a concise summary of the results of
16 any independent evaluation conducted by a dual
17 validation team under subsection (c); and

18 “(E) a concise summary of any significant
19 finding investigations initiated or active during
20 the previous year for which the head of the na-
21 tional security laboratory has full or partial re-
22 sponsibility.

23 “(4) In the case of a report submitted by the
24 Commander of the United States Strategic Com-
25 mand—

1 “(A) a discussion of the relative merits of
2 other nuclear weapon types (if any), or compen-
3 satory measures (if any) that could be taken,
4 that could enable accomplishment of the mis-
5 sions of the nuclear weapon types to which the
6 assessments relate, should such assessments
7 identify any deficiency with respect to such nu-
8 clear weapon types;

9 “(B) a summary of all major assembly re-
10 leases in place as of the date of the report for
11 the active and inactive nuclear weapon stock-
12 piles; and

13 “(C) the views of the Commander on the
14 stockpile responsiveness program under section
15 5641, the activities conducted under such pro-
16 gram, and any suggestions to improve such pro-
17 gram.

18 “(5) An identification and discussion of any
19 matter having an adverse effect on the capability of
20 the official submitting the report to accurately deter-
21 mine the matters covered by the assessments.

22 “(f) SUBMITTALS TO THE PRESIDENT AND CON-
23 GRESS.—

1 “(1) Not later than February 1 of each year,
2 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of En-
3 ergy shall submit to the President—

4 “(A) each report, without change, sub-
5 mitted to either Secretary under subsection (e)
6 during the preceding year;

7 “(B) any comments that the Secretaries
8 individually or jointly consider appropriate with
9 respect to each such report;

10 “(C) the conclusions that the Secretaries
11 individually or jointly reach as to the safety, re-
12 liability, performance, and military effectiveness
13 of the nuclear weapons stockpile of the United
14 States; and

15 “(D) any other information that the Secre-
16 taries individually or jointly consider appro-
17 priate.

18 “(2) Not later than March 15 of each year, the
19 President shall forward to Congress the matters re-
20 ceived by the President under paragraph (1) for that
21 year, together with any comments the President con-
22 siders appropriate.

23 “(3) If the President does not forward to Con-
24 gress the matters required under paragraph (2) by
25 the date required by such paragraph, the officials

1 specified in subsection (b) shall provide a briefing to
 2 the congressional defense committees not later than
 3 March 30 on the report such officials submitted to
 4 the Secretary concerned under subsection (e).

5 “(g) CLASSIFIED FORM.—Each submittal under sub-
 6 section (f) shall be in classified form only, with the classi-
 7 fication level required for each portion of such submittal
 8 marked appropriately.

9 “(h) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘Sec-
 10 retary concerned’ means—

11 “(1) the Secretary of Energy, with respect to
 12 matters concerning the Department of Energy; and

13 “(2) the Secretary of Defense, with respect to
 14 matters concerning the Department of Defense.

15 **“§ 5628. Form of certifications regarding the safety or**
 16 **reliability of the nuclear weapons stock-**
 17 **pile**

18 “Any certification submitted to the President by the
 19 Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Energy regarding
 20 confidence in the safety or reliability of a nuclear weapon
 21 type in the United States nuclear weapons stockpile shall
 22 be submitted in classified form only.

23 **“§ 5629. Nuclear test ban readiness program**

24 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
 25 of Energy shall establish and support a program to assure

1 that the United States is in a position to maintain the
2 reliability, safety, and continued deterrent effect of its
3 stockpile of existing nuclear weapons designs in the event
4 that a low-threshold or comprehensive ban on nuclear ex-
5 plosives testing is negotiated and ratified within the
6 framework agreed to by the United States and the Rus-
7 sian Federation.

8 “(b) PURPOSES OF PROGRAM.—The purposes of the
9 program under subsection (a) shall be the following:

10 “(1) To assure that the United States main-
11 tains a vigorous program of stockpile inspection and
12 non-explosive testing so that, if a low-threshold or
13 comprehensive test ban is entered into, the United
14 States remains able to detect and identify potential
15 problems in stockpile reliability and safety in exist-
16 ing designs of nuclear weapons.

17 “(2) To assure that the specific materials, com-
18 ponents, processes, and personnel needed for the re-
19 manufacture of existing nuclear weapons or the sub-
20 stitution of alternative nuclear warheads are avail-
21 able to support such remanufacture or substitution
22 if such action becomes necessary in order to satisfy
23 reliability and safety requirements under a low-
24 threshold or comprehensive test ban agreement.

1 “(3) To assure that a vigorous program of re-
2 search in areas related to nuclear weapons science
3 and engineering is supported so that, if a low-
4 threshold or comprehensive test ban agreement is
5 entered into, the United States is able to maintain
6 a base of technical knowledge about nuclear weapons
7 design and nuclear weapons effects.

8 “(c) CONDUCT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of En-
9 ergy shall carry out the program provided for in sub-
10 section (a). The program shall be carried out with the par-
11 ticipation of representatives of the Department of De-
12 fense, the nuclear weapons production facilities, and the
13 national security laboratories.

14 **“§ 5630. Requirements for specific request for new or**
15 **modified nuclear weapons**

16 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR
17 DEVELOPMENT.—

18 “(1) In any fiscal year after fiscal year 2002 in
19 which the Secretary of Energy plans to carry out ac-
20 tivities described in paragraph (2) relating to the de-
21 velopment of a new nuclear weapon or modified nu-
22 clear weapon beyond phase 2 or phase 6.2 (as the
23 case may be) of the nuclear weapon acquisition proc-
24 ess, the Secretary—

1 “(A) shall specifically request funds for
2 such activities in the budget of the President
3 for that fiscal year under section 1105(a) of
4 title 31; and

5 “(B) may carry out such activities only if
6 amounts are authorized to be appropriated for
7 such activities by an Act of Congress consistent
8 with section 660 of the Department of Energy
9 Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7270).

10 “(2) The activities described in this paragraph
11 are as follows:

12 “(A) The conduct, or provision for con-
13 duct, of research and development for the pro-
14 duction of a new nuclear weapon by the United
15 States.

16 “(B) The conduct, or provision for con-
17 duct, of engineering or manufacturing to carry
18 out the production of a new nuclear weapon by
19 the United States.

20 “(C) The conduct, or provision for con-
21 duct, of research and development for the pro-
22 duction of a modified nuclear weapon by the
23 United States.

24 “(D) The conduct, or provision for con-
25 duct, of engineering or manufacturing to carry

1 out the production of a modified nuclear weap-
2 on by the United States.

3 “(b) BUDGET REQUEST FORMAT.—In a request for
4 funds under subsection (a), the Secretary shall include a
5 dedicated line item for each activity described in sub-
6 section (a)(2) for a new nuclear weapon or modified nu-
7 clear weapon that is in phase 2 or higher or phase 6.2
8 or higher (as the case may be) of the nuclear weapon ac-
9 quisition process.

10 “(c) NOTIFICATION AND BRIEFING OF NONCOVERED
11 ACTIVITIES.—In any fiscal year after fiscal year 2022, the
12 Secretary of Energy, acting through the Administrator, in
13 conjunction with the annual submission of the budget of
14 the President to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title
15 31, shall notify the congressional defense committees of—

16 “(1) any activities described in subsection
17 (a)(2) relating to the development of a new nuclear
18 weapon or modified nuclear weapon that, during the
19 calendar year prior to the budget submission, were
20 carried out prior to phase 2 or phase 6.2 (as the
21 case may be) of the nuclear weapon acquisition proc-
22 ess; and

23 “(2) any plans to carry out, prior to phase 2 or
24 phase 6.2 (as the case may be) of the nuclear weap-
25 on acquisition process, activities described in sub-

1 section (a)(2) relating to the development of a new
 2 nuclear weapon or modified nuclear weapon during
 3 the fiscal year covered by that budget.

4 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) The term ‘modified nuclear weapon’ means
 6 a nuclear weapon that contains a pit or canned sub-
 7 assembly, either of which—

8 “(A) is in the nuclear weapons stockpile as
 9 of December 2, 2002; and

10 “(B) is being modified in order to meet a
 11 military requirement that is other than the mili-
 12 tary requirements applicable to such nuclear
 13 weapon when first placed in the nuclear weap-
 14 ons stockpile.

15 “(2) The term ‘new nuclear weapon’ means a
 16 nuclear weapon that contains a pit or canned sub-
 17 assembly, either of which is neither—

18 “(A) in the nuclear weapons stockpile on
 19 December 2, 2002; nor

20 “(B) in production as of that date.

21 **“§ 5631. Testing of nuclear weapons**

22 “(a) UNDERGROUND TESTING.—No underground
 23 test of nuclear weapons may be conducted by the United
 24 States after September 30, 1996, unless a foreign state

1 conducts a nuclear test after this date, at which time the
 2 prohibition on United States nuclear testing is lifted.

3 “(b) ATMOSPHERIC TESTING.—None of the funds
 4 appropriated pursuant to the National Defense Authoriza-
 5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law 103–160; 107
 6 Stat. 1547) or any other Act for any fiscal year may be
 7 available to maintain the capability of the United States
 8 to conduct atmospheric testing of a nuclear weapon.

9 **“§ 5632. Manufacturing infrastructure for refabrica-**
 10 **tion and certification of nuclear weapons**
 11 **stockpile**

12 “(a) MANUFACTURING PROGRAM.—

13 “(1) The Secretary of Energy shall carry out a
 14 program for purposes of establishing within the Gov-
 15 ernment a manufacturing infrastructure that has the
 16 capabilities of meeting the following objectives:

17 “(A) To provide a stockpile surveillance
 18 engineering base.

19 “(B) To refabricate and certify weapon
 20 components and types in the enduring nuclear
 21 weapons stockpile, as necessary.

22 “(C) To fabricate and certify new nuclear
 23 warheads, as necessary.

24 “(D) To support nuclear weapons.

1 “(E) To supply sufficient tritium in sup-
2 port of nuclear weapons to ensure an upload
3 hedge in the event circumstances require.

4 “(2) The purpose of the program carried out
5 under paragraph (1) shall also be to develop manu-
6 facturing capabilities and capacities necessary to
7 meet the requirements specified in the annual Nu-
8 clear Weapons Stockpile Memorandum.

9 “(b) REQUIRED CAPABILITIES.—The manufacturing
10 infrastructure established under the program under sub-
11 section (a) shall include the following capabilities (modern-
12 ized to attain the objectives referred to in that subsection):

13 “(1) The weapons assembly and high explosives
14 manufacturing capabilities of the Pantex Plant.

15 “(2) The weapon secondary fabrication capabili-
16 ties of the Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak
17 Ridge, Tennessee.

18 “(3) The capabilities of the Savannah River
19 Site relating to tritium recycling and processing.

20 “(4) The fissile material component processing
21 and fabrication capabilities of the Savannah River
22 Plutonium Processing Facility and the Los Alamos
23 National Laboratory.

1 “(5) The non-nuclear component capabilities of
2 the Kansas City National Security Campus, Kansas
3 City, Missouri.

4 **“§ 5633. Acceleration of depleted uranium manufac-**
5 **turing processes**

6 “(a) ACCELERATION OF MANUFACTURING.—The Ad-
7 ministrators shall require the nuclear security enterprise to
8 accelerate the modernization of manufacturing processes
9 for depleted uranium by 2030 so that the nuclear security
10 enterprise—

11 “(1) demonstrates bulk cold hearth melting of
12 depleted uranium alloys to augment existing capa-
13 bilities on an operational basis for war reserve com-
14 ponents;

15 “(2) manufactures, on a repeatable and ongoing
16 basis, war reserve depleted uranium alloy compo-
17 nents using net shape casting;

18 “(3) demonstrates, if possible, a production fa-
19 cility to conduct routine operations for manufac-
20 turing depleted uranium alloy components outside of
21 the current perimeter security fencing of the Y-12
22 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee;
23 and

24 “(4) has available high purity depleted uranium
25 for the production of war reserve components.

1 “(b) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than March 31,
2 2023, and annually thereafter through 2030, the Adminis-
3 trator shall provide to the congressional defense commit-
4 tees a briefing on—

5 “(1) progress made in carrying out subsection
6 (a);

7 “(2) the cost of activities conducted under such
8 subsection during the preceding fiscal year; and

9 “(3) the ability of the nuclear security enter-
10 prise to convert depleted uranium fluoride
11 hexafluoride to depleted uranium tetrafluoride.

12 **“§ 5634. Reports on critical difficulties at national se-**
13 **curity laboratories and nuclear weapons**
14 **production facilities**

15 “(a) REPORTS BY HEADS OF LABORATORIES AND
16 FACILITIES.—In the event of a difficulty at a national se-
17 curity laboratory or a nuclear weapons production facility
18 that has a significant bearing on confidence in the safety
19 or reliability of a nuclear weapon or nuclear weapon type,
20 the head of the laboratory or facility, as the case may be,
21 shall submit to the Administrator a report on the dif-
22 ficulty. The head of the laboratory or facility shall submit
23 the report as soon as practicable after discovery of the
24 difficulty.

1 “(b) TRANSMITTAL BY ADMINISTRATOR.—Not later
 2 than 10 days after receipt of a report under subsection
 3 (a), the Administrator shall transmit the report (together
 4 with the comments of the Administrator) to the congres-
 5 sional defense committees, to the Secretary of Energy and
 6 the Secretary of Defense, and to the President.

7 “(c) INCLUSION OF REPORTS IN ANNUAL STOCKPILE
 8 ASSESSMENT.—Any report submitted pursuant to sub-
 9 section (a) shall also be submitted to the President and
 10 Congress with the matters required to be submitted under
 11 section 5627(f) for the year in which such report is sub-
 12 mitted.

13 **“§ 5635. Selected acquisition reports and independent**
 14 **cost estimates and reviews of certain pro-**
 15 **grams and facilities**

16 “(a) SELECTED ACQUISITION REPORTS.—

17 “(1) At the end of the first quarter of each fis-
 18 cal year, the Secretary of Energy, acting through
 19 the Administrator, shall submit to the congressional
 20 defense committees a report on each nuclear weapon
 21 system undergoing life extension and each major al-
 22 teration project (as defined in section 5794(a)(2))
 23 during the preceding fiscal year. The reports shall be
 24 known as Selected Acquisition Reports for the weap-
 25 on system concerned.

1 “(2) The information contained in the Selected
2 Acquisition Report for a fiscal year for a nuclear
3 weapon system shall be the information contained in
4 the Selected Acquisition Report for each fiscal-year
5 quarter in that fiscal year for a major defense acqui-
6 sition program under section 4351 or any successor
7 system, expressed in terms of the nuclear weapon
8 system.

9 “(b) INDEPENDENT COST ESTIMATES AND RE-
10 VIEWS.—

11 “(1) The Secretary, acting through the Admin-
12 istrator, shall submit to the congressional defense
13 committees and the Nuclear Weapons Council the
14 following:

15 “(A) An independent cost estimate of the
16 following:

17 “(i) Each nuclear weapon system un-
18 dergoing life extension at the completion of
19 phase 6.2A or new weapon system at the
20 completion of phase 2A, relating to design
21 definition and cost study.

22 “(ii) Each nuclear weapon system un-
23 dergoing life extension at the completion of
24 phase 6.3 or new weapon system at the

1 completion of phase 3, relating to develop-
2 ment engineering.

3 “(iii) Each nuclear weapon system un-
4 dergoing life extension at the completion of
5 phase 6.4, relating to production engineer-
6 ing, and before the initiation of phase 6.5,
7 relating to first production.

8 “(iv) Each new weapon system at the
9 completion of phase 4, relating to produc-
10 tion engineering, and before the initiation
11 of phase 5, relating to first production.

12 “(v) Each new nuclear facility within
13 the nuclear security enterprise that is esti-
14 mated to cost more than \$500,000,000 be-
15 fore such facility achieves critical decision
16 1 and before such facility achieves critical
17 decision 2 in the acquisition process.

18 “(vi) Each nuclear weapons system
19 undergoing a major alteration project (as
20 defined in section 5794(a)(2)).

21 “(B) An independent cost review of each
22 nuclear weapon system undergoing life exten-
23 sion at the completion of phase 6.2 or new
24 weapon system at the completion of phase 2, re-
25 lating to study of feasibility and down-select.

1 “(2) Each independent cost estimate and inde-
2 pendent cost review under paragraph (1) shall in-
3 clude—

4 “(A) whether the cost baseline or the
5 budget estimate for the period covered by the
6 future-years nuclear security program has
7 changed, and the rationale for any such change;
8 and

9 “(B) any views of the Secretary or the Ad-
10 ministrator regarding such estimate or review.

11 “(3) The Administrator shall review and con-
12 sider the results of any independent cost estimate or
13 independent cost review of a nuclear weapon system
14 or a nuclear facility, as the case may be, under this
15 subsection before entering the next phase of the de-
16 velopment process of such system or the acquisition
17 process of such facility.

18 “(4) Except as otherwise specified in paragraph
19 (1), each independent cost estimate or independent
20 cost review of a nuclear weapon system or a nuclear
21 facility under this subsection shall be submitted not
22 later than 30 days after the date on which—

23 “(A) in the case of a nuclear weapons sys-
24 tem, such system completes a phase specified in
25 such paragraph; or

1 “(B) in the case of a nuclear facility, such
2 facility achieves critical decision 1 as specified
3 in subparagraph (A)(v) of such paragraph.

4 “(5) Each independent cost estimate or inde-
5 pendent cost review submitted under this subsection
6 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
7 clude a classified annex if necessary.

8 “(c) AUTHORITY FOR FURTHER ASSESSMENTS.—
9 Upon the request of the Administrator, the Secretary of
10 Defense, acting through the Director of Cost Assessment
11 and Program Evaluation and in consultation with the Ad-
12 ministrator, may conduct an independent cost assessment
13 of any initiative or program of the Administration that
14 is estimated to cost more than \$500,000,000.

15 **“§ 5636. Advice to President and Congress regarding**
16 **safety, security, and reliability of United**
17 **States nuclear weapons stockpile**

18 “(a) POLICY.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the
20 United States—

21 “(A) to maintain a safe, secure, effective,
22 and reliable nuclear weapons stockpile; and

23 “(B) as long as other nations control or
24 actively seek to acquire nuclear weapons, to re-
25 tain a credible nuclear deterrent.

1 “(2) NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE.—It is in
2 the security interest of the United States to sustain
3 the United States nuclear weapons stockpile through
4 a program of stockpile stewardship, carried out at
5 the national security laboratories and nuclear weap-
6 ons production facilities.

7 “(3) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
8 Congress that—

9 “(A) the United States should retain a
10 triad of strategic nuclear forces sufficient to
11 deter any future hostile foreign leadership with
12 access to strategic nuclear forces from acting
13 against the vital interests of the United States;

14 “(B) the United States should continue to
15 maintain nuclear forces of sufficient size and
16 capability to implement an effective and robust
17 deterrent strategy; and

18 “(C) the advice of the persons required to
19 provide the President and Congress with assur-
20 ances of the safety, security, effectiveness, and
21 reliability of the nuclear weapons force should
22 be scientifically based, without regard for poli-
23 tics, and of the highest quality and integrity.

24 “(b) ADVICE AND OPINIONS REGARDING NUCLEAR
25 WEAPONS STOCKPILE.—In addition to a director of a na-

1 tional security laboratory or a nuclear weapons production
2 facility under section 5634, any member of the Nuclear
3 Weapons Council may also submit to the President, the
4 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, or the con-
5 gressional defense committees advice or opinion regarding
6 the safety, security, effectiveness, and reliability of the nu-
7 clear weapons stockpile.

8 “(c) EXPRESSION OF INDIVIDUAL VIEWS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No individual, including a
10 representative of the President, may take any action
11 against, or otherwise constrain, a director of a na-
12 tional security laboratory or a nuclear weapons pro-
13 duction facility or a member of the Nuclear Weap-
14 ons Council from presenting the professional views
15 of the director or member, as the case may be, to
16 the President, the National Security Council, or
17 Congress regarding—

18 “(A) the safety, security, reliability, or
19 credibility of the nuclear weapons stockpile and
20 nuclear forces; or

21 “(B) the status of, and plans for, the capa-
22 bilities and infrastructure that support and sus-
23 tain the nuclear weapons stockpile and nuclear
24 forces.

1 “(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in paragraph
2 (1)(B) may be construed to affect the interagency
3 budget process.

4 “(d) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT DE-
5 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘representative of the
6 President’ means the following:

7 “(1) Any official of the Department of Defense
8 or the Department of Energy who is appointed by
9 the President and confirmed by the Senate.

10 “(2) Any member or official of the National Se-
11 curity Council.

12 “(3) Any member or official of the Joint Chiefs
13 of Staff.

14 “(4) Any official of the Office of Management
15 and Budget.

16 **“§ 5637. Notification of certain regulations that im-**
17 **act the National Nuclear Security Ad-**
18 **ministration**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If a director of a national secu-
20 rity laboratory of the Administration determines that a
21 Federal regulation could inhibit the ability of the Adminis-
22 trator to maintain the safety, security, or effectiveness of
23 the nuclear weapons stockpile without engaging in explo-
24 sive nuclear testing, such director, not later than 15 days

1 after making such determination, shall submit to Congress
2 a notification of such determination.

3 “(b) FORM.—Each notification required by sub-
4 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
5 may include a classified annex.

6 **“§ 5638. Plutonium pit production capacity**

7 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—Consistent with the require-
8 ments of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of En-
9 ergy shall ensure that the nuclear security enterprise—

10 “(1) during 2021, begins production of quali-
11 fication plutonium pits;

12 “(2) during 2024, produces not less than 10
13 war reserve plutonium pits;

14 “(3) during 2025, produces not less than 20
15 war reserve plutonium pits;

16 “(4) during 2026, produces not less than 30
17 war reserve plutonium pits; and

18 “(5) during 2030, produces not less than 80
19 war reserve plutonium pits.

20 “(b) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION.—Not later than
21 March 1, 2015, and each year thereafter through 2030,
22 the Secretary of Energy shall certify to the congressional
23 defense committees and the Secretary of Defense that the
24 programs and budget of the Secretary of Energy will en-

1 able the nuclear security enterprise to meet the require-
2 ments under subsection (a).

3 “(c) PLAN.—If the Secretary of Energy does not
4 make a certification under subsection (b) by March 1 of
5 any year in which a certification is required under that
6 subsection, by not later than May 1 of such year, the
7 Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council shall submit
8 to the congressional defense committees a plan to enable
9 the nuclear security enterprise to meet the requirements
10 under subsection (a). Such plan shall include identification
11 of the resources of the Department of Energy that the
12 Chairman determines should be redirected to support the
13 plan to meet such requirements.

14 “(d) CERTIFICATIONS ON PLUTONIUM ENTER-
15 PRISE.—

16 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30 days
17 after the date on which a covered project achieves a
18 critical decision milestone, the Assistant Secretary
19 for Environmental Management and the Deputy Ad-
20 ministrator for Defense Programs shall jointly cer-
21 tify to the congressional defense committees that the
22 operations, infrastructure, and workforce of such
23 project are adequate to carry out the delivery and
24 disposal of planned waste shipments relating to the
25 plutonium enterprise, as outlined in the critical deci-

1 sion memoranda of the Department of Energy with
2 respect to such project.

3 “(2) FAILURE TO CERTIFY.—If the Assistant
4 Secretary for Environmental Management and the
5 Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs fail to
6 make a certification under paragraph (1) by the
7 date specified in such paragraph with respect to a
8 covered project achieving a critical decision mile-
9 stone, the Assistant Secretary and the Deputy Ad-
10 ministrator shall jointly submit to the congressional
11 defense committees, by not later than 30 days after
12 such date, a plan to ensure that the operations, in-
13 frastructure, and workforce of such project will be
14 adequate to carry out the delivery and disposal of
15 planned waste shipments described in such para-
16 graph.

17 “(e) REPORTS.—

18 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than March 1
19 of each year during the period beginning on the date
20 on which the first covered project achieves critical
21 decision 2 in the acquisition process and ending on
22 the date on which the second project achieves critical
23 decision 4 and begins operations, the Administrator
24 for Nuclear Security shall submit to the congres-
25 sional defense committees a report on the planned

1 production goals of both covered projects during the
2 first 10 years of the operation of the projects.

3 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under para-
4 graph (1) shall include-

5 “(A) the number of war reserve plutonium
6 pits planned to be produced during each year,
7 including the associated warhead type;

8 “(B) a description of risks and challenges
9 to meeting the performance baseline for the
10 covered projects, as approved in critical decision
11 2 in the acquisition process;

12 “(C) options available to the Administrator
13 to balance scope, costs, and production require-
14 ments at the projects to decrease overall risk to
15 the plutonium enterprise and enduring pluto-
16 nium pit requirements; and

17 “(D) an explanation of any changes to the
18 production goals or requirements as compared
19 to the report submitted during the previous
20 year.

21 “(f) PROHIBITION ON ARIES EXPANSION BEFORE
22 ACHIEVEMENT OF 30 PIT-PER-YEAR BASE CAPABILITY.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Until the date on which the
24 Administrator certifies to the congressional defense
25 committees that the base capability to produce not

1 less than 30 war reserve plutonium pits per year has
2 been established at Los Alamos National Labora-
3 tory, the Administrator may not—

4 “(A) carry out a project to expand the pit
5 disassembly and processing capability of the
6 spaces at PF-4 occupied by ARIES as of De-
7 cember 22, 2023; or

8 “(B) otherwise expand such spaces.

9 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not
10 apply with respect to—

11 “(A) ongoing or planned small projects to
12 sustain or improve the efficiency of plutonium
13 oxide production, provided that such projects do
14 not expand the spaces at PF-4 occupied by
15 ARIES as of December 22, 2023;

16 “(B) the planning and design of an addi-
17 tional ARIES capability at a location other
18 than PF-4; or

19 “(C) the transfer of the ARIES capability
20 to a location other than PF-4.

21 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

22 “(A) The term ‘ARIES’ means the Ad-
23 vanced Recovery and Integrated Extraction
24 System method, developed and piloted at Los
25 Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New

1 Mexico, for disassembling surplus defense pluto-
2 nium pits and converting the plutonium from
3 such pits into plutonium oxide.

4 “(B) The term ‘PF-4’ means the Pluto-
5 nium Facility at Technical Area 55 located at
6 Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos,
7 New Mexico.

8 “(g) COVERED PROJECT DEFINED.—In this sub-
9 section, the term ‘covered project’ means—

10 “(1) the Savannah River Plutonium Processing
11 Facility, Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina
12 (Project 21-D-511); or

13 “(2) the Plutonium Pit Production Project, Los
14 Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New
15 Mexico (Project 21-D-512).

16 “(h) MANAGEMENT OF PLUTONIUM MODERNIZATION
17 PROGRAM.—Not later than 570 days after December 22,
18 2023, the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall ensure
19 that the plutonium modernization program established by
20 the Office of Defense Programs of the National Nuclear
21 Security Administration, or any subsequently developed
22 program designed to meet the requirements under sub-
23 section (a), is managed in accordance with the best prac-
24 tices for schedule development and cost estimating of the
25 Government Accountability Office.

1 **“§ 5639. Certification of completion of milestones**
2 **with respect to plutonium pit aging**

3 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator shall com-
4 plete the milestones on plutonium pit aging identified in
5 the report entitled “Research Program Plan for Pluto-
6 nium and Pit Aging”, published by the Administration in
7 September 2021.

8 “(b) ASSESSMENTS.—The Administrator shall—

9 “(1) acting through the Defense Programs Ad-
10 visory Committee, conduct biennial reviews during
11 the period beginning not later than one year after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act and ending
13 December 31, 2030, regarding the progress achieved
14 toward completing the milestones described in sub-
15 section (a); and

16 “(2) seek to enter into an arrangement with the
17 private scientific advisory group known as JASON
18 to conduct, not later than 2030, an assessment of
19 plutonium pit aging.

20 “(c) BRIEFINGS.—During the period beginning not
21 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act and ending December 31, 2030, the Administrator
23 shall provide to the congressional defense committees bien-
24 nial briefings on—

25 “(1) the progress achieved toward completing
26 the milestones described in subsection (a); and

1 “(2) the results of the assessments described in
2 subsection (b).

3 “(d) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF MILE-
4 STONES.—Not later than October 1, 2031, the Adminis-
5 trator shall—

6 “(1) certify to the congressional defense com-
7 mittees whether the milestones described in sub-
8 section (a) have been achieved; and

9 “(2) if the milestones have not been achieved,
10 submit to such committees a report—

11 “(A) describing the reasons such mile-
12 stones have not been achieved;

13 “(B) including, if the Administrator deter-
14 mines the Administration will not be able to
15 meet one of such milestones, an explanation for
16 that determination; and

17 “(C) specifying new dates for the comple-
18 tion of the milestones the Administrator antici-
19 pates the Administration will meet.

20 **“§ 5640. Authorization of workforce development and**
21 **training partnership programs within**
22 **National Nuclear Security Administration**

23 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator for Nuclear
24 Security may authorize management and operating con-
25 tractors at covered facilities to develop and implement

1 workforce development and training partnership programs
 2 to further the education and training of employees or pro-
 3 spective employees of such management and operating
 4 contractors to meet the requirements of section 5638.

5 “(b) CAPACITY.—To carry out subsection (a), a man-
 6 agement and operating contractor at a covered facility
 7 may provide funding through grants or other means to
 8 cover the costs of the development and implementation of
 9 a workforce development and training partnership pro-
 10 gram authorized under such subsection, including costs re-
 11 lating to curriculum development, hiring of teachers, pro-
 12 curement of equipment and machinery, use of facilities or
 13 other properties, and provision of scholarships and fellow-
 14 ships.

15 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) The term ‘covered facility’ means—

17 “(A) Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los
 18 Alamos, New Mexico; or

19 “(B) the Savannah River Site, Aiken,
 20 South Carolina.

21 “(2) The term ‘prospective employee’ means an
 22 individual who has applied (or who, based on their
 23 field of study and experience, is likely to apply) for
 24 a position of employment with a management and

1 operating contractor to support plutonium pit pro-
2 duction at a covered facility.

3 **“§ 5641. Stockpile responsiveness program**

4 “(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
5 United States to identify, sustain, enhance, integrate, and
6 continually exercise all capabilities required to concep-
7 tualize, study, design, develop, engineer, certify, produce,
8 and deploy nuclear weapons to ensure the nuclear deter-
9 rent of the United States remains safe, secure, reliable,
10 credible, and responsive.

11 “(b) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of En-
12 ergy, acting through the Administrator and in consulta-
13 tion with the Secretary of Defense, shall carry out a stock-
14 pile responsiveness program, along with the stockpile stew-
15 ardship program under section 5621 and the stockpile
16 management program under section 5626, to identify, sus-
17 tain, enhance, integrate, and continually exercise all capa-
18 bilities required to conceptualize, study, design, develop,
19 engineer, certify, produce, and deploy nuclear weapons.

20 “(c) OBJECTIVES.—The program under subsection
21 (b) shall have the following objectives:

22 “(1) Identify, sustain, enhance, integrate, and
23 continually exercise all of the capabilities, infrastruc-
24 ture, tools, and technologies across the science, engi-
25 neering, design, certification, and manufacturing

1 cycle required to carry out all phases of the joint nu-
2 clear weapons life cycle process, with respect to both
3 the nuclear security enterprise and relevant elements
4 of the Department of Defense.

5 “(2) Identify, enhance, and transfer knowledge,
6 skills, and direct experience with respect to all
7 phases of the joint nuclear weapons life cycle process
8 from one generation of nuclear weapon designers
9 and engineers to the following generation.

10 “(3) Periodically demonstrate stockpile respon-
11 siveness throughout the range of capabilities as re-
12 quired, such as through the use of prototypes, flight
13 testing, and development of plans for certification
14 without the need for nuclear explosive testing.

15 “(4) Shorten design, certification, and manufac-
16 turing cycles and timelines to minimize the amount
17 of time and costs leading to an engineering proto-
18 type and production.

19 “(5) Continually exercise processes for the inte-
20 gration and coordination of all relevant elements and
21 processes of the Administration and the Department
22 of Defense required to ensure stockpile responsive-
23 ness.

24 “(6) The retention of the ability, in coordina-
25 tion with the Director of National Intelligence, to as-

1 sess and develop prototype nuclear weapons of for-
 2 eign countries if needed to meet intelligence require-
 3 ments and, if necessary, to conduct no-yield testing
 4 of those prototypes.

5 “(d) JOINT NUCLEAR WEAPONS LIFE CYCLE PROC-
 6 ESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘joint nuclear
 7 weapons life cycle process’ means the process developed
 8 and maintained by the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
 9 retary of Energy for the development, production, mainte-
 10 nance, and retirement of nuclear weapons.

11 **“§ 5642. Long-term plan for meeting national security**
 12 **requirements for unencumbered uranium**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31 of
 14 each odd-numbered year through 2031, the Secretary of
 15 Energy shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
 16 tees a plan for meeting national security requirements for
 17 unencumbered uranium through 2070.

18 “(b) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The plan required by
 19 subsection (a) shall include the following:

20 “(1) An inventory of unencumbered uranium
 21 (other than depleted uranium), by program source
 22 and enrichment level, that, as of the date of the
 23 plan, is allocated to national security requirements.

24 “(2) An inventory of unencumbered uranium
 25 (other than depleted uranium), by program source

1 and enrichment level, that, as of the date of the
2 plan, is not allocated to national security require-
3 ments but could be allocated to such requirements.

4 “(3) An identification of national security re-
5 quirements for unencumbered uranium through
6 2070, by program source and enrichment level.

7 “(4) An assessment of current and projected
8 unencumbered uranium production by private indus-
9 try in the United States that could support future
10 defense requirements.

11 “(5) A description of any shortfall in obtaining
12 unencumbered uranium to meet national security re-
13 quirements and an assessment of whether that
14 shortfall could be mitigated through the blending
15 down of uranium that is of a higher enrichment
16 level.

17 “(6) An inventory of unencumbered depleted
18 uranium, an assessment of the portion of that ura-
19 nium that could be allocated to national security re-
20 quirements through re-enrichment, and an estimate
21 of the costs of re-enriching that uranium.

22 “(7) A description of the swap and barter
23 agreements involving unencumbered uranium needed
24 to meet national security requirements that are in
25 effect on the date of the plan.

1 “(8) An assessment of—

2 “(A) when additional enrichment of ura-
3 nium will be required to meet national security
4 requirements; and

5 “(B) the options the Secretary is consid-
6 ering to meet such requirements, including an
7 estimated cost and timeline for each option and
8 a description of any changes to policy or law
9 that the Secretary determines would be required
10 for each option.

11 “(9) An assessment of how options to provide
12 additional enriched uranium to meet national secu-
13 rity requirements could, as an additional benefit,
14 contribute to the establishment of a sustained do-
15 mestic enrichment capacity and allow the commer-
16 cial sector of the United States to reduce reliance on
17 importing uranium from adversary countries.

18 “(c) FORM OF PLAN.—The plan required by sub-
19 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
20 may include a classified annex.

21 “(d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL BRIEFING.—Not later
22 than 180 days after the date on which the congressional
23 defense committees receive each plan under subsection (a),
24 the Comptroller General of the United States shall provide
25 to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of

1 Representatives and the Senate a briefing that includes
2 an assessment of the plan.

3 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) The term ‘depleted’, with respect to ura-
5 nium, means that the uranium is depleted in ura-
6 nium-235 compared with natural uranium.

7 “(2) The term ‘unencumbered’, with respect to
8 uranium, means that the United States has no obli-
9 gation to foreign governments to use the uranium
10 for only peaceful purposes.

11 **“§ 5643. Plan for domestic enrichment capability to**
12 **satisfy Department of Defense uranium**
13 **requirements**

14 “(a) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the
15 date of the enactment of National Defense Authorization
16 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31), the Ad-
17 ministrator shall submit to the Committees on Armed
18 Services and Appropriations of the Senate and the House
19 of Representatives a report that contains a plan to estab-
20 lish a domestic enrichment capability sufficient to meet
21 defense requirements for enriched uranium. Such plan
22 shall include—

23 “(1) a description of defense requirements for
24 enriched uranium expected to be necessary between
25 the date of the enactment of this Act and 2060 to

1 meet the requirements of the Department of De-
2 fense, including quantities, material assay, and the
3 dates by which new enrichment is required;

4 “(2) key milestones, steps, and policy decisions
5 required to achieve the domestic uranium enrich-
6 ment capability;

7 “(3) the dates by which such key milestones are
8 to be achieved;

9 “(4) a funding profile, broken down by project
10 and sub-project, for obtaining such capability;

11 “(5) a description of any changes in the re-
12 quirement of the Department of Defense for highly
13 enriched uranium due to AUKUS; and

14 “(6) any other elements or information the Ad-
15 ministrator determines appropriate.

16 “(b) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1
18 of each year after the year during which the report
19 required by subsection (a) is submitted until the
20 date specified in paragraph (2), the Administrator
21 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
22 a certification that—

23 “(A) the Administration is in compliance
24 with the plan and milestones contained in the
25 report; or

1 “(B) the Administration is not in compli-
 2 ance with such plan or milestones, together
 3 with—

4 “(i) a description of the nature of the
 5 non-compliance;

6 “(ii) the reasons for the non-compli-
 7 ance; and

8 “(iii) a plan to achieve compliance.

9 “(2) TERMINATION DATE.—No report shall be
 10 required under paragraph (1) after the date on
 11 which the Administrator certifies to the congres-
 12 sional defense committees that the final key mile-
 13 stone under the plan has been met.

14 “(c) FORM OF REPORTS.—The report under sub-
 15 section (a) and each annual certification under subsection
 16 (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
 17 clude a classified annex.

18 **“§ 5644. Incorporation of integrated surety architec-**
 19 **ture**

20 “(a) SHIPMENTS.—

21 “(1) The Administrator shall ensure that ship-
 22 ments described in paragraph (2) incorporate surety
 23 technologies relating to transportation and shipping
 24 developed by the Integrated Surety Architecture pro-
 25 gram of the Administration.

1 “(2) A shipment described in this paragraph is
2 an over-the-road shipment of the Administration
3 that involves any nuclear weapon planned to be in
4 the active stockpile after 2025.

5 “(b) CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—

6 “(1) The Administrator, in coordination with
7 the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council, shall
8 ensure that each program described in paragraph
9 (2) incorporates integrated designs compatible with
10 the Integrated Surety Architecture program.

11 “(2) A program described in this subsection is
12 a program of the Administration that is a warhead
13 development program, a life extension program, or a
14 warhead major alteration program.

15 “(c) DETERMINATION.—

16 “(1) If, on a case-by-case basis, the Adminis-
17 trator determines that a shipment under subsection
18 (a) will not incorporate some or all of the surety
19 technologies described in such subsection, or that a
20 program under subsection (b) will not incorporate
21 some or all of the integrated designs described in
22 such subsection, the Administrator shall submit such
23 determination to the congressional defense commit-
24 tees, including the results of an analysis conducted
25 pursuant to paragraph (2).

1 “(2) Each determination made under paragraph
 2 (1) shall be based on a documented, system risk
 3 analysis that considers security risk reduction, oper-
 4 ational impacts, and technical risk.

5 “(d) TERMINATION.—The requirements of sub-
 6 sections (a) and (b) shall terminate on December 31,
 7 2029.

8 **“§ 5645. W93 nuclear warhead acquisition process**

9 “(a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

10 “(1) PHASE 1.—Upon receiving a concept defi-
 11 nition study under phase 1 of the joint nuclear
 12 weapons life cycle for the W93 nuclear weapon, the
 13 Nuclear Weapons Council shall submit to the con-
 14 gressional defense committees a report that includes
 15 the following:

16 “(A) A description of the potential military
 17 characteristics of the weapon.

18 “(B) A description of the stockpile-to-tar-
 19 get sequence requirements of the weapon.

20 “(C) An initial assessment of the require-
 21 ments a W93 nuclear weapon program is likely
 22 to generate for the nuclear security enterprise,
 23 including—

24 “(i) adjustments to the size and com-
 25 position of the workforce;

1 “(ii) additions to existing weapon de-
2 sign and production capabilities; or

3 “(iii) additional facility recapitaliza-
4 tion or new construction.

5 “(D) A preliminary description of other
6 significant requirements for a W93 nuclear
7 weapon program, including—

8 “(i) first production unit date;

9 “(ii) initial operational capability date;

10 “(iii) full operational capability date;

11 and

12 “(iv) any unique safety and surety re-
13 quirements that could increase design com-
14 plexity or cost estimate uncertainty.

15 “(2) PHASE 2.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15
17 days after the date on which the Nuclear Weap-
18 ons Council approves phase 2 of the joint nu-
19 clear weapons life cycle for the W93 nuclear
20 weapon, the Administrator shall provide to the
21 congressional defense committees a briefing on
22 a plan to implement a process of independent
23 peer review or review by a board of experts, or
24 both, with respect to—

1 “(i) the nonnuclear components of the
2 weapon;

3 “(ii) subsystem design; and

4 “(iii) engineering aspects of the weap-
5 on.

6 “(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESS.—The
7 Administrator shall ensure that the process re-
8 quired by subparagraph (A)—

9 “(i) uses—

10 “(I) all relevant capabilities of
11 the Federal Government, the defense
12 industrial base, and institutions of
13 higher education; and

14 “(II) other capabilities that the
15 Administrator determines necessary;
16 and

17 “(ii) informs the entire development
18 life cycle of the W93 nuclear weapon.

19 “(b) CERTIFICATIONS AND REPORTS AT PHASE 3.—
20 Not later than 15 days after the date on which the Nu-
21 clear Weapons Council approves phase 3 of the joint nu-
22 clear weapons life cycle for the W93 nuclear weapon—

23 “(1) the administrator shall provide to the con-
24 gressional defense committees a briefing that in-
25 cludes certifications that—

1 “(A) phases 1 through 5 of the joint nu-
2 clear weapons life cycle for the weapon will em-
3 ploy, at a minimum, the same best practices
4 and will provide Congress with the same level of
5 programmatic insight as exists under the phase
6 6.X process for life extension programs; and

7 “(B) the proposed design for the weapon
8 can be carried out within estimated schedule
9 and cost objectives; and

10 “(2) the Commander of the United States Stra-
11 tegic Command shall submit to the congressional de-
12 fense committees a report containing, or provide to
13 such committees a briefing on, the requirements for
14 weapon quantity and composition by type for the
15 sub-surface ballistic nuclear (SSBN) force, including
16 such requirements planned for the 15-year period
17 following the date of the report or briefing, as the
18 case may be, including any planned life extensions,
19 retirements, or alterations.

20 “(c) WAIVERS.—Subsections (a) and (b) may be
21 waived during a period of war declared by Congress after
22 January 1, 2021.

23 “(d) JOINT NUCLEAR WEAPONS LIFE CYCLE DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘joint nuclear weapons

1 life cycle' has the meaning given that term in section
2 5641.

3 **“§ 5646. Earned value management and technology**
4 **readiness levels for life extension pro-**
5 **grams**

6 “(a) REVIEW OF CONTRACTOR EARNED VALUE MAN-
7 AGEMENT SYSTEMS.—The Administrator shall enter into
8 an arrangement with an independent entity under which
9 that entity shall—

10 “(1) review and validate whether the earned
11 value management systems of contractors of the Ad-
12 ministration for life extension programs meet the
13 earned value management national standard; and

14 “(2) conduct periodic surveillance reviews of
15 such systems to ensure that such systems maintain
16 compliance with that standard through program
17 completion.

18 “(b) BENCHMARKS FOR TECHNOLOGY READINESS
19 LEVELS.—The Administrator shall—

20 “(1) establish specific benchmarks for tech-
21 nology readiness levels of critical technologies for life
22 extension programs at key decision points; and

23 “(2) ensure that critical technologies meet such
24 benchmarks at such decision points.

1 “(c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to
 2 programs that, as of January 1, 2021, have not entered
 3 phase 3 of the nuclear weapons acquisition process or
 4 phase 6.3 of a nuclear weapons life extension program.

5 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘earned
 6 value management national standard’ means the most re-
 7 cent version of the EIA-748 Earned Value Management
 8 System Standard published by the National Defense In-
 9 dustrial Association.

10 **“PART B—TRITIUM**

11 **“§ 5651. Tritium production program**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
 13 of Energy shall establish a tritium production program
 14 that is capable of meeting the tritium requirements of the
 15 United States for nuclear weapons.

16 “(b) LOCATION OF TRITIUM PRODUCTION FACIL-
 17 ITY.—The Secretary shall locate any new tritium produc-
 18 tion facility of the Department of Energy at the Savannah
 19 River Site, South Carolina.

20 “(c) IN-REACTOR TESTS.—The Secretary may per-
 21 form in-reactor tests of tritium target rods as part of the
 22 activities carried out under the commercial light water re-
 23 actor program.

1 **“§ 5652. Tritium recycling**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
3 (b), the following activities shall be carried out at the Sa-
4 vannah River Site, South Carolina:

5 “(1) All tritium recycling for weapons, includ-
6 ing tritium refitting.

7 “(2) All activities regarding tritium formerly
8 carried out at the Mound Plant, Ohio.

9 “(b) EXCEPTION.—The following activities may be
10 carried out at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, New
11 Mexico:

12 “(1) Research on tritium.

13 “(2) Work on tritium in support of the defense
14 inertial confinement fusion program.

15 “(3) Provision of technical assistance to the Sa-
16 vannah River Site regarding the weapons surveil-
17 lance program.

18 **“§ 5653. Modernization and consolidation of tritium**
19 **recycling facilities**

20 “The Secretary of Energy shall carry out activities
21 at the Savannah River Site, South Carolina, to—

22 “(1) modernize and consolidate the facilities for
23 recycling tritium from weapons; and

24 “(2) provide a modern tritium extraction facil-
25 ity so as to ensure that such facilities have a capac-
26 ity to recycle tritium from weapons that is adequate

1 to meet the requirements for tritium for weapons
2 specified in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Memo-
3 randum.

4 “SUBCHAPTER III—PROLIFERATION MATTERS

5 **“§ 5661. Authority to conduct program relating to**
6 **fissile materials**

7 “The Secretary of Energy may conduct programs de-
8 signed to improve the protection, control, and account-
9 ability of fissile materials in Russia.

10 **“§ 5662. Completion of material protection, control,**
11 **and accounting activities in the Russian**
12 **Federation**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
14 (b) or specifically authorized by Congress, international
15 material protection, control, and accounting activities in
16 the Russian Federation shall be completed not later than
17 fiscal year 2018.

18 “(b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)
19 shall not apply to international material protection, con-
20 trol, and accounting activities in the Russian Federation
21 associated with the Agreement Concerning the Manage-
22 ment and Disposition of Plutonium Designated as No
23 Longer Required for Defense Purposes and Related Co-
24 operation, signed at Moscow and Washington August 29
25 and September 1, 2000, and entered into force July 13,

1 2011 (TIAS 11–713.1), between the United States and
2 the Russian Federation.

3 **“§ 5663. Disposition of weapons-usable plutonium at**
4 **Savannah River Site**

5 “(a) PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF
6 MOX FACILITY.—

7 “(1) Not later than February 1, 2003, the Sec-
8 retary of Energy shall submit to Congress a plan for
9 the construction and operation of the MOX facility
10 at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

11 “(2) The plan under paragraph (1) shall in-
12 clude—

13 “(A) a schedule for construction and oper-
14 ations so as to achieve, as of January 1, 2012,
15 and thereafter, the MOX production objective,
16 and to produce 1 metric ton of mixed-oxide fuel
17 by December 31, 2012; and

18 “(B) a schedule of operations of the MOX
19 facility designed so that 34 metric tons of de-
20 fense plutonium and defense plutonium mate-
21 rials at the Savannah River Site will be proc-
22 essed into mixed-oxide fuel by January 1, 2019.

23 “(3)(A) Not later than February 15 each year,
24 beginning in 2004 and continuing through 2024, the
25 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the

1 implementation of the plan required by paragraph
2 (1).

3 “(B) Each report under subparagraph (A) for
4 years before 2010 shall include—

5 “(i) an assessment of compliance with the
6 schedules included with the plan under para-
7 graph (2); and

8 “(ii) a certification by the Secretary wheth-
9 er or not the MOX production objective can be
10 met by January 2012.

11 “(C) Each report under subparagraph (A) for
12 years after 2014 shall—

13 “(i) address whether the MOX production
14 objective has been met; and

15 “(ii) assess progress toward meeting the
16 obligations of the United States under the Plu-
17 tonium Management and Disposition Agree-
18 ment.

19 “(D) Each report under subparagraph (A) for
20 years after 2019 shall also include an assessment of
21 compliance with the MOX production objective and,
22 if not in compliance, the plan of the Secretary for
23 achieving one of the following:

24 “(i) Compliance with such objective.

1 “(ii) Removal of all remaining defense plu-
2 tonium and defense plutonium materials from
3 the State of South Carolina.

4 “(b) CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.—

5 “(1) If a report under subsection (a)(3) indi-
6 cates that construction or operation of the MOX fa-
7 cility is behind the applicable schedule under sub-
8 section (g) by 12 months or more, the Secretary
9 shall submit to Congress, not later than August 15
10 of the year in which such report is submitted, a plan
11 for corrective actions to be implemented by the Sec-
12 retary to ensure that the MOX facility project is ca-
13 pable of meeting the MOX production objective.

14 “(2) If a plan is submitted under paragraph (1)
15 in any year after 2008, the plan shall include correc-
16 tive actions to be implemented by the Secretary to
17 ensure that the MOX production objective is met.

18 “(3) Any plan for corrective actions under para-
19 graph (1) or (2) shall include established milestones
20 under such plan for achieving compliance with the
21 MOX production objective.

22 “(4) If, before January 1, 2012, the Secretary
23 determines that there is a substantial and material
24 risk that the MOX production objective will not be
25 achieved by 2012 because of a failure to achieve

1 milestones set forth in the most recent corrective ac-
2 tion plan under this subsection, the Secretary shall
3 suspend further transfers of defense plutonium and
4 defense plutonium materials to be processed by the
5 MOX facility until such risk is addressed and the
6 Secretary certifies that the MOX production objec-
7 tive can be met by 2012.

8 “(5) If, after January 1, 2014, the Secretary
9 determines that the MOX production objective has
10 not been achieved because of a failure to achieve
11 milestones set forth in the most recent corrective ac-
12 tion plan under this subsection, the Secretary shall
13 suspend further transfers of defense plutonium and
14 defense plutonium materials to be processed by the
15 MOX facility until the Secretary certifies that the
16 MOX production objective can be met.

17 “(6)(A) Upon making a determination under
18 paragraph (4) or (5), the Secretary shall submit to
19 Congress a report on the options for removing from
20 the State of South Carolina an amount of defense
21 plutonium or defense plutonium materials equal to
22 the amount of defense plutonium or defense pluto-
23 nium materials transferred to the State of South
24 Carolina after April 15, 2002.

1 “(B) Each report under subparagraph (A) shall
2 include an analysis of each option set forth in the
3 report, including the cost and schedule for imple-
4 mentation of such option, and any requirements
5 under the National Environmental Policy Act of
6 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) relating to consider-
7 ation or selection of such option.

8 “(C) Upon submittal of a report under subpara-
9 graph (A), the Secretary shall commence any anal-
10 ysis that may be required under the National Envi-
11 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 in order to select
12 among the options set forth in the report.

13 “(c) CONTINGENT REQUIREMENT FOR REMOVAL OF
14 PLUTONIUM AND MATERIALS FROM SAVANNAH RIVER
15 SITE.—If the MOX production objective is not achieved
16 as of January 1, 2014, the Secretary shall, consistent with
17 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
18 4321 et seq.) and other applicable laws, remove from the
19 State of South Carolina, for storage or disposal else-
20 where—

21 “(1) not later than January 1, 2016, not less
22 than 1 metric ton of defense plutonium or defense
23 plutonium materials; and

24 “(2) not later than January 1, 2022, an
25 amount of defense plutonium or defense plutonium

1 materials equal to the amount of defense plutonium
2 or defense plutonium materials transferred to the
3 Savannah River Site between April 15, 2002, and
4 January 1, 2022, but not processed by the MOX fa-
5 cility.

6 “(d) ECONOMIC AND IMPACT ASSISTANCE.—

7 “(1) If the MOX production objective is not
8 achieved as of January 1, 2016, the Secretary shall,
9 subject to the availability of appropriations, pay to
10 the State of South Carolina each year beginning on
11 or after that date through 2021 for economic and
12 impact assistance an amount equal to \$1,000,000
13 per day, not to exceed \$100,000,000 per year, until
14 the later of—

15 “(A) the date on which the MOX produc-
16 tion objective is achieved in such year; or

17 “(B) the date on which the Secretary has
18 removed from the State of South Carolina in
19 such year at least 1 metric ton of defense pluto-
20 nium or defense plutonium materials.

21 “(2)(A) If, as of January 1, 2022, the MOX fa-
22 cility has not processed mixed-oxide fuel from de-
23 fense plutonium and defense plutonium materials in
24 the amount of not less than—

1 “(i) one metric ton, in each of any two
2 consecutive calendar years; and

3 “(ii) three metric tons total,
4 the Secretary shall, from funds available to the
5 Secretary, pay to the State of South Carolina
6 for economic and impact assistance an amount
7 equal to \$1,000,000 per day, not to exceed
8 \$100,000,000 per year, until the removal by the
9 Secretary from the State of South Carolina of
10 an amount of defense plutonium or defense plu-
11 tonium materials equal to the amount of de-
12 fense plutonium or defense plutonium materials
13 transferred to the Savannah River Site between
14 April 15, 2002, and January 1, 2022, but not
15 processed by the MOX facility.

16 “(B) Nothing in this paragraph may be con-
17 strued to terminate, supersede, or otherwise affect
18 any other requirements of this section.

19 “(3) If the State of South Carolina obtains an
20 injunction that prohibits the Department of Energy
21 from taking any action necessary for the Depart-
22 ment to meet any deadline specified by this sub-
23 section, that deadline shall be extended for a period
24 of time equal to the period of time during which the
25 injunction is in effect.

1 “(e) FAILURE TO COMPLETE PLANNED DISPOSITION
2 PROGRAM.—If less than 34 metric tons of defense pluto-
3 nium or defense plutonium materials have been processed
4 by the MOX facility by October 1, 2026, the Secretary
5 shall, not later than December 1, 2026, and on a biennial
6 basis thereafter, submit to Congress a plan for—

7 “(1) completing the processing of 34 metric
8 tons of defense plutonium and defense plutonium
9 material by the MOX facility; or

10 “(2) removing from the State of South Carolina
11 an amount of defense plutonium or defense pluto-
12 nium materials equal to the amount of defense plu-
13 tonium or defense plutonium materials transferred
14 to the Savannah River Site after April 15, 2002, but
15 not processed by the MOX facility.

16 “(f) REMOVAL OF MIXED-OXIDE FUEL UPON COM-
17 PLETION OF OPERATIONS OF MOX FACILITY.—If, one
18 year after the date on which operation of the MOX facility
19 permanently ceases, any mixed-oxide fuel remains at the
20 Savannah River Site, the Secretary shall submit to Con-
21 gress—

22 “(1) a report on when such fuel will be trans-
23 ferred for use in commercial nuclear reactors; or

24 “(2) a plan for removing such fuel from the
25 State of South Carolina.

1 “(g) BASELINE.—Not later than December 31, 2006,
2 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the
3 construction and operation of the MOX facility that in-
4 cludes a schedule for revising the requirements of this sec-
5 tion during fiscal year 2007 to conform with the schedule
6 established by the Secretary for the MOX facility, which
7 shall be based on estimated funding levels for the fiscal
8 year.

9 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) MOX PRODUCTION OBJECTIVE.—The term
11 ‘MOX production objective’ means production at the
12 MOX facility of mixed-oxide fuel from defense pluto-
13 nium and defense plutonium materials at an average
14 rate equivalent to not less than one metric ton of
15 mixed-oxide fuel per year. The average rate shall be
16 determined by measuring production at the MOX fa-
17 cility from the date the facility is declared oper-
18 ational to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
19 through the date of assessment.

20 “(2) MOX FACILITY.—The term ‘MOX facility’
21 means the mixed-oxide fuel fabrication facility at the
22 Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

23 “(3) DEFENSE PLUTONIUM; DEFENSE PLUTO-
24 NIUM MATERIALS.—The terms ‘defense plutonium’

1 and ‘defense plutonium materials’ mean weapons-us-
2 able plutonium.

3 **“§ 5664. Disposition of surplus defense plutonium at**
4 **Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Caro-**
5 **lina**

6 “(a) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
7 Energy shall consult with the Governor of the State of
8 South Carolina regarding any decisions or plans of the
9 Secretary related to the disposition of surplus defense plu-
10 tonium and defense plutonium materials located at the Sa-
11 vannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

12 “(b) NOTICE REQUIRED.—For each shipment of de-
13 fense plutonium or defense plutonium materials to the Sa-
14 vannah River Site, the Secretary shall, not less than 30
15 days before the commencement of such shipment, submit
16 to the congressional defense committees a report providing
17 notice of such shipment.

18 “(c) PLAN FOR DISPOSITION.—The Secretary shall
19 prepare a plan for disposal of the surplus defense pluto-
20 nium and defense plutonium materials currently located
21 at the Savannah River Site and for disposal of defense
22 plutonium and defense plutonium materials to be shipped
23 to the Savannah River Site in the future. The plan shall
24 include the following:

1 “(1) A review of each option considered for
2 such disposal.

3 “(2) An identification of the preferred option
4 for such disposal.

5 “(3) With respect to the facilities for such dis-
6 posal that are required by the Department of Ener-
7 gy’s Record of Decision for the Storage and Disposi-
8 tion of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Final Pro-
9 grammatic Environmental Impact Statement dated
10 January 14, 1997—

11 “(A) a statement of the cost of construc-
12 tion and operation of such facilities;

13 “(B) a schedule for the expeditious con-
14 struction of such facilities, including milestones;
15 and

16 “(C) a firm schedule for funding the cost
17 of such facilities.

18 “(4) A specification of the means by which all
19 such defense plutonium and defense plutonium ma-
20 terials will be removed in a timely manner from the
21 Savannah River Site for storage or disposal else-
22 where.

23 “(d) PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPOSITION.—If the
24 Secretary determines not to proceed at the Savannah
25 River Site with construction of the plutonium immobiliza-

1 tion plant, or with the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility,
2 the Secretary shall prepare a plan that identifies a disposi-
3 tion path for all defense plutonium and defense plutonium
4 materials that would otherwise have been disposed of at
5 such plant or such facility, as applicable.

6 “(e) SUBMISSION OF PLANS.—Not later than Feb-
7 ruary 1, 2002, the Secretary shall submit to Congress the
8 plan required by subsection (c) (and the plan prepared
9 under subsection (d), if applicable).

10 “(f) LIMITATION ON PLUTONIUM SHIPMENTS.—If
11 the Secretary does not submit to Congress the plan re-
12 quired by subsection (c) (and the plan prepared under sub-
13 section (d), if applicable) by February 1, 2002, the Sec-
14 retary shall be prohibited from shipping defense plutonium
15 or defense plutonium materials to the Savannah River Site
16 during the period beginning on February 1, 2002, and
17 ending on the date on which such plans are submitted to
18 Congress.

19 “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
20 tion may be construed to prohibit or limit the Secretary
21 from shipping defense plutonium or defense plutonium
22 materials to sites other than the Savannah River Site dur-
23 ing the period referred to in subsection (f) or any other
24 period.

1 “(h) ANNUAL REPORT ON FUNDING FOR FISSILE
2 MATERIALS DISPOSITION ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary
3 shall include with the budget justification materials sub-
4 mitted to Congress in support of the Department of En-
5 ergy budget for each fiscal year (as submitted with the
6 budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31)
7 a report setting forth the extent to which amounts re-
8 quested for the Department for such fiscal year for fissile
9 materials disposition activities will enable the Department
10 to meet commitments for the disposition of surplus de-
11 fense plutonium and defense plutonium materials located
12 at the Savannah River Site, and for any other fissile mate-
13 rials disposition activities, in such fiscal year.

14 **“§ 5665. Acceleration of removal or security of fissile**
15 **materials, radiological materials, and re-**
16 **lated equipment at vulnerable sites**
17 **worldwide**

18 “(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

19 “(1) It is the sense of Congress that the secu-
20 rity, including the rapid removal or secure storage,
21 of high-risk, proliferation-attractive fissile materials,
22 radiological materials, and related equipment at vul-
23 nerable sites worldwide should be a top priority
24 among the activities to achieve the national security
25 of the United States.

1 “(2) It is the sense of Congress that the Presi-
2 dent may establish in the Department of Energy a
3 task force to be known as the Task Force on Nu-
4 clear Materials to carry out the program authorized
5 by subsection (b).

6 “(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of En-
7 ergy may carry out a program to undertake an acceler-
8 ated, comprehensive worldwide effort to mitigate the
9 threats posed by high-risk, proliferation-attractive fissile
10 materials, radiological materials, and related equipment
11 located at sites potentially vulnerable to theft or diversion.

12 “(c) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—

13 “(1) Activities under the program under sub-
14 section (b) may include the following:

15 “(A) Accelerated efforts to secure, remove,
16 or eliminate proliferation-attractive fissile mate-
17 rials or radiological materials in research reac-
18 tors, other reactors, and other facilities world-
19 wide.

20 “(B) Arrangements for the secure ship-
21 ment of proliferation-attractive fissile materials,
22 radiological materials, and related equipment to
23 other countries willing to accept such materials
24 and equipment, or to the United States if such
25 countries cannot be identified, and the provision

1 of secure storage or disposition of such mate-
2 rials and equipment following shipment.

3 “(C) The transportation of proliferation-at-
4 tractive fissile materials, radiological materials,
5 and related equipment from sites identified as
6 proliferation risks to secure facilities in other
7 countries or in the United States.

8 “(D) The processing and packaging of pro-
9 liferation-attractive fissile materials, radiological
10 materials, and related equipment in accordance
11 with required standards for transport, storage,
12 and disposition.

13 “(E) The provision of interim security up-
14 grades for vulnerable, proliferation-attractive
15 fissile materials, radiological materials, and re-
16 lated equipment pending their removal from
17 their current sites.

18 “(F) The utilization of funds to upgrade
19 security and accounting at sites where prolifera-
20 tion-attractive fissile materials or radiological
21 materials will remain for an extended period of
22 time in order to ensure that such materials are
23 secure against plausible potential threats and
24 will remain so in the future.

1 “(G) The management of proliferation-at-
2 tractive fissile materials, radiological materials,
3 and related equipment at secure facilities.

4 “(H) Actions to ensure that security, in-
5 cluding security upgrades at sites and facilities
6 for the storage or disposition of proliferation-at-
7 tractive fissile materials, radiological materials,
8 and related equipment, continues to function as
9 intended.

10 “(I) The provision of technical support to
11 the International Atomic Energy Agency
12 (IAEA), other countries, and other entities to
13 facilitate removal of, and security upgrades to
14 facilities that contain, proliferation-attractive
15 fissile materials, radiological materials, and re-
16 lated equipment worldwide.

17 “(J) The development of alternative fuels
18 and irradiation targets based on low-enriched
19 uranium to convert research or other reactors
20 fueled by highly-enriched uranium to such alter-
21 native fuels, as well as the conversion of reac-
22 tors and irradiation targets employing highly-
23 enriched uranium to employment of such alter-
24 native fuels and targets.

1 “(K) Accelerated actions for the blend
2 down of highly-enriched uranium to low-en-
3 riched uranium.

4 “(L) The provision of assistance in the clo-
5 sure and decommissioning of sites identified as
6 presenting risks of proliferation of proliferation-
7 attractive fissile materials, radiological mate-
8 rials, and related equipment.

9 “(M) Programs to—

10 “(i) assist in the placement of employ-
11 ees displaced as a result of actions pursu-
12 ant to the program in enterprises not rep-
13 resenting a proliferation threat; and

14 “(ii) convert (including through the
15 use of alternative technologies) sites identi-
16 fied as presenting risks of proliferation re-
17 garding proliferation-attractive fissile ma-
18 terials, radiological materials, and related
19 equipment to purposes not representing a
20 proliferation threat to the extent necessary
21 to eliminate the proliferation threat.

22 “(2) The Secretary of Energy shall, in coordi-
23 nation with the Secretary of State, carry out the
24 program in consultation with, and with the assist-

1 ance of, appropriate departments, agencies, and
2 other entities of the United States Government.

3 “(3) The Secretary of Energy shall, with the
4 concurrence of the Secretary of State, carry out ac-
5 tivities under the program in collaboration with such
6 foreign governments, non-governmental organiza-
7 tions, and other international entities as the Sec-
8 retary of Energy considers appropriate for the pro-
9 gram.

10 “(d) FUNDING.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
11 priated to the Secretary of Energy for defense nuclear
12 nonproliferation activities shall be available for purposes
13 of the program under this section.

14 “(e) PARTICIPATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND
15 ORGANIZATIONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy
17 may, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State,
18 enter into one or more agreements with any person
19 (including a foreign government, international orga-
20 nization, or multinational entity) that the Secretary
21 of Energy considers appropriate under which the
22 person contributes funds for purposes of the pro-
23 grams described in paragraph (2).

24 “(2) PROGRAMS COVERED.—The programs de-
25 scribed in this paragraph are any programs within

1 the Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation of
2 the National Nuclear Security Administration.

3 “(3) RETENTION AND USE OF AMOUNTS.—Not-
4 withstanding section 3302 of title 31, the Secretary
5 of Energy may retain and use amounts contributed
6 under an agreement under paragraph (1) for pur-
7 poses of the programs described in paragraph (2).
8 Amounts so contributed shall be retained in a sepa-
9 rate fund established in the Treasury for such pur-
10 poses and shall be available for use without further
11 appropriation and without fiscal year limitation.

12 “(4) RETURN OF AMOUNTS NOT USED WITHIN
13 5 YEARS.—If an amount contributed under an agree-
14 ment under paragraph (1) is not used under this
15 subsection within 5 years after it was contributed,
16 the Secretary of Energy shall return that amount to
17 the person who contributed it.

18 “(5) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than October
19 31 of each year, the Secretary of Energy shall sub-
20 mit to the congressional defense committees a report
21 on the receipt and use of amounts under this sub-
22 section during the preceding fiscal year. Each report
23 for a fiscal year shall set forth—

24 “(A) a statement of any amounts received
25 under this subsection, including, for each such

1 amount, the value of the contribution and the
2 person who contributed it;

3 “(B) a statement of any amounts used
4 under this subsection, including, for each such
5 amount, the purposes for which the amount was
6 used; and

7 “(C) a statement of the amounts retained
8 but not used under this subsection, including,
9 for each such amount, the purposes (if known)
10 for which the Secretary intends to use the
11 amount.

12 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) The term ‘fissile materials’ means pluto-
14 nium, highly-enriched uranium, or other material ca-
15 pable of sustaining an explosive nuclear chain reac-
16 tion, including irradiated items containing such ma-
17 terials if the radiation field from such items is not
18 sufficient to prevent the theft or misuse of such
19 items.

20 “(2) The term ‘radiological materials’ includes
21 Americium-241, Californium-252, Cesium-137, Co-
22 balt-60, Iridium-192, Plutonium-238, Radium-226,
23 Strontium-90, Curium-244, and irradiated items
24 containing such materials, or other materials des-

1 ignated by the Secretary of Energy for purposes of
2 this paragraph.

3 “(3) The term ‘related equipment’ includes
4 equipment useful for enrichment of uranium in the
5 isotope 235 and for extraction of fissile materials
6 from irradiated fuel rods and other equipment des-
7 ignated by the Secretary of Energy for purposes of
8 this section.

9 “(4) The term ‘highly-enriched uranium’ means
10 uranium enriched to or above 20 percent in the iso-
11 tope 235.

12 “(5) The term ‘low-enriched uranium’ means
13 uranium enriched below 20 percent in the isotope
14 235.

15 “(6) The term ‘proliferation-attractive’, in the
16 case of fissile materials and radiological materials,
17 means quantities and types of such materials that
18 are determined by the Secretary of Energy to
19 present a significant risk to the national security of
20 the United States if diverted to a use relating to
21 proliferation.

22 “(7) The term ‘alternative technologies’ means
23 technologies, such as accelerator-based equipment,
24 that do not use radiological materials.

1 **“§ 5666. Acceleration of replacement of cesium blood**
2 **irradiation sources**

3 “(a) GOAL.—The Administrator shall ensure that the
4 goal of the covered programs is eliminating the use of
5 blood irradiation devices in the United States that rely on
6 cesium chloride by December 31, 2027.

7 “(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—To meet the goal specified
8 by subsection (a), the Administrator shall carry out the
9 covered programs in a manner that—

10 “(1) is voluntary for owners of blood irradiation
11 devices;

12 “(2) allows for the United States, subject to the
13 review of the Administrator, to pay up to 50 percent
14 of the per-device cost of replacing blood irradiation
15 devices covered by the programs;

16 “(3) allows for the United States to pay up to
17 100 percent of the cost of removing and disposing
18 of cesium sources retired from service by the pro-
19 grams; and

20 “(4) replaces such devices with x-ray irradiation
21 devices or other devices approved by the Food and
22 Drug Administration that provide significant threat
23 reduction as compared to cesium chloride
24 irradiators.

25 “(c) DURATION.—The Administrator shall carry out
26 the covered programs until December 31, 2027.

1 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the
2 date of the enactment of the John S. McCain National
3 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public
4 Law 115–232), the Administrator shall submit to the ap-
5 propriate congressional committees a report on the cov-
6 ered programs, including—

7 “(1) identification of each cesium chloride blood
8 irradiation device in the United States, including the
9 number, general location, and user type;

10 “(2) a plan for achieving the goal established by
11 subsection (a);

12 “(3) a methodology for prioritizing replacement
13 of such devices that takes into account irradiator
14 age and prior material security initiatives;

15 “(4) in consultation with the Nuclear Regu-
16 latory Commission and the Food and Drug Adminis-
17 tration, a strategy identifying any legislative, regu-
18 latory, or other measures necessary to constrain the
19 introduction of new cesium chloride blood irradiation
20 devices;

21 “(5) identification of the annual funds required
22 to meet the goal established by subsection (a); and

23 “(6) a description of the disposal path for ce-
24 sium chloride sources under the covered programs.

1 “(e) ASSESSMENT.—The Administrator shall submit
2 an assessment to the appropriate congressional commit-
3 tees by September 20, 2023, of the results of the actions
4 on the covered programs under this section, including—

5 “(1) the number of replacement irradiators
6 under the covered programs;

7 “(2) the life-cycle costs of the programs, includ-
8 ing personnel training, maintenance, and replace-
9 ment costs for new irradiation devices;

10 “(3) the cost-effectiveness of the covered pro-
11 grams;

12 “(4) an analysis of the effectiveness of the new
13 irradiation devices’ technology; and

14 “(5) a forecast of whether the Administrator
15 will meet the goal established in subsection (a).

16 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
18 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees’ means—

20 “(A) the Committee on Appropriations, the
21 Committee on Armed Services, and the Com-
22 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House
23 of Representatives; and

24 “(B) the Committee on Appropriations, the
25 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee

1 on Energy and Natural Resources, and the
2 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
3 Pensions of the Senate.

4 “(2) COVERED PROGRAMS.—The term ‘covered
5 programs’ means the following programs of the Of-
6 fice of Radiological Security of the National Nuclear
7 Security Administration:

8 “(A) The Cesium Irradiator Replacement
9 Program.

10 “(B) The Off-Site Source Recovery Pro-
11 gram.

12 **“§ 5667. International agreements on nuclear weap-**
13 **ons data**

14 “The Secretary of Energy may, with the concurrence
15 of the Secretary of State and in coordination with the Sec-
16 retary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security,
17 and the Director of National Intelligence, enter into agree-
18 ments with countries or international organizations to con-
19 duct data collection and analysis to determine accurately
20 and in a timely manner the source of any components of,
21 or fissile material used or attempted to be used in, a nu-
22 clear device or weapon.

1 **“§ 5668. International agreements on information on**
2 **radioactive materials**

3 “The Secretary of Energy may, with the concurrence
4 of the Secretary of State and in coordination with the Sec-
5 retary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security,
6 and the Director of National Intelligence, enter into agree-
7 ments with countries or international organizations—

8 “(1) to acquire for the materials information
9 program of the Department of Energy validated in-
10 formation on the physical characteristics of radio-
11 active material produced, used, or stored at various
12 locations, in order to facilitate the ability to deter-
13 mine accurately and in a timely manner the source
14 of any components of, or fissile material used or at-
15 tempted to be used in, a nuclear device or weapon;
16 and

17 “(2) to obtain access to information described
18 in paragraph (1) in the event of—

19 “(A) a nuclear detonation; or

20 “(B) the interdiction or discovery of a nu-
21 clear device or weapon or nuclear material.

22 **“§ 5669. Defense nuclear nonproliferation manage-**
23 **ment plan**

24 “(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Administrator shall de-
25 velop and annually update a five-year management plan
26 for activities associated with the defense nuclear non-

1 proliferation programs of the Administration to prevent
2 and counter the proliferation of materials, technology,
3 equipment, and expertise related to nuclear and radio-
4 logical weapons in order to minimize and address the risk
5 of nuclear terrorism and the proliferation of such weapons.

6 “(b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

7 “(1) Not later than March 15 of each even-
8 numbered year, the Administrator shall submit to
9 the congressional defense committees a summary of
10 the plan developed under subsection (a).

11 “(2) Not later than March 15 of each odd-num-
12 bered year, the Administrator shall submit to the
13 congressional defense committees a detailed report
14 on the plan developed under subsection (a).

15 “(3) Each summary submitted under paragraph
16 (1) and each report submitted under paragraph (2)
17 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
18 clude a classified annex if necessary.

19 “(c) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection
20 (a) shall include, with respect to each defense nuclear non-
21 proliferation program of the Administration, the following:

22 “(1) A description of the policy context in
23 which the program operates, including—

1 “(A) a list of relevant laws, policy direc-
2 tives issued by the President, and international
3 agreements; and

4 “(B) nuclear nonproliferation activities
5 carried out by other Federal agencies.

6 “(2) A description of the objectives and prior-
7 ities of the program during the year preceding the
8 submission of the summary required by paragraph
9 (1) of subsection (b) or the report required by para-
10 graph (2) of that subsection, as the case may be.

11 “(3) A description of the activities carried out
12 under the program during that year.

13 “(4) A description of the accomplishments and
14 challenges of the program during that year, based
15 on an assessment of metrics and objectives pre-
16 viously established to determine the effectiveness of
17 the program.

18 “(5) A description of any gaps that remain that
19 were not or could not be addressed by the program
20 during that year.

21 “(6) An identification and explanation of un-
22 committed or uncosted balances for the program, as
23 of the date of the submission of the summary re-
24 quired by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or the re-
25 port required by paragraph (2) of that subsection, as

1 the case may be, that are greater than the accept-
2 able carryover thresholds, as determined by the Sec-
3 retary of Energy.

4 “(7) An identification of funds for the program
5 received through contributions from or cost-sharing
6 agreements with foreign governments consistent with
7 section 5665(e) during the year preceding the sub-
8 mission of the summary required by paragraph (1)
9 of subsection (b) or the report required by para-
10 graph (2) of that subsection, as the case may be,
11 and an explanation of such contributions and agree-
12 ments.

13 “(8) A description and assessment of activities
14 carried out under the program during that year that
15 were coordinated with other elements of the Depart-
16 ment of Energy, with the Department of Defense,
17 and with other Federal agencies, to maximize effi-
18 ciency and avoid redundancies.

19 “(9) Plans for activities of the program during
20 the five-year period beginning on the date on which
21 the summary required by paragraph (1) of sub-
22 section (b) or the report required by paragraph (2)
23 of that subsection, as the case may be, is submitted,
24 including activities with respect to the following:

1 “(A) Preventing nuclear and radiological
2 proliferation and terrorism, including through—

3 “(i) material management and mini-
4 mization, particularly with respect to re-
5 moving or minimizing the use of highly en-
6 riched uranium, plutonium, and radio-
7 logical materials worldwide (and identi-
8 fying the countries in which such materials
9 are located), efforts to dispose of surplus
10 material, converting reactors from highly
11 enriched uranium to low-enriched uranium
12 (and identifying the countries in which
13 such reactors are located);

14 “(ii) global nuclear material security,
15 including securing highly enriched ura-
16 nium, plutonium, and radiological mate-
17 rials worldwide (and identifying the coun-
18 tries in which such materials are located),
19 and providing radiation detection capabili-
20 ties at foreign ports and borders;

21 “(iii) nonproliferation and arms con-
22 trol, including nuclear verification and
23 safeguards;

24 “(iv) defense nuclear research and de-
25 velopment, including a description of ac-

1 activities related to developing and improving
 2 technology to detect the proliferation and
 3 detonation of nuclear weapons, verifying
 4 compliance of foreign countries with com-
 5 mitments under treaties and agreements
 6 relating to nuclear weapons, and detecting
 7 the diversion of nuclear materials (includ-
 8 ing safeguards technology); and

9 “(v) nonproliferation construction pro-
 10 grams, including activities associated with
 11 Department of Energy Order 413.1 (relat-
 12 ing to program management controls).

13 “(B) Countering nuclear and radiological
 14 proliferation and terrorism.

15 “(C) Responding to nuclear and radio-
 16 logical proliferation and terrorism, including
 17 through—

18 “(i) crisis operations;

19 “(ii) consequences management; and

20 “(iii) emergency management, includ-
 21 ing international capacity building.

22 “(10) A threat assessment, carried out by the
 23 intelligence community (as defined in section 3(4) of
 24 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
 25 3003(4))), with respect to the risk of nuclear and

1 radiological proliferation and terrorism and a de-
2 scription of how each activity carried out under the
3 program will counter the threat during the five-year
4 period beginning on the date on which the summary
5 required by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or the
6 report required by paragraph (2) of that subsection,
7 as the case may be, is submitted and, as appro-
8 priate, in the longer term.

9 “(11) A plan for funding the program during
10 that five-year period.

11 “(12) An identification of metrics and objec-
12 tives for determining the effectiveness of each activ-
13 ity carried out under the program during that five-
14 year period.

15 “(13) A description of the activities to be car-
16 ried out under the program during that five-year pe-
17 riod and a description of how the program will be
18 prioritized relative to other defense nuclear non-
19 proliferation programs of the Administration during
20 that five-year period to address the highest priority
21 risks and requirements, as informed by the threat
22 assessment carried out under paragraph (10).

23 “(14) A description and assessment of activities
24 to be carried out under the program during that
25 five-year period that will be coordinated with other

1 elements of the Department of Energy, with the De-
 2 partment of Defense, and with other Federal agen-
 3 cies, to maximize efficiency and avoid redundancies.

4 “(15) A summary of the technologies and capa-
 5 bilities documented under section 5670(a).

6 “(16) A summary of the assessments conducted
 7 under section 5670(b)(1).

8 “(17) Such other matters as the Administrator
 9 considers appropriate.

10 **“§ 5670. Information relating to certain defense nu-**
 11 **clear nonproliferation programs**

12 “(a) TECHNOLOGIES AND CAPABILITIES.—The Ad-
 13 ministrator shall document, for efforts that are not fo-
 14 cused on basic research, the technologies and capabilities
 15 of the defense nuclear nonproliferation research and devel-
 16 opment program that—

17 “(1) are transitioned to end users for further
 18 development or deployment; and

19 “(2) are deployed.

20 “(b) ASSESSMENTS OF STATUS.—

21 “(1) In assessing projects under the defense nu-
 22 clear nonproliferation research and development pro-
 23 gram or the defense nuclear nonproliferation and
 24 arms control program, the Administrator shall com-
 25 pare the status of each such project, including with

1 respect to the final results of such project, to the
 2 baseline targets and goals established in the initial
 3 project plan of such project.

4 “(2) The Administrator may carry out para-
 5 graph (1) using a common template or such other
 6 means as the Administrator determines appropriate.

7 **“§ 5671. Annual Selected Acquisition Reports on cer-**
 8 **tain hardware relating to defense nuclear**
 9 **nonproliferation**

10 “(a) ANNUAL SELECTED ACQUISITION REPORTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the end of each fiscal
 12 year, the Administrator shall submit to the congres-
 13 sional defense committees a report on each covered
 14 hardware project. The reports shall be known as Se-
 15 lected Acquisition Reports for the covered hardware
 16 project concerned.

17 “(2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The information
 18 contained in the Selected Acquisition Report for a
 19 fiscal year for a covered hardware project shall be
 20 the information contained in the Selected Acquisition
 21 Report for such fiscal year for a major defense ac-
 22 quisition program under section 4351 or any suc-
 23 cessor system, expressed in terms of the covered
 24 hardware project.

1 “(b) COVERED HARDWARE PROJECT DEFINED.—In
 2 this section, the term ‘covered hardware project’ means
 3 a project carried out under the defense nuclear non-
 4 proliferation research and development program that—

5 “(1) is focused on the production and deploy-
 6 ment of hardware, including with respect to the de-
 7 velopment and deployment of satellites or satellite
 8 payloads; and

9 “(2) exceeds \$500,000,000 in total program
 10 cost over the course of five years.

11 “SUBCHAPTER IV—DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL
 12 CLEANUP MATTERS

13 **“PART A—DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP**

14 **“§ 5681. Defense environmental cleanup account**

15 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
 16 in the Treasury of the United States for the Department
 17 of Energy an account to be known as the ‘Defense Envi-
 18 ronmental Cleanup Account’ (hereafter in this section re-
 19 ferred to as the ‘Account’).

20 “(b) AMOUNTS IN ACCOUNT.—All sums appropriated
 21 to the Department of Energy for defense environmental
 22 cleanup at defense nuclear facilities shall be credited to
 23 the Account. Such appropriations shall be authorized an-
 24 nually by law. To the extent provided in appropriations

1 Acts, amounts in the Account shall remain available until
2 expended.

3 **“§ 5682. Classification of defense environmental**
4 **cleanup as capital asset projects or oper-**
5 **ations activities**

6 “The Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environ-
7 mental Management, in consultation with other appro-
8 priate officials of the Department of Energy, shall estab-
9 lish requirements for the classification of defense environ-
10 mental cleanup projects as capital asset projects or oper-
11 ations activities.

12 **“§ 5683. Requirement to develop future use plans for**
13 **defense environmental cleanup**

14 “(a) AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP FUTURE USE
15 PLANS.—The Secretary of Energy may develop future use
16 plans for any defense nuclear facility at which defense en-
17 vironmental cleanup activities are occurring.

18 “(b) REQUIREMENT TO DEVELOP FUTURE USE
19 PLANS.—The Secretary shall develop a future use plan for
20 each of the following defense nuclear facilities:

21 “(1) Hanford Site, Richland, Washington.

22 “(2) Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Caro-
23 lina.

24 “(3) Idaho National Engineering Laboratory,
25 Idaho.

1 “(c) CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD.—

2 “(1) At each defense nuclear facility for which
3 the Secretary of Energy intends or is required to de-
4 velop a future use plan under this section and for
5 which no citizen advisory board has been established,
6 the Secretary shall establish a citizen advisory
7 board.

8 “(2) The Secretary may authorize the manager
9 of a defense nuclear facility for which a future use
10 plan is developed under this section (or, if there is
11 no such manager, an appropriate official of the De-
12 partment of Energy designated by the Secretary) to
13 pay routine administrative expenses of a citizen advi-
14 sory board established for that facility. Such pay-
15 ments shall be made from funds available to the Sec-
16 retary for defense environmental cleanup activities
17 necessary for national security programs.

18 “(d) REQUIREMENT TO CONSULT WITH CITIZEN AD-
19 VISORY BOARD.—In developing a future use plan under
20 this section with respect to a defense nuclear facility, the
21 Secretary of Energy shall consult with a citizen advisory
22 board established pursuant to subsection (c) or a similar
23 advisory board already in existence as of September 23,
24 1996, for such facility, affected local governments (includ-

1 ing any local future use redevelopment authorities), and
2 other appropriate State agencies.

3 “(e) 50-YEAR PLANNING PERIOD.—A future use plan
4 developed under this section shall cover a period of at least
5 50 years.

6 “(f) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after com-
7 pleting development of a final plan for a site listed in sub-
8 section (b), the Secretary of Energy shall submit to Con-
9 gress a report on the plan. The report shall describe the
10 plan and contain such findings and recommendations with
11 respect to the site as the Secretary considers appropriate.

12 “(g) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

13 “(1) Nothing in this section, or in a future use
14 plan developed under this section with respect to a
15 defense nuclear facility, shall be construed as requir-
16 ing any modification to a future use plan with re-
17 spect to a defense nuclear facility that was developed
18 before September 23, 1996.

19 “(2) Nothing in this section may be construed
20 to affect statutory requirements for a defense envi-
21 ronmental cleanup activity or project or to modify or
22 otherwise affect applicable statutory or regulatory
23 defense environmental cleanup requirements, includ-
24 ing substantive standards intended to protect public
25 health and the environment, nor shall anything in

1 this section be construed to preempt or impair any
2 local land use planning or zoning authority or State
3 authority.

4 **“§ 5684. Future-years defense environmental cleanup**
5 **plan**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
7 submit to Congress each year, at or about the same time
8 that the President’s budget is submitted to Congress for
9 a fiscal year under section 1105(a) of title 31, a future-
10 years defense environmental cleanup plan that—

11 “(1) reflects the estimated expenditures and
12 proposed appropriations included in that budget for
13 the Department of Energy for defense environmental
14 cleanup; and

15 “(2) covers a period that includes the fiscal
16 year for which that budget is submitted and not less
17 than the four succeeding fiscal years.

18 “(b) ELEMENTS.—Each future-years defense envi-
19 ronmental cleanup plan required by subsection (a) shall
20 contain the following:

21 “(1) A detailed description of the projects and
22 activities relating to defense environmental cleanup
23 to be carried out during the period covered by the
24 plan at the sites specified in subsection (c) and with
25 respect to the activities specified in subsection (d).

1 “(2) A statement of proposed budget authority,
2 estimated expenditures, and proposed appropriations
3 necessary to support such projects and activities.

4 “(3) With respect to each site specified in sub-
5 section (c), the following:

6 “(A) A statement of each milestone in-
7 cluded in an enforceable agreement governing
8 cleanup and waste remediation for that site for
9 each fiscal year covered by the plan.

10 “(B) For each such milestone, a statement
11 with respect to whether each such milestone will
12 be met in each such fiscal year.

13 “(C) For any milestone that will not be
14 met, an explanation of why the milestone will
15 not be met and the date by which the milestone
16 is expected to be met.

17 “(D) For any milestone that has been
18 missed, renegotiated, or postponed, a statement
19 of the current milestone, the original milestone,
20 and any interim milestones.

21 “(c) SITES SPECIFIED.—The sites specified in this
22 subsection are the following:

23 “(1) The Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho.

24 “(2) The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Carlsbad,
25 New Mexico.

1 “(3) The Savannah River Site, Aiken, South
2 Carolina.

3 “(4) The Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak
4 Ridge, Tennessee.

5 “(5) The Hanford Site, Richland, Washington.

6 “(6) Any defense closure site of the Depart-
7 ment of Energy.

8 “(7) Any site of the National Nuclear Security
9 Administration.

10 “(d) ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED.—The activities specified
11 in this subsection are the following:

12 “(1) Program support.

13 “(2) Program direction.

14 “(3) Safeguards and security.

15 “(4) Technology development and deployment.

16 “(5) Federal contributions to the Uranium En-
17 richment Decontamination and Decommissioning
18 Fund established under section 1801 of the Atomic
19 Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g).

20 **“§ 5685. Accelerated schedule for defense environ-**
21 **mental cleanup activities**

22 “(a) ACCELERATED CLEANUP.—The Secretary of
23 Energy shall accelerate the schedule for defense environ-
24 mental cleanup activities and disposition projects for a site
25 at a Department of Energy defense nuclear facility if the

1 Secretary determines that such an accelerated schedule
2 will accelerate the recapitalization, modernization, or re-
3 placement of National Nuclear Security Administration
4 facilities supporting the nuclear weapons stockpile, achieve
5 meaningful, long-term cost savings to the Federal Govern-
6 ment, or could substantially accelerate the release of land
7 for local reuse without undermining national security ob-
8 jectives.

9 “(b) CONSIDERATION OF FACTORS.—In making a de-
10 termination under subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-
11 sider the following:

12 “(1) The extent to which accelerated cleanup
13 schedules can contribute to a more rapid moderniza-
14 tion of National Nuclear Security Administration fa-
15 cilities.

16 “(2) The cost savings achievable by the Federal
17 Government.

18 “(3) The potential for reuse of the site.

19 “(4) The risks that the site poses to local
20 health and safety.

21 “(5) The proximity of the site to populated
22 areas.

23 “(c) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section
24 may be construed to affect a specific statutory require-
25 ment for a specific defense environmental cleanup activity

1 or project or to modify or otherwise affect applicable stat-
2 utory or regulatory defense environmental cleanup re-
3 quirements, including substantive standards intended to
4 protect public health and the environment.

5 **“§ 5686. Defense environmental cleanup technology**
6 **program**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
8 of Energy shall establish and carry out a program of re-
9 search for the development of technologies useful for—

10 “(1) the reduction of environmental hazards
11 and contamination resulting from defense waste; and

12 “(2) environmental restoration of inactive de-
13 fense waste disposal sites.

14 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

15 “(1) The term ‘defense waste’ means waste, in-
16 cluding radioactive waste, resulting primarily from
17 atomic energy defense activities of the Department
18 of Energy.

19 “(2) The term ‘inactive defense waste disposal
20 site’ means any site (including any facility) under
21 the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary of Energy
22 which is used for the disposal of defense waste and
23 is closed to the disposal of additional defense waste,
24 including any site that is subject to decontamination
25 and decommissioning.

1 **“§ 5687. Other programs relating to technology devel-**
2 **opment**

3 “(a) INCREMENTAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
4 PROGRAM.—

5 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary may es-
6 tablish a program, to be known as the ‘Incremental
7 Technology Development Program’, to improve the
8 efficiency and effectiveness of the defense environ-
9 mental cleanup processes of the Office.

10 “(2) FOCUS.—

11 “(A) IMPROVEMENTS.—In carrying out the
12 Incremental Technology Development Program,
13 the Secretary shall focus on the continuous im-
14 provement of new or available technologies, in-
15 cluding—

16 “(i) decontamination chemicals and
17 techniques;

18 “(ii) remote sensing and wireless com-
19 munication to reduce manpower and lab-
20 oratory efforts;

21 “(iii) detection, assay, and certifi-
22 cation instrumentation; and

23 “(iv) packaging materials, methods,
24 and shipping systems.

25 “(B) OTHER AREAS.—The Secretary may
26 include in the Incremental Technology Develop-

1 ment Program mission-relevant development,
2 demonstration, and deployment activities unre-
3 lated to the focus areas described in subpara-
4 graph (A).

5 “(3) USE OF NEW AND EMERGING TECH-
6 NOLOGIES.—

7 “(A) DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRA-
8 TION.—In carrying out the Incremental Tech-
9 nology Development Program, the Secretary
10 shall ensure that site offices of the Office con-
11 duct technology development, demonstration,
12 testing, permitting, and deployment of new and
13 emerging technologies to establish a sound tech-
14 nical basis for the selection of technologies for
15 defense environmental cleanup or infrastructure
16 operations.

17 “(B) COLLABORATION REQUIRED.—The
18 Secretary shall collaborate, to the extent prac-
19 ticable, with the heads of other departments
20 and agencies of the Federal Government, the
21 National Laboratories, other Federal labora-
22 tories, appropriate State regulators and agen-
23 cies, and the Department of Labor in the devel-
24 opment, demonstration, testing, permitting, and

1 deployment of new technologies under the In-
2 cremental Technology Development Program.

3 “(4) AGREEMENTS TO CARRY OUT PROJECTS.—

4 “(A) AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the In-
5 cremental Technology Development Program,
6 the Secretary may enter into agreements with
7 nongovernmental entities for technology devel-
8 opment, demonstration, testing, permitting, and
9 deployment projects to improve technologies in
10 accordance with paragraph (2).

11 “(B) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall se-
12 lect projects under subparagraph (A) through a
13 rigorous process that involves—

14 “(i) transparent and open competi-
15 tion; and

16 “(ii) a review process that, if prac-
17 ticable, is conducted in an independent
18 manner consistent with Department guid-
19 ance on selecting and funding public-pri-
20 vate partnerships.

21 “(C) COST-SHARING.—The Federal share
22 of the costs of the development, demonstration,
23 testing, permitting, and deployment of new
24 technologies carried out under this paragraph
25 shall be not more than 70 percent.

1 “(D) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days
2 before the date on which the Secretary enters
3 into the first agreement under subparagraph
4 (A), the Secretary shall provide to the congres-
5 sional defense committees a briefing on the
6 process of selecting and funding efforts within
7 the Incremental Technology Development Pro-
8 gram, including with respect to the plans of the
9 Secretary to ensure a scientifically rigorous
10 process that minimizes potential conflicts of in-
11 terest.

12 “(b) HIGH-IMPACT TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
13 PROGRAM.—

14 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
15 tablish a program, to be known as the ‘High-Impact
16 Technology Development Program’, under which the
17 Secretary shall enter into agreements with non-
18 governmental entities for projects that pursue tech-
19 nologies that, with respect to the mission—

20 “(A) holistically address difficult chal-
21 lenges;

22 “(B) hold the promise of breakthrough im-
23 provements; or

24 “(C) align existing or in-use technologies
25 with difficult challenges.

1 “(2) AREAS OF FOCUS.—The Secretary may in-
2 clude as areas of focus for a project carried out
3 under the High-Impact Technology Development
4 Program the following:

5 “(A) Developing and demonstrating im-
6 proved methods for source and plume charac-
7 terization and monitoring, with an emphasis
8 on—

9 “(i) real-time field acquisition; and

10 “(ii) the use of indicator species anal-
11 yses with advanced contaminant transport
12 models to enable better understanding of
13 contaminant migration.

14 “(B) Developing and determining the lim-
15 its of performance for remediation technologies
16 and integrated remedial systems that prevent
17 migration of contaminants, including by pro-
18 ducing associated guidance and design manuals
19 for technologies that could be widely used
20 across the complex.

21 “(C) Demonstrating advanced monitoring
22 approaches that use multiple lines of evidence
23 for monitoring long-term performance of—

24 “(i) remediation systems; and

1 “(ii) noninvasive near-field monitoring
2 techniques.

3 “(D) Developing and demonstrating meth-
4 ods to characterize the physical and chemical
5 attributes of waste that control behavior, with
6 an emphasis on—

7 “(i) rapid and nondestructive exam-
8 ination and assay techniques; and

9 “(ii) methods to determine radio-nu-
10 clide, heavy metals, and organic constitu-
11 ents.

12 “(E) Demonstrating the technical basis for
13 determining when enhanced or natural attenu-
14 ation is an appropriate approach for remedi-
15 ation of complex sites.

16 “(F) Developing and demonstrating inno-
17 vative methods to achieve real-time and, if prac-
18 ticable, in situ characterization data for tank
19 waste and process streams that could be useful
20 for all phases of the waste management pro-
21 gram, including improving the accuracy and
22 representativeness of characterization data for
23 residual waste in tanks and ancillary equip-
24 ment.

1 “(G) Adapting existing waste treatment
2 technologies or demonstrating new waste treat-
3 ment technologies at the pilot plant scale using
4 real wastes or realistic surrogates—

5 “(i) to address engineering adapta-
6 tions;

7 “(ii) to ensure compliance with waste
8 treatment standards and other applicable
9 requirements under Federal and State law
10 and any existing agreements or consent de-
11 crees to which the Department is a party;
12 and

13 “(iii) to enable successful deployment
14 at full-scale and in support of operations.

15 “(H) Developing and demonstrating rapid
16 testing protocols that—

17 “(i) are accepted by the Environ-
18 mental Protection Agency, the Nuclear
19 Regulatory Commission, the Department,
20 and the scientific community;

21 “(ii) can be used to measure long-
22 term waste form performance under real-
23 istic disposal environments;

24 “(iii) can determine whether a sta-
25 bilized waste is suitable for disposal; and

1 “(iv) reduce the need for extensive,
2 time-consuming, and costly analyses on
3 every batch of waste prior to disposal.

4 “(I) Developing and demonstrating direct
5 stabilization technologies to provide waste forms
6 for disposing of elemental mercury.

7 “(J) Developing and demonstrating inno-
8 vative and effective retrieval methods for re-
9 moval of waste residual materials from tanks
10 and ancillary equipment, including mobile re-
11 trieval equipment or methods capable of imme-
12 diately removing waste from leaking tanks, and
13 connecting pipelines.

14 “(3) PROJECT SELECTION.—

15 “(A) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall se-
16 lect projects to be carried out under the High-
17 Impact Technology Development Program
18 through a rigorous process that involves—

19 “(i) transparent and open competi-
20 tion; and

21 “(ii) a review process that, if prac-
22 ticable, is conducted in an independent
23 manner consistent with Department guid-
24 ance on selecting and funding public-pri-
25 vate partnerships.

1 “(B) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days
2 before the date on which the Secretary enters
3 into the first agreement under paragraph (1),
4 the Secretary shall provide to the congressional
5 defense committees a briefing on the process of
6 selecting and funding efforts within the High-
7 Impact Technology Development Program, in-
8 cluding with respect to the plans of the Sec-
9 retary to ensure a scientifically rigorous process
10 that minimizes potential conflicts of interest.

11 “(c) ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY
12 PROGRAM.—

13 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
14 tablish a program, to be known as the ‘Environ-
15 mental Management University Program’, to—

16 “(A) engage faculty, post-doctoral fellows
17 or researchers, and graduate students of insti-
18 tutions of higher education on subjects relating
19 to the mission to show a clear path for students
20 for employment within the environmental man-
21 agement enterprise;

22 “(B) provide institutions of higher edu-
23 cation and the Department access to advances
24 in engineering and science;

1 “(C) clearly identify to institutions of high-
2 er education the tools necessary to enter into
3 the environmental management field profes-
4 sionally; and

5 “(D) encourage current employees of the
6 Department to pursue advanced degrees.

7 “(2) AREAS OF FOCUS.—The Secretary may in-
8 clude as areas of focus for a grant made under the
9 Environmental Management University Program the
10 following:

11 “(A) The atomic- and molecular-scale
12 chemistries of waste processing.

13 “(B) Contaminant immobilization in engi-
14 neered and natural systems.

15 “(C) Developing innovative materials, with
16 an emphasis on nanomaterials or biomaterials,
17 that could enable sequestration of challenging
18 hazardous or radioactive constituents such as
19 technetium and iodine.

20 “(D) Elucidating and exploiting complex
21 speciation and reactivity far from equilibrium.

22 “(E) Understanding and controlling chem-
23 ical and physical processes at interfaces.

24 “(F) Harnessing physical and chemical
25 processes to revolutionize separations.

1 “(G) Tailoring waste forms for contami-
2 nants in harsh chemical environments.

3 “(H) Predicting and understanding sub-
4 surface system behavior and response to pertur-
5 bations.

6 “(3) INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH GRANTS.—In car-
7 rying out the Environmental Management University
8 Program, the Secretary may make individual re-
9 search grants to faculty, post-doctoral fellows or re-
10 searchers, and graduate students of institutions of
11 higher education for three-year research projects,
12 with an option for an extension of one additional
13 two-year period.

14 “(4) GRANTS FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY COL-
15 LABORATIONS.—In carrying out the Environmental
16 Management University Program, the Secretary may
17 make research grants for strategic partnerships
18 among scientists, faculty, post-doctoral fellows or re-
19 searchers, and graduate students of institutions of
20 higher education for three-year research projects.

21 “(5) HIRING OF UNDERGRADUATES.—In car-
22 rying out the Environmental Management University
23 Program, the Secretary may establish a summer in-
24 ternship program for undergraduates of institutions

1 of higher education to work on projects relating to
2 environmental management.

3 “(6) WORKSHOPS.—In carrying out the Envi-
4 ronmental Management University Program, the
5 Secretary may hold workshops with the Office of
6 Environmental Management, the Office of Science,
7 and members of academia and industry concerning
8 environmental management challenges and solutions.

9 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 “(1) The term ‘complex’ means all sites man-
11 aged in whole or in part by the Office.

12 “(2) The term ‘Department’ means the Depart-
13 ment of Energy.

14 “(3) The term ‘institution of higher education’
15 has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of
16 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
17 1001(a)).

18 “(4) The term ‘mission’ means the mission of
19 the Office.

20 “(5) The term ‘National Laboratory’ has the
21 meaning given the term in section 2 of the Energy
22 Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801).

23 “(6) The term ‘Office’ means the Office of En-
24 vironmental Management of the Department.

1 “(7) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary
2 of Energy, acting through the Assistant Secretary
3 for Environmental Management.

4 **“§ 5688. Report on defense environmental cleanup ex-**
5 **penditures**

6 “Each year, at the same time the President submits
7 to Congress the budget for a fiscal year (pursuant to sec-
8 tion 1105 of title 31), the Secretary of Energy shall sub-
9 mit to Congress a report on how the defense environ-
10 mental cleanup funds of the Department of Energy were
11 expended during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year
12 during which the budget is submitted. The report shall
13 include details on expenditures by operations office, instal-
14 lation, budget category, and activity. The report also shall
15 include any schedule changes or modifications to planned
16 activities for the fiscal year in which the budget is sub-
17 mitted.

18 **“§ 5689. Public participation in planning for defense**
19 **environmental cleanup**

20 “ The Secretary of Energy shall consult with the Ad-
21 ministrators of the Environmental Protection Agency, the
22 Attorney General, Governors and attorneys general of af-
23 fected States, appropriate representatives of affected In-
24 dian tribes, and interested members of the public in any
25 planning conducted by the Secretary for defense environ-

1 mental cleanup activities at Department of Energy defense
2 nuclear facilities.

3 **“§ 5690. Policy of Department of Energy regarding fu-**
4 **ture defense environmental management**
5 **matters**

6 “(a) POLICY REQUIRED.—

7 “(1) Commencing not later than October 1,
8 2005, the Secretary of Energy shall have in effect
9 a policy for carrying out future defense environ-
10 mental management matters of the Department of
11 Energy. The policy shall specify each officer within
12 the Department with responsibilities for carrying out
13 that policy and, for each such officer, the nature and
14 extent of those responsibilities.

15 “(2) In paragraph (1), the term ‘future defense
16 environmental management matter’ means any envi-
17 ronmental cleanup project, decontamination and de-
18 commissioning project, waste management project,
19 or related activity that arises out of the activities of
20 the Department in carrying out programs necessary
21 for national security and is to be commenced after
22 November 24, 2003. However, such term does not
23 include any such project or activity the responsibility
24 for which has been assigned, as of November 24,

1 2003, to the Environmental Management program
2 of the Department.

3 “(b) REFLECTION IN BUDGET.—For fiscal year 2006
4 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary shall ensure
5 that the budget justification materials submitted to Con-
6 gress in support of the Department of Energy budget for
7 such fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the
8 President under section 1105(a) of title 31) reflect the
9 policy required by subsection (a).

10 “(c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall carry out
11 this section in consultation with the Administrator for Nu-
12 clear Security and the Under Secretary of Energy for En-
13 ergy, Science, and Environment.

14 “(d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall include with the
15 budget justification materials submitted to Congress in
16 support of the Department of Energy budget for fiscal
17 year 2005 (as submitted with the budget of the President
18 under section 1105(a) of title 31) a report on the policy
19 that the Secretary plans to have in effect under subsection
20 (a) as of October 1, 2005. The report shall specify the
21 officers and responsibilities referred to in subsection (a).

1 **“§ 5691. Estimation of costs of meeting defense envi-**
 2 **ronmental cleanup milestones required**
 3 **by consent orders**

4 “The Secretary of Energy shall include in the budget
 5 justification materials submitted to Congress in support
 6 of the Department of Energy budget for each fiscal year
 7 (as submitted with the budget of the President under sec-
 8 tion 1105(a) of title 31) a report on the cost, for that
 9 fiscal year and the four fiscal years following that fiscal
 10 year, of meeting milestones required by a consent order
 11 at each defense nuclear facility at which defense environ-
 12 mental cleanup activities are occurring. The report shall
 13 include, for each such facility—

14 “(1) a specification of the cost of meeting such
 15 milestones during that fiscal year; and

16 “(2) an estimate of the cost of meeting such
 17 milestones during the four fiscal years following that
 18 fiscal year.

19 **“§ 5692. Public statement of environmental liabilities**

20 “ Each year, at the same time that the Department
 21 of Energy submits its annual financial report under sec-
 22 tion 3516 of title 31, the Secretary of Energy shall make
 23 available to the public a statement of environmental liabil-
 24 ities, as calculated for the most recent audited financial
 25 statement of the Department under section 3515 of that

1 title, for each defense nuclear facility at which defense en-
2 vironmental cleanup activities are occurring.

3 **“PART B—CLOSURE OF FACILITIES**

4 **“§ 5701. Reports in connection with permanent clo-**
5 **tures of Department of Energy defense**
6 **nuclear facilities**

7 “(a) TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES
8 PLAN.—Not later than 120 days before a Department of
9 Energy defense nuclear facility permanently ceases all pro-
10 duction and processing operations, the Secretary of En-
11 ergy shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
12 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report
13 containing a discussion of the training and job placement
14 services needed to enable the employees at such facility
15 to obtain employment in the defense environmental clean-
16 up activities at such facility. The discussion shall include
17 the actions that should be taken by the contractor oper-
18 ating and managing such facility to provide retraining and
19 job placement services to employees of such contractor.

20 “(b) CLOSURE REPORT.—Upon the permanent ces-
21 sation of production operations at a Department of En-
22 ergy defense nuclear facility, the Secretary of Energy shall
23 submit to Congress a report containing—

24 “(1) a complete survey of environmental prob-
25 lems at the facility;

1 “(2) budget quality data indicating the cost of
2 defense environmental cleanup activities at the facil-
3 ity; and

4 “(3) a discussion of the proposed cleanup
5 schedule.

6 **“§ 5702. Defense site acceleration completion**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the provisions
8 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.
9 10101 et seq.), the requirements of section 202 of the En-
10 ergy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5842), and
11 other laws that define classes of radioactive waste, with
12 respect to material stored at a Department of Energy site
13 at which activities are regulated by a covered State pursu-
14 ant to approved closure plans or permits issued by the
15 State, the term ‘high-level radioactive waste’ does not in-
16 clude radioactive waste resulting from the reprocessing of
17 spent nuclear fuel that the Secretary of Energy (in this
18 section referred to as the ‘Secretary’), in consultation with
19 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (in this section re-
20 ferred to as the ‘Commission’), determines—

21 “(1) does not require permanent isolation in a
22 deep geologic repository for spent fuel or high-level
23 radioactive waste;

24 “(2) has had highly radioactive radionuclides
25 removed to the maximum extent practical; and

1 “(3)(A) does not exceed concentration limits for
2 Class C low-level waste as set out in section 61.55
3 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, and will be
4 disposed of—

5 “(i) in compliance with the performance
6 objectives set out in subpart C of part 61 of
7 title 10, Code of Federal Regulations; and

8 “(ii) pursuant to a State-approved closure
9 plan or State-issued permit, authority for the
10 approval or issuance of which is conferred on
11 the State outside of this section; or

12 “(B) exceeds concentration limits for Class
13 C low-level waste as set out in section 61.55 of
14 title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, but will
15 be disposed of-

16 “(i) in compliance with the performance
17 objectives set out in subpart C of part 61 of
18 title 10, Code of Federal Regulations;

19 “(ii) pursuant to a State-approved closure
20 plan or State-issued permit, authority for the
21 approval or issuance of which is conferred on
22 the State outside of this section; and

23 “(iii) pursuant to plans developed by the
24 Secretary in consultation with the Commission.

1 “(b) MONITORING BY NUCLEAR REGULATORY COM-
2 MISSION.—(1) The Commission shall, in coordination with
3 the covered State, monitor disposal actions taken by the
4 Department of Energy pursuant to subparagraphs (A)
5 and (B) of subsection (a)(3) for the purpose of assessing
6 compliance with the performance objectives set out in sub-
7 part C of part 61 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations.

8 “(2) If the Commission considers any disposal actions
9 taken by the Department of Energy pursuant to those
10 subparagraphs to be not in compliance with those per-
11 formance objectives, the Commission shall, as soon as
12 practicable after discovery of the noncompliant conditions,
13 inform the Department of Energy, the covered State, and
14 the following congressional committees:

15 “(A) The Committee on Armed Services, the
16 Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Com-
17 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Represent-
18 atives.

19 “(B) The Committee on Armed Services, the
20 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the
21 Committee on Environment and Public Works, and
22 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

23 “(3) For fiscal year 2005, the Secretary shall, from
24 amounts available for defense site acceleration completion,
25 reimburse the Commission for all expenses, including sala-

1 ries, that the Commission incurs as a result of perform-
2 ance under subsection (a) and this subsection for fiscal
3 year 2005. The Department of Energy and the Commis-
4 sion may enter into an interagency agreement that speci-
5 fies the method of reimbursement. Amounts received by
6 the Commission for performance under subsection (a) and
7 this subsection may be retained and used for salaries and
8 expenses associated with those activities, notwithstanding
9 section 3302 of title 31, and shall remain available until
10 expended.

11 “(4) For fiscal years after 2005, the Commission
12 shall include in the budget justification materials sub-
13 mitted to Congress in support of the Commission budget
14 for that fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the
15 President under section 1105(a) of title 31) the amounts
16 required, not offset by revenues, for performance under
17 subsection (a) and this subsection.

18 “(c) INAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN MATERIALS.—
19 Subsection (a) shall not apply to any material otherwise
20 covered by that subsection that is transported from the
21 covered State.

22 “(d) COVERED STATES.—For purposes of this sec-
23 tion, the following States are covered States:

24 “(1) The State of South Carolina.

25 “(2) The State of Idaho.

1 “(e) CONSTRUCTION.—(1) Nothing in this section
2 shall impair, alter, or modify the full implementation of
3 any Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order or
4 other applicable consent decree for a Department of En-
5 ergy site.

6 “(2) Nothing in this section establishes any precedent
7 or is binding on the State of Washington, the State of
8 Oregon, or any other State not covered by subsection (d)
9 for the management, storage, treatment, and disposition
10 of radioactive and hazardous materials.

11 “(3) Nothing in this section amends the definition of
12 ‘transuranic waste’ or regulations for repository disposal
13 of transuranic waste pursuant to the Waste Isolation Pilot
14 Plant Land Withdrawal Act (Public Law 102–579; 106
15 Stat. 4777) or part 191 of title 40, Code of Federal Regu-
16 lations.

17 “(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to af-
18 fect in any way the obligations of the Department of En-
19 ergy to comply with section 5664.

20 “(5) Nothing in this section amends the West Valley
21 Demonstration Act (Public Law 96–368; 42 U.S.C. 2021a
22 note).

23 “(f) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Judicial review shall be
24 available in accordance with chapter 7 of title 5, for the
25 following:

1 “(1) Any determination made by the Secretary
2 or any other agency action taken by the Secretary
3 pursuant to this section.

4 “(2) Any failure of the Commission to carry out
5 its responsibilities under subsection (b).

6 **“§ 5703. Sandia National Laboratories**

7 “Funds appropriated by the Consolidated Appropria-
8 tions Act, 2004 (Public Law 108–199; 118 Stat. 3), or
9 any other Act thereafter, may not be obligated to pay, on
10 behalf of the United States or a contractor or subcon-
11 tractor of the United States, to post a bond or fulfill any
12 other financial responsibility requirement relating to clo-
13 sure or post-closure care and monitoring of Sandia Na-
14 tional Laboratories and properties held or managed by
15 Sandia National Laboratories prior to implementation of
16 closure or post-closure monitoring. The State of New Mex-
17 ico or any other entity may not enforce against the United
18 States or a contractor or subcontractor of the United
19 States, in this year or any other fiscal year, a requirement
20 to post bond or any other financial responsibility require-
21 ment relating to closure or postclosure care and moni-
22 toring of Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico and
23 properties held or managed by Sandia National Labora-
24 tories in New Mexico.

1 **“§ 5704. Plan for deactivation and decommissioning**
2 **of nonoperational defense nuclear facili-**
3 **ties**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall,
5 every four years beginning in 2025, develop and subse-
6 quently carry out a plan for the activities of the Depart-
7 ment of Energy relating to the deactivation and decommis-
8 sioning of nonoperational defense nuclear facilities.

9 “(b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection
10 (a) shall include the following:

11 “(1) A list of nonoperational defense nuclear fa-
12 cilities, prioritized for deactivation and decommis-
13 sioning based on the potential to reduce risks to
14 human health, property, or the environment and to
15 maximize cost savings.

16 “(2) An assessment of the life cycle costs of
17 each nonoperational defense nuclear facility during
18 the period beginning on the date on which the plan
19 is submitted under subsection (d) and ending on the
20 earlier of—

21 “(A) the date that is 25 years after the
22 date on which the plan is submitted; or

23 “(B) the estimated date for deactivation
24 and decommissioning of the facility.

1 “(3) An estimate of the cost and time needed
2 to deactivate and decommission each nonoperational
3 defense nuclear facility.

4 “(4) A schedule for when the Office of Environ-
5 mental Management will accept each nonoperational
6 defense nuclear facility for deactivation and decom-
7 missioning.

8 “(5) An estimate of costs that could be avoided
9 by—

10 “(A) accelerating the cleanup of non-
11 operational defense nuclear facilities; or

12 “(B) other means, such as reusing such fa-
13 cilities for another purpose.

14 “(c) PLAN FOR TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR
15 CERTAIN FACILITIES.—The Secretary shall, during 2025,
16 develop and subsequently carry out a plan under which
17 the Administrator shall transfer, by March 31, 2029, to
18 the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
19 the responsibility for decontaminating and decommis-
20 sioning facilities of the Administration that the Secretary
21 determines are nonoperational as of September 30, 2024.

22 “(d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
23 March 31, 2025, and every four years thereafter, the Sec-
24 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees a report that includes—

1 “(1) the plan required by subsection (a);

2 “(2) a description of the deactivation and de-
3 commissioning actions expected to be taken during
4 the following fiscal year pursuant to the plan;

5 “(3) in the case of the report submitted during
6 2025, the plan required by subsection (c); and

7 “(4) a description of the deactivation and de-
8 commissioning actions taken at each nonoperational
9 defense nuclear facility during the period following
10 the date on which the previous report required by
11 this section was submitted.

12 “(e) TERMINATION.—The requirements of this sec-
13 tion shall terminate after the submission to the appro-
14 priate congressional committees of the report required by
15 subsection (d) to be submitted not later than March 31,
16 2033.

17 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees’ means—

20 “(A) the congressional defense committees;
21 and

22 “(B) the Committee on Energy and Nat-
23 ural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
24 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House
25 of Representatives.

1 “(2) The term ‘life cycle costs’, with respect to
2 a facility, means—

3 “(A) the present and future costs of all re-
4 sources and associated cost elements required
5 to develop, produce, deploy, or sustain the facil-
6 ity; and

7 “(B) the present and future costs to de-
8 activate, decommission, and deconstruct the fa-
9 cility.

10 “(3) The term ‘nonoperational defense nuclear
11 facility’ means a production facility or utilization fa-
12 cility (as those terms are defined in section 11 of the
13 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014))
14 under the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary of
15 Energy and operated for national security purposes
16 that is no longer needed for the mission of the De-
17 partment of Energy, including the National Nuclear
18 Security Administration.

19 **“PART C—HANFORD RESERVATION,**
20 **WASHINGTON**

21 **“§ 5711. Safety measures for waste tanks at Hanford**
22 **Nuclear Reservation**

23 “(a) IDENTIFICATION AND MONITORING OF
24 TANKS.—Not later than February 3, 1991, the Secretary
25 of Energy shall identify which single-shelled or double-

1 shelled high-level nuclear waste tanks at the Hanford Nu-
2 clear Reservation, Richland, Washington, may have a seri-
3 ous potential for release of high-level waste due to uncon-
4 trolled increases in temperature or pressure. After com-
5 pleting such identification, the Secretary shall determine
6 whether continuous monitoring is being carried out to de-
7 tect a release or excessive temperature or pressure at each
8 tank so identified. If such monitoring is not being carried
9 out, as soon as practicable the Secretary shall install such
10 monitoring, but only if a type of monitoring that does not
11 itself increase the danger of a release can be installed.

12 “(b) ACTION PLANS.—Not later than March 5, 1991,
13 the Secretary of Energy shall develop action plans to re-
14 spond to excessive temperature or pressure or a release
15 from any tank identified under subsection (a).

16 “(c) PROHIBITION.—Beginning March 5, 1991, no
17 additional high-level nuclear waste (except for small
18 amounts removed and returned to a tank for analysis)
19 may be added to a tank identified under subsection (a)
20 unless the Secretary determines that no safer alternative
21 than adding such waste to the tank currently exists or that
22 the tank does not pose a serious potential for release of
23 high-level nuclear waste.

1 **“§ 5712. Hanford waste tank cleanup program re-**
 2 **forms**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF RIVER PRO-
 4 TECTION.—The Secretary of Energy shall establish an of-
 5 fice at the Hanford Reservation, Richland, Washington,
 6 to be known as the ‘Office of River Protection’ (in this
 7 section referred to as the ‘Office’).

8 “(b) MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OF-
 9 FICE.—

10 “(1) The Office shall be headed by a senior offi-
 11 cial of the Department of Energy, who shall report
 12 to the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environ-
 13 mental Management.

14 “(2) The head of the Office shall be responsible
 15 for managing all aspects of the River Protection
 16 Project, Richland, Washington, including Hanford
 17 Tank Farm operations and the Waste Treatment
 18 Plant.

19 “(3)(A) The Assistant Secretary of Energy for
 20 Environmental Management shall delegate in writing
 21 responsibility for the management of the River Pro-
 22 tection Project, Richland, Washington, to the head
 23 of the Office.

24 “(B) Such delegation shall include, at a min-
 25 imum, authorities for contracting, financial manage-
 26 ment, safety, and general program management that

1 are equivalent to the authorities of managers of
2 other operations offices of the Department of En-
3 ergy.

4 “(C) The head of the Office shall, to the max-
5 imum extent possible, coordinate all activities of the
6 Office with the manager of the Richland Operations
7 Office of the Department of Energy.

8 “(c) DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Sec-
9 retary shall provide the head of the Office with the re-
10 sources and personnel necessary to carry out the respon-
11 sibilities specified in subsection (b)(2).

12 “(d) NOTIFICATION.—The Assistant Secretary of
13 Energy for Environmental Management shall submit to
14 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the
15 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Represent-
16 atives written notification detailing any changes in the
17 roles, responsibilities, and reporting relationships that in-
18 volve the Office.

19 “(e) TERMINATION.—The Office shall terminate on
20 September 30, 2024. The Office may be extended beyond
21 that date if the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Envi-
22 ronmental Management determines in writing that termi-
23 nation would disrupt effective management of the Hanford
24 Tank Farm operations.

1 **“§ 5713. River protection project**

2 “ The tank waste remediation system environmental
3 project, Richland, Washington, including all programs re-
4 lating to the retrieval and treatment of tank waste at the
5 site at Hanford, Washington, under the management of
6 the Office of River Protection, shall be known and des-
7 ignated as the ‘River Protection Project’. Any reference
8 to that project in any law, regulation, map, document,
9 record, or other paper of the United States shall be consid-
10 ered to be a reference to the River Protection Project.

11 **“§ 5714. Notification regarding air release of radio-**
12 **active or hazardous material**

13 “ If the Secretary of Energy (or a designee of the Sec-
14 retary) is notified of an improper release into the air of
15 radioactive or hazardous material above applicable statu-
16 tory or regulatory limits that resulted from waste gen-
17 erated by atomic energy defense activities at the Hanford
18 Nuclear Reservation, Richland, Washington, the Secretary
19 (or designee of the Secretary) shall—

20 “(1) not later than two business days after
21 being notified of the release, notify the congressional
22 defense committees of the release; and

23 “(2) not later than seven business days after
24 being notified of the release, provide the congres-
25 sional defense committees a briefing on the status of
26 the release, including—

8 **“§ 5721. Accelerated schedule for isolating high-level**
9 **nuclear waste at the Defense Waste Proc-**
10 **essing Facility, Savannah River Site**

16 “(1) will achieve long-term cost savings to the
17 Federal Government; and

18 “(2) could accelerate the removal and isolation
19 of high-level nuclear waste from long-term storage
20 tanks at the site.

22 “The Secretary of Energy shall develop and imple-
23 ment a multi-year plan for the clean-up of nuclear waste
24 at the Savannah River Site that results, or has resulted,
25 from the following:

“(2) The processing, treating, packaging, and disposal of Department of Energy domestic and foreign spent nuclear fuel rods at the site.

6 **“§ 5723. Continuation of processing, treatment, and**
7 **disposal of legacy nuclear materials**

8 “ The Secretary of Energy shall continue operations
9 and maintain a high state of readiness at the H-canyon
10 facility at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina,
11 and shall provide technical staff necessary to operate and
12 so maintain such facility.

13 “SUBCHAPTER V—SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY
14 MATTERS

15 **“PART A—SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY**

16 **“§5731. Prohibition on international inspections of**
17 **Department of Energy facilities unless**
18 **protection of restricted data is certified**

19 “The Secretary of Energy may not allow an inspec-
20 tion of a national security laboratory or nuclear weapons
21 production facility by the International Atomic Energy
22 Agency until the Secretary certifies to Congress that no
23 Restricted Data will be revealed during such inspection.

1 **“§ 5732. Restrictions on access to national security**
2 **laboratories by foreign visitors from sen-**
3 **sitive countries**

4 “(a) BACKGROUND REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Sec-
5 retary of Energy and the Administrator may not admit
6 to any facility described in paragraph (3) of subsection
7 (c) other than areas accessible to the general public any
8 individual who is a citizen or agent of a covered foreign
9 nation or a nation on the current sensitive countries list
10 unless the Secretary or Administrator first completes a
11 background review with respect to that individual.

12 “(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING BACK-
13 GROUND REVIEWS.—It is the sense of Congress that the
14 Secretary of Energy, the Director of the Federal Bureau
15 of Investigation, and the Director of National Intelligence
16 should ensure that background reviews carried out under
17 this section are completed in not more than 15 days.

18 “(c) PROHIBITION ON ADMITTANCE.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an indi-
20 vidual who is a citizen or agent of a covered foreign
21 nation, the Secretary and the Administrator may
22 not, except as provided in paragraph (2), admit such
23 individual to any areas not accessible to the general
24 public within a facility described in paragraph (3).

25 “(2) WAIVER.—The Secretary, acting through
26 the Administrator, may waive the prohibition under

1 paragraph (1) with respect to an individual who is
2 a citizen or agent of a covered foreign nation if, not
3 later than 30 days prior to admitting such individual
4 to a facility described in such paragraph, the Sec-
5 retary certifies to Congress that—

6 “(A) the admittance of such individual to
7 the facility is in the national security interests
8 of the United States;

9 “(B) no classified or restricted data will be
10 revealed to such individual in connection with
11 the admittance of such individual to the facility;

12 “(C) the Secretary or Administrator has
13 consulted with the heads of other relevant de-
14 partments or agencies of the United States
15 Government to mitigate risks associated with
16 the admittance of such individual; and

17 “(D) the background review completed to
18 subsection (a) with respect to such individual
19 did not uncover any previously unreported af-
20 filiation with military or intelligence organiza-
21 tions associated with a covered foreign nation.

22 “(3) FACILITIES DESCRIBED.—A facility de-
23 scribed in this paragraph is a facility, or any portion
24 thereof, that directly supports the mission, func-

tions, and operations of the Administration (as described in this chapter) and is located on—

“(A) a national security laboratory;

“(B) a nuclear weapons production facility;

or

“(C) a site that directly supports the protection, development, sustainment, or disposal of technologies or materials related to the provision of nuclear propulsion for United States naval vessels.

“(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibition under paragraph (1) shall take effect on April 15, 2025.

“(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect the authority of the Secretary or the Administrator to—

“(1) admit to a facility described in paragraph (3) of subsection (c)—

“(A) a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States;

“(B) an individual involved in an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspection (as defined in the ‘Agreement between the United States and the IAEA for the Application of Safeguards in the U.S.’); or

1 “(C) an individual involved in information
 2 exchanges in support of activities of the United
 3 States with respect to nonproliferation, counter-
 4 proliferation, and counterterrorism, in accord-
 5 ance with international treaties or other legally-
 6 binding agreements or instruments to which the
 7 United States is a party; or

8 “(2) admit any individual to a facility, or any
 9 portion thereof, that is not directly associated with
 10 or directly funded to perform the mission, functions,
 11 and operations of the Administration (as described
 12 in this chapter).

13 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

14 “(1) The term ‘background review’, commonly
 15 known as an indices check, means a review of infor-
 16 mation provided by the Director of National Intel-
 17 ligence and the Director of the Federal Bureau of
 18 Investigation regarding personal background, includ-
 19 ing information relating to any history of criminal
 20 activity or to any evidence of espionage.

21 “(2) The term ‘covered foreign nation’ means—

22 “(A) the People’s Republic of China;

23 “(B) the Russian Federation;

24 “(C) the Democratic People’s Republic of
 25 Korea; and

1 “(D) the Islamic Republic of Iran.

2 “(3) The term ‘sensitive countries list’ means
3 the list prescribed by the Secretary of Energy known
4 as the Department of Energy List of Sensitive
5 Countries.

6 **“§ 5733. Background investigations of certain per-**
7 **sonnel at Department of Energy facilities**

8 “The Secretary of Energy shall ensure that an inves-
9 tigation meeting the requirements of section 145 of the
10 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2165) is made for
11 each Department of Energy employee, or contractor em-
12 ployee, at a national security laboratory or nuclear weap-
13 ons production facility who—

14 “(1) carries out duties or responsibilities in or
15 around a location where Restricted Data is present;
16 or

17 “(2) has or may have regular access to a loca-
18 tion where Restricted Data is present.

19 **“§ 5734. Department of Energy counterintelligence**
20 **polygraph program**

21 “(a) NEW COUNTERINTELLIGENCE POLYGRAPH
22 PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Energy shall
23 carry out, under regulations prescribed under this section,
24 a new counterintelligence polygraph program for the De-
25 partment of Energy. The purpose of the new program is

1 to minimize the potential for release or disclosure of classi-
2 fied data, materials, or information.

3 “(b) AUTHORITIES AND LIMITATIONS.—

4 “(1) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations
5 for the new counterintelligence polygraph program
6 required by subsection (a) in accordance with the
7 provisions of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5
8 (commonly referred to as the Administrative Proce-
9 dures Act).

10 “(2) In prescribing regulations for the new pro-
11 gram, the Secretary shall take into account the re-
12 sults of the Polygraph Review.

13 “(3) Not later than six months after obtaining
14 the results of the Polygraph Review, the Secretary
15 shall issue a notice of proposed rulemaking for the
16 new program.

17 “(4) In the event of a counterintelligence inves-
18 tigation, the regulations prescribed under paragraph
19 (1) may ensure that the persons subject to the coun-
20 terintelligence polygraph program required by sub-
21 section (a) include any person who is—

22 “(A) a national of the United States (as
23 such term is defined in section 101 of the Im-
24 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101))
25 and also a national of a foreign state; and

1 “(B) an employee or contractor who re-
2 quires access to classified information.

3 “(c) POLYGRAPH REVIEW DEFINED.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term ‘Polygraph Review’ means the review of the
5 Committee to Review the Scientific Evidence on the Poly-
6 graph of the National Academy of Sciences.

7 **“§ 5735. Notice to congressional committees of certain**
8 **security and counterintelligence failures**
9 **within atomic energy defense programs**

10 “(a) REQUIRED NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of
11 Energy shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
12 of the Senate and House of Representatives a notification
13 of each significant atomic energy defense intelligence loss.
14 Any such notification shall be provided only after consulta-
15 tion with the Director of National Intelligence and the Di-
16 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as appro-
17 priate.

18 “(b) SIGNIFICANT ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE IN-
19 TELLIGENCE LOSSES.—In this section, the term ‘signifi-
20 cant atomic energy defense intelligence loss’ means any
21 national security or counterintelligence failure or com-
22 promise of classified information at a facility of the De-
23 partment of Energy or operated by a contractor of the
24 Department that the Secretary considers likely to cause

1 significant harm or damage to the national security inter-
2 ests of the United States.

3 “(c) MANNER OF NOTIFICATION.—Notification of a
4 significant atomic energy defense intelligence loss under
5 subsection (a) shall be provided, in accordance with the
6 procedures established pursuant to subsection (d), not
7 later than 30 days after the date on which the Department
8 of Energy determines that the loss has taken place.

9 “(d) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary of Energy and
10 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
11 House of Representatives shall each establish such proce-
12 dures as may be necessary to protect from unauthorized
13 disclosure classified information, information relating to
14 intelligence sources and methods, and sensitive law en-
15 forcement information that is submitted to those commit-
16 tees pursuant to this section and that are otherwise nec-
17 essary to carry out the provisions of this section.

18 “(e) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—

19 “(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed
20 as authority to withhold any information from the
21 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
22 House of Representatives on the grounds that pro-
23 viding the information to those committees would
24 constitute the unauthorized disclosure of classified
25 information, information relating to intelligence

1 sources and methods, or sensitive law enforcement
2 information.

3 “(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed
4 to modify or supersede any other requirement to re-
5 port information on intelligence activities to Con-
6 gress, including the requirement under section 501
7 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
8 3091) for the President to ensure that the congres-
9 sional intelligence committees are kept fully in-
10 formed of the intelligence activities of the United
11 States and for those committees to notify promptly
12 other congressional committees of any matter relat-
13 ing to intelligence activities requiring the attention
14 of those committees.

15 **“§ 5736. Annual report and certification on status of**
16 **security of atomic energy defense facili-**
17 **ties**

18 “(a) REPORT AND CERTIFICATION ON NUCLEAR SE-
19 CURITY ENTERPRISE.—

20 “(1) Not later than September 30 of each even-
21 numbered year, the Administrator shall submit to
22 the Secretary of Energy—

23 “(A) a report detailing the status of secu-
24 rity at facilities holding Category I and II

1 quantities of special nuclear material that are
2 administered by the Administration; and

3 “(B) written certification that such facili-
4 ties are secure and that the security measures
5 at such facilities meet the security standards
6 and requirements of the Administration and the
7 Department of Energy.

8 “(2) If the Administrator is unable to make the
9 certification described in paragraph (1)(B) with re-
10 spect to a facility, the Administrator shall submit to
11 the Secretary with the matters required by para-
12 graph (1) a corrective action plan for the facility de-
13 scribing—

14 “(A) the deficiency that resulted in the Ad-
15 ministrator being unable to make the certifi-
16 cation;

17 “(B) the actions to be taken to correct the
18 deficiency; and

19 “(C) timelines for taking such actions.

20 “(3) Not later than December 1 of each even-
21 numbered year, the Secretary shall submit to the
22 congressional defense committees the unaltered re-
23 port, certification, and any corrective action plans
24 submitted by the Administrator under paragraphs

1 (1) and (2) together with any comments of the Sec-
2 retary.

3 “(b) REPORT AND CERTIFICATION ON ATOMIC EN-
4 ERGY DEFENSE FACILITIES NOT ADMINISTERED BY THE
5 ADMINISTRATION.—

6 “(1) Not later than December 1 of each even-
7 numbered year, the Secretary shall submit to the
8 congressional defense committees—

9 “(A) a report detailing the status of the
10 security of atomic energy defense facilities hold-
11 ing Category I and II quantities of special nu-
12 clear material that are not administered by the
13 Administration; and

14 “(B) written certification that such facili-
15 ties are secure and that the security measures
16 at such facilities meet the security standards
17 and requirements of the Department of Energy.

18 “(2) If the Secretary is unable to make the cer-
19 tification described in paragraph (1)(B) with respect
20 to a facility, the Secretary shall submit to the con-
21 gressional defense committees, together with the
22 matters required by paragraph (1), a corrective ac-
23 tion plan describing—

1 “(A) the deficiency that resulted in the
2 Secretary being unable to make the certifi-
3 cation;

4 “(B) the actions to be taken to correct the
5 deficiency; and

6 “(C) timelines for taking such actions.

7 **“§ 5737. Protection of certain nuclear facilities and**
8 **assets from unmanned aircraft**

9 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any provision of
10 title 18, the Secretary of Energy may take such actions
11 described in subsection (b)(1) that are necessary to miti-
12 gate the threat (as defined by the Secretary of Energy,
13 in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation) that
14 an unmanned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft poses
15 to the safety or security of a covered facility or asset.

16 “(b) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—

17 “(1) The actions described in this paragraph
18 are the following:

19 “(A) Detect, identify, monitor, and track
20 the unmanned aircraft system or unmanned air-
21 craft, without prior consent, including by means
22 of intercept or other access of a wire, oral, or
23 electronic communication used to control the
24 unmanned aircraft system or unmanned air-
25 craft.

1 “(B) Warn the operator of the unmanned
2 aircraft system or unmanned aircraft, including
3 by passive or active, and direct or indirect phys-
4 ical, electronic, radio, and electromagnetic
5 means.

6 “(C) Disrupt control of the unmanned air-
7 craft system or unmanned aircraft, without
8 prior consent, including by disabling the un-
9 manned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft
10 by intercepting, interfering, or causing inter-
11 ference with wire, oral, electronic, or radio com-
12 munications used to control the unmanned air-
13 craft system or unmanned aircraft.

14 “(D) Seize or exercise control of the un-
15 manned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft.

16 “(E) Seize or otherwise confiscate the un-
17 manned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft.

18 “(F) Use reasonable force to disable, dam-
19 age, or destroy the unmanned aircraft system
20 or unmanned aircraft.

21 “(2) The Secretary of Energy shall develop the
22 actions described in paragraph (1) in coordination
23 with the Secretary of Transportation.

24 “(c) FORFEITURE.—Any unmanned aircraft system
25 or unmanned aircraft described in subsection (a) that is

1 seized by the Secretary of Energy is subject to forfeiture
2 to the United States.

3 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Energy and
4 the Secretary of Transportation may prescribe regulations
5 and shall issue guidance in the respective areas of each
6 Secretary to carry out this section.

7 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) The term ‘covered facility or asset’ means
9 any facility or asset that is—

10 “(A) identified by the Secretary of Energy
11 for purposes of this section;

12 “(B) located in the United States (includ-
13 ing the territories and possessions of the United
14 States); and

15 “(C) owned by the United States or con-
16 tracted to the United States, to store or use
17 special nuclear material.

18 “(2) The terms ‘unmanned aircraft’ and ‘un-
19 manned aircraft system’ have the meanings given
20 those terms in section 331 of the FAA Moderniza-
21 tion and Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–95;
22 49 U.S.C. 40101 note).

1 **“§ 5738. Reporting on penetrations of networks of**
2 **contractors and subcontractors**

3 “(a) PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING PENETRA-
4 TIONS.—The Administrator shall establish procedures
5 that require each contractor and subcontractor to report
6 to the Chief Information Officer when a covered network
7 of the contractor or subcontractor that meets the criteria
8 established pursuant to subsection (b) is successfully pene-
9 trated.

10 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA FOR COVERED
11 NETWORKS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall, in
13 consultation with the officials specified in paragraph
14 (2), establish criteria for covered networks to be sub-
15 ject to the procedures for reporting penetrations
16 under subsection (a).

17 “(2) OFFICIALS SPECIFIED.—The officials spec-
18 ified in this paragraph are the following officials of
19 the Administration:

20 “(A) The Deputy Administrator for De-
21 fense Programs.

22 “(B) The Associate Administrator for Ac-
23 quisition and Project Management.

24 “(C) The Chief Information Officer.

25 “(D) Any other official of the Administra-
26 tion the Administrator considers necessary.

1 “(c) PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS.—

2 “(1) RAPID REPORTING.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The procedures estab-
4 lished pursuant to subsection (a) shall require
5 each contractor or subcontractor to submit to
6 the Chief Information Officer a report on each
7 successful penetration of a covered network of
8 the contractor or subcontractor that meets the
9 criteria established pursuant to subsection (b)
10 not later than 60 days after the discovery of the
11 successful penetration.

12 “(B) ELEMENTS.—Subject to subpara-
13 graph (C), each report required by subpara-
14 graph (A) with respect to a successful penetra-
15 tion of a covered network of a contractor or
16 subcontractor shall include the following:

17 “(i) A description of the technique or
18 method used in such penetration.

19 “(ii) A sample of the malicious soft-
20 ware, if discovered and isolated by the con-
21 tractor or subcontractor, involved in such
22 penetration.

23 “(iii) A summary of information cre-
24 ated by or for the Administration in con-
25 nection with any program of the Adminis-

1 tration that has been potentially com-
2 promised as a result of such penetration.

3 “(C) AVOIDANCE OF DELAYS IN REPORT-
4 ING.—If a contractor or subcontractor is not
5 able to obtain all of the information required by
6 subparagraph (B) to be included in a report re-
7 quired by subparagraph (A) by the date that is
8 60 days after the discovery of a successful pene-
9 tration of a covered network of the contractor
10 or subcontractor, the contractor or subcon-
11 tractor shall—

12 “(i) include in the report all informa-
13 tion available as of that date; and

14 “(ii) provide to the Chief Information
15 Officer the additional information required
16 by subparagraph (B) as the information
17 becomes available.

18 “(2) ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION
19 BY ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL.—Concurrent with
20 the establishment of the procedures pursuant to sub-
21 section (a), the Administrator shall establish proce-
22 dures to be used if information owned by the Admin-
23 istration was in use during or at risk as a result of
24 the successful penetration of a covered network—

25 “(A) in order to—

1 “(i) in the case of a penetration of a
2 covered network of a management and op-
3 erating contractor, enhance the access of
4 personnel of the Administration to Govern-
5 ment-owned equipment and information;
6 and

7 “(ii) in the case of a penetration of a
8 covered network of a contractor or subcon-
9 tractor that is not a management and op-
10 erating contractor, facilitate the access of
11 personnel of the Administration to the
12 equipment and information of the con-
13 tractor or subcontractor; and

14 “(B) which shall—

15 “(i) include mechanisms for personnel
16 of the Administration to, upon request, ob-
17 tain access to equipment or information of
18 a contractor or subcontractor necessary to
19 conduct forensic analysis in addition to any
20 analysis conducted by the contractor or
21 subcontractor;

22 “(ii) provide that a contractor or sub-
23 contractor is only required to provide ac-
24 cess to equipment or information as de-
25 scribed in clause (i) to determine whether

1 information created by or for the Adminis-
2 tration in connection with any program of
3 the Administration was successfully
4 exfiltrated from a network of the con-
5 tractor or subcontractor and, if so, what
6 information was exfiltrated; and

7 “(iii) provide for the reasonable pro-
8 tection of trade secrets, commercial or fi-
9 nancial information, and information that
10 can be used to identify a specific person.

11 “(3) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The
12 procedures established pursuant to subsection (a)
13 shall allow for limiting the dissemination of informa-
14 tion obtained or derived through such procedures so
15 that such information may be disseminated only to
16 entities—

17 “(A) with missions that may be affected by
18 such information;

19 “(B) that may be called upon to assist in
20 the diagnosis, detection, or mitigation of cyber
21 incidents;

22 “(C) that conduct counterintelligence or
23 law enforcement investigations; or

1 “(D) for national security purposes, includ-
2 ing cyber situational awareness and defense
3 purposes.

4 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER.—The term
6 ‘Chief Information Officer’ means the Associate Ad-
7 ministrators for Information Management and Chief
8 Information Officer of the Administration.

9 “(2) CONTRACTOR.—The term ‘contractor’
10 means a private entity that has entered into a con-
11 tract or contractual action of any kind with the Ad-
12 ministration to furnish supplies, equipment, mate-
13 rials, or services of any kind.

14 “(3) COVERED NETWORK.—The term ‘covered
15 network’ includes any network or information system
16 that accesses, receives, or stores—

17 “(A) classified information; or

18 “(B) sensitive unclassified information ger-
19 mane to any program of the Administration, as
20 determined by the Administrator.

21 “(4) SUBCONTRACTOR.—The term ‘subcon-
22 tractor’ means a private entity that has entered into
23 a contract or contractual action with a contractor or
24 another subcontractor to furnish supplies, equip-
25 ment, materials, or services of any kind in connec-

1 tion with another contract in support of any pro-
2 gram of the Administration.

3 **“PART B—CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

4 **“§ 5741. Review of certain documents before declas-**
5 **sification and release**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
7 ensure that, before a document of the Department of En-
8 ergy that contains national security information is re-
9 leased or declassified, such document is reviewed to deter-
10 mine whether it contains Restricted Data.

11 “(b) LIMITATION ON DECLASSIFICATION.—The Sec-
12 retary may not implement the automatic declassification
13 provisions of Executive Order No. 13526 (50 U.S.C. 3161
14 note) if the Secretary determines that such implementa-
15 tion could result in the automatic declassification and re-
16 lease of documents containing Restricted Data.

17 **“§ 5742. Protection against inadvertent release of re-**
18 **stricted data and formerly restricted data**

19 “(a) PLAN FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RELEASE.—
20 The Secretary of Energy and the Archivist of the United
21 States shall, after consultation with the members of the
22 National Security Council and in consultation with the
23 Secretary of Defense and the heads of other appropriate
24 Federal agencies, develop a plan to prevent the inad-
25 vertent release of records containing Restricted Data or

1 Formerly Restricted Data during the automatic declass-
2 sification of records under Executive Order No. 13526 (50
3 U.S.C. 3161 note).

4 “(b) PLAN ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection
5 (a) shall include the following:

6 “(1) The actions to be taken in order to ensure
7 that records subject to Executive Order No. 13526
8 are reviewed on a page-by-page basis for Restricted
9 Data and Formerly Restricted Data unless they
10 have been determined to be highly unlikely to con-
11 tain Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted Data.

12 “(2) The criteria and process by which docu-
13 ments are determined to be highly unlikely to con-
14 tain Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted Data.

15 “(3) The actions to be taken in order to ensure
16 proper training, supervision, and evaluation of per-
17 sonnel engaged in declassification under that Execu-
18 tive order so that such personnel recognize Re-
19 stricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data.

20 “(4) The extent to which automated declass-
21 sification technologies will be used under that Exec-
22 utive order to protect Restricted Data and Formerly
23 Restricted Data from inadvertent release.

24 “(5) Procedures for periodic review and evalua-
25 tion by the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with

1 the Director of the Information Security Oversight
2 Office of the National Archives and Records Admin-
3 istration, of compliance by Federal agencies with the
4 plan.

5 “(6) Procedures for resolving disagreements
6 among Federal agencies regarding declassification
7 procedures and decisions under the plan.

8 “(7) The funding, personnel, and other re-
9 sources required to carry out the plan.

10 “(8) A timetable for implementation of the
11 plan.

12 “(c) LIMITATION ON DECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN
13 RECORDS.—

14 “(1) Effective on October 17, 1998, and except
15 as provided in paragraph (3), a record referred to in
16 subsection (a) may not be declassified unless the
17 agency having custody of the record reviews the
18 record on a page-by-page basis to ensure that the
19 record does not contain Restricted Data or Formerly
20 Restricted Data.

21 “(2) Any record determined as a result of a re-
22 view under paragraph (1) to contain Restricted Data
23 or Formerly Restricted Data may not be declassified
24 until the Secretary of Energy, in conjunction with
25 the head of the agency having custody of the record,

1 determines that the document is suitable for declas-
2 sification.

3 “(3) After the date occurring 60 days after the
4 submission of the plan required by subsection (a) to
5 the committees referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2)
6 of subsection (d), the requirement under paragraph
7 (1) to review a record on a page-by-page basis shall
8 not apply in the case of a record determined, under
9 the actions specified in the plan pursuant to sub-
10 section (b)(1), to be a record that is highly unlikely
11 to contain Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted
12 Data.

13 “(d) SUBMISSION OF PLAN.—The Secretary of En-
14 ergy shall submit the plan required under subsection (a)
15 to the following:

16 “(1) The Committee on Armed Services of the
17 Senate.

18 “(2) The Committee on Armed Services of the
19 House of Representatives.

20 “(3) The Assistant to the President for Na-
21 tional Security Affairs.

22 “(e) REPORT AND NOTIFICATION REGARDING INAD-
23 VERTENT RELEASES.—

24 “(1) The Secretary of Energy shall submit to
25 the committees and Assistant to the President speci-

1 fied in subsection (d) a report on inadvertent re-
2 leases of Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted
3 Data under Executive Order No. 12958 that oc-
4 curred before October 17, 1998.

5 “(2) The Secretary of Energy shall, in each
6 even-numbered year beginning in 2010, submit to
7 the committees and Assistant to the President speci-
8 fied in subsection (d) a report identifying any inad-
9 vertent releases of Restricted Data or Formerly Re-
10 stricted Data under Executive Order No. 13526 dis-
11 covered in the two-year period preceding the sub-
12 mittal of the report.

13 **“§ 5743. Supplement to plan for declassification of re-**
14 **stricted data and formerly restricted data**

15 “(a) SUPPLEMENT TO PLAN.—The Secretary of En-
16 ergy and the Archivist of the United States shall, after
17 consultation with the members of the National Security
18 Council and in consultation with the Secretary of Defense
19 and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, de-
20 velop a supplement to the plan required under subsection
21 (a) of section 5742.

22 “(b) CONTENTS OF SUPPLEMENT.—The supplement
23 shall provide for the application of that plan (including
24 in particular the element of the plan required by section
25 5742(b)(1)) to all records subject to Executive Order No.

1 12958 that were determined before October 17, 1998, to
2 be suitable for declassification.

3 “(c) LIMITATION ON DECLASSIFICATION OF
4 RECORDS.—All records referred to in subsection (b) shall
5 be treated, for purposes of subsection (c) of section 5742,
6 in the same manner as records referred to in subsection
7 (a) of such section.

8 “(d) SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENT.—The Secretary
9 of Energy shall submit the supplement required under
10 subsection (a) to the recipients of the plan referred to in
11 subsection (d) of section 5742.

12 **“§ 5744. Protection of classified information during**
13 **laboratory-to-laboratory exchanges**

14 “(a) PROVISION OF TRAINING.—The Secretary of
15 Energy shall ensure that all Department of Energy em-
16 ployees and Department of Energy contractor employees
17 participating in laboratory-to-laboratory cooperative ex-
18 change activities are fully trained in matters relating to
19 the protection of classified information and to potential
20 espionage and counterintelligence threats.

21 “(b) COUNTERING OF ESPIONAGE AND INTEL-
22 LIGENCE-GATHERING ABROAD.—

23 “(1) The Secretary shall establish a pool of De-
24 partment employees and Department contractor em-
25 ployees who are specially trained to counter threats

1 of espionage and intelligence-gathering by foreign
2 nationals against Department employees and De-
3 partment contractor employees who travel abroad for
4 laboratory-to-laboratory exchange activities or other
5 cooperative exchange activities on behalf of the De-
6 partment.

7 “(2) The Director of Intelligence and Counter-
8 intelligence of the Department of Energy may assign
9 at least one employee from the pool established
10 under paragraph (1) to accompany a group of De-
11 partment employees or Department contractor em-
12 ployees who travel to any nation designated to be a
13 sensitive country for laboratory-to-laboratory ex-
14 change activities or other cooperative exchange ac-
15 tivities on behalf of the Department.

16 **“§ 5745. Identification in budget materials of amounts**
17 **for declassification activities and limita-**
18 **tion on expenditures for such activities**

19 “(a) AMOUNTS FOR DECLASSIFICATION OF
20 RECORDS.—The Secretary of Energy shall include in the
21 budget justification materials submitted to Congress in
22 support of the Department of Energy budget for any fiscal
23 year (as submitted with the budget of the President under
24 section 1105(a) of title 31) specific identification, as a
25 budgetary line item, of the amounts required to carry out

1 programmed activities during that fiscal year to declassify
 2 records pursuant to Executive Order No. 13526 (50
 3 U.S.C. 3161 note), or any successor Executive order, or
 4 to comply with any statutory requirement to declassify
 5 Government records.

6 “(b) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO
 7 AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION OF RECORDS.—No
 8 records of the Department of Energy that have not as of
 9 October 5, 1999, been reviewed for declassification shall
 10 be subject to automatic declassification unless the Sec-
 11 retary of Energy certifies to Congress that such declas-
 12 sification would not harm the national security.

13 “SUBCHAPTER VI—PERSONNEL MATTERS

14 “PART A—PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

15 “§ 5751. Authority for appointment of certain sci-
 16 entific, engineering, and technical per-
 17 sonnel

18 “(a) AUTHORITY.—

19 “(1) Notwithstanding any provision of title 5
 20 governing appointments in the competitive service
 21 and General Schedule classification and pay rates,
 22 the Secretary of Energy may—

23 “(A) establish and set the rates of pay for
 24 not more than 200 positions in the Department
 25 of Energy for scientific, engineering, and tech-

1 nical personnel whose duties will relate to safety
2 at defense nuclear facilities of the Department;
3 and

4 “(B) appoint persons to such positions.

5 “(2) The rate of pay for a position established
6 under paragraph (1) may not exceed the rate of pay
7 payable for level III of the Executive Schedule under
8 section 5314 of title 5.

9 “(3) To the maximum extent practicable, the
10 Secretary shall appoint persons under paragraph
11 (1)(B) to the positions established under paragraph
12 (1)(A) in accordance with the merit system prin-
13 ciples set forth in section 2301 of such title.

14 “(b) OPM REVIEW.—

15 “(1) The Secretary shall enter into an agree-
16 ment with the Director of the Office of Personnel
17 Management under which agreement the Director
18 shall periodically evaluate the use of the authority
19 set forth in subsection (a)(1). The Secretary shall
20 reimburse the Director for evaluations conducted by
21 the Director pursuant to the agreement. Any such
22 reimbursement shall be credited to the revolving
23 fund referred to in section 1304(e) of title 5.

24 “(2) If the Director determines as a result of
25 such evaluation that the Secretary of Energy is not

1 appointing persons to positions under such authority
2 in a manner consistent with the merit system prin-
3 ciples set forth in section 2301 of title 5 or is setting
4 rates of pay at levels that are not appropriate for
5 the qualifications and experience of the persons ap-
6 pointed and the duties of the positions involved, the
7 Director shall notify the Secretary and Congress of
8 that determination.

9 “(3) Upon receipt of a notification under para-
10 graph (2), the Secretary shall—

11 “(A) take appropriate actions to appoint
12 persons to positions under such authority in a
13 manner consistent with such principles or to set
14 rates of pay at levels that are appropriate for
15 the qualifications and experience of the persons
16 appointed and the duties of the positions in-
17 volved; or

18 “(B) cease appointment of persons under
19 such authority.

20 “(c) TERMINATION.—

21 “(1) The authority provided under subsection
22 (a)(1) shall terminate on September 30, 2026.

23 “(2) An employee may not be separated from
24 employment with the Department of Energy or re-

1 ceive a reduction in pay by reason of the termination
2 of authority under paragraph (1).

3 **“§ 5752. Whistleblower protection program**

4 “(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of En-
5 ergy shall establish a program to ensure that covered indi-
6 viduals may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise dis-
7 criminated against as a reprisal for making protected dis-
8 closures.

9 “(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of this
10 section, a covered individual is an individual who is an em-
11 ployee of the Department of Energy, or of a contractor
12 of the Department, who is engaged in the defense activi-
13 ties of the Department.

14 “(c) PROTECTED DISCLOSURES.—For purposes of
15 this section, a protected disclosure is a disclosure—

16 “(1) made by a covered individual who takes
17 appropriate steps to protect the security of the infor-
18 mation in accordance with guidance provided under
19 this section;

20 “(2) made to a person or entity specified in
21 subsection (d); and

22 “(3) of classified or other information that the
23 covered individual reasonably believes to provide di-
24 rect and specific evidence of any of the following:

1 “(A) A violation of law or Federal regula-
2 tion.

3 “(B) Gross mismanagement, a gross waste
4 of funds, or abuse of authority.

5 “(C) A false statement to Congress on an
6 issue of material fact.

7 “(d) PERSONS AND ENTITIES TO WHICH DISCLO-
8 SURES MAY BE MADE.—A person or entity specified in
9 this subsection is any of the following:

10 “(1) A member of a committee of Congress
11 having primary responsibility for oversight of the de-
12 partment, agency, or element of the Government to
13 which the disclosed information relates.

14 “(2) An employee of Congress who is a staff
15 member of such a committee and has an appropriate
16 security clearance for access to information of the
17 type disclosed.

18 “(3) The Inspector General of the Department
19 of Energy.

20 “(4) The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

21 “(5) Any other element of the Government des-
22 ignated by the Secretary as authorized to receive in-
23 formation of the type disclosed.

24 “(e) OFFICIAL CAPACITY OF PERSONS TO WHOM IN-
25 FORMATION IS DISCLOSED.—A member of, or an em-

1 ployee of Congress who is a staff member of, a committee
2 of Congress specified in subsection (d) who receives a pro-
3 tected disclosure under this section does so in that mem-
4 ber or employee's official capacity as such a member or
5 employee.

6 “(f) ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary,
7 acting through the Inspector General of the Department
8 of Energy, shall provide assistance and guidance to each
9 covered individual who seeks to make a protected disclo-
10 sure under this section. Such assistance and guidance
11 shall include the following:

12 “(1) Identifying the persons or entities under
13 subsection (d) to which that disclosure may be made.

14 “(2) Advising that individual regarding the
15 steps to be taken to protect the security of the infor-
16 mation to be disclosed.

17 “(3) Taking appropriate actions to protect the
18 identity of that individual throughout that disclo-
19 sure.

20 “(4) Taking appropriate actions to coordinate
21 that disclosure with any other Federal agency or
22 agencies that originated the information.

23 “(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
24 regulations to ensure the security of any information dis-
25 closed under this section.

1 “(h) NOTIFICATION TO COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—
2 The Secretary shall notify each covered individual of the
3 following:

4 “(1) The rights of that individual under this
5 section.

6 “(2) The assistance and guidance provided
7 under this section.

8 “(3) That the individual has a responsibility to
9 obtain that assistance and guidance before seeking
10 to make a protected disclosure.

11 “(i) COMPLAINT BY COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—If a
12 covered individual believes that that individual has been
13 discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against
14 as a reprisal for making a protected disclosure under this
15 section, the individual may submit a complaint relating to
16 such matter to the Director of the Office of Hearings and
17 Appeals of the Department of Energy.

18 “(j) INVESTIGATION BY OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND
19 APPEALS.—

20 “(1) For each complaint submitted under sub-
21 section (i), the Director of the Office of Hearings
22 and Appeals shall—

23 “(A) determine whether or not the com-
24 plaint is frivolous; and

1 “(B) if the Director determines the com-
2 plaint is not frivolous, conduct an investigation
3 of the complaint.

4 “(2) The Director shall submit a report on each
5 investigation undertaken under paragraph (1)(B)
6 to—

7 “(A) the individual who submitted the
8 complaint on which the investigation is based;

9 “(B) the contractor concerned, if any; and

10 “(C) the Secretary of Energy.

11 “(k) REMEDIAL ACTION.—

12 “(1) Whenever the Secretary determines that a
13 covered individual has been discharged, demoted, or
14 otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for
15 making a protected disclosure under this section, the
16 Secretary shall—

17 “(A) in the case of a Department em-
18 ployee, take appropriate actions to abate the ac-
19 tion; or

20 “(B) in the case of a contractor employee,
21 order the contractor concerned to take appro-
22 priate actions to abate the action.

23 “(2)(A) If a contractor fails to comply with an
24 order issued under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary

1 may file an action for enforcement of the order in
2 the appropriate United States district court.

3 “(B) In any action brought under subparagraph
4 (A), the court may grant appropriate relief, includ-
5 ing injunctive relief and compensatory and exem-
6 plary damages.

7 “(l) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—The protec-
8 tions provided by this section are independent of, and not
9 subject to any limitations that may be provided in, the
10 Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 (Public Law 101–
11 12; 103 Stat. 16) or any other law that may provide pro-
12 tection for disclosures of information by employees of the
13 Department of Energy or of a contractor of the Depart-
14 ment.

15 “(m) ANNUAL REPORT.—

16 “(1) Not later than 30 days after the com-
17 mencement of each fiscal year, the Director shall
18 submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the
19 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the
20 House of Representatives a report on the investiga-
21 tions undertaken under subsection (j)(1)(B) during
22 the preceding fiscal year, including a summary of
23 the results of each such investigation.

24 “(2) A report under paragraph (1) may not
25 identify or otherwise provide any information about

1 an individual submitting a complaint under this sec-
2 tion without the consent of the individual.

3 **“§ 5753. Department of Energy defense nuclear facili-**
4 **ties workforce restructuring plan**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon determination that a
6 change in the workforce at a defense nuclear facility is
7 necessary, the Secretary of Energy shall develop a plan
8 for restructuring the workforce for the defense nuclear fa-
9 cility that takes into account—

10 “(1) the reconfiguration of the defense nuclear
11 facility; and

12 “(2) the plan for the nuclear weapons stockpile
13 that is the most recently prepared plan at the time
14 of the development of the plan referred to in this
15 subsection.

16 “(b) CONSULTATION.—

17 “(1) In developing a plan referred to in sub-
18 section (a), the Secretary shall consult with the Sec-
19 retary of Labor, appropriate representatives of local
20 and national collective-bargaining units of individ-
21 uals employed at Department of Energy defense nu-
22 clear facilities, appropriate representatives of depart-
23 ments and agencies of State and local governments,
24 appropriate representatives of State and local insti-
25 tutions of higher education, and appropriate rep-

1 representatives of community groups in communities af-
2 fected by the restructuring plan.

3 “(2) The Secretary shall determine appropriate
4 representatives of the units, governments, institu-
5 tions, and groups referred to in paragraph (1).

6 “(c) OBJECTIVES.—In preparing the plan required
7 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall be guided by the
8 following objectives:

9 “(1) Changes in the workforce at a Department
10 of Energy defense nuclear facility—

11 “(A) should be accomplished so as to mini-
12 mize social and economic impacts;

13 “(B) should be made only after the provi-
14 sion of notice of such changes not later than
15 120 days before the commencement of such
16 changes to such employees and the communities
17 in which such facilities are located; and

18 “(C) should be accomplished, when pos-
19 sible, through the use of retraining, early retire-
20 ment, attrition, and other options that minimize
21 layoffs.

22 “(2) Employees whose employment in positions
23 at such facilities is terminated shall, to the extent
24 practicable, receive preference in any hiring of the
25 Department of Energy (consistent with applicable

1 employment seniority plans or practices of the De-
2 partment of Energy and with section 3152 of the
3 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years
4 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101–189; 103 Stat.
5 1682)).

6 “(3) Employees shall, to the extent practicable,
7 be retrained for work in environmental restoration
8 and waste management activities at such facilities or
9 other facilities of the Department of Energy.

10 “(4) The Department of Energy should provide
11 relocation assistance to employees who are trans-
12 ferred to other Department of Energy facilities as a
13 result of the plan.

14 “(5) The Department of Energy should assist
15 terminated employees in obtaining appropriate re-
16 training, education, and reemployment assistance
17 (including employment placement assistance).

18 “(6) The Department of Energy should provide
19 local impact assistance to communities that are af-
20 fected by the restructuring plan and coordinate the
21 provision of such assistance with—

22 “(A) programs carried out by the Sec-
23 retary of Labor under title I of the Workforce
24 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
25 3111 et seq.);

1 “(B) programs carried out pursuant to the
2 Defense Economic Adjustment, Diversification,
3 Conversion, and Stabilization Act of 1990 (divi-
4 sion D of Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2391
5 note); and

6 “(C) programs carried out by the Depart-
7 ment of Commerce pursuant to title II of the
8 Public Works and Economic Development Act
9 of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.).

10 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall, sub-
11 ject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose,
12 work on an ongoing basis with representatives of the De-
13 partment of Labor, workforce bargaining units, and States
14 and local communities in carrying out a plan required
15 under subsection (a).

16 “(e) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—

17 “(1) The Secretary shall submit to Congress a
18 plan referred to in subsection (a) with respect to a
19 defense nuclear facility within 90 days after the date
20 on which a notice of changes described in subsection
21 (c)(1)(B) is provided to employees of the facility, or
22 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
23 whichever is later.

24 “(2) In addition to the plans submitted under
25 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to Con-

1 gress every six months a report setting forth a de-
2 scription of, and the amount or value of, all local im-
3 pact assistance provided during the preceding six
4 months under subsection (c)(6).

5 “(f) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DEFENSE NUCLEAR
6 FACILITY DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘Depart-
7 ment of Energy defense nuclear facility’ means—

8 “(1) a production facility or utilization facility
9 (as those terms are defined in section 11 of the
10 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014)) that
11 is under the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary
12 and that is operated for national security purposes
13 (including the tritium loading facility at Savannah
14 River, South Carolina, and the 236 H facility at Sa-
15 vannah River, South Carolina), but the term does
16 not include any facility that does not conduct atomic
17 energy defense activities and does not include any
18 facility or activity covered by Executive Order Num-
19 ber 12344, dated February 1, 1982, pertaining to
20 the naval nuclear propulsion program;

21 “(2) a nuclear waste storage or disposal facility
22 that is under the control or jurisdiction of the Sec-
23 retary;

24 “(3) a testing and assembly facility that is
25 under the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary

1 and that is operated for national security purposes
 2 (including the Nevada National Security Site, Ne-
 3 vada, and the Pantex facility, Texas);

4 “(4) an atomic weapons research facility that is
 5 under the control or jurisdiction of the Secretary
 6 (including Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos, and
 7 Sandia National Laboratories); or

8 “(5) any facility described in paragraphs (1)
 9 through (4) that—

10 “(A) is no longer in operation;

11 “(B) was under the control or jurisdiction
 12 of the Department of Defense, the Atomic En-
 13 ergy Commission, or the Energy Research and
 14 Development Administration; and

15 “(C) was operated for national security
 16 purposes.

17 **“§ 5754. Authority to provide certificate of com-**
 18 **mendation to Department of Energy and**
 19 **contractor employees for exemplary serv-**
 20 **ice in stockpile stewardship and security**

21 “(a) AUTHORITY TO PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF
 22 COMMENDATION.—The Secretary of Energy may present
 23 a certificate of commendation to any current or former
 24 employee of the Department of Energy, and any current
 25 or former employee of a Department contractor, whose

1 service to the Department in matters relating to stockpile
 2 stewardship and security assisted the Department in fur-
 3 thering the national security interests of the United
 4 States.

5 “(b) CERTIFICATE.—The certificate of commenda-
 6 tion presented to a current or former employee under sub-
 7 section (a) shall include an appropriate citation of the
 8 service of the current or former employee described in that
 9 subsection, including a citation for dedication, intellect,
 10 and sacrifice in furthering the national security interests
 11 of the United States by maintaining a strong, safe, and
 12 viable United States nuclear deterrent during the cold war
 13 or thereafter.

14 “(c) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DEFINED.—For pur-
 15 poses of this section, the term ‘Department of Energy’ in-
 16 cludes any predecessor agency of the Department of En-
 17 ergy.

18 **“PART B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

19 **“§ 5761. Executive management training in Depart-** 20 **ment of Energy**

21 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAM.—The
 22 Secretary of Energy shall establish and implement a man-
 23 agement training program for personnel of the Depart-
 24 ment of Energy involved in the management of atomic en-
 25 ergy defense activities.

1 “(b) TRAINING PROVISIONS.—The training program
2 shall at a minimum include instruction in the following
3 areas:

4 “(1) Department of Energy policy and proce-
5 dures for management and operation of atomic en-
6 ergy defense facilities.

7 “(2) Methods of evaluating technical perform-
8 ance.

9 “(3) Federal and State environmental laws and
10 requirements for compliance with such environ-
11 mental laws, including timely compliance with re-
12 porting requirements in such laws.

13 “(4) The establishment of program milestones
14 and methods to evaluate success in meeting such
15 milestones.

16 “(5) Methods for conducting long-range tech-
17 nical and budget planning.

18 “(6) Procedures for reviewing and applying in-
19 novative technology to defense environmental clean-
20 up.

21 **“§ 5762. Stockpile stewardship recruitment and train-**
22 **ing program**

23 “(a) CONDUCT OF PROGRAM.—

24 “(1) As part of the stockpile stewardship pro-
25 gram established pursuant to section 5621, the Sec-

1 retary of Energy shall conduct a stockpile steward-
2 ship recruitment and training program at the na-
3 tional security laboratories.

4 “(2) The recruitment and training program
5 shall be conducted in coordination with the Chair-
6 man of the Joint Nuclear Weapons Council estab-
7 lished by section 179 and the directors of the labora-
8 tories referred to in paragraph (1).

9 “(b) SUPPORT OF DUAL-USE PROGRAMS.—As part of
10 the recruitment and training program, the directors of the
11 national security laboratories may employ undergraduate
12 students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows to
13 carry out research sponsored by such laboratories for mili-
14 tary or nonmilitary dual-use programs related to nuclear
15 weapons stockpile stewardship.

16 “(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF RETIREE CORPS.—As part
17 of the training and recruitment program, the Secretary,
18 in coordination with the directors of the national security
19 laboratories, shall establish for the laboratories a retiree
20 corps of retired scientists who have expertise in research
21 and development of nuclear weapons. The directors may
22 employ the retired scientists on a part-time basis to pro-
23 vide appropriate assistance on nuclear weapons issues, to
24 contribute relevant information to be archived, and to help
25 to provide training to other scientists.

1 **“§ 5763. Fellowship program for development of skills**
2 **critical to the nuclear security enterprise**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
4 conduct a fellowship program for the development of skills
5 critical to the ongoing mission of the nuclear security en-
6 terprise. Under the fellowship program, the Secretary
7 shall provide educational assistance and research assist-
8 ance to eligible individuals to facilitate the development
9 by such individuals of skills critical to maintaining the on-
10 going mission of the nuclear security enterprise.

11 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Individuals eligible
12 for participation in the fellowship program are United
13 States citizens who are either of the following:

14 “(1) Students pursuing graduate degrees in
15 fields of science or engineering that are related to
16 nuclear weapons engineering or to the science and
17 technology base of the Department of Energy.

18 “(2) Individuals engaged in postdoctoral studies
19 in such fields.

20 “(c) COVERED FACILITIES.—The Secretary shall
21 carry out the fellowship program at or in connection with
22 the national security laboratories and nuclear weapons
23 production facilities.

24 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall carry
25 out the fellowship program at a facility referred to in sub-
26 section (c) through the stockpile manager of the facility.

1 “(e) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall,
2 in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Energy for
3 Defense Programs, allocate funds available for the fellow-
4 ship program under subsection (f) among the facilities re-
5 ferred to in subsection (c). The Secretary shall make the
6 allocation after evaluating an assessment by the weapons
7 program director of each such facility of the personnel and
8 critical skills necessary at the facility for carrying out the
9 ongoing mission of the facility.

10 “(f) AGREEMENT.—

11 “(1) The Secretary may allow an individual to
12 participate in the program only if the individual
13 signs an agreement described in paragraph (2).

14 “(2) An agreement referred to in paragraph (1)
15 shall be in writing, shall be signed by the partici-
16 pant, and shall include the participant’s agreement
17 to serve, after completion of the course of study for
18 which the assistance was provided, as a full-time em-
19 ployee in a position in the nuclear security enterprise
20 for a period of time to be established by the Sec-
21 retary of Energy of not less than one year, if such
22 a position is offered to the participant.

“PART C—WORKER SAFETY

“§ 5771. Worker protection at nuclear weapons facilities

“(a) TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.—

“(1) The Secretary of Energy is authorized to award grants to organizations referred to in paragraph (2) in order for such organizations—

“(A) to provide training and education to persons who are or may be engaged in hazardous substance response or emergency response at Department of Energy nuclear weapons facilities; and

“(B) to develop curricula for such training and education.

“(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary is authorized to award grants under paragraph (1) to non-profit organizations that have demonstrated (as determined by the Secretary) capabilities in-

“(i) implementing and conducting effective training and education programs relating to the general health and safety of workers; and

“(ii) identifying, and involving in training, groups of workers whose duties include hazardous substance response or emergency response.

1 “(B) The Secretary shall give preference in the
2 award of grants under this section to employee orga-
3 nizations and joint labor-management training pro-
4 grams that are grant recipients under section 126(g)
5 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization
6 Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 9660a).

7 “(3) An organization awarded a grant under
8 paragraph (1) shall carry out training, education, or
9 curricula development pursuant to Department of
10 Energy orders relating to employee safety training,
11 including orders numbered 5480.4 and 5480.11.

12 “(b) ENFORCEMENT OF EMPLOYEE SAFETY STAND-
13 ARDS.—

14 “(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary
15 shall assess civil penalties against any contractor of
16 the Department of Energy who (as determined by
17 the Secretary)—

18 “(A) employs individuals who are engaged
19 in hazardous substance response or emergency
20 response at Department of Energy nuclear
21 weapons facilities; and

22 “(B) fails (i) to provide for the training of
23 such individuals to carry out such hazardous
24 substance response or emergency response, or
25 (ii) to certify to the Department of Energy that

6 “(2) Civil penalties assessed under this sub-
7 section may not exceed \$5,000 for each day in which
8 a failure referred to in paragraph (1)(B) occurs.

9 “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
10 regulations to carry out this section.

11 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
12 the term ‘hazardous substance’ includes radioactive waste
13 and mixed radioactive and hazardous waste.

14 **“§ 5772. Safety oversight and enforcement at defense**
15 **nuclear facilities**

16 “The Secretary of Energy shall take appropriate ac-
17 tions to ensure that—

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1 “(2) the independent, internal oversight func-
2 tions carried out by the Department include activi-
3 ties relating to—

4 “(A) the assessment of the safety of de-
5 fense nuclear facilities;

6 “(B) the assessment of the effectiveness of
7 Department program offices in carrying out
8 programs relating to the environment, safety,
9 health, and security at defense nuclear facili-
10 ties;

11 “(C) the provision to the Secretary of over-
12 sight reports that—

13 “(i) contain validated technical infor-
14 mation; and

15 “(ii) provide a clear analysis of the ex-
16 tent to which line programs governing de-
17 fense nuclear facilities meet applicable
18 goals for the environment, safety, health,
19 and security at such facilities; and

20 “(D) the development of clear performance
21 standards to be used in assessing the adequacy
22 of the programs referred to in subparagraph
23 (C)(ii);

24 “(3) the Department has a system for bringing
25 issues relating to nuclear safety at defense nuclear

1 facilities to the attention of the officials of the De-
2 partment (including the Secretary of Energy) who
3 have authority to resolve such issues in an adequate
4 and timely manner; and

5 “(4) an adequate number of qualified personnel
6 of the Department are assigned to oversee matters
7 relating to nuclear safety at defense nuclear facilities
8 and enforce nuclear safety standards at such facili-
9 ties.

10 **“§ 5773. Program to monitor department of energy**
11 **workers exposed to hazardous and radio-**
12 **active substances**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
14 establish and carry out a program for the identification
15 and on-going medical evaluation of current and former
16 Department of Energy employees who are subject to sig-
17 nificant health risks as a result of the exposure of such
18 employees to hazardous or radioactive substances during
19 such employment.

20 “(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.—

21 “(1) The Secretary shall, with the concurrence
22 of the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
23 issue regulations under which the Secretary shall im-
24 plement the program. Such regulations shall, to the
25 extent practicable, provide for a process to—

1 “(A) identify the hazardous substances and
2 radioactive substances to which current and
3 former Department of Energy employees may
4 have been exposed as a result of such employ-
5 ment;

6 “(B) identify employees referred to in sub-
7 paragraph (A) who received a level of exposure
8 identified under paragraph (2)(B);

9 “(C) determine the appropriate number,
10 scope, and frequency of medical evaluations and
11 laboratory tests to be provided to employees
12 who have received a level of exposure identified
13 under paragraph (2)(B) to permit the Secretary
14 to evaluate fully the extent, nature, and medical
15 consequences of such exposure;

16 “(D) make available the evaluations and
17 tests referred to in subparagraph (C) to the em-
18 ployees referred to in such subparagraph;

19 “(E) ensure that privacy is maintained
20 with respect to medical information that per-
21 sonally identifies any such employee; and

22 “(F) ensure that employee participation in
23 the program is voluntary.

24 “(2)(A) In determining the most appropriate
25 means of carrying out the activities referred to in

1 subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1),
2 the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services under the agreement
4 referred to in subsection (c).

5 “(B) The Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services, with the assistance of the Director of the
7 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the
8 Director of the National Institute for Occupational
9 Safety and Health, and the Secretary of Labor shall
10 identify the levels of exposure to the substances re-
11 ferred to in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) that
12 present employees referred to in such subparagraph
13 with significant health risks under Federal and
14 State occupational, health, and safety standards.

15 “(3) In prescribing the guidelines referred to in
16 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consult with rep-
17 resentatives of the following entities:

18 “(A) The American College of Occupa-
19 tional and Environmental Medicine.

20 “(B) The National Academy of Sciences.

21 “(C) The National Council on Radiation
22 Protection and Measurements.

23 “(D) Any labor organization or other col-
24 lective bargaining agent authorized to act on

1 the behalf of employees of a Department of En-
2 ergy defense nuclear facility.

3 “(4) The Secretary shall provide for each em-
4 ployee identified under paragraph (1)(B) and pro-
5 vided with any medical examination or test under
6 paragraph (1) to be notified by the appropriate med-
7 ical personnel of the identification and the results of
8 any such examination or test. Each notification
9 under this paragraph shall be provided in a form
10 that is readily understandable by the employee.

11 “(5) The Secretary shall collect and assemble
12 information relating to the examinations and tests
13 carried out under paragraph (1).

14 “(6) The Secretary shall commence carrying
15 out the program described in this subsection not
16 later than October 23, 1993.

17 “(c) AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY OF HEALTH
18 AND HUMAN SERVICES.—Not later than April 23, 1993,
19 the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the Sec-
20 retary of Health and Human Services relating to the es-
21 tablishment and conduct of the program required and reg-
22 ulations issued under this section.

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘Department of Energy defense
2 nuclear facility’ has the meaning given that term in
3 section 5753(f).

4 “(2) The term ‘Department of Energy em-
5 ployee’ means any employee of the Department of
6 Energy employed at a Department of Energy de-
7 fense nuclear facility, including any employee of a
8 contractor or subcontractor of the Department of
9 Energy employed at such a facility.

10 **“§ 5774. Programs for persons who may have been ex-**
11 **posed to radiation released from Hanford**
12 **Nuclear Reservation**

13 “(a) FUNDING.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
14 propriated to the Department of Energy under title XXXI
15 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 1991 (Public Law 101–510), the Secretary of Energy
17 shall make available \$3,000,000 to the State of Wash-
18 ington, \$1,000,000 to the State of Oregon, and
19 \$1,000,000 to the State of Idaho. Such funds shall be
20 used to develop and implement programs for the benefit
21 of persons who may have been exposed to radiation re-
22 leased from the Department of Energy Hanford Nuclear
23 Reservation (Richland, Washington) between the years
24 1944 and 1972.

1 “(b) PROGRAMS.—The programs to be developed by
2 the States may include only the following activities:

3 “(1) Preparing and distributing information on
4 the health effects of radiation to health care profes-
5 sionals, and to persons who may have been exposed
6 to radiation.

7 “(2) Developing and implementing mechanisms
8 for referring persons who may have been exposed to
9 radiation to health care professionals with expertise
10 in the health effects of radiation.

11 “(3) Evaluating and, if feasible, implementing,
12 registration and monitoring of persons who may
13 have been exposed to radiation released from the
14 Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

15 “(c) PLAN AND REPORTS.—

16 “(1) The States of Washington, Oregon, and
17 Idaho shall jointly develop a single plan for imple-
18 menting this section.

19 “(2) Not later than May 5, 1991, such States
20 shall submit to the Secretary of Energy and Con-
21 gress a copy of the plan developed under paragraph
22 (1).

23 “(3) Not later than May 5, 1992, such States
24 shall submit to the Secretary of Energy and Con-

1 gress a single report on the implementation of the
2 plan developed under paragraph (1).

3 “(4) In developing and implementing the plan,
4 such States shall consult with persons carrying out
5 current radiation dose and epidemiological research
6 programs (including the Hanford Thyroid Disease
7 Study of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
8 vention and the Hanford Environmental Dose Re-
9 construction Project of the Department of Energy),
10 and may not cause substantial damage to such re-
11 search programs.

12 “(d) PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSURE OF EXPOSURE
13 INFORMATION.—

14 “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a
15 person may not disclose to the public the following:

16 “(A) Any information obtained through a
17 program that identifies a person who may have
18 been exposed to radiation released from the
19 Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

20 “(B) Any information obtained through a
21 program that identifies a person participating
22 in any of the programs developed under this
23 section.

1 “(C) The name, address, and telephone
2 number of a person requesting information re-
3 ferred to in subsection (b)(1).

4 “(D) The name, address, and telephone
5 number of a person who has been referred to a
6 health care professional under subsection
7 (b)(2).

8 “(E) The name, address, and telephone
9 number of a person who has been registered
10 and monitored pursuant to subsection (b)(3).

11 “(F) Information that identifies the person
12 from whom information referred to in this para-
13 graph was obtained under a program or any
14 other third party involved with, or identified by,
15 any such information so obtained.

16 “(G) Any other personal or medical infor-
17 mation that identifies a person or party re-
18 ferred to in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

19 “(H) Such other information or categories
20 of information as the chief officers of the health
21 departments of the States of Washington, Or-
22 egon, and Idaho jointly designate as informa-
23 tion covered by this subsection.

24 “(2) Information referred to in paragraph (1)
25 may be disclosed to the public if the person identi-

1 fied by the information, or the legal representative
 2 of that person, has consented in writing to the dis-
 3 closure.

4 “(3) The States of Washington, Oregon, and
 5 Idaho shall establish uniform procedures for car-
 6 rying out this subsection, including procedures gov-
 7 erning the following:

8 “(A) The disclosure of information under
 9 paragraph (2).

10 “(B) The use of the Hanford Health Infor-
 11 mation Network database.

12 “(C) The future disposition of the data-
 13 base.

14 “(D) Enforcement of the prohibition pro-
 15 vided in paragraph (1) on the disclosure of in-
 16 formation described in that paragraph.

17 **“§ 5775. Use of probabilistic risk assessment to en-**
 18 **sure nuclear safety of facilities of the Ad-**
 19 **ministration and the Office of Environ-**
 20 **mental Management**

21 “(a) NUCLEAR SAFETY AT NNSA AND DOE FACILI-
 22 TIES.—The Administrator and the Secretary of Energy
 23 shall ensure that the methods for assessing, certifying,
 24 and overseeing nuclear safety at the facilities specified in
 25 subsection (c) use national and international standards

1 and nuclear industry best practices, including probabilistic
 2 or quantitative risk assessment if sufficient data exist.

3 “(b) ADEQUATE PROTECTION.—The use of prob-
 4 abilistic or quantitative risk assessment under subsection
 5 (a) shall be to support, rather than replace, the require-
 6 ment under section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954
 7 (42 U.S.C. 2232) that the utilization or production of spe-
 8 cial nuclear material will be in accordance with the com-
 9 mon defense and security and will provide adequate pro-
 10 tection to the health and safety of the public.

11 “(c) FACILITIES SPECIFIED.—Subsection (a) shall
 12 apply—

13 “(1) to the Administrator with respect to the
 14 national security laboratories and the nuclear weap-
 15 ons production facilities; and

16 “(2) to the Secretary of Energy with respect to
 17 defense nuclear facilities of the Office of Environ-
 18 mental Management of the Department of Energy.

19 **“§ 5776. Notification of nuclear criticality and non-**
 20 **nuclear incidents**

21 “(a) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Energy or
 22 the Administrator, as the case may be, shall submit to
 23 the appropriate congressional committees a notification of
 24 a nuclear criticality incident resulting from a covered pro-
 25 gram that results in an injury or fatality or results in the

1 shutdown, or partial shutdown, of a covered facility by not
2 later than 15 days after the date of such incident.

3 “(b) ELEMENTS OF NOTIFICATION.—Each notifica-
4 tion submitted under subsection (a) shall include the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(1) A description of the incident, including the
7 cause of the incident.

8 “(2) In the case of a criticality incident, wheth-
9 er the incident caused a facility, or part of a facility,
10 to be shut down.

11 “(3) The effect, if any, on the mission of the
12 Administration or the Office of Environmental Man-
13 agement of the Department of Energy.

14 “(4) Any corrective action taken in response to
15 the incident.

16 “(c) DATABASE.—

17 “(1) The Secretary shall maintain a record of
18 incidents described in paragraph (2).

19 “(2) An incident described in this paragraph is
20 any of the following incidents resulting from a cov-
21 ered program:

22 “(A) A nuclear criticality incident that re-
23 sults in an injury or fatality or results in the
24 shutdown, or partial shutdown, of a covered fa-
25 cility.

1 “(B) A non-nuclear incident that results in
2 serious bodily injury or fatality at a covered fa-
3 cility.

4 “(d) COOPERATION.—In carrying out this section,
5 the Secretary and the Administrator shall ensure that
6 each management and operating contractor of a covered
7 facility cooperates in a timely manner.

8 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees’ means—

11 “(A) the congressional defense committees;
12 and

13 “(B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
14 merce of the House of Representatives and the
15 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
16 the Senate.

17 “(2) The term ‘covered facility’ means—

18 “(A) a facility of the nuclear security en-
19 terprise; and

20 “(B) a facility conducting activities for the
21 defense environmental cleanup program of the
22 Office of Environmental Management of the
23 Department of Energy.

24 “(3) The term ‘covered program’ means—

25 “(A) programs of the Administration; and

1 “(B) defense environmental cleanup pro-
 2 grams of the Office of Environmental Manage-
 3 ment of the Department of Energy.

4 “SUBCHAPTER VII—BUDGET AND FINANCIAL
 5 MANAGEMENT MATTERS

6 “**PART A—RECURRING NATIONAL SECURITY**
 7 **AUTHORIZATION PROVISIONS**

8 “§ 5781. Definitions

9 “In this part:

10 “(1) The term ‘DOE national security author-
 11 ization’ means an authorization of appropriations for
 12 activities of the Department of Energy in carrying
 13 out programs necessary for national security.

14 “(2)(A) Except as provided by subparagraph
 15 (B), the term ‘minor construction threshold’ means
 16 \$30,000,000.

17 “(B) The Administrator may calculate the
 18 amount specified in subparagraph (A) based on fis-
 19 cal year 2022 constant dollars if the Administrator-

20 “(i) submits to the congressional defense
 21 committees a report on the method used by the
 22 Administrator to calculate the adjustment;

23 “(ii) a period of 30 days elapses following
 24 the date of such submission; and

1 “(iii) publishes the adjusted amount in the
2 Federal Register.

3 **“§ 5782. Reprogramming**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
5 (b) and in sections 5791 and 5792 of this title, the Sec-
6 retary of Energy may not use amounts appropriated pur-
7 suant to a DOE national security authorization for a pro-
8 gram—

9 “(1) in amounts that exceed, in a fiscal year—

10 “(A) 115 percent of the amount authorized
11 for that program by that authorization for that
12 fiscal year; or

13 “(B) \$5,000,000 more than the amount
14 authorized for that program by that authoriza-
15 tion for that fiscal year; or

16 “(2) which has not been presented to, or re-
17 quested of, Congress.

18 “(b) EXCEPTION WHERE NOTICE-AND-WAIT
19 GIVEN.—An action described in subsection (a) may be
20 taken if—

21 “(1) the Secretary submits to the congressional
22 defense committees a report referred to in subsection
23 (c) with respect to such action; and

24 “(2) a period of 30 days has elapsed after the
25 date on which such committees receive the report.

1 “(c) REPORT.—The report referred to in this sub-
 2 section is a report containing a full and complete state-
 3 ment of the action proposed to be taken and the facts and
 4 circumstances relied upon in support of the proposed ac-
 5 tion.

6 “(d) COMPUTATION OF DAYS.—In the computation
 7 of the 30-day period under subsection (b), there shall be
 8 excluded any day on which either House of Congress is
 9 not in session because of an adjournment of more than
 10 three days to a day certain.

11 “(e) LIMITATIONS.—

12 “(1) TOTAL AMOUNT OBLIGATED.—In no event
 13 may the total amount of funds obligated pursuant to
 14 a DOE national security authorization for a fiscal
 15 year exceed the total amount authorized to be appro-
 16 priated by that authorization for that fiscal year.

17 “(2) PROHIBITED ITEMS.—Funds appropriated
 18 pursuant to a DOE national security authorization
 19 may not be used for an item for which Congress has
 20 specifically denied funds.

21 **“§ 5783. Minor construction projects**

22 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Using operation and maintenance
 23 funds or facilities and infrastructure funds authorized by
 24 a DOE national security authorization, the Secretary of
 25 Energy may carry out minor construction projects.

1 “(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit
2 to the congressional defense committees on an annual
3 basis a report on each exercise of the authority in sub-
4 section (a) during the preceding fiscal year. Each report
5 shall provide a brief description of each minor construction
6 project covered by the report. The report shall include with
7 respect to each project the following:

8 “(1) The estimated original total project cost
9 and the estimated original date of completion.

10 “(2) The percentage of the project that is com-
11 plete.

12 “(3) The current estimated total project cost
13 and estimated date of completion.

14 “(c) COST VARIATION REPORTS TO CONGRESSIONAL
15 COMMITTEES.—If, at any time during the construction of
16 any minor construction project authorized by a DOE na-
17 tional security authorization, the estimated cost of the
18 project is revised and the revised cost of the project ex-
19 ceeds the minor construction threshold, the Secretary shall
20 immediately submit to the congressional defense commit-
21 tees a report explaining the reasons for the cost variation.

22 “(d) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN
23 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Sec-
24 retary may not start a minor construction project with a
25 total estimated cost of more than \$5,000,000 until—

1 “(1) the Secretary notifies the congressional de-
2 fense committees of such project and total estimated
3 cost; and

4 “(2) a period of 15 days has elapsed after the
5 date on which such notification is received.

6 “(e) MINOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DEFINED.—In
7 this section, the term ‘minor construction project’ means
8 any plant project not specifically authorized by law for
9 which the approved total estimated cost does not exceed
10 the minor construction threshold.

11 **“§ 5784. General plant projects**

12 “ Plant or construction projects for which amounts
13 are made available under this and subsequent appropria-
14 tion Acts with a current estimated cost of less than
15 \$10,000,000 are considered for purposes of section 5783
16 as a plant project for which the approved total estimated
17 cost does not exceed the minor construction threshold and
18 for purposes of section 5785 as a construction project with
19 a current estimated cost of less than a minor construction
20 threshold.

21 **“§ 5785. Limits on construction projects**

22 “(a) CONSTRUCTION COST CEILING.—Except as pro-
23 vided in subsection (b), construction on a construction
24 project which is in support of national security programs
25 of the Department of Energy and was authorized by a

1 DOE national security authorization may not be started,
2 and additional obligations in connection with the project
3 above the total estimated cost may not be incurred, when-
4 ever the current estimated cost of the construction project
5 exceeds by more than 25 percent the higher of—

6 “(1) the amount authorized for the project; or

7 “(2) the amount of the total estimated cost for
8 the project as shown in the most recent budget jus-
9 tification data submitted to Congress.

10 “(b) EXCEPTION WHERE NOTICE-AND-WAIT
11 GIVEN.—An action described in subsection (a) may be
12 taken if—

13 “(1) the Secretary of Energy has submitted to
14 the congressional defense committees a report on the
15 actions and the circumstances making such action
16 necessary; and

17 “(2) a period of 30 days has elapsed after the
18 date on which the report is received by the commit-
19 tees.

20 “(c) COMPUTATION OF DAYS.—In the computation
21 of the 30-day period under subsection (b), there shall be
22 excluded any day on which either House of Congress is
23 not in session because of an adjournment of more than
24 three days to a day certain.

1 “(d) EXCEPTION FOR MINOR PROJECTS.—Sub-
2 section (a) does not apply to a construction project with
3 a current estimated cost of less than the minor construc-
4 tion threshold.

5 **“§ 5786. Fund transfer authority**

6 “(a) TRANSFER TO OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—
7 The Secretary of Energy may transfer funds authorized
8 to be appropriated to the Department of Energy pursuant
9 to a DOE national security authorization to other Federal
10 agencies for the performance of work for which the funds
11 were authorized. Funds so transferred may be merged
12 with and be available for the same purposes and for the
13 same time period as the authorizations of the Federal
14 agency to which the amounts are transferred.

15 “(b) TRANSFER WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF EN-
16 ERGY.—

17 “(1) TRANSFERS PERMITTED.—Subject to
18 paragraph (2), the Secretary of Energy may transfer
19 funds authorized to be appropriated to the Depart-
20 ment of Energy pursuant to a DOE national secu-
21 rity authorization to any other DOE national secu-
22 rity authorization. Amounts of authorizations so
23 transferred may be merged with and be available for
24 the same purposes and for the same period as the
25 authorization to which the amounts are transferred.

1 “(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—Not more than 5
 2 percent of any such authorization may be trans-
 3 ferred to another authorization under paragraph (1).
 4 No such authorization may be increased or de-
 5 creased by more than 5 percent by a transfer under
 6 such paragraph.

7 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—The authority provided by this
 8 subsection to transfer authorizations—

9 “(1) may be used only to provide funds for
 10 items relating to activities necessary for national se-
 11 curity programs that have a higher priority than the
 12 items from which the funds are transferred; and

13 “(2) may not be used to provide funds for an
 14 item for which Congress has specifically denied
 15 funds.

16 “(d) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of En-
 17 ergy shall promptly notify the congressional defense com-
 18 mittees of any transfer of funds to or from any DOE na-
 19 tional security authorization.

20 **“§ 5787. Conceptual and construction design**

21 “(a) CONCEPTUAL DESIGN.—

22 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—Subject to paragraph (2)
 23 and except as provided in paragraph (3), before sub-
 24 mitting to Congress a request for funds for a con-
 25 struction project that is in support of a national se-

1 curity program of the Department of Energy, the
2 Secretary of Energy shall complete a conceptual de-
3 sign for that project.

4 “(2) REQUESTS FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
5 FUNDS.—If the estimated cost of completing a con-
6 ceptual design for a construction project exceeds
7 \$5,000,000, the Secretary shall submit to Congress
8 a request for funds for the conceptual design before
9 submitting a request for funds for the construction
10 project.

11 “(3) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirement in para-
12 graph (1) does not apply to a request for funds—

13 “(A) for a construction project the total
14 estimated cost of which is less than the minor
15 construction threshold; or

16 “(B) for emergency planning, design, and
17 construction activities under section 5788.

18 “(b) CONSTRUCTION DESIGN.—

19 “(1) AUTHORITY.— Within the amounts au-
20 thorized by a DOE national security authorization,
21 the Secretary may carry out construction design (in-
22 cluding architectural and engineering services) in
23 connection with any proposed construction project if
24 the total estimated cost for such design does not ex-
25 ceed \$5,000,000.

1 “(2) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
2 FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.—If the total estimated
3 cost for construction design in connection with any
4 construction project exceeds \$5,000,000, funds for
5 that design must be specifically authorized by law.

6 **“§ 5788. Authority for emergency planning, design,**
7 **and construction activities**

8 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Energy may use
9 any funds available to the Department of Energy pursuant
10 to a DOE national security authorization, including funds
11 authorized to be appropriated for advance planning, engi-
12 neering, and construction design, and for plant projects,
13 to perform planning, design, and construction activities
14 for any Department of Energy national security program
15 construction project that, as determined by the Secretary,
16 must proceed expeditiously in order to protect public
17 health and safety, to meet the needs of national defense,
18 or to protect property.

19 “(b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not exercise
20 the authority under subsection (a) in the case of a con-
21 struction project until the Secretary has submitted to the
22 congressional defense committees a report on the activities
23 that the Secretary intends to carry out under this section
24 and the circumstances making those activities necessary.

1 “(c) SPECIFIC AUTHORITY.—The requirement of sec-
2 tion 5787(b)(2) does not apply to emergency planning, de-
3 sign, and construction activities conducted under this sec-
4 tion.

5 **“§ 5789. Scope of authority to carry out plant projects**

6 “ In carrying out programs necessary for national se-
7 curity, the authority of the Secretary of Energy to carry
8 out plant projects includes authority for maintenance, res-
9 toration, planning, construction, acquisition, modification
10 of facilities, and the continuation of projects authorized
11 in prior years, and land acquisition related thereto.

12 **“§ 5790. Availability of funds**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
14 (b), amounts appropriated pursuant to a DOE national
15 security authorization for operation and maintenance or
16 for plant projects may, when so specified in an appropria-
17 tions Act, remain available until expended.

18 “(b) EXCEPTION FOR PROGRAM DIRECTION
19 FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated for program direction
20 pursuant to a DOE national security authorization for a
21 fiscal year shall remain available to be obligated only until
22 the end of that fiscal year.

1 **“§ 5791. Transfer of defense environmental cleanup**
2 **funds**

3 “(a) TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR DEFENSE ENVI-
4 RONMENTAL CLEANUP FUNDS.—The Secretary of Energy
5 shall provide the manager of each field office of the De-
6 partment of Energy with the authority to transfer defense
7 environmental cleanup funds from a program or project
8 under the jurisdiction of that office to another such pro-
9 gram or project.

10 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

11 “(1) NUMBER OF TRANSFERS.—Not more than
12 one transfer may be made to or from any program
13 or project under subsection (a) in a fiscal year.

14 “(2) AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED.—The amount
15 transferred to or from a program or project in any
16 one transfer under subsection (a) may not exceed
17 \$5,000,000.

18 “(3) DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—A transfer
19 may not be carried out by a manager of a field office
20 under subsection (a) unless the manager determines
21 that the transfer is necessary—

22 “(A) to address a risk to health, safety, or
23 the environment; or

24 “(B) to assure the most efficient use of de-
25 fense environmental cleanup funds at the field
26 office.

1 “(4) IMPERMISSIBLE USES.—Funds transferred
2 pursuant to subsection (a) may not be used for an
3 item for which Congress has specifically denied
4 funds or for a new program or project that has not
5 been authorized by Congress.

6 “(c) EXEMPTION FROM REPROGRAMMING REQUIRE-
7 MENTS.—The requirements of section 5782 shall not
8 apply to transfers of funds pursuant to subsection (a).

9 “(d) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary, acting through
10 the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental
11 Management, shall notify Congress of any transfer of
12 funds pursuant to subsection (a) not later than 30 days
13 after such transfer occurs.

14 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) The term ‘program or project’ means, with
16 respect to a field office of the Department of En-
17 ergy, a program or project that is for defense envi-
18 ronmental cleanup activities necessary for national
19 security programs of the Department, that is being
20 carried out by that office, and for which defense en-
21 vironmental cleanup funds have been authorized and
22 appropriated.

23 “(2) The term ‘defense environmental cleanup
24 funds’ means funds appropriated to the Department
25 of Energy pursuant to an authorization for carrying

1 out defense environmental cleanup activities nec-
2 essary for national security programs.

3 **“§ 5792. Transfer of weapons activities funds**

4 “(a) TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR WEAPONS ACTIVI-
5 TIES FUNDS.—The Secretary of Energy shall provide the
6 manager of each field office of the Department of Energy
7 with the authority to transfer weapons activities funds
8 from a program or project under the jurisdiction of that
9 office to another such program or project.

10 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

11 “(1) NUMBER OF TRANSFERS.—Not more than
12 one transfer may be made to or from any program
13 or project under subsection (a) in a fiscal year.

14 “(2) AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED.—The amount
15 transferred to or from a program or project in any
16 one transfer under subsection (a) may not exceed
17 \$5,000,000.

18 “(3) DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—A transfer
19 may not be carried out by a manager of a field office
20 under subsection (a) unless the manager determines
21 that the transfer—

22 “(A) is necessary to address a risk to
23 health, safety, or the environment; or

24 “(B) will result in cost savings and effi-
25 ciencies.

1 “(4) LIMITATION.—A transfer may not be car-
2 ried out by a manager of a field office under sub-
3 section (a) to cover a cost overrun or scheduling
4 delay for any program or project.

5 “(5) IMPERMISSIBLE USES.—Funds transferred
6 pursuant to subsection (a) may not be used for an
7 item for which Congress has specifically denied
8 funds or for a new program or project that has not
9 been authorized by Congress.

10 “(c) EXEMPTION FROM REPROGRAMMING REQUIRE-
11 MENTS.—The requirements of section 5782 shall not
12 apply to transfers of funds pursuant to subsection (a).

13 “(d) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary, acting through
14 the Administrator, shall notify Congress of any transfer
15 of funds pursuant to subsection (a) not later than 30 days
16 after such transfer occurs.

17 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) The term ‘program or project’ means, with
19 respect to a field office of the Department of En-
20 ergy, a program or project that is for weapons ac-
21 tivities necessary for national security programs of
22 the Department, that is being carried out by that of-
23 fice, and for which weapons activities funds have
24 been authorized and appropriated.

1 “(2) The term ‘weapons activities funds’ means
 2 funds appropriated to the Department of Energy
 3 pursuant to an authorization for carrying out weap-
 4 ons activities necessary for national security pro-
 5 grams.

6 **“§ 5793. Funds available for all national security pro-**
 7 **grams of the Department of Energy**

8 “ Subject to the provisions of appropriation Acts and
 9 section 5782, amounts appropriated pursuant to a DOE
 10 national security authorization for management and sup-
 11 port activities and for general plant projects are available
 12 for use, when necessary, in connection with all national
 13 security programs of the Department of Energy.

14 **“§ 5794. Notification of cost overruns for certain De-**
 15 **partment of Energy projects**

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COST AND SCHEDULE
 17 BASELINES.—

18 “(1) STOCKPILE LIFE EXTENSION AND NEW
 19 NUCLEAR WEAPON PROGRAM PROJECTS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
 21 shall establish a cost and schedule baseline for
 22 each nuclear stockpile life extension or new nu-
 23 clear weapon program project of the Adminis-
 24 tration. In addition to the requirement under
 25 subparagraph (B), the cost and schedule base-

1 line of a nuclear stockpile life extension or new
2 nuclear weapon program project established
3 under this subparagraph shall be the cost and
4 schedule as described in the first Selected Ac-
5 quisition Report submitted under section
6 5635(a) for the project.

7 “(B) PER UNIT COST.—The cost baseline
8 developed under subparagraph (A) shall in-
9 clude, with respect to each stockpile life exten-
10 sion or new nuclear weapon program project, an
11 estimated cost for each warhead in the project.

12 “(C) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL
13 DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—Not later than 30
14 days after establishing a cost and schedule
15 baseline under subparagraph (A), the Adminis-
16 trator shall submit the cost and schedule base-
17 line to the congressional defense committees.

18 “(2) MAJOR ALTERATION PROJECTS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator
20 shall establish a cost and schedule baseline for
21 each major alteration project.

22 “(B) PER UNIT COST.—The cost baseline
23 developed under subparagraph (A) shall in-
24 clude, with respect to each major alteration

1 project, an estimated cost for each warhead in
2 the project.

3 “(C) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL
4 DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—Not later than 30
5 days after establishing a cost and schedule
6 baseline under subparagraph (A), the Adminis-
7 trator shall submit the cost and schedule base-
8 line to the congressional defense committees.

9 “(D) MAJOR ALTERATION PROJECT DE-
10 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term “major al-
11 teration project” means a nuclear weapon sys-
12 tem alteration project of the Administration the
13 cost of which exceeds \$800,000,000.

14 “(3) DEFENSE-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION
15 PROJECTS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of En-
17 ergy shall establish a cost and schedule baseline
18 under the project management protocols of the
19 Department of Energy for each construction
20 project that is—

21 “(i) in excess of \$65,000,000; and

22 “(ii) carried out by the Department
23 using funds authorized to be appropriated
24 for a fiscal year pursuant to a DOE na-
25 tional security authorization.

1 “(B) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL
 2 DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—Not later than 30
 3 days after establishing a cost and schedule
 4 baseline under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
 5 shall submit the cost and schedule baseline to
 6 the congressional defense committees.

7 “(4) DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP
 8 PROJECTS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
 10 establish a cost and schedule baseline under the
 11 project management protocols of the Depart-
 12 ment of Energy for each defense environmental
 13 cleanup project that is—

14 “(i) in excess of \$65,000,000; and

15 “(ii) carried out by the Department
 16 pursuant to such protocols.

17 “(B) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL
 18 DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—Not later than 30
 19 days after establishing a cost and schedule
 20 baseline under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
 21 shall submit the cost and schedule baseline to
 22 the congressional defense committees.

23 “(b) NOTIFICATION OF COSTS EXCEEDING BASE-
 24 LINE.—The Administrator or the Secretary, as applicable,

1 shall notify the congressional defense committees not later
2 than 30 days after determining that—

3 “(1) the total cost for a project referred to in
4 paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of subsection (a) will
5 exceed an amount that is equal to 125 percent of the
6 cost baseline established under subsection (a) for
7 that project; and

8 “(2) in the case of a stockpile life extension or
9 new nuclear weapon program project referred to in
10 subsection (a)(1) or a major alteration project re-
11 ferred to in subsection (a)(2), the cost for any war-
12 head in the project will exceed an amount that is
13 equal to 150 percent of the cost baseline established
14 under subsection (a)(1)(B) or (a)(2)(B), as applica-
15 ble, for each warhead in that project.

16 “(c) NOTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION WITH RE-
17 SPECT TO TERMINATION OR CONTINUATION OF PROJECTS
18 AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSES.—Not later than 90 days
19 after submitting a notification under subsection (b) with
20 respect to a project, the Administrator or the Secretary,
21 as applicable, shall—

22 “(1) notify the congressional defense commit-
23 tees with respect to whether the project will be ter-
24 minated or continued;

1 “(2) if the project will be continued, certify to
2 the congressional defense committees that—

3 “(A) a revised cost and schedule baseline
4 has been established for the project and, in the
5 case of a stockpile life extension or new nuclear
6 weapon program project referred to in subpara-
7 graph (A) or (B) of subsection (a)(1) or a
8 major alteration project referred to in sub-
9 section (a)(2), a revised estimate of the cost for
10 each warhead in the project has been made;

11 “(B) the continuation of the project is nec-
12 essary to the mission of the Department of En-
13 ergy and there is no alternative to the project
14 that would meet the requirements of that mis-
15 sion; and

16 “(C) a management structure is in place
17 adequate to manage and control the cost and
18 schedule of the project; and

19 “(3) submit to the congressional defense com-
20 mittees an assessment of the root cause or causes of
21 the growth in the total cost of the project, including
22 the contribution of any shortcomings in cost, sched-
23 ule, or performance of the program, including the
24 role, if any, of—

25 “(A) unrealistic performance expectations;

1 “(B) unrealistic baseline estimates for cost
2 or schedule;

3 “(C) immature technologies or excessive
4 manufacturing or integration risk;

5 “(D) unanticipated design, engineering,
6 manufacturing, or technology integration issues
7 arising during program performance;

8 “(E) changes in procurement quantities;

9 “(F) inadequate program funding or fund-
10 ing instability;

11 “(G) poor performance by personnel of the
12 Federal Government or contractor personnel re-
13 sponsible for program management; or

14 “(H) any other matters.

15 “(d) APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS TO REVISED
16 COST AND SCHEDULE BASELINES.—A revised cost and
17 schedule baseline established under subsection (c) shall—

18 “(1) be submitted to the congressional defense
19 committees with the certification submitted under
20 subsection (c)(2); and

21 “(2) be subject to the notification requirements
22 of subsections (b) and (c) in the same manner and
23 to the same extent as a cost and schedule baseline
24 established under subsection (a).

1 **“§ 5795. Life-cycle cost estimates of certain atomic en-**
2 **ergy defense capital assets**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
4 ensure that an independent life-cycle cost estimate under
5 Department of Energy Order 413.3B (relating to program
6 management and project management for the acquisition
7 of capital assets), or a successor order, of each capital
8 asset described in subsection (b) is conducted before the
9 asset achieves critical decision 2 in the acquisition process.

10 “(b) CAPITAL ASSETS DESCRIBED.—A capital asset
11 described in this subsection is an atomic energy defense
12 capital asset—

13 “(1) the total project cost of which exceeds
14 \$100,000,000; and

15 “(2) the purpose of which is to perform a lim-
16 ited-life, single-purpose mission.

17 “(c) INDEPENDENT DEFINED.—For purposes of sub-
18 section (a), the term ‘independent’, with respect to a life-
19 cycle cost estimate of a capital asset, means that the life-
20 cycle cost estimate is prepared by an organization inde-
21 pendent of the project sponsor, using the same detailed
22 technical and procurement information as the sponsor, to
23 determine if the life-cycle cost estimate of the sponsor is
24 accurate and reasonable.

1 **“§ 5796. Use of best practices for capital asset**
2 **projects and nuclear weapon life exten-**
3 **sion programs**

4 “(a) ANALYSES OF ALTERNATIVES.—Not later than
5 30 days after the date of the enactment of the National
6 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public
7 Law 114–92; 129 Stat. 726), the Secretary of Energy,
8 in coordination with the Administrator, shall ensure that
9 analyses of alternatives are conducted (including through
10 contractors, as appropriate) in accordance with best prac-
11 tices for capital asset projects and life extension programs
12 of the Administration and capital asset projects relating
13 to defense environmental management.

14 “(b) COST ESTIMATES.—Not later than 30 days after
15 the date of the enactment of such Act, the Secretary, in
16 coordination with the Administrator, shall develop cost es-
17 timates in accordance with cost estimating best practices
18 for capital asset projects and life extension programs of
19 the Administration and capital asset projects relating to
20 defense environmental management.

21 “(c) REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MAN-
22 AGEMENT ORDER AND NUCLEAR WEAPON LIFE EXTEN-
23 SION REQUIREMENTS.—As soon as practicable after the
24 date of the enactment of such Act, but not later than two
25 years after such date of enactment, the Secretary shall
26 revise—

1 “(1) the capital asset project management order
2 of the Department of Energy to require the use of
3 best practices for preparing cost estimates and for
4 conducting analyses of alternatives for Administra-
5 tion and defense environmental management capital
6 asset projects; and

7 “(2) the nuclear weapon life extension program
8 procedures of the Department to require the use of
9 best practices for preparing cost estimates and con-
10 ducting analyses of alternatives for Administration
11 life extension programs.

12 **“§ 5797. Matters relating to critical decisions**

13 “(a) POST-CRITICAL DECISION 2 CHANGES.—After
14 the date on which a plant project specifically authorized
15 by law and carried out under Department of Energy Order
16 413.3B (relating to program management and project
17 management for the acquisition of capital assets), or a
18 successor order, achieves critical decision 2, the Adminis-
19 trator may not change the requirements for such project
20 if such change increases the cost of such project by more
21 than the lesser of \$5,000,000 or 15 percent, unless—

22 “(1) the Administrator submits to the congres-
23 sional defense committees—

1 “(A) a certification that the Administrator,
2 without delegation, authorizes such proposed
3 change; and

4 “(B) a cost-benefit and risk analysis of
5 such proposed change, including with respect
6 to—

7 “(i) the effects of such proposed
8 change on the project cost and schedule;
9 and

10 “(ii) any mission risks and operational
11 risks from making such change or not
12 making such change; and

13 “(2) a period of 15 days elapses following the
14 date of such submission.

15 “(b) REVIEW AND APPROVAL.—The Administrator
16 shall ensure that critical decision packages are timely re-
17 viewed and either approved or disapproved.

18 **“§ 5798. Unfunded priorities of the Administration**

19 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT OR CERTIFICATION.—Not
20 later than 10 days after the date on which the budget of
21 the President for a fiscal year is submitted to Congress
22 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, the Administrator
23 shall submit to the Secretary of Energy and the congres-
24 sional defense committees either—

1 “(1) a report on the unfunded priorities of the
2 Administration; or

3 “(2) if the Administrator determines that there
4 are no unfunded priorities to include in such a re-
5 port, a certification and explanation by the Adminis-
6 trator, without delegation, of the determination.

7 “(b) ELEMENTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each report under sub-
9 section (a)(1) shall specify, for each unfunded pri-
10 ority covered by the report, the following:

11 “(A) A summary description of that pri-
12 ority, including the objectives to be achieved or
13 the risk to be mitigated if that priority is fund-
14 ed (whether in whole or in part).

15 “(B) The additional amount of funds rec-
16 ommended in connection with the objectives or
17 risk mitigation under subparagraph (A).

18 “(C) Account information with respect to
19 that priority.

20 “(2) PRIORITIZATION OF PRIORITIES.—Each
21 report under subsection (a)(1) shall present the un-
22 funded priorities covered by the report in order of
23 urgency of priority.

24 “(c) UNFUNDED PRIORITY DEFINED.—In this sec-
25 tion, the term ‘unfunded priority’, in the case of a fiscal

1 year, means a program, activity, or mission requirement
2 that—

3 “(1) is not funded in the budget of the Presi-
4 dent for that fiscal year as submitted to Congress
5 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31;

6 “(2) is necessary to address a requirement as-
7 sociated with the mission of the Administration; and

8 “(3) would have been recommended for funding
9 through the budget referred to in paragraph (1) by
10 the Administrator—

11 “(A) if additional resources were available
12 for the budget to fund the program, activity, or
13 mission requirement; or

14 “(B) in the case of a program, activity, or
15 mission requirement that emerged after the
16 budget was formulated, if the program, activity,
17 or mission requirement had emerged before the
18 budget was formulated.

19 **“§ 5799. Review of adequacy of nuclear weapons**
20 **budget**

21 “(a) REVIEW OF ADEQUACY OF ADMINISTRATION
22 BUDGET BY NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL.—

23 “(1) TRANSMISSION TO COUNCIL.—The Sec-
24 retary of Energy shall transmit to the Nuclear
25 Weapons Council (in this section referred to as the

1 ‘Council’) a copy of the proposed budget request of
 2 the Administration for each fiscal year before that
 3 budget request is submitted to the Director of the
 4 Office of Management and Budget in relation to the
 5 preparation of the budget of the President to be sub-
 6 mitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31.

7 “(2) REVIEW.—The Council shall review each
 8 budget request transmitted to the Council under
 9 paragraph (1) in accordance with section 179(f).

10 “(3) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESPONSE.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Council submits
 12 to the Secretary of Energy a written description
 13 under section 179(f)(2)(B)(i) with respect to
 14 the budget request of the Administration for a
 15 fiscal year, the Secretary shall include as an ap-
 16 pendix to the budget request submitted to the
 17 Director of the Office of Management and
 18 Budget—

19 “(i) the funding levels and initiatives
 20 identified in that description; and

21 “(ii) any additional comments the
 22 Secretary considers appropriate.

23 “(B) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The
 24 Secretary of Energy shall transmit to Congress,
 25 with the budget justification materials sub-

1 mitted in support of the Department of Energy
2 budget for a fiscal year (as submitted with the
3 budget of the President under section 1105(a)
4 of title 31), a copy of the appendix described in
5 subparagraph (A).

6 “(b) REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT
7 OF ENERGY BUDGET BY NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL.—
8 At the time the Secretary of Energy submits the budget
9 request of the Department of Energy for that fiscal year
10 to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget
11 in relation to the preparation of the budget of the Presi-
12 dent, the Secretary shall transmit a copy of the budget
13 request of the Department to the Council.

14 **“§ 5800. Improvements to cost estimates informing**
15 **analyses of alternatives**

16 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR ANALYSES OF ALTER-
17 NATIVES.—The Administrator shall ensure that any cost
18 estimate used in an analysis of alternatives for a project
19 carried out using funds authorized by a DOE national se-
20 curity authorization is designed to fully satisfy the require-
21 ments outlined in the mission needs statement approved
22 at critical decision 0 in the acquisition process, as set forth
23 in Department of Energy Order 413.3B (relating to pro-
24 gram management and project management for the acqui-
25 sition of capital assets) or a successor order.

1 “(b) USE OF PROJECT ENGINEERING AND DESIGN
 2 FUNDS.—In the case of a project the total estimated cost
 3 of which exceeds \$500,000,000 and that has not reached
 4 critical decision 1 in the acquisition process, the Adminis-
 5 trator may use funds authorized by a DOE national secu-
 6 rity authorization for project engineering and design to
 7 begin the development of a conceptual design to facilitate
 8 the development of a cost estimate for the project during
 9 the analysis of alternatives for the project if—

10 “(1) the Administrator—

11 “(A) determines that such use of funds
 12 would improve the quality of the cost estimate
 13 for the project; and

14 “(B) notifies the congressional defense
 15 committees of that determination; and

16 “(2) a period of 15 days has elapsed after the
 17 date on which such committees receive the notifica-
 18 tion.

19 **“PART B—PENALTIES**

20 **“§ 5801. Restriction on use of funds to pay penalties**
 21 **under environmental laws**

22 “(a) RESTRICTION.—Funds appropriated to the De-
 23 partment of Energy for the Naval Nuclear Propulsion
 24 Program or the nuclear weapons programs or other atomic
 25 energy defense activities of the Department of Energy

1 may not be used to pay a penalty, fine, or forfeiture in
2 regard to a defense activity or facility of the Department
3 of Energy due to a failure to comply with any environ-
4 mental requirement.

5 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply
6 with respect to an environmental requirement if—

7 “(1) the President fails to request funds for
8 compliance with the environmental requirement; or

9 “(2) Congress has appropriated funds for such
10 purpose (and such funds have not been sequestered,
11 deferred, or rescinded) and the Secretary of Energy
12 fails to use the funds for such purpose.

13 **“§ 5802. Restriction on use of funds to pay penalties**
14 **under Clean Air Act**

15 “None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
16 the Department of Energy National Security and Military
17 Applications of Nuclear Energy Authorization Act of 1981
18 (Public Law 96–540; 94 Stat. 3197) or any other Act may
19 be used to pay any penalty, fine, forfeiture, or settlement
20 resulting from a failure to comply with the Clean Air Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) with respect to any defense activ-
22 ity of the Department of Energy if—

23 “(1) the Secretary finds that compliance is
24 physically impossible within the time prescribed for
25 compliance; or

1 “(2) the President has specifically requested ap-
 2 propriations for compliance and Congress has failed
 3 to appropriate funds for such purpose.

4 **“PART C—OTHER MATTERS**

5 **“§ 5811. Reports on financial balances for atomic en-**
 6 **ergy defense activities**

7 “(a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Concurrent with the sub-
 9 mission of the budget justification materials sub-
 10 mitted to Congress in support of the budget of the
 11 President for a fiscal year (submitted to Congress
 12 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31), the Sec-
 13 retary of Energy shall submit to the congressional
 14 defense committees a report on the financial bal-
 15 ances for each atomic energy defense program.

16 “(2) PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION.—In
 17 each report required by paragraph (1), the Secretary
 18 shall—

19 “(A) present information on the financial
 20 balances for each atomic energy defense pro-
 21 gram at the budget control levels used in the
 22 report accompanying the most current Act ap-
 23 propriating funds for energy and water develop-
 24 ment; and

1 “(B) present financial balances in connec-
 2 tion with funding under recurring DOE na-
 3 tional security authorizations (as defined in sec-
 4 tion 5781) separately from balances in connec-
 5 tion with funding under any other provision of
 6 law.

7 “(b) ELEMENTS.—

8 “(1) FORMAT.—Each report required by sub-
 9 section (a) shall—

10 “(A) be divided into two parts, as specified
 11 in paragraphs (2) and (3); and

12 “(B) set forth the information required by
 13 those paragraphs in summary form and by fis-
 14 cal year.

15 “(2) PART 1.—The first part of the report re-
 16 quired by subsection (a) shall set forth, for each
 17 atomic energy defense program, the following infor-
 18 mation, as of the end of the most recently completed
 19 fiscal year:

20 “(A) The balance of any unobligated funds
 21 and an explanation for why those funds are un-
 22 obligated.

23 “(B) The total funds available to cost.

24 “(C) The total balance of costed funds.

25 “(D) The total balance of uncoded funds.

1 “(E) The threshold for the balance of
2 uncosted funds, stated in dollars.

3 “(F) The amount of any balance of
4 uncosted funds that is over or under that
5 threshold and, in the case of a balance over
6 that threshold, an explanation for why the bal-
7 ance is over that threshold.

8 “(G) The total balance of encumbered,
9 uncosted funds.

10 “(H) The total balance of unencumbered,
11 uncosted funds.

12 “(I) The amount of any balance of
13 unencumbered, uncosted funds that is over or
14 under the threshold described in subparagraph
15 (E) and, in the case of a balance over that
16 threshold, an explanation for why the balance is
17 over that threshold.

18 “(3) PART 2.—The second part of the report
19 required by subsection (a) shall set forth, for each
20 atomic energy defense program, the following infor-
21 mation:

22 “(A) The balance of any unobligated
23 funds, as of the end of the first quarter of the
24 current fiscal year.

1 “(B) The total balance of uncosted funds,
2 as of the end of the first quarter of the current
3 fiscal year.

4 “(C) Unallotted budget authority.

5 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) COSTED.—The term ‘costed’, with respect
7 to funds, means the funds have been obligated to a
8 contract and goods or services have been received
9 from the contractor in exchange for the funds.

10 “(2) ENCUMBERED.—The term ‘encumbered’,
11 with respect to funds, means the funds have been
12 obligated to a contract and are being held for a spe-
13 cific known purpose by the contractor.

14 “(3) UNCOSTED.—The term ‘uncosted’, with re-
15 spect to funds, means the funds have been obligated
16 to a contract and goods or services have not been re-
17 ceived from the contractor in exchange for the
18 funds.

19 “(4) UNENCUMBERED.—The term
20 ‘unencumbered’, with respect to funds, means the
21 funds have been obligated to a contract and are not
22 being held for a specific known purpose by the con-
23 tractor.

24 “(5) THRESHOLD.—The term ‘threshold’ means
25 a benchmark over which a balance carried over at

1 the end of a fiscal year should be given greater scrutiny by Congress.

3 “(6) TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COST.—The
4 term ‘total funds available to cost’ means the sum
5 of—

6 “(A) total uncosted obligations from prior
7 fiscal years;

8 “(B) current fiscal year obligations; and

9 “(C) current fiscal year deobligations.

10 **“§ 5812. Independent acquisition project reviews of**
11 **capital assets acquisition projects**

12 “(a) REVIEWS.—The appropriate head shall ensure
13 that an independent entity conducts reviews of each capital assets acquisition project as the project moves toward
14 the approval of each of critical decision 0, critical decision
15 1, and critical decision 2 in the acquisition process.

17 “(b) PRE-CRITICAL DECISION 1 REVIEWS.—In addition to any other matters, with respect to each review of
18 a capital assets acquisition project under subsection (a)
19 that has not reached critical decision 1 approval in the
20 acquisition process, such review shall include—

22 “(1) a review using best practices of the analysis of alternatives for the project; and
23

1 “(2) identification of any deficiencies in such
2 analysis of alternatives for the appropriate head to
3 address.

4 “(c) INDEPENDENT ENTITIES.—The appropriate
5 head shall ensure that each review of a capital assets ac-
6 quisition project under subsection (a) is conducted by an
7 independent entity with the appropriate expertise with re-
8 spect to the project and the stage in the acquisition proc-
9 ess of the project.

10 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 “(1) The term ‘acquisition process’ means the
12 acquisition process for a project, as defined in De-
13 partment of Energy Order 413.3B (relating to
14 project management and project management for
15 the acquisition of capital assets), or a successor
16 order.

17 “(2) The term ‘appropriate head’ means—

18 “(A) the Administrator, with respect to
19 capital assets acquisition projects of the Admin-
20 istration; and

21 “(B) the Assistant Secretary of Energy for
22 Environmental Management, with respect to
23 capital assets acquisition projects of the Office
24 of Environmental Management.

1 “(3) The term ‘capital assets acquisition
2 project’ means a project—

3 “(A) the total project cost of which is more
4 than \$500,000,000; and

5 “(B) that is covered by Department of En-
6 ergy Order 413.3B, or a successor order, for
7 the acquisition of capital assets for atomic en-
8 ergy defense activities.

9 “SUBCHAPTER VIII—ADMINISTRATIVE
10 MATTERS

11 “**PART A—CONTRACTS**

12 “§ 5821. **Costs not allowed under covered contracts**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The following costs are not al-
14 lowable under a covered contract:

15 “(1) Costs of entertainment, including amuse-
16 ment, diversion, and social activities and any costs
17 directly associated with such costs (such as tickets
18 to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals,
19 transportation, and gratuities).

20 “(2) Costs incurred to influence (directly or in-
21 directly) legislative action on any matter pending be-
22 fore Congress or a State legislature.

23 “(3) Costs incurred in defense of any civil or
24 criminal fraud proceeding or similar proceeding (in-
25 cluding filing of any false certification) brought by

1 the United States where the contractor is found lia-
2 ble or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of
3 fraud or similar proceeding (including filing of false
4 certification).

5 “(4) Payments of fines and penalties resulting
6 from violations of, or failure to comply with, Fed-
7 eral, State, local, or foreign laws and regulations, ex-
8 cept when incurred as a result of compliance with
9 specific terms and conditions of the contract or spe-
10 cific written instructions from the contracting officer
11 authorizing in advance such payments in accordance
12 with applicable regulations of the Secretary of En-
13 ergy.

14 “(5) Costs of membership in any social, dining,
15 or country club or organization.

16 “(6) Costs of alcoholic beverages.

17 “(7) Contributions or donations, regardless of
18 the recipient.

19 “(8) Costs of advertising designed to promote
20 the contractor or its products.

21 “(9) Costs of promotional items and memora-
22 bilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs.

23 “(10) Costs for travel by commercial aircraft or
24 by travel by other than common carrier that is not
25 necessary for the performance of the contract and

1 the cost of which exceeds the amount of the stand-
2 ard commercial fare.

3 “(b) REGULATIONS; COSTS OF INFORMATION PRO-
4 VIDED TO CONGRESS OR STATE LEGISLATURES AND RE-
5 LATED COSTS.—

6 “(1) Not later than 150 days after November
7 8, 1985, the Secretary of Energy shall prescribe reg-
8 ulations to implement this section. Such regulations
9 may establish appropriate definitions, exclusions,
10 limitations, and qualifications. Such regulations shall
11 be published in accordance with section 1707 of title
12 41.

13 “(2) In any regulations implementing sub-
14 section (a)(2), the Secretary may not treat as not al-
15 lowable (by reason of such subsection) the following
16 costs of a contractor:

17 “(A) Costs of providing to Congress or a
18 State legislature, in response to a request from
19 Congress or a State legislature, information of
20 a factual, technical, or scientific nature, or ad-
21 vice of experts, with respect to topics directly
22 related to the performance of the contract.

23 “(B) Costs for transportation, lodging, or
24 meals incurred for the purpose of providing
25 such information or advice.

1 “(c) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term ‘covered contract’ means a contract for an
3 amount more than \$100,000 entered into by the Secretary
4 of Energy obligating funds appropriated for national secu-
5 rity programs of the Department of Energy.

6 “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall apply
7 with respect to costs incurred under a covered contract
8 on or after 30 days after the regulations required by sub-
9 section (b) are issued.

10 **“§ 5822. Prohibition and report on bonuses to con-**
11 **tractors operating defense nuclear facili-**
12 **ties**

13 “(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Energy may
14 not provide any bonuses, award fees, or other form of
15 performance- or production-based awards to a contractor
16 operating a Department of Energy defense nuclear facility
17 unless, in evaluating the performance or production under
18 the contract, the Secretary considers the contractor’s com-
19 pliance with all applicable environmental, safety, and
20 health statutes, regulations, and practices for determining
21 both the size of, and the contractor’s qualification for,
22 such bonus, award fee, or other award. The prohibition
23 in this subsection applies with respect to contracts entered
24 into, or contract options exercised, after November 29,
25 1989.

1 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Energy shall
2 promulgate regulations to implement subsection (a) not
3 later than March 1, 1990.

4 **“§ 5823. Assessments of emergency preparedness of**
5 **defense nuclear facilities**

6 “ The Secretary of Energy shall include, in each
7 award-fee evaluation conducted under section 16.401 of
8 title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, of a management
9 and operating contract for a Department of Energy de-
10 fense nuclear facility in 2016 or any even-numbered year
11 thereafter, an assessment of the adequacy of the emer-
12 gency preparedness of that facility, including an assess-
13 ment of the seniority level of management and operating
14 contractor employees that participate in emergency pre-
15 paredness exercises at that facility.

16 **“§ 5824. Contractor liability for injury or loss of prop-**
17 **erty arising out of atomic weapons test-**
18 **ing programs**

19 “(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
20 ‘Atomic Energy Testing Liability Act’.

21 “(b) FEDERAL REMEDIES APPLICABLE; EXCLUSIVE-
22 NESS OF REMEDIES.—

23 “(1) REMEDY.—The remedy against the United
24 States provided by sections 1346(b) and 2672 of
25 title 28, or by chapter 309 or 311 of title 46, as ap-

1 appropriate, for injury, loss of property, personal in-
2 jury, or death shall apply to any civil action for in-
3 jury, loss of property, personal injury, or death due
4 to exposure to radiation based on acts or omissions
5 by a contractor in carrying out an atomic weapons
6 testing program under a contract with the United
7 States.

8 “(2) EXCLUSIVITY.—The remedies referred to
9 in paragraph (1) shall be exclusive of any other civil
10 action or proceeding for the purpose of determining
11 civil liability arising from any act or omission of the
12 contractor without regard to when the act or omis-
13 sion occurred. The employees of a contractor re-
14 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall be considered to be
15 employees of the Federal Government, as provided
16 in section 2671 of title 28, for the purposes of any
17 such civil action or proceeding; and the civil action
18 or proceeding shall proceed in the same manner as
19 any action against the United States filed pursuant
20 to section 1346(b) of such title and shall be subject
21 to the limitations and exceptions applicable to those
22 actions.

23 “(c) PROCEDURE.—A contractor against whom a civil
24 action or proceeding described in subsection (b) is brought
25 shall promptly deliver all processes served upon that con-

1 tractor to the Attorney General of the United States.
2 Upon certification by the Attorney General that the suit
3 against the contractor is within the provisions of sub-
4 section (b), a civil action or proceeding commenced in a
5 State court shall be removed without bond at any time
6 before trial by the Attorney General to the district court
7 of the United States for the district and division embrac-
8 ing the place wherein it is pending and the proceedings
9 shall be deemed a tort action brought against the United
10 States under the provisions of section 1346(b), 2401(b),
11 or 2402, or sections 2671 through 2680 of title 28. For
12 purposes of removal, the certification by the Attorney Gen-
13 eral under this subsection establishes contractor status
14 conclusively.

15 “(d) ACTIONS COVERED.—The provisions of this sec-
16 tion shall apply to any action, within the provisions of sub-
17 section (b), which is pending on November 5, 1990, or
18 commenced on or after such date. Notwithstanding section
19 2401(b) of title 28, if a civil action or proceeding to which
20 this section applies is pending on November 5, 1990, and
21 is dismissed because the plaintiff in such action or pro-
22 ceeding did not file an administrative claim as required
23 by section 2672 of that title, the plaintiff in that action
24 or proceeding shall have 30 days from the date of the dis-
25 missal or two years from the date upon which the claim

1 accrued, whichever is later, to file an administrative claim,
2 and any claim or subsequent civil action or proceeding
3 shall thereafter be subject to the provisions of section
4 2401(b) of title 28.

5 “(e) CONTRACTOR DEFINED.—For purposes of this
6 section, the term ‘contractor’ includes a contractor or cost
7 reimbursement subcontractor of any tier participating in
8 the conduct of the United States atomic weapons testing
9 program for the Department of Energy (or its predecessor
10 agencies, including the Manhattan Engineer District, the
11 Atomic Energy Commission, and the Energy Research and
12 Development Administration). Such term also includes fa-
13 cilities which conduct or have conducted research con-
14 cerning health effects of ionizing radiation in connection
15 with the testing under contract with the Department of
16 Energy (or any of its predecessor agencies).

17 **“§ 5825. Notice-and-wait requirement applicable to**
18 **certain third-party financing arrange-**
19 **ments**

20 “(a) NOTICE-AND-WAIT REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
21 retary of Energy may not enter into an arrangement de-
22 scribed in subsection (b) until 30 days after the date on
23 which the Secretary notifies the congressional defense
24 committees in writing of the proposed arrangement.

25 “(b) COVERED ARRANGEMENTS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), an arrangement referred to in subsection
3 (a) is any alternative financing arrangement, third-
4 party financing arrangement, public-private partner-
5 ship, privatization arrangement, private capital ar-
6 rangement, or other financing arrangement that—

7 “(A) is entered into in connection with a
8 project conducted using funds authorized to be
9 appropriated to the Department of Energy to
10 carry out programs necessary for national secu-
11 rity; and

12 “(B) involves a contractor or Federal
13 agency obtaining and charging to the Depart-
14 ment of Energy as an allowable cost under a
15 contract the use of office space, facilities, or
16 other real property assets with a value of at
17 least \$5,000,000.

18 “(2) EXCEPTION.—An arrangement referred to
19 in subsection (a) does not include an arrangement
20 that—

21 “(A) involves the Department of Energy or
22 a contractor acquiring or entering into a capital
23 lease for office space, facilities, or other real
24 property assets; or

1 “(B) is entered into in connection with a
 2 capital improvement project undertaken as part
 3 of an energy savings performance contract
 4 under section 801 of the National Energy Con-
 5 servation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8287).

6 **“§ 5826. Publication of contractor performance eval-**
 7 **uations leading to award fees**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall take ap-
 9 propriate actions to make available to the public, to the
 10 maximum extent practicable, contractor performance eval-
 11 uations conducted by the Administration of management
 12 and operating contractors of the nuclear security enter-
 13 prise that results in the award of an award fee to the con-
 14 tractor concerned.

15 “(b) FORMAT.—Performance evaluations shall be
 16 made public under this section in a common format that
 17 facilitates comparisons of performance evaluations be-
 18 tween and among similar management and operating con-
 19 tracts.

20 **“§ 5827. Enhanced procurement authority to manage**
 21 **supply chain risk**

22 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection (b), the
 23 Secretary of Energy may—

24 “(1) carry out a covered procurement action or
 25 special exclusion action; and

1 “(2) notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, limit, in whole or in part, the disclosure of in-
3 formation relating to the basis for carrying out a
4 covered procurement action or special exclusion ac-
5 tion.

6 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may exercise
7 the authority under subsection (a) only after—

8 “(1) obtaining a risk assessment that dem-
9 onstrates that there is a significant supply chain risk
10 to a covered system;

11 “(2) making a determination in writing, in un-
12 classified or classified form, that—

13 “(A) the use of the authority under sub-
14 section (a) is necessary to protect national secu-
15 rity by reducing supply chain risk;

16 “(B) less restrictive measures are not rea-
17 sonably available to reduce the supply chain
18 risk; and

19 “(C) in a case in which the Secretary plans
20 to limit disclosure of information under sub-
21 section (a)(2), the risk to national security of
22 the disclosure of the information outweighs the
23 risk of not disclosing the information; and

24 “(3) submitting to the appropriate congres-
25 sional committees, not later than seven days after

1 the date on which the Secretary makes the deter-
2 mination under paragraph (2), a notice of such de-
3 termination, in classified or unclassified form, that
4 includes—

5 “(A) the information required by section
6 3304(e)(2)(A) of title 41;

7 “(B) a summary of the risk assessment re-
8 quired under paragraph (1); and

9 “(C) a summary of the basis for the deter-
10 mination, including a discussion of less restric-
11 tive measures that were considered and why
12 such measures were not reasonably available to
13 reduce supply chain risk.

14 “(c) NOTIFICATIONS.—If the Secretary has exercised
15 the authority under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

16 “(1) notify appropriate parties of the covered
17 procurement action or special exclusion action and
18 the basis for the action only to the extent necessary
19 to carry out the covered procurement action or spe-
20 cial exclusion action;

21 “(2) notify other Federal agencies responsible
22 for procurement that may be subject to the same or
23 similar supply chain risk, in a manner and to the ex-
24 tent consistent with the requirements of national se-
25 curity; and

1 “(3) ensure the confidentiality of any notifica-
2 tions under paragraph (1) or (2).

3 “(d) LIMITATION OF REVIEW.—No action taken by
4 the Secretary under the authority under subsection (a)
5 shall be subject to review in any Federal court.

6 “(e) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
7 may delegate the authority under this section to—

8 “(1) in the case of the Administration, the Ad-
9 ministrator; and

10 “(2) in the case of any other component of the
11 Department of Energy, the Senior Procurement Ex-
12 ecutive of the Department.

13 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees’ means—

17 “(A) the congressional defense committees;
18 and

19 “(B) the Committee on Energy and Nat-
20 ural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
21 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House
22 of Representatives.

23 “(2) COVERED ITEM OF SUPPLY.—The term
24 ‘covered item of supply’ means an item—

1 “(A) that is purchased for inclusion in a
2 covered system; and

3 “(B) the loss of integrity of which could
4 result in a supply chain risk for a covered sys-
5 tem.

6 “(3) COVERED PROCUREMENT.—The term ‘cov-
7 ered procurement’ means the following:

8 “(A) A source selection for a covered sys-
9 tem or a covered item of supply involving either
10 a performance specification, as described in
11 subsection (a)(3)(B) of section 3306 of title 41,
12 or an evaluation factor, as described in sub-
13 section (b)(1) of such section, relating to supply
14 chain risk.

15 “(B) The consideration of proposals for
16 and issuance of a task or delivery order for a
17 covered system or a covered item of supply, as
18 provided in section 4106(d)(3) of title 41,
19 where the task or delivery order contract con-
20 cerned includes a contract clause establishing a
21 requirement relating to supply chain risk.

22 “(C) Any contract action involving a con-
23 tract for a covered system or a covered item of
24 supply if the contract includes a clause estab-

1 lishing requirements relating to supply chain
2 risk.

3 “(4) COVERED PROCUREMENT ACTION.—The
4 term ‘covered procurement action’ means, with re-
5 spect to an action that occurs in the course of con-
6 ducting a covered procurement, any of the following:

7 “(A) The exclusion of a source that fails to
8 meet qualification requirements established pur-
9 suant to section 3311 of title 41 for the pur-
10 pose of reducing supply chain risk in the acqui-
11 sition of covered systems.

12 “(B) The exclusion of a source that fails to
13 achieve an acceptable rating with regard to an
14 evaluation factor providing for the consideration
15 of supply chain risk in the evaluation of pro-
16 posals for the award of a contract or the
17 issuance of a task or delivery order.

18 “(C) The withholding of consent for a con-
19 tractor to subcontract with a particular source
20 or the direction to a contractor for a covered
21 system to exclude a particular source from con-
22 sideration for a subcontract under the contract.

23 “(5) COVERED SYSTEM.—The term ‘covered
24 system’ means the following:

1 “(A) National security systems (as defined
2 in section 3552(b) of title 44) and components
3 of such systems.

4 “(B) Nuclear weapons and components of
5 nuclear weapons.

6 “(C) Items associated with the design, de-
7 velopment, production, and maintenance of nu-
8 clear weapons or components of nuclear weap-
9 ons.

10 “(D) Items associated with the surveillance
11 of the nuclear weapon stockpile.

12 “(E) Items associated with the design and
13 development of nonproliferation and counterpro-
14 liferation programs and systems.

15 “(6) SPECIAL EXCLUSION ACTION.—The term
16 ‘special exclusion action’ means an action to pro-
17 hibit, for a period not to exceed two years, the
18 award of any contracts or subcontracts by the Ad-
19 ministration or any other component of the Depart-
20 ment of Energy related to any covered system to a
21 source the Secretary determines to represent a sup-
22 ply chain risk.

23 “(7) SUPPLY CHAIN RISK.—The term ‘supply
24 chain risk’ means the risk that an adversary may
25 sabotage, maliciously introduce unwanted function,

1 or otherwise subvert the design, integrity, manufac-
2 turing, production, distribution, installation, oper-
3 ation, or maintenance of a covered system or covered
4 item of supply so as to surveil, deny, disrupt, or oth-
5 erwise degrade the function, use, or operation of the
6 system or item of supply.

7 “(g) TERMINATION.—The authority under this sec-
8 tion shall terminate on December 31, 2028.

9 **“§ 5828. Cost-benefit analyses for competition of man-**
10 **agement and operating contracts**

11 “(a) BRIEFINGS ON REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.—
12 Not later than 7 days after issuing a request for proposals
13 for a contract to manage and operate a facility of the Ad-
14 ministration, the Administrator shall brief the congres-
15 sional defense committees on the preliminary assessment
16 of the Administrator of the costs and benefits of the com-
17 petition for the contract, including a preliminary assess-
18 ment of the matters described in subsection (c) with re-
19 spect to the contract.

20 “(b) REPORTS AFTER TRANSITION TO NEW CON-
21 TRACTS.—If the Administrator awards a new contract to
22 manage and operate a facility of the Administration, the
23 Administrator shall submit to the congressional defense
24 committees a report that includes the matters described
25 in subsection (c) with respect to the contract by not later

1 than 30 days after the completion of the period required
2 to transition to the contract.

3 “(c) MATTERS DESCRIBED.—The matters described
4 in this subsection, with respect to a contract, are the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(1) A clear and complete description of the
7 cost savings the Administrator expects to result
8 from the competition for the contract over the life of
9 the contract, including associated analyses, assump-
10 tions, and information sources used to determine
11 such expected cost savings.

12 “(2) A description of any key limitations or un-
13 certainties that could affect such costs savings, in-
14 cluding costs savings that are anticipated but not
15 fully known.

16 “(3) The costs of the competition for the con-
17 tract, including the immediate costs of conducting
18 the competition, the costs of the transition to the
19 contract from the previous contract, and any in-
20 creased costs over the life of the contract.

21 “(4) A description of any disruptions or delays
22 in mission activities or deliverables resulting from
23 the competition for the contract.

24 “(5) A clear and complete description of the
25 benefits expected by the Administrator with respect

1 to mission performance or operations resulting from
2 the competition.

3 “(6) How the competition for the contract com-
4 plied with the Federal Acquisition Regulation re-
5 garding Federally funded research and development
6 centers, if applicable.

7 “(7) The factors considered and processes used
8 by the Administrator to determine—

9 “(A) whether to compete or extend the
10 previous contract; and

11 “(B) which activities at the facility should
12 be covered under the contract rather than
13 under a different contract.

14 “(8) With respect to the matters included under
15 paragraphs (1) through (7), a detailed description of
16 the analyses conducted by the Administrator to
17 reach the conclusions presented in the report, includ-
18 ing any assumptions, limitations, and uncertainties
19 relating to such conclusions.

20 “(9) Any other matters the Administrator con-
21 siders appropriate.

22 “(d) INFORMATION QUALITY.—Each briefing re-
23 quired by subsection (a) and report required by subsection
24 (b) shall be prepared in accordance with—

1 “(1) the information quality guidelines of the
2 Department of Energy that are relevant to the clear
3 and complete presentation of the matters described
4 in subsection (c); and

5 “(2) best practices of the Government Account-
6 ability Office and relevant industries for cost esti-
7 mating, if appropriate.

8 “(e) REVIEW OF REPORTS BY COMPTROLLER GEN-
9 ERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.—

10 “(1) DETERMINATION.—The Comptroller Gen-
11 eral of the United States shall determine, in con-
12 sultation with the congressional defense committees,
13 whether to conduct an initial review, a comprehen-
14 sive review, or both, of a report required by sub-
15 section (b).

16 “(2) INITIAL REVIEW.—The Comptroller Gen-
17 eral shall provide any initial review of a report re-
18 quired by subsection (b) as a briefing to the congres-
19 sional defense committees not later than 180 days
20 after that report is submitted to the congressional
21 defense committees.

22 “(3) COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW.—

23 “(A) SUBMISSION.—The Comptroller Gen-
24 eral shall submit any comprehensive review of a
25 report required by subsection (b) to the con-

gressional defense committees not later than 3 years after that report is submitted to the congressional defense committees.

“(B) ELEMENTS.—A comprehensive review of a report required by subsection (b) shall include an assessment, based on the most current information available, of the following:

“(i) The actual cost savings achieved compared to cost savings estimated under subsection (c)(1), and any increased costs incurred under the contract that were unexpected or uncertain at the time the contract was awarded.

“(ii) Any disruptions or delays in mission activities or deliverables resulting from the competition for the contract compared to the disruptions and delays estimated under subsection (c)(4).

“(iii) Whether expected benefits of the competition with respect to mission performance or operations have been achieved.

“(iv) Such other matters as the Comptroller General considers appropriate.

“(f) APPLICABILITY.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements for brief-
 2 ings under subsection (a) and reports under sub-
 3 section (b) shall apply with respect to requests for
 4 proposals issued or contracts awarded, as applicable,
 5 by the Administrator during fiscal years 2019
 6 through 2032.

7 “(2) NAVAL REACTORS.—The requirements for
 8 briefings under subsection (a) and reports under
 9 subsection (b) shall not apply with respect to a man-
 10 agement and operations contract for a Naval Reac-
 11 tor facility.

12 **“PART B—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

13 **“§ 5831. Laboratory-directed research and develop-**
 14 **ment programs**

15 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Government-owned, contractor-
 16 operated laboratories that are funded out of funds avail-
 17 able to the Department of Energy for national security
 18 programs are authorized to carry out laboratory-directed
 19 research and development.

20 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Energy shall
 21 prescribe regulations for the conduct of laboratory-di-
 22 rected research and development at such laboratories.

23 “(c) FUNDING.—Of the funds provided by the De-
 24 partment of Energy to a national security laboratory for
 25 national security activities, the Secretary shall provide a

1 specific amount, of not less than 5 percent and not more
 2 than 7 percent of such funds, to be used by the laboratory
 3 for laboratory-directed research and development.

4 “(d) LABORATORY-DIRECTED RESEARCH AND DE-
 5 VELOPMENT DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the
 6 term ‘laboratory-directed research and development’
 7 means research and development work of a creative and
 8 innovative nature which, under the regulations prescribed
 9 pursuant to subsection (b), is selected by the director of
 10 a laboratory for the purpose of maintaining the vitality
 11 of the laboratory in defense-related scientific disciplines.

12 **“§ 5832. Laboratory-directed research and develop-**
 13 **ment**

14 “ Of the funds made available by the Department of
 15 Energy for activities at government-owned, contractor-op-
 16 erated laboratories funded in this Act or subsequent En-
 17 ergy and Water Development Appropriations Acts, the
 18 Secretary may authorize a specific amount, not to exceed
 19 8 percent of such funds, to be used by such laboratories
 20 for laboratory directed research and development: *Pro-*
 21 *vided*, That the Secretary may also authorize a specific
 22 amount not to exceed 4 percent of such funds, to be used
 23 by the plant manager of a covered nuclear weapons pro-
 24 duction plant or the manager of the Nevada Site Office
 25 for plant or site directed research and development: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That notwithstanding Department of En-
2 ergy order 413.2A, dated January 8, 2001, beginning in
3 fiscal year 2006 and thereafter, all DOE laboratories may
4 be eligible for laboratory directed research and develop-
5 ment funding.

6 **“§ 5833. Funding for laboratory directed research**
7 **and development**

8 “Notwithstanding section 307 of the Energy and
9 Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations
10 Act, 2010 (Public Law 111–85; 123 Stat. 2845), of the
11 funds made available by the Department of Energy for
12 activities at Government-owned, contractor-operated lab-
13 oratories funded in the Energy and Water Development
14 and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014 (div. D
15 of Pub. L. 113–76) or any subsequent Energy and Water
16 Development Appropriations Act for any fiscal year, the
17 Secretary may authorize a specific amount, not to exceed
18 6 percent of such funds, to be used by such laboratories
19 for laboratory directed research and development.

20 **“§ 5834. Charges to individual program, project, or**
21 **activity**

22 “ Of the funds authorized by the Secretary of Energy
23 for laboratory directed research and development, no indi-
24 vidual program, project, or activity funded by this or any
25 subsequent Act making appropriations for Energy and

1 Water Development for any fiscal year may be charged
2 more than the statutory maximum authorized for such ac-
3 tivities: *Provided*, That this section shall take effect not
4 earlier than October 1, 2015.

5 **“§ 5835. Limitations on use of funds for laboratory di-**
6 **rected research and development pur-**
7 **poses**

8 “(a) LIMITATION ON USE OF WEAPONS ACTIVITIES
9 FUNDS.—No funds authorized to be appropriated or oth-
10 erwise made available to the Department of Energy in any
11 fiscal year after fiscal year 1997 for weapons activities
12 may be obligated or expended for activities under the De-
13 partment of Energy Laboratory Directed Research and
14 Development Program, or under any Department of En-
15 ergy technology transfer program or cooperative research
16 and development agreement, unless such activities support
17 the national security mission of the Department of En-
18 ergy.

19 “(b) LIMITATION ON USE OF CERTAIN OTHER
20 FUNDS.—No funds authorized to be appropriated or oth-
21 erwise made available to the Department of Energy in any
22 fiscal year after fiscal year 1997 for defense environmental
23 cleanup may be obligated or expended for activities under
24 the Department of Energy Laboratory Directed Research
25 and Development Program, or under any Department of

1 Energy technology transfer program or cooperative re-
2 search and development agreement, unless such activities
3 support the defense environmental cleanup mission of the
4 Department of Energy.

5 “(c) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR OVER-
6 HEAD.—A national security laboratory may not use funds
7 made available under section 5831(c) to cover the costs
8 of general and administrative overhead for the laboratory.

9 **“§ 5836. Report on use of funds for certain research**
10 **and development purposes**

11 “(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February
12 1 each year, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the
13 congressional defense committees a report on the funds
14 expended during the preceding fiscal year on activities
15 under the Department of Energy Laboratory Directed Re-
16 search and Development Program. The purpose of the re-
17 port is to permit an assessment of the extent to which
18 such activities support the national security mission of the
19 Department of Energy.

20 “(b) PLANT-DIRECTED RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
21 MENT.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The report required by
23 subsection (a) shall include, with respect to plant-di-
24 rected research and development, the following:

1 “(A) A financial accounting of expendi-
2 tures for such research and development,
3 disaggregated by nuclear weapons production
4 facility.

5 “(B) A breakdown of the percentage of re-
6 search and development conducted by each such
7 facility that is plant-directed research and de-
8 velopment.

9 “(C) An explanation of how each such fa-
10 cility plans to increase the availability and utili-
11 zation of funds for plant-directed research and
12 development.

13 “(2) PLANT-DIRECTED RESEARCH AND DEVEL-
14 OPMENT DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term
15 ‘plant-directed research and development’ means re-
16 search and development selected by the director of
17 a nuclear weapons production facility.

18 “(c) PREPARATION OF REPORT.—Each report shall
19 be prepared by the officials responsible for Federal over-
20 sight of the funds expended on activities under the pro-
21 gram.

22 “(d) CRITERIA USED IN PREPARATION OF RE-
23 PORT.—Each report shall set forth the criteria utilized by
24 the officials preparing the report in determining whether

1 or not the activities reviewed by such officials support the
2 national security mission of the Department.

3 **“§ 5837. Critical technology partnerships and cooper-**
4 **ative research and development centers**

5 “(a) PARTNERSHIPS.—For the purpose of facilitating
6 the transfer of technology, the Secretary of Energy shall
7 ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that research
8 on and development of dual-use critical technology carried
9 out through atomic energy defense activities is conducted
10 through cooperative research and development agree-
11 ments, or other arrangements, that involve laboratories of
12 the Department of Energy and other entities.

13 “(b) COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
14 CENTERS.—

15 “(1) Subject to the availability of appropria-
16 tions provided for such purpose, the Administrator
17 shall establish a cooperative research and develop-
18 ment center described in paragraph (2) at each na-
19 tional security laboratory.

20 “(2) A cooperative research and development
21 center described in this paragraph is a center to fos-
22 ter collaborative scientific research, technology devel-
23 opment, and the appropriate transfer of research
24 and technology to users in addition to the national
25 security laboratories.

1 “(3) In establishing a cooperative research and
2 development center under this subsection, the Ad-
3 ministrator—

4 “(A) shall enter into cooperative research
5 and development agreements with govern-
6 mental, public, academic, or private entities;
7 and

8 “(B) may enter into a contract with re-
9 spect to constructing, purchasing, managing, or
10 leasing buildings or other facilities.

11 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) The term ‘dual-use critical technology’
13 means a technology—

14 “(A) that is critical to atomic energy de-
15 fense activities, as determined by the Secretary
16 of Energy;

17 “(B) that has military applications and
18 nonmilitary applications; and

19 “(C) that is a defense critical technology
20 (as defined in section 4801).

21 “(2) The term ‘cooperative research and devel-
22 opment agreement’ has the meaning given that term
23 by section 12(d) of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-
24 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C.
25 3710a(d)).

1 “(3) The term ‘other entities’ means—

2 “(A) firms, or a consortium of firms, that
3 are eligible to participate in a partnership or
4 other arrangement with a laboratory of the De-
5 partment of Energy, as determined in accord-
6 ance with applicable law and regulations; or

7 “(B) firms, or a consortium of firms, de-
8 scribed in subparagraph (A) in combination
9 with one or more of the following:

10 “(i) Institutions of higher education
11 in the United States.

12 “(ii) Departments and agencies of the
13 Federal Government other than the De-
14 partment of Energy.

15 “(iii) Agencies of State governments.

16 “(iv) Any other persons or entities
17 that may be eligible and appropriate, as
18 determined in accordance with applicable
19 laws and regulations.

20 “(4) The term ‘atomic energy defense activities’
21 does not include activities covered by Executive
22 Order No. 12344, dated February 1, 1982, per-
23 taining to the Naval nuclear propulsion program.

1 **“§ 5838. University-based research collaboration pro-**
2 **gram**

3 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
4 ings:

5 “(1) The maintenance of scientific and engi-
6 neering competence in the United States is vital to
7 long-term national security and the defense and na-
8 tional security missions of the Department of En-
9 ergy.

10 “(2) Engaging the universities and colleges of
11 the Nation in research on long-range problems of
12 vital national security interest will be critical to solv-
13 ing the technology challenges faced within the de-
14 fense and national security programs of the Depart-
15 ment of Energy in the next century.

16 “(3) Enhancing collaboration among the na-
17 tional laboratories, universities and colleges, and in-
18 dustry will contribute significantly to the perform-
19 ance of these Department of Energy missions.

20 “(b) PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Energy shall es-
21 tablish a university program at a location that can develop
22 the most effective collaboration among national labora-
23 tories, universities and colleges, and industry in support
24 of scientific and engineering advancement in key Depart-
25 ment of Energy defense and national security program
26 areas.

1 **“§ 5839. Limitation on establishing an enduring bio-**
2 **assurance program within the adminis-**
3 **tration**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may not es-
5 tablish, administer, manage, or facilitate a program within
6 the Administration for the purposes of executing an en-
7 during national security research and development effort
8 to broaden the role of the Department of Energy in na-
9 tional biodefense.

10 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The limitation de-
11 scribed in subsection (a) shall not be interpreted—

12 “(1) to prohibit the establishment of a bioassur-
13 ance program for the purpose of executing enduring
14 national security research and development in any
15 component of the Department of Energy other than
16 the Administration or in any other Federal agency;
17 or

18 “(2) to impede the use of resources of the Ad-
19 ministration, including resources provided by a na-
20 tional security laboratory or a nuclear weapons pro-
21 duction facility site, to support the execution of a
22 bioassurance program, if such support is provided—

23 “(A) on a cost-reimbursable basis to an en-
24 tity that is not a component of the Department
25 of Energy; and

1 “(B) in a manner that does not interfere
2 with mission of such laboratory or facility.

3 **“PART C—FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

4 **“§ 5841. Transfers of real property at certain Depart-**
5 **ment of Energy facilities**

6 “(a) TRANSFER REGULATIONS.—

7 “(1) The Secretary of Energy shall prescribe
8 regulations for the transfer by sale or lease of real
9 property at Department of Energy defense nuclear
10 facilities for the purpose of permitting the economic
11 development of the property.

12 “(2) The Secretary may not transfer real prop-
13 erty under the regulations prescribed under para-
14 graph (1) until—

15 “(A) the Secretary submits a notification
16 of the proposed transfer to the congressional
17 defense committees; and

18 “(B) a period of 30 days has elapsed fol-
19 lowing the date on which the notification is sub-
20 mitted.

21 “(b) INDEMNIFICATION.—

22 “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) and
23 subject to subsection (c), in the sale or lease of real
24 property pursuant to the regulations prescribed
25 under subsection (a), the Secretary may hold harm-

1 less and indemnify a person or entity described in
2 paragraph (2) against any claim for injury to person
3 or property that results from the release or threat-
4 ened release of a hazardous substance or pollutant
5 or contaminant as a result of Department of Energy
6 activities at the defense nuclear facility on which the
7 real property is located. Before entering into any
8 agreement for such a sale or lease, the Secretary
9 shall notify the person or entity that the Secretary
10 has authority to provide indemnification to the per-
11 son or entity under this subsection. The Secretary
12 shall include in any agreement for such a sale or
13 lease a provision stating whether indemnification is
14 or is not provided.

15 “(2) Paragraph (1) applies to the following per-
16 sons and entities:

17 “(A) Any State that acquires ownership or
18 control of real property of a defense nuclear fa-
19 cility.

20 “(B) Any political subdivision of a State
21 that acquires such ownership or control.

22 “(C) Any other person or entity that ac-
23 quires such ownership or control.

1 “(D) Any successor, assignee, transferee,
2 lender, or lessee of a person or entity described
3 in subparagraphs (A) through (C).

4 “(3) To the extent the persons and entities de-
5 scribed in paragraph (2) contributed to any such re-
6 lease or threatened release, paragraph (1) shall not
7 apply.

8 “(c) CONDITIONS.—

9 “(1) No indemnification on a claim for injury
10 may be provided under this section unless the person
11 or entity making a request for the indemnification—

12 “(A) notifies the Secretary in writing with-
13 in two years after such claim accrues;

14 “(B) furnishes to the Secretary copies of
15 pertinent papers received by the person or enti-
16 ty;

17 “(C) furnishes evidence or proof of the
18 claim;

19 “(D) provides, upon request by the Sec-
20 retary, access to the records and personnel of
21 the person or entity for purposes of defending
22 or settling the claim; and

23 “(E) begins action within six months after
24 the date of mailing, by certified or registered

1 mail, of notice of final denial of the claim by
2 the Secretary.

3 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1)(A), the
4 date on which a claim accrues is the date on which
5 the person asserting the claim knew (or reasonably
6 should have known) that the injury to person or
7 property referred to in subsection (b)(1) was caused
8 or contributed to by the release or threatened release
9 of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant
10 as a result of Department of Energy activities at the
11 defense nuclear facility on which the real property is
12 located.

13 “(d) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.—

14 “(1) In any case in which the Secretary deter-
15 mines that the Secretary may be required to indem-
16 nify a person or entity under this section for any
17 claim for injury to person or property referred to in
18 subsection (b)(1), the Secretary may settle or defend
19 the claim on behalf of that person or entity.

20 “(2) In any case described in paragraph (1), if
21 the person or entity that the Secretary may be re-
22 quired to indemnify does not allow the Secretary to
23 settle or defend the claim, the person or entity may
24 not be indemnified with respect to that claim under
25 this section.

1 “(e) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—Nothing in
 2 this section shall be construed as affecting or modifying
 3 in any way section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environ-
 4 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
 5 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)).

6 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘haz-
 7 ardous substance’, ‘release’, and ‘pollutant or contami-
 8 nant’ have the meanings provided by section 101 of the
 9 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
 10 and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601).

11 **“§ 5842. Engineering and manufacturing research, de-**
 12 **velopment, and demonstration by man-**
 13 **agers of certain nuclear weapons produc-**
 14 **tion facilities**

15 “(a) AUTHORITY FOR PROGRAMS AT NUCLEAR
 16 WEAPONS PRODUCTIONS FACILITIES.—The Adminis-
 17 trator shall authorize the head of each nuclear weapons
 18 production facility to establish an Engineering and Manu-
 19 facturing Research, Development, and Demonstration
 20 Program under this section.

21 “(b) PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.—The projects and
 22 activities carried out through the program at a nuclear
 23 weapons production facility under this section shall sup-
 24 port innovative or high-risk design and manufacturing
 25 concepts and technologies with potentially high payoff for

1 the nuclear security enterprise. Those projects and activi-
2 ties may include—

3 “(1) replacement of obsolete or aging design
4 and manufacturing technologies;

5 “(2) development of innovative agile manufac-
6 turing techniques and processes; and

7 “(3) training, recruitment, or retention of es-
8 sential personnel in critical engineering and manu-
9 facturing disciplines.

10 **“§ 5843. Activities at covered nuclear weapons facili-**
11 **ties**

12 “The Administrator may authorize the manager of
13 a covered nuclear weapons research, development, testing
14 or production facility to engage in research, development,
15 and demonstration activities with respect to the engineer-
16 ing and manufacturing capabilities at such facility in
17 order to maintain and enhance such capabilities at such
18 facility: *Provided*, That of the amount allocated to a cov-
19 ered nuclear weapons facility each fiscal year from
20 amounts available to the Department of Energy for such
21 fiscal year for national security programs, not more than
22 an amount equal to 2 percent of such amount may be used
23 for these activities: *Provided further*, That for purposes of
24 this section, the term ‘covered nuclear weapons facility’
25 means the following:

1 “(1) The Kansas City Plant, Kansas City, Mis-
2 souri.

3 “(2) The Y-12 Plant, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

4 “(3) The Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

5 “(4) The Savannah River Plant, South Caro-
6 lina.

7 “(5) The Nevada Test Site.

8 **“§ 5844. Pilot program relating to use of proceeds of**
9 **disposal or utilization of certain depart-**
10 **ment of energy assets**

11 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to en-
12 courage the Secretary of Energy to dispose of or otherwise
13 utilize certain assets of the Department of Energy by
14 making available to the Secretary the proceeds of such dis-
15 posal or utilization for purposes of defraying the costs of
16 such disposal or utilization.

17 “(b) USE OF PROCEEDS TO DEFRAY COSTS.—

18 “(1) Notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31,
19 the Secretary may retain from the proceeds of the
20 sale, lease, or disposal of an asset under subsection
21 (c) an amount equal to the cost of the sale, lease,
22 or disposal of the asset. The Secretary shall utilize
23 amounts retained under this paragraph to defray the
24 cost of the sale, lease, or disposal.

1 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the cost of
2 a sale, lease, or disposal shall include—

3 “(A) the cost of administering the sale,
4 lease, or disposal;

5 “(B) the cost of recovering or preparing
6 the asset concerned for the sale, lease, or dis-
7 posal; and

8 “(C) any other cost associated with the
9 sale, lease, or disposal.

10 “(c) COVERED TRANSACTIONS.—Subsection (b) ap-
11 plies to the following transactions:

12 “(1) The sale of heavy water at the Savannah
13 River Site, South Carolina, that is under the juris-
14 diction of the Defense Environmental Management
15 Program.

16 “(2) The sale of precious metals that are under
17 the jurisdiction of the Defense Environmental Man-
18 agement Program.

19 “(3) The lease of buildings and other facilities
20 located at the Hanford Reservation, Washington,
21 that are under the jurisdiction of the Defense Envi-
22 ronmental Management Program.

23 “(4) The lease of buildings and other facilities
24 located at the Savannah River Site that are under

1 the jurisdiction of the Defense Environmental Man-
2 agement Program.

3 “(5) The disposal of equipment and other per-
4 sonal property located at the Rocky Flats Defense
5 Environmental Technology Site, Colorado, that is
6 under the jurisdiction of the Defense Environmental
7 Management Program.

8 “(6) The disposal of materials at the National
9 Electronics Recycling Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
10 that are under the jurisdiction of the Defense Envi-
11 ronmental Management Program.

12 “(d) APPLICABILITY OF DISPOSAL AUTHORITY.—
13 Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the ap-
14 plication of subchapter II of chapter 5 and section 549
15 of title 40 to the disposal of equipment and other personal
16 property covered by this section.

17 **“§ 5845. Department of Energy energy parks program**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy may es-
19 tablish a program to permit the establishment of energy
20 parks on former defense nuclear facilities.

21 “(b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives for establishing
22 energy parks pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

23 “(1) To provide locations to carry out a broad
24 range of projects relating to the development and de-

1 ployment of energy technologies and related ad-
2 vanced manufacturing technologies.

3 “(2) To provide locations for the implementa-
4 tion of pilot programs and demonstration projects
5 for new and developing energy technologies and re-
6 lated advanced manufacturing technologies.

7 “(3) To set a national example for the develop-
8 ment and deployment of energy technologies and re-
9 lated advanced manufacturing technologies in a
10 manner that will promote energy security, energy
11 sector employment, and energy independence.

12 “(4) To create a business environment that en-
13 courages collaboration and interaction between the
14 public and private sectors.

15 “(c) CONSULTATION.—In establishing an energy
16 park pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-
17 sult with—

18 “(1) the local government with jurisdiction over
19 the land on which the energy park will be located;

20 “(2) the local governments of adjacent areas;
21 and

22 “(3) any community reuse organization recog-
23 nized by the Secretary at the former defense nuclear
24 facility on which the energy park will be located.

1 “(d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
2 after January 7, 2011, the Secretary shall submit to the
3 Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Com-
4 mittee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives
5 a report on the implementation of the program under sub-
6 section (a). The report shall include such recommenda-
7 tions for additional legislative actions as the Secretary
8 considers appropriate to facilitate the development of en-
9 ergy parks on former defense nuclear facilities.

10 “(e) DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITY DEFINED.—In
11 this section, the term ‘defense nuclear facility’ has the
12 meaning given the term ‘Department of Energy defense
13 nuclear facility’ in section 318 of the Atomic Energy Act
14 of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286g).

15 **“§ 5846. Authority to use passenger carriers for con-**
16 **tractor commuting**

17 “(a) AUTHORITY.—If and to the extent that the Ad-
18 ministrator deems it appropriate to further mission activi-
19 ties under section 3211 of the National Nuclear Security
20 Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401), a passenger carrier
21 may be used to provide transportation services to con-
22 tractor employees between the covered facility of the con-
23 tractor employee and a mass transit facility in accordance
24 with any applicable transportation plan adopted by the
25 Administrator pursuant to this section.

1 “(b) PLAN REQUESTS AND APPROVAL.—

2 “(1) The Administrator—

3 “(A) shall—

4 “(i) provide Management and Oper-
5 ating contractors at covered facilities the
6 opportunity to, on a voluntary basis, sub-
7 mit, through the cognizant contracting of-
8 ficer of the applicable covered facility, a
9 plan to provide transportation services de-
10 scribed in subsection (a) for contractor em-
11 ployees at the covered facility; and

12 “(ii) review each such plan submitted
13 in accordance with clause (i); and

14 “(B) may approve each such plan if the re-
15 quirements described in clauses (i) through (iv)
16 of paragraph (2)(B) are satisfied.

17 “(2) Each plan submitted pursuant to para-
18 graph (1)(A)—

19 “(A) may include proposals for parking fa-
20 cilities, road improvements, real property acqui-
21 sition, passenger carrier services, and com-
22 muting cost deferment payments to contractor
23 employees; and

24 “(B) shall include—

1 “(i) a description of how the use of
2 passenger carriers will facilitate the mis-
3 sion of the covered facility;

4 “(ii) a description of how the plan will
5 be economical and advantageous to the
6 Federal Government;

7 “(iii) a summary of the benefits that
8 will be provided under the plan and how
9 costs will be monitored; and

10 “(iv) a description of how the plan
11 will alleviate traffic congestion, reduce
12 commuting times, and improve recruitment
13 and retention of contractor employees.

14 “(3) The Administrator may delegate to the
15 Senior Procurement Executive of the Administration
16 the approval of any plan submitted under this sub-
17 section.

18 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Administration may re-
19 imburse a contractor for the costs of transportation serv-
20 ices incurred pursuant to a plan approved under sub-
21 section (b) using funds appropriated to the Administra-
22 tion.

23 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out a plan ap-
24 proved under subsection (b), the Administrator, to the

1 maximum extent practicable and consistent with sound
2 budget policy, shall—

3 “(1) require the use of alternative fuel vehicles
4 to provide transportation services;

5 “(2) ensure funds spent for this plan further
6 the mission activities of the Administration under
7 section 3211 of the National Nuclear Security Ad-
8 ministration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401); and

9 “(3) ensure that the time during which a con-
10 tractor employee uses transportation services shall
11 not be included for purposes of calculating the hours
12 of work for such contractor employee.

13 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) The term ‘contractor employee’ means an
15 employee of a Management and Operating con-
16 tractor or subcontractor employee at any tier.

17 “(2) The term ‘covered facility’ means any fa-
18 cility of the Administration that directly supports
19 the mission of the Administration under section
20 3211 of the National Nuclear Security Administra-
21 tion Act (50 U.S.C. 2401).

22 “(3) The term ‘Management and Operating
23 contractor’ means a management and operating con-
24 tractor that manages a covered facility.

1 “(4) The term ‘passenger carrier’ means a pas-
 2 senger motor vehicle, aircraft, boat, ship, train, or
 3 other similar means of transportation that is owned,
 4 leased, or provided pursuant to contract or sub-
 5 contract by the Federal Government or through a
 6 contractor of the Administration.

7 **“PART D—OTHER MATTERS**

8 **“§ 5851. Payment of costs of operation and mainte-**
 9 **nance of infrastructure at Nevada Na-**
 10 **tional Security Site**

11 “ Notwithstanding any other provision of law and ef-
 12 fective as of September 30, 1996, the costs associated with
 13 operating and maintaining the infrastructure at the Ne-
 14 vada National Security Site, Nevada, with respect to any
 15 activities initiated at the site after that date by the De-
 16 partment of Defense pursuant to a work-for-others agree-
 17 ment may be paid for from funds authorized to be appro-
 18 priated to the Department of Energy for activities at the
 19 Nevada National Security Site.

20 **“§ 5852. University-based defense nuclear policy col-**
 21 **laboration program**

22 “(a) PROGRAM.—The Administrator shall carry out
 23 a program under which the Administrator establishes a
 24 policy research consortium of institutions of higher edu-
 25 cation and nonprofit entities in support of implementing

1 and innovating the defense nuclear policy programs of the
2 Administration. The Administrator shall establish and
3 carry out such program in a manner similar to the pro-
4 gram established under section 5838.

5 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the consortium
6 under subsection (a) are as follows:

7 “(1) To shape the formulation and application
8 of policy through the conduct of research and anal-
9 ysis regarding defense nuclear policy programs.

10 “(2) To maintain open-source databases on
11 issues relevant to understanding defense nuclear
12 nonproliferation, arms control, nuclear deterrence,
13 foreign nuclear programs, and nuclear security.

14 “(3) To facilitate the collaboration of research
15 centers of excellence relating to defense nuclear pol-
16 icy to better distribute expertise to specific issues
17 and scenarios regarding such threats.

18 “(c) DUTIES.—

19 “(1) SUPPORT.—The Administrator shall en-
20 sure that the consortium established under sub-
21 section (a) provides support to individuals described
22 in paragraph (2) through the use of nongovern-
23 mental fellowships, scholarships, research intern-
24 ships, workshops, short courses, summer schools,
25 and research grants.

1 “(2) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—The individ-
 2 uals described in this paragraph are graduate stu-
 3 dents, academics, and policy specialists, who are fo-
 4 cused on policy innovation related to—

5 “(A) defense nuclear nonproliferation;

6 “(B) arms control;

7 “(C) nuclear deterrence;

8 “(D) the study of foreign nuclear pro-
 9 grams;

10 “(E) nuclear security; or

11 “(F) educating and training the next gen-
 12 eration of defense nuclear policy experts.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING REPEALS.—The following provi-
 14 sions of law are repealed:

15 (1) Division D of the Bob Stump National De-
 16 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (50
 17 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

18 (2) Sections 3116 and 3141 of the National
 19 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (50
 20 U.S.C. 2515, 2512 note).

21 (3) Sections 308 and 311 of the Energy and
 22 Water Development and Related Agencies Appro-
 23 priations Act, 2015 (50 U.S.C. 2523c, 2791b).

1 (4) Section 3132 of the National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (50 U.S.C.
3 2589).

4 (5) Section 306 of the Energy and Water De-
5 velopment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
6 2012 (50 U.S.C. 2743a).

7 (6) Section 308 of the Energy and Water De-
8 velopment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
9 2009 (50 U.S.C. 2791a).

10 (7) Section 3124 of the Ike Skelton National
11 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (50
12 U.S.C. 2814).

13 (8) Sections 3113 and 3123 of the William M.
14 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization
15 Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 50
16 U.S.C. 2512 note, 2581 note).

17 (9) Section 3113 of the National Defense Au-
18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
19 114–328; 50 U.S.C. 2512 note).

20 (10) Section 3121 of the National Defense Au-
21 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law
22 117–81; 50 U.S.C. 2521 note).

23 (11) Section 3121, 3124, and 3126 of the
24 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 50
2 U.S.C. 2532 note, 2538a note).

3 (12) Section 3125 of the Servicemember Qual-
4 ity of Life Improvement and National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
6 118–159; 50 U.S.C. 2538 note).

7 (13) Section 3133 of the National Defense Au-
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law
9 118–31; 50 U.S.C. 2538c note).

10 (14) Section 3122 of the Carl Levin and How-
11 ard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Authoriza-
12 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291;
13 50 U.S.C. 2565 note).

14 (15) Section 3141 of the John S. McCain Na-
15 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 50 U.S.C. 2569 note).

17 (16) Section 3116 of the Ronald W. Reagan
18 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
19 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 50 U.S.C. 2601 note).

20 (17) Section 127 of the Miscellaneous Appro-
21 priations and Offsets Act, 2004 (division H of Pub-
22 lic 108–199; 50 U.S.C. 2601 note).

23 (18) Section 3117 of the National Defense Au-
24 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
25 114–92; 50 U.S.C. 2754 note).

1 (19) Section 309 of the Energy and Water De-
 2 velopment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
 3 2014 (division D of Public Law 113–76; 50 U.S.C.
 4 2791a note).

5 (20) Section 308 of the Energy and Water De-
 6 velopment Appropriations Act, 2005 (division C of
 7 Public Law 108–447; 50 U.S.C. 2812 note).

8 (21) Section 3114 of the National Defense Au-
 9 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law
 10 112–239; 50 U.S.C. 2535 note).

11 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10.—Title 10,
 13 United States Code, is amended—

14 (A) in section 179—

15 (i) in subsection (d)(13), by striking
 16 “section 4002 of the Atomic Energy De-
 17 fense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting
 18 “section 5601”; and

19 (ii) in subsection (f)—

20 (I) in paragraph (2), by striking
 21 “section 4717 of the Atomic Energy
 22 Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2757)” at
 23 each place it appears and inserting
 24 “section 5799”; and

1 (II) in paragraph (3), by striking
2 “section 4219(a) of the Atomic En-
3 ergy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
4 2538a(a))” and inserting “section
5 5638”;

6 (B) in section 499a(e), by striking “section
7 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50
8 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting “section 5601”.

9 (2) AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS.—

10 (A) Section 809(b)(2) of the James M.
11 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
12 Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10
13 U.S.C. 4351 note) is amended by striking “sec-
14 tions 4217 and 4311 of the Atomic Energy De-
15 fense Act (50 U.S.C. 2537, 2577)” and insert-
16 ing “sections 5635 and 5671 of title 10, United
17 States Code”.

18 (B) Section 1635(c)(2) of the Servicemem-
19 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025
21 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4811 note) is
22 amended by striking “section 4002 of the
23 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)”
24 and inserting “section 5601 of title 10, United
25 States Code”.

1 (C) Section 3111(b)(1) of the National De-
2 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018
3 (Public Law 115–91; 50 U.S.C. 2402 note) is
4 amended by striking “section 4002(6) of the
5 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
6 2501(6))” and inserting “section 5601 of title
7 10, United States Code”.

8 (D) Section 3116(a)(3) of the National
9 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018
10 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat. 1888) is
11 amended by striking “section 4101 of the
12 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2511)”
13 and inserting “section 5611 of title 10, United
14 States Code”.

15 (E) Section 3113 of the National Defense
16 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public
17 Law 114–328; 50 U.S.C. 2512 note) is amend-
18 ed—

19 (i) in subsection (a), by striking “sec-
20 tion 4102(b) of the Atomic Energy De-
21 fense Act (50 U.S.C. 2512(b))” and insert-
22 ing “section 5612 of title 10, United
23 States Code”; and

24 (ii) in subsection (d), by striking “sec-
25 tion 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense

1 Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting “sec-
2 tion 5601 of title 10, United States Code”.

3 (F) Section 3137(d) of the National De-
4 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016
5 (Public Law 114–92; 50 U.S.C. 2512 note) is
6 amended by striking “section 4002(6) of the
7 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
8 2501(6))” and inserting “section 5601 of title
9 10, United States Code”.

10 (G) Section 3121(c) of the National De-
11 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022
12 (Public Law 117–81; 50 U.S.C. 2521 note) is
13 amended by striking “section 4002 of the
14 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)”
15 and inserting “section 5601 of title 10, United
16 States Code”.

17 (H) Section 3129 of the National Defense
18 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public
19 Law 113–66; 50 U.S.C. 2521 note) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (i) in subsection (a), by striking “sec-
22 tion 4201 of the Atomic Energy Defense
23 Act (50 U.S.C. 2521)” and inserting “sec-
24 tion 5621 of title 10, United States
25 Code,”; and

1 (ii) in subsection (e), by striking “sec-
2 tion 4203 of the Atomic Energy Defense
3 Act (50 U.S.C. 2523)” and inserting “sec-
4 tion 5624 of title 10, United States
5 Code,”.

6 (I) Section 3116(c) of the National De-
7 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004
8 (Public Law 108–136; 50 U.S.C. 2529 note) is
9 amended by striking “section 4209(a) of the
10 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
11 2529(a))” and inserting “section 5630 of title
12 10, United States Code”.

13 (J) Section 3121(c) of the James M.
14 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
15 Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 50
16 U.S.C. 2532 note) is amended by striking “sec-
17 tion 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act
18 (50 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting “section 5601
19 of title 10, United States Code”.

20 (K) Section 3126 of the James M. Inhofe
21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
22 Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 50 U.S.C.
23 2538a note) is amended by striking “section
24 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50

1 U.S.C. 2538a)” and inserting “section 5638 of
2 title 10, United States Code”.

3 (L) Section 3116(e)(4) of the Ronald W.
4 Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for
5 Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108–375; 50
6 U.S.C. 2602 note) is amended by striking “sec-
7 tion 4306A of the Atomic Energy Defense Act
8 (50 U.S.C. 2567)” and inserting “section 5664
9 of title 10, United States Code”.

10 (M) Section 3121 of the John S. McCain
11 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
12 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 50 U.S.C.
13 2652 note) is amended—

14 (i) by striking “section 4502(a) of the
15 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C.
16 2652(a))” each place it appears and insert-
17 ing “section 5732(a) of title 10, United
18 States Code”; and

19 (ii) in subsection (f)(2), by striking
20 “section 4002 of the Atomic Energy De-
21 fense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)” and inserting
22 “section 5601 of title 10, United States
23 Code”.

1 **SEC. 3112. ADJUSTMENT TO PLUTONIUM PIT PRODUCTION**
2 **CAPACITY.**

3 Section 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50
4 U.S.C. 2538a) is amended—

5 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(a) REQUIREMENTS.—

8 “(1) OVERALL CAPACITY.—Consistent with the
9 requirements of the Secretary of Defense, the Sec-
10 retary of Energy shall ensure that the nuclear secu-
11 rity enterprise—

12 “(A) during 2021, begins production of
13 qualification plutonium pits;

14 “(B) during 2025, produces no fewer than
15 10 war reserve plutonium pits;

16 “(C) during 2026, produces no fewer than
17 20 war reserve plutonium pits;

18 “(D) during 2027, produces no fewer than
19 30 war reserve plutonium pits;

20 “(E) during 2029, produces no fewer than
21 50 war reserve plutonium pits; and

22 “(F) during 2032 and subsequent years,
23 produces no fewer than 80 war reserve pluto-
24 nium pits.

25 “(2) SITE SPECIFIC FULL PRODUCTION RATE
26 TARGETS.—In meeting the annual production rate

1 requirement under paragraph (1)(F), the Secretary
2 of Energy shall ensure that—

3 “(A) no fewer than 30 war reserve pluto-
4 nium pits are produced annually at Los Alamos
5 National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico;

6 “(B) no fewer than 50 war reserve pluto-
7 nium pits are produced annually at the Savan-
8 nah River Plutonium Processing Facility,
9 Aiken, South Carolina; and

10 “(C) total annual production quantities ex-
11 ceeding 80 war reserve plutonium pits are allo-
12 cated to each site as necessary to meet Depart-
13 ment of Defense requirements.”; and

14 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2030” and
15 inserting “2032”.

16 **SEC. 3113. NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**
17 **TION RAPID CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT**
18 **OFFICE.**

19 (a) REPEAL.—Section 4220 of the Atomic Energy
20 Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2538b) is repealed.

21 (b) ASSISTANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR RAPID
22 CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT.—National Nuclear Secu-
23 rity Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401 et seq.) is
24 amended by adding at the end of subtitle A the following
25 new section:

1 **“SEC. 3223. OFFICE OF RAPID CAPABILITIES DEVELOP-**
2 **MENT.**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
5 Administration an Office of Rapid Capabilities De-
6 velopment (referred to in this section as the ‘Of-
7 fice’), which shall be led by an Assistant Deputy Ad-
8 ministrator for Rapid Capabilities Development (re-
9 ferred to in this section as the ‘Assistant Deputy
10 Administrator’).

11 “(2) ASSISTANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.—

12 “(A) SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE.—The
13 position of the Assistant Deputy Administrator
14 shall be a Senior Executive Service position (as
15 defined in section 3132(a) of title 5, United
16 States Code).

17 “(B) DUTIES.—The Assistant Deputy Ad-
18 ministrator shall report to the Board estab-
19 lished under subsection (c).

20 “(b) MISSION.—The primary objective of the Office
21 shall be to expedite the development and fielding of tech-
22 nologies and weapon systems in support of United States
23 strategic deterrence requirements, as determined by the
24 President or the Secretary of Defense. In achieving this
25 objective, the office shall—

1 “(1) leverage defense-wide and Administration
2 technology development efforts and existing capabili-
3 ties to achieve improved deterrence and operational
4 effects;

5 “(2) provide integration and technical support
6 to Department of Defense, the Administration, or
7 other activities of the United States Government;

8 “(3) identify and pursue opportunities to accel-
9 erate operationally-focused capabilities through ad-
10 vanced prototyping; and

11 “(4) explore innovative, cost-effective material
12 and non-material solutions to defeat rapidly-evolving
13 nuclear and radiological threats.

14 “(c) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

15 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Office shall be gov-
16 erned by a Board of Directors of (referred to in this
17 section as the ‘Board’), which shall be composed of
18 the following members:

19 “(A) The Administrator.

20 “(B) The Assistant Secretary of Defense
21 for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical and Biologi-
22 cal Defense Policy and Programs.

23 “(C) The Deputy Commander of United
24 States Strategic Command.

1 “(D) The Joint Staff Director for Strat-
2 egy, Plans, and Policy (J5).

3 “(E) The Director of Navy Strategic Sys-
4 tems Programs.

5 “(F) The Deputy Commander of Air Force
6 Global Strike Command.

7 “(2) CHAIR.—The Chair of the Board shall be
8 the Administrator.

9 “(3) ORGANIZATION AND TASKING.—

10 “(A) OPERATIONS.—The Board shall oper-
11 ate on a consensus basis and issue taskings di-
12 rectly to the Assistant Deputy Administrator as
13 necessary to achieve the mission objectives out-
14 lined in subsection (b).

15 “(B) SUBMISSIONS TO BOARD.—

16 “(i) SUBMISSIONS FROM THE ASSIST-
17 ANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.—The As-
18 sistant Deputy Administrator may submit
19 research and development proposals for
20 Board consideration if such proposals sup-
21 port the mission objectives outlined in sub-
22 section (b).

23 “(ii) SUBMISSIONS FROM MEMBERS.—
24 Members of the Board may submit—

1 “(I) research and development
2 proposals for Board consideration;
3 and

4 “(II) proposals on behalf of orga-
5 nizations that are not members of the
6 Board if such proposals support the
7 mission objectives outlined in sub-
8 section (b).

9 “(d) STAFF.—The Administrator shall ensure that
10 the Assistant Deputy Administrator has sufficient num-
11 bers of personnel with competence in technical, pro-
12 grammatic, and other appropriate matters necessary to
13 carry out the functions required by this section.

14 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
15 tion shall be construed to obviate or otherwise alter the
16 requirements for the development of new or modified nu-
17 clear weapons outlined by section 4209 of the Atomic En-
18 ergy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2529).

19 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term ‘Administra-
21 tion’, with respect to any authority, duty, or respon-
22 sibility provided by this section, does not include the
23 Office of Naval Reactors.

24 “(2) PROTOTYPING.—The term ‘prototyping’
25 means the development of any physical or virtual

1 model used to evaluate the technical or manufac-
2 turing feasibility or military utility of a technology,
3 process, concept, end item, or system.”.

4 **SEC. 3114. REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL**
5 **NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION EN-**
6 **TERPRISE BLUEPRINT.**

7 (a) REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 30
8 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chair
9 of the Nuclear Weapons Council shall initiate within the
10 Nuclear Weapons Council a review of the Enterprise Blue-
11 print and assess—

12 (1) the adequacy of the projected future infra-
13 structure to meet anticipated Department of De-
14 fense requirements; and

15 (2) the feasibility of executing the Enterprise
16 Blueprint for a period of 25 years beginning on the
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than June 1, 2026, the
19 Chair of the Nuclear Weapons Council, acting through the
20 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence,
21 Chemical, and Biological Defense Policy and Programs,
22 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
23 port on—

24 (1) the conclusions of the review and assess-
25 ment described in subsection (a);

1 (2) any recommended modifications to the in-
 2 frastructure recapitalization plans or future capabili-
 3 ties described in the Enterprise Blueprint necessary
 4 to meet future Department of Defense requirements;
 5 and

6 (3) any other information the Chair determines
 7 to be relevant.

8 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (b)
 9 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
 10 a classified annex.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUNCIL.—The term
 13 “Nuclear Weapons Council” means the council es-
 14 tablished by section 179 of title 10, United States
 15 Code.

16 (2) ENTERPRISE BLUEPRINT.—The term “En-
 17 terprise Blueprint” means the document entitled
 18 “NNSA Enterprise Blueprint”, published in October
 19 2024 by the Department of Energy and the National
 20 Nuclear Security Administration.

21 **SEC. 3115. NOTIFICATION OF COST OVERRUNS FOR CER-**
 22 **TAIN DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PROJECTS.**

23 Section 4713 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50
 24 U.S.C. 2753) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), in the first sen-
 2 tence, by inserting “prior to entry into Phase
 3 6.3 or Phase 3, as appropriate” after “Adminis-
 4 tration”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting
 6 “prior to entry into Phase 6.3” after “project”;
 7 and

8 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

9 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
 10 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respec-
 11 tively; and

12 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
 13 the following new subparagraph (B):

14 “(B) the results of the review conducted by
 15 the Director of Cost Estimating and Program
 16 Evaluation are consistent with section
 17 3221(d)(1)(F) of the National Nuclear Security
 18 Administration Act (50 U.S.C.
 19 2411(d)(1)(F)).”.

20 **SEC. 3116. PROTECTION OF CERTAIN NUCLEAR FACILITIES**
 21 **AND ASSETS FROM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.**

22 Section 4510(e)(1)(C) of the Atomic Energy Defense
 23 Act (50 U.S.C. 2661(e)(1)(C)) is amended to read as fol-
 24 lows:

1 “(C)(i) owned by or contracted to the Na-
 2 tional Nuclear Security Administration, includ-
 3 ing any facility that stores or uses special nu-
 4 clear material; or
 5 “(ii) a national security laboratory or nu-
 6 clear weapons production facility.”.

7 **SEC. 3117. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT**
 8 **OF CERTAIN SCIENTIFIC, ENGINEERING, AND**
 9 **TECHNICAL PERSONNEL.**

10 Section 4601(c)(1) of the Atomic Energy Defense Act
 11 (50 U.S.C. 2701(c)(1)) is amended by striking “2026”
 12 and inserting “2036”.

13 **SEC. 3118. APPROPRIATE SCOPING OF ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**
 14 **LIGENCE RESEARCH WITHIN THE NATIONAL**
 15 **NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title XLVIII of the
 17 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2791 et seq.) is
 18 amended by adding at the end the following section:

19 **“SEC. 4816. APPROPRIATE SCOPING OF ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**
 20 **LIGENCE RESEARCH WITHIN THE ADMINIS-**
 21 **TRATION.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Funds authorized to be appro-
 23 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal
 24 year 2026, or any subsequent fiscal year, for the Adminis-
 25 tration for the purposes of conducting research and devel-

1 opment of artificial intelligence technologies, executing a
2 program to develop or manage the application of such
3 technologies, or developing, acquiring, or sustaining any
4 associated computing hardware or supporting infrastruc-
5 ture may only be used to support the nuclear security mis-
6 sions of the Administration.

7 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The limitation de-
8 scribed in subsection (a) shall not be interpreted—

9 “(1) to prohibit the establishment of an endur-
10 ing national security artificial intelligence research
11 and development program in any component of the
12 Department of Energy other than the Administra-
13 tion or in any other Federal agency; or

14 “(2) to impede the use of resources of the Ad-
15 ministration, including resources provided by a na-
16 tional security laboratory or a nuclear weapons pro-
17 duction facility site, to support the execution of an
18 enduring national security artificial intelligence re-
19 search and development program or activity, if such
20 support is provided—

21 “(A) on a full cost recovery basis, includ-
22 ing any associated infrastructure or utility
23 costs, to an entity that is not a component of
24 the Department of Energy; and

1 “(B) in a manner that does not interfere
 2 with the nuclear security mission of such lab-
 3 oratory or facility.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 5 for the Atomic Energy Defense Act is amended by insert-
 6 ing after the item relating to section 4815 the following
 7 new item:

“Sec. 4816. Appropriate scoping of artificial intelligence research within the
 Administration.”.

8 **Subtitle C—Other Matters**

9 **SEC. 3121. NATIONAL SECURITY POSITIONS WITHIN THE** 10 **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.**

11 Any position of the Department of Energy requiring
 12 the performance of duties funded under Office of Manage-
 13 ment and Budget functional subcategory 053, Atomic En-
 14 ergy Defense Activities, shall be considered as a position
 15 that is necessary to meet national security responsibilities.

16 **SEC. 3122. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT** 17 **PROGRAM-WIDE PERFORMANCE METRICS** 18 **FOR REDUCING RISK.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
 20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy
 21 shall—

22 (1) develop and implement program perform-
 23 ance metrics for the Office of Environmental Man-
 24 agement (referred to in this section as the “Office”),

1 in addition to the program performance metrics
2 identified in the plan published by the Office of En-
3 vironmental Management entitled “EM Program
4 Plan 2022”; and

5 (2) revise the program performance metrics
6 identified in the “EM Program Plan 2022” in ac-
7 cordance with the requirements of subsection (b).

8 (b) REQUIRED ELEMENTS.—The program perform-
9 ance metrics described in subsection (a) shall incorporate
10 the following elements:

11 (1) LINKAGE.—Each metric shall—

12 (A) align with the goals and mission of the
13 Department of Energy (referred to in this sec-
14 tion as the “Department”) and the Office;

15 (B) link to the other metrics developed or
16 revised under subsection (a) and any other ex-
17 isting performance metrics of the Department
18 and the Office; and

19 (C) be clearly communicated throughout
20 the Department and the Office.

21 (2) CLARITY.—Each metric shall be clear and
22 the name and definition of such metric shall be con-
23 sistent with the methodology used to calculate the
24 metric.

1 (3) MEASURABLE.—Each metric shall have a
2 numerical goal.

3 (4) OBJECTIVE.—Each metric shall be reason-
4 ably free from significant bias or manipulation.

5 (5) RELIABLE.—Each metric shall produce the
6 same result under similar conditions.

7 (6) CORE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—The metrics
8 shall cover the activities that the Office is expected
9 to perform to support its mission.

10 (7) LIMITED OVERLAP.—Each metric shall pro-
11 vide new information beyond any information pro-
12 vided by other metrics.

13 (8) BALANCE.—The metrics shall ensure that
14 various priorities of the Office are covered.

15 (9) EFFECTIVENESS.—Each metric shall incor-
16 porate an effectiveness measure, such as quality,
17 timeliness, and cost of service.

18 (c) RISK REDUCTION PRIORITIZATION.—The pro-
19 gram performance metrics described in subsection (a)
20 shall—

21 (1) give first priority to addressing any issues
22 posing an immediate risk to human health or the en-
23 vironment;

24 (2) give second priority, as appropriate, to ad-
25 dressing issues based on achieving the highest risk

1 reduction benefit per radioactive or hazardous con-
2 tent removed; and

3 (3) measure the amount of radioactivity or haz-
4 ardous content removed, as determined by—

5 (A) curies, rads, or rems;

6 (B) pounds of hazardous content removed;

7 or

8 (C) such other appropriate measure.

9 (d) REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 2
12 years thereafter until 2036, the Secretary of Energy
13 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
14 a report describing the outcomes achieved under the
15 program performance metrics described in sub-
16 section (a) for each fiscal year covered by such re-
17 port.

18 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report shall identify the
19 cost per curie, rad, or rem of radioactivity and cost
20 per pound of hazardous content removed program-
21 wide, by site, and by mission area.

1 **SEC. 3123. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN-**
2 **TEGRATED RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL**
3 **PLANNING AND OPTIMIZATION.**

4 (a) RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIMIZATION
5 ANALYSES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of Energy shall develop a complex-wide analysis to
9 identify optimal disposal pathways and schedules for
10 defense radioactive waste produced by the Depart-
11 ment of Energy and its predecessor agencies and
12 managed by the Office of Environmental Manage-
13 ment.

14 (2) CONTENTS.—The analysis required by para-
15 graph (1) shall—

16 (A) incorporate modeling to identify opti-
17 mal disposal pathways and schedules that could
18 be achieved—

19 (i) considering regulatory constraints;
20 and
21 (ii) if key regulatory constraints were
22 lifted or altered; and

23 (B) identify strategic alternatives to radio-
24 active waste disposal plans and schedules.

25 (b) NATIONWIDE RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL
26 PLAN.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 months
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Energy shall develop an integrated, nation-
4 wide radioactive waste disposal plan.

5 (2) CONTENTS.—The plan required by para-
6 graph (1) shall—

7 (A) include, to the maximum extent prac-
8 ticable, optimal radioactive waste disposal path-
9 ways and schedules identified through the anal-
10 ysis conducted pursuant to subsection (a);

11 (B) identify specific opportunities for fur-
12 ther optimization of radioactive waste disposal
13 pathways and schedules that might be achieved
14 through changes in regulatory constraints;

15 (C) address complex-wide disposal issues,
16 such as waste with no disposal pathway; and

17 (D) incorporate feedback from key stake-
18 holders, including Federal and State regulators
19 and operators of radioactive waste disposal fa-
20 cilities.

21 (c) RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL FORUM.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
24 retary of Energy shall establish a forum for Federal
25 and State agencies that regulate radioactive waste

1 cleanup and disposal activities by the Office of Envi-
2 ronmental Management.

3 (2) PURPOSE.—The forum established pursuant
4 to paragraph (1) shall holistically negotiate regu-
5 latory and other changes that could allow the De-
6 partment of Energy to implement opportunities for
7 optimal radioactive waste disposal identified pursu-
8 ant to subsection (b).

9 (d) REPORTING.—Not later than 2 years after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy
11 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
12 port on the results of the optimization analysis required
13 by subsection (a), the nationwide disposal plan required
14 by subsection (b), and the initial activities of the forum
15 established pursuant to subsection (c).

16 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) COMPLEX.—The term “complex” means the
18 set of sites across the United States where radio-
19 active waste cleanup and disposal activities are man-
20 aged by the Office of Environmental Management.

21 (2) INTEGRATED.—The term “integrated”
22 means inclusive of all radioactive waste across the
23 complex.

24 (3) OPTIMAL.—The term “optimal” means the
25 best possible outcome, such as the lowest cost or

1 highest profit, while following specific rules and limi-
2 tations.

3 (4) REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS.—The term
4 “regulatory constraints” means requirements in-
5 cluded in regulations or agreements with regulators
6 that affect decisions regarding radioactive waste dis-
7 posal pathways and schedules by the Office of Envi-
8 ronmental Management that could reasonably be the
9 subject of negotiation with Federal or State regu-
10 latory agencies.

11 **SEC. 3124. REPORT ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND RE-**
12 **SOURCES FOR THE DELIVERY OF SPECIAL-**
13 **IZED INFRASTRUCTURE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 15,
15 2026, and annually thereafter until February 15, 2046,
16 the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall submit to the
17 appropriate congressional committees a report on future
18 activities and resources for the delivery of specialized in-
19 frastructure with demands across the nuclear stockpile,
20 global security, and naval nuclear propulsion missions,
21 which shall include the following:

22 (1) An assessment of infrastructure investments
23 necessary in the 5 fiscal years following the fiscal
24 year of the report, including—

1 (A) the cost estimates and schedules for
2 such infrastructure investments;

3 (B) the impacts to workforce requirements
4 of the Administration;

5 (C) the status of any reviews required by
6 the National Environmental Policy Act for such
7 infrastructure investments;

8 (D) an explanation of the targeted needs
9 addressed by such infrastructure investments;
10 and

11 (E) a summary of progress made towards
12 achieving such infrastructure investments.

13 (2) For fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent
14 fiscal year, an explanation of any changes in cost es-
15 timates and schedules for the projects listed in the
16 assessment required by paragraph (1) for the prior
17 fiscal year.

18 (3) An assessment of infrastructure investments
19 necessary in the 6 to 15 fiscal years following the
20 fiscal year of the report, including—

21 (A) an estimated schedule for such infra-
22 structure investments; and

23 (B) an explanation of the targeted needs
24 addressed by such infrastructure investments.

1 (4) For fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent
2 fiscal year, an explanation of any changes in cost es-
3 timates and schedules for the projects listed in the
4 assessment required by paragraph (3) for the prior
5 fiscal year.

6 (5) An assessment of the infrastructure invest-
7 ments necessary in the 16 to 25 fiscal years fol-
8 lowing the fiscal year of the report, including an ex-
9 planation of the targeted needs such infrastructure
10 investments are addressing.

11 (6) For fiscal year 2027 and each subsequent
12 fiscal year, an explanation of any changes in cost es-
13 timates and schedules for the projects listed in the
14 assessment required by paragraph (5) for the prior
15 fiscal year.

16 (b) FORM.—Each report required by subsection (a)
17 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
18 a classified annex.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term “Administra-
21 tion” means the National Nuclear Security Adminis-
22 tration.

23 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
24 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
2 the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Devel-
3 opment of the Committee on Appropriations of
4 the Senate; and

5 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
6 the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Devel-
7 opment and Related Agencies of the Committee
8 on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
9 tives.

10 (3) SPECIALIZED INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
11 “specialized infrastructure” means any facility—

12 (A) that supports the nuclear stockpile
13 mission, including capabilities to handle and
14 process—

- 15 (i) special nuclear materials;
16 (ii) radioactive, hazardous, and spe-
17 cialized materials;
18 (iii) non-nuclear unique components;
19 and
20 (iv) assembled nuclear weapons;

21 (B) that supports the global security mis-
22 sion of the Administration; or

23 (C) that supports naval spent fuel manage-
24 ment, nuclear material testing and examination,

1 and functional nuclear laboratory consolidation
2 for naval nuclear propulsion.

3 **TITLE XXXII—DEFENSE NU-**
4 **CLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY**
5 **BOARD**

6 **SEC. 3201. AUTHORIZATION.**

7 There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
8 year 2026, \$45,000,000 for the operation of the Defense
9 Nuclear Facilities Safety Board under chapter 21 of the
10 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286 et seq.).

11 **DIVISION D—FUNDING TABLES**

12 **SEC. 4001. AUTHORIZATION OF AMOUNTS IN FUNDING TA-**
13 **BLES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever a funding table in this
15 division specifies a dollar amount authorized for a project,
16 program, or activity, the obligation and expenditure of the
17 specified dollar amount for the project, program, or activ-
18 ity is hereby authorized, subject to the availability of ap-
19 propriations.

20 (b) MERIT-BASED DECISIONS.—A decision to com-
21 mit, obligate, or expend funds with or to a specific entity
22 on the basis of a dollar amount authorized pursuant to
23 subsection (a) shall—

24 (1) be based on merit-based selection proce-
25 dures in accordance with the requirements of sec-

1 tions 3201 and 4024 of title 10, United States Code,
2 or on competitive procedures; and

3 (2) comply with other applicable provisions of
4 law.

5 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO TRANSFER AND PROGRAM-
6 MING AUTHORITY.—An amount specified in the funding
7 tables in this division may be transferred or repro-
8 grammed under a transfer or reprogramming authority
9 provided by another provision of this Act or by other law.
10 The transfer or reprogramming of an amount specified in
11 such funding tables shall not count against a ceiling on
12 such transfers or reprogrammings under section 1001 of
13 this Act or any other provision of law, unless such transfer
14 or reprogramming would move funds between appropria-
15 tion accounts.

16 (d) APPLICABILITY TO CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—This
17 section applies to any classified annex that accompanies
18 this Act.

19 (e) ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.—No oral
20 or written communication concerning any amount speci-
21 fied in the funding tables in this division shall supersede
22 the requirements of this section.

1 TITLE XLI—PROCUREMENT

2 SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT.

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY		
	FIXED WING		
6	HADES PLATFORM, PAYLOADS/PED, AND INTEGRATION	26,850	26,850
	ROTARY		
9	AH-64 APACHE BLOCK IIIA REMAN	1,669	1,669
13	UH-60 BLACKHAWK M MODEL (MYP)	732,060	732,060
17	CH-47 HELICOPTER	618,798	618,798
18	CH-47 HELICOPTER	61,421	61,421
	MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT		
27	AH-64 MODS	125,236	125,236
28	SCALABLE CONTROL INTERFACE (SCI)	1,257	1,257
29	CH-47 CARGO HELICOPTER MODS (MYP)	17,709	17,709
34	UTILITY HELICOPTER MODS	33,659	33,659
36	NETWORK AND MISSION PLAN	40,472	40,472
37	COMMS, NAV SURVEILLANCE	11,566	11,566
39	AVIATION ASSURED PNT	49,475	49,475
40	GATM ROLLUP	4,651	4,651
	GROUND SUPPORT AVIONICS		
45	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY EQUIPMENT	129,167	129,167
47	CMWS	38,419	38,419
48	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCM)	225,647	225,647
	OTHER SUPPORT		
50	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT	29,489	29,489
52	AIRCREW INTEGRATED SYSTEMS	14,986	14,986
53	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL	24,213	24,213
54	LAUNCHER, 2.75 ROCKET	1,611	1,611
	AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
57	SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS	726,034	741,034
	Flammable Solids UAS Applications		[15,000]
58	FUTURE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) FAMILY	118,459	118,459
59	GRAY EAGLE MODIFICATIONS	12,351	12,351
	TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY	3,045,199	3,060,199
	MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY		
	SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM		
2	LOWER TIER AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AMD) SEN	637,473	1,250,473
	Procure additional 4x LTAMDS—misaligned budget request		[613,000]
4	M-SHORAD—PROCUREMENT	679,114	679,114
6	MSE MISSILE	945,905	1,485,525
	PAC-3 MSE missile recerts—misaligned budget request		[366,000]
	Patriot Mods: AMMPs/DEX		[173,620]
9	PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE (PRSM)	160,846	480,946
	Max PrSM Inc 1 procurement (+254 missiles)—misaligned budget request		[320,100]
11	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2-I	830,579	1,018,579
	IFPC Inc 2 AIM 9X missile production to 432x AUR—misaligned budget request		[188,000]
12	MID-RANGE CAPABILITY (MRC)	82,407	179,407
	Hypersonics Rocket Motor Cost Reduction Initiative		[42,000]
	Maritime Strike Tomahawk (MST) (USA, USN)		[55,000]
	AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE SYSTEM		
15	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MSLS (JAGM)	84,667	84,667
17	LONG-RANGE HYPERSONIC WEAPON	353,415	353,415
	ANTI-TANK/ASSAULT MISSILE SYS		
18	JAVELIN (AAWS-M) SYSTEM SUMMARY	329,205	329,205
19	TOW 2 SYSTEM SUMMARY	11,731	11,731
20	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS)	1,125,071	1,125,071
21	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS)	43,156	43,156
22	MLRS REDUCED RANGE PRACTICE ROCKETS (RRPR)	32,339	32,339
23	HIGH MOBILITY ARTILLERY ROCKET SYSTEM (HIMARS)	61,503	61,503
	MODIFICATIONS		
29	PATRIOT MODS	757,800	757,800
32	STINGER MODS	428,935	450,935
	Qualification of Stinger additional SRMs		[22,000]
35	MLRS MODS	243,470	243,470
36	HIMARS MODIFICATIONS	54,005	54,005
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
38	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	6,651	6,651
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES		
40	AIR DEFENSE TARGETS	12,801	12,801
	AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
44	LAUNCHED EFFECTS FAMILY	67,816	67,816
	TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY	6,948,889	8,728,609

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
PROCUREMENT OF W&TCV, ARMY			
TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES			
2	ARMORED MULTI PURPOSE VEHICLE (AMPV)	554,678	554,678
4	ASSAULT BREACHER VEHICLE (ABV)	4,079	4,079
5	M10 BOOKER	64,919	64,919
MODIFICATION OF TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES			
8	STRYKER UPGRADE	135,816	135,816
9	BRADLEY FIRE SUPPORT TEAM (BFIST) VEHICLE	4,684	4,684
10	BRADLEY PROGRAM (MOD)	157,183	157,183
11	M109 FOV MODIFICATIONS	82,537	82,537
12	PALADIN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT (PIM)	250,238	250,238
13	IMPROVED RECOVERY VEHICLE (M88 HERCULES)	155,540	155,540
17	JOINT ASSAULT BRIDGE	132,637	132,637
19	ABRAMS UPGRADE PROGRAM	740,528	740,528
21	VEHICLE PROTECTION SYSTEMS (VPS)	107,833	107,833
WEAPONS & OTHER COMBAT VEHICLES			
24	PERSONAL DEFENSE WEAPON (ROLL)	1,002	1,002
25	M240 MEDIUM MACHINE GUN (7.62MM)	5	5
27	MACHINE GUN, CAL .50 M2 ROLL	4	4
28	MORTAR SYSTEMS	5,807	5,807
29	LOCATION & AZIMUTH DETERMINATION SYSTEM (LADS)	9,477	9,477
31	PRECISION SNIPER RIFLE	1,853	1,853
34	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON	365,155	365,155
36	HANDGUN	7	7
MOD OF WEAPONS AND OTHER COMBAT VEH			
38	M777 MODS	2,429	2,429
42	SNIPER RIFLES MODIFICATIONS	19	19
43	M119 MODIFICATIONS	4,642	4,642
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES			
46	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (WOCV-WTCV)	469	19,469
	Procurement of six additional Robotic Combat Vehicles (RCVs)		[19,000]
47	PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT (WOCV-WTCV)	104,993	104,993
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF W&TCV, ARMY	2,886,534	2,905,534
PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY			
SMALL/MEDIUM CAL AMMUNITION			
1	CTG, 5.56MM, ALL TYPES	128,283	128,283
2	CTG, 7.62MM, ALL TYPES	62,157	62,157
3	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON AMMUNITION	426,177	426,177
4	CTG, HANDGUN, ALL TYPES	7,750	7,750
5	CTG, .50 CAL, ALL TYPES	78,199	78,199
6	CTG, 20MM, ALL TYPES	25,773	25,773
7	CTG, 25MM, ALL TYPES	22,324	22,324
8	CTG, 30MM, ALL TYPES	100,392	100,392
9	CTG, 40MM, ALL TYPES	131,432	131,432
11	CTG, 50MM, ALL TYPES	42,131	42,131
MORTAR AMMUNITION			
12	60MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES	38,114	38,114
13	81MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES	41,786	41,786
14	120MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES	123,144	123,144
TANK AMMUNITION			
15	CARTRIDGES, TANK, 105MM AND 120MM, ALL TYPES	440,152	440,152
ARTILLERY AMMUNITION			
16	ARTILLERY CARTRIDGES, 75MM & 105MM, ALL TYPES	80,780	80,780
17	ARTILLERY PROJECTILE, 155MM, ALL TYPES	218,877	218,877
19	PRECISION ARTILLERY MUNITIONS	28,995	28,995
20	ARTILLERY PROPELLANTS, FUZES AND PRIMERS, ALL	168,737	168,737
MINES			
21	MINES & CLEARING CHARGERS, ALL TYPES	42,748	42,748
22	CLOSE TERRAIN SHAPING OBSTACLE	7,860	7,860
ROCKETS			
24	SHOULDER LAUNCHED MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES	46,089	46,089
25	ROCKET, HYDRA 70, ALL TYPES	34,836	34,836
OTHER AMMUNITION			
26	CAD/PAD, ALL TYPES	12,543	12,543
27	DEMOLITION MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES	21,409	21,409
28	GRENADES, ALL TYPES	56,530	56,530
29	SIGNALS, ALL TYPES	36,846	36,846
30	SIMULATORS, ALL TYPES	10,821	10,821
MISCELLANEOUS			
32	AMMO COMPONENTS, ALL TYPES	4,084	4,084
34	ITEMS LESS THEN \$5 MILLION (AMMO)	16,799	16,799
35	AMMUNITION PECULIAR EQUIPMENT	16,219	16,219
36	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION (AMMO)	18,600	18,600
37	CLOSEOUT LIABILITIES	102	102
PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT			
40	INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	1,084,611	1,334,611
	Modernization of organic industrial base		[250,000]

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
41	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS DEMILITARIZATION	155,050	155,050
42	ARMS INITIATIVE	3,885	3,885
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY	3,734,235	3,984,235
	OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY		
	TACTICAL VEHICLES		
2	FAMILY OF SEMITRAILERS	132,793	132,793
6	GROUND MOBILITY VEHICLES (GMV)	308,620	308,620
9	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICL	45,840	79,840
	Infantry Squad Vehicle Procurement		[34,000]
10	TRUCK, DUMP, 20T (CCE)	17,000	30,506
	Heavy Dump Trucks		[13,506]
11	FAMILY OF MEDIUM TACTICAL VEH (FMTV)	85,490	85,490
12	FAMILY OF COLD WEATHER ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (C	38,001	38,001
13	FIRETRUCKS & ASSOCIATED FIREFIGHTING EQUIP	39,761	39,761
14	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES (FHTV)	202,009	202,009
19	TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLE PROTECTION KITS	2,660	2,660
20	MODIFICATION OF IN SVC EQUIP	98,728	98,728
	NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES		
23	NONTACTICAL VEHICLES, OTHER	8,462	8,462
	COMM—JOINT COMMUNICATIONS		
29	TACTICAL NETWORK COMMUNICATION	866,347	866,347
31	JCSE EQUIPMENT (USRDECOM)	5,389	5,389
	COMM—SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS		
32	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS	114,770	114,770
36	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE WIDEBAND SATCOM SYSTEMS	65,591	65,591
39	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING	212,469	212,469
	COMM—COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS		
46	HANDHELD MANPACK SMALL FORM FIT (HMS)	478,435	478,435
48	ARMY LINK 16 SYSTEMS	133,836	133,836
51	UNIFIED COMMAND SUITE	20,010	20,010
52	COTS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT	207,402	207,402
54	ARMY COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS	110,678	110,678
	COMM—INTELLIGENCE COMM		
56	CI AUTOMATION ARCHITECTURE-INTEL	15,290	15,290
58	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE	108,655	108,655
	INFORMATION SECURITY		
60	INFORMATION SYSTEM SECURITY PROGRAM-ISSP	826	826
61	COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC)	125,970	125,970
66	BIOMETRIC ENABLING CAPABILITY (BEC)	65	65
	COMM—BASE COMMUNICATIONS		
70	INFORMATION SYSTEMS	209,378	209,378
72	BASE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION	50,177	50,177
74	INSTALLATION INFO INFRASTRUCTURE MOD PROGRAM	439,373	439,373
	ELECT EQUIP—TACT INT REL ACT (TIARA)		
78	TITAN	236,314	236,314
81	COLLECTION CAPABILITY	2,935	2,935
83	DCGS-A-INTEL	1,087	1,087
85	TROJAN	37,968	58,568
	AFRICOM: CRAM capabilities		[20,600]
86	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIP (INTEL SPT)	20,598	134,376
	AN/TPQ-53 Counterfire Target Acquisition Radar		[113,778]
	ELECT EQUIP—ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)		
91	AIR VIGILANCE (AV)	9,731	9,731
93	FAMILY OF PERSISTENT SURVEILLANCE CAP.	15,382	115,382
	CENTCOM: aerostat sensors		[100,000]
94	COUNTERINTELLIGENCE/SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES	8,283	8,283
	ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL SURV. (TAC SURV)		
96	SENTINEL MODS	462,010	462,010
97	NIGHT VISION DEVICES	211,056	211,056
98	SMALL TACTICAL OPTICAL RIFLE MOUNTED MLRF	2,111	2,111
99	BASE EXPEDITARY TARGETING AND SURV SYS	1,801	1,801
100	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION FAMILY OF SYSTEMS	27,881	27,881
101	FAMILY OF WEAPON SIGHTS (FWS)	103,607	103,607
102	ENHANCED PORTABLE INDUCTIVE ARTILLERY FUZE SE	10,456	10,456
104	FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED (IFLIR)	60,765	60,765
106	JOINT BATTLE COMMAND—PLATFORM (JBC-P)	165,395	165,395
107	JOINT EFFECTS TARGETING SYSTEM (JETS)	48,715	48,715
109	COMPUTER BALLISTICS: LHMCB XM32	6,325	6,325
110	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM	3,657	3,657
111	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS MODIFICATIONS	3,262	3,262
112	COUNTERFIRE RADARS	40,526	40,526
	ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL C2 SYSTEMS		
113	ARMY COMMAND POST INTEGRATED INFRASTRUCTURE (.....	723,187	723,187
114	FIRE SUPPORT C2 FAMILY	3,389	3,389
115	AIR & MSL DEFENSE PLANNING & CONTROL SYS	33,103	33,103
116	IAAMD BATTLE COMMAND SYSTEM	546,480	546,480
117	IAAMD FAMILY OF SYSTEMS (FOS) COMPONENTS	31,016	31,016

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
118	LIFE CYCLE SOFTWARE SUPPORT (LCSS)	5,175	5,175
119	NETWORK MANAGEMENT INITIALIZATION AND SERVICE	244,403	244,403
124	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (ENFIRE)	16,595	16,595
	ELECT EQUIP—AUTOMATION		
125	ARMY TRAINING MODERNIZATION	8,262	8,262
126	AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING EQUIP	93,804	93,804
129	HIGH PERF COMPUTING MOD PGM (HPCMP)	74,708	74,708
130	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM	468	468
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,546	1,546
	CHEMICAL DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT		
138	BASE DEFENSE SYSTEMS (BDS)	143	143
139	CBRN DEFENSE	69,739	69,739
	BRIDGING EQUIPMENT		
142	TACTICAL BRIDGE, FLOAT-RIBBON	69,863	69,863
	ENGINEER (NON-CONSTRUCTION) EQUIPMENT		
150	ROBOTICS AND APPLIQUE SYSTEMS	509	509
151	RENDER SAFE SETS KITS OUTFITS	14,184	14,184
	COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
153	HEATERS AND ECUS	14,288	14,288
156	GROUND SOLDIER SYSTEM	178,850	178,850
157	MOBILE SOLDIER POWER	15,729	15,729
159	FIELD FEEDING EQUIPMENT	4,500	4,500
160	CARGO AERIAL DEL & PERSONNEL PARACHUTE SYSTEM	61,224	61,224
161	FAMILY OF ENGR COMBAT AND CONSTRUCTION SETS	0	37,615
	Hydraulic Excavator (HYEX)		[7,980]
	TRACTOR FULL TRACKED, MED T-9 (Medium Dozer)		[29,635]
	PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT		
164	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, PETROLEUM & WATER	96,020	96,020
	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT		
165	COMBAT SUPPORT MEDICAL	99,567	99,567
	MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT		
166	MOBILE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS	63,311	63,311
	CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT		
169	CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	92,299	92,299
	RAIL FLOAT CONTAINERIZATION EQUIPMENT		
179	ARMY WATERCRAFT ESP	57,342	57,342
180	MANEUVER SUPPORT VESSEL (MSV)	33,949	158,949
	MSV-L 2x ships per year		[125,000]
181	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (FLOAT/RAIL)	18,217	18,217
	GENERATORS		
182	GENERATORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP	89,073	89,073
	MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT		
184	FAMILY OF FORKLIFTS	12,576	45,777
	Family of All Terrain Cranes		[15,000]
	Type 1 Crane/Mobility		[18,201]
	TRAINING EQUIPMENT		
185	COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS SUPPORT	49,025	49,025
186	TRAINING DEVICES, NONSYSTEM	189,306	189,306
187	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (STE)	166,402	166,402
189	GAMING TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF ARMY TRAINING	7,320	7,320
	TEST MEASURE AND DIG EQUIPMENT (TMD)		
191	INTEGRATED FAMILY OF TEST EQUIPMENT (IFTE)	38,784	38,784
193	TEST EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION (TEMOD)	51,119	51,119
	OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
195	PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (OPA3)	136,315	136,315
196	BASE LEVEL COMMON EQUIPMENT	19,452	19,452
197	MODIFICATION OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (OPA-3)	31,452	31,452
198	BUILDING, PRE-FAB, RELOCATABLE	10,490	10,490
200	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR TEST AND EVALUATION	93,777	93,777
	OPA2		
205	INITIAL SPARES—C&E	7,254	7,254
	AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
207	COUNTER-SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM (C-SUAS)	306,568	306,568
208	ELECTRONIC WARFARE	24,547	24,547
209	ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE	54,427	54,427
210	SOLDIER BORNE SENSOR	21,919	21,919
	TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY	9,605,566	10,083,266
	AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY		
	COMBAT AIRCRAFT		
2	F/A-18E/F (FIGHTER) HORNET	50,607	50,607
4	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV	1,951,629	1,951,629
5	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV	401,596	401,596
6	JSF STOVL	1,787,313	1,787,313
7	JSF STOVL	113,744	113,744
8	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT)	1,707,601	2,259,601
	USMC (+4) CH-53K		[552,000]

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9	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT)	335,352	335,352
10	V-22 (MEDIUM LIFT)	47,196	47,196
12	H-1 UPGRADES (UH-1Y/AH-1Z)	8,305	8,305
14	P-8A POSEIDON	13,631	13,631
15	E-2D ADV HAWKEYE	1,503,556	3,556
	E-2D cancellation		[−1,500,000]
	OTHER AIRCRAFT		
23	KC-130J	18,017	18,017
27	MQ-4 TRITON	133,139	133,139
31	MQ-25	407,046	407,046
32	MQ-25	52,191	52,191
34	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS	15,162	15,162
36	OTHER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT	19,812	19,812
	MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT		
39	F-18 A-D UNIQUE	53,809	53,809
40	F-18E/F AND EA-18G MODERNIZATION AND SUSTAINM	576,229	576,229
41	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS SERIES	143,695	143,695
42	AEA SYSTEMS	25,848	25,848
44	INFRARED SEARCH AND TRACK (IRST)	173,351	173,351
45	ADVERSARY	21,535	21,535
46	F-18 SERIES	756,967	756,967
47	H-53 SERIES	69,227	69,227
48	MH-60 SERIES	115,545	115,545
49	H-1 SERIES	149,405	149,405
51	E-2 SERIES	143,772	143,772
52	TRAINER A/C SERIES	12,151	12,151
54	C-130 SERIES	144,017	144,017
55	FEWSG	5	5
56	CARGO/TRANSPORT A/C SERIES	7,526	7,526
57	E-6 SERIES	163,737	163,737
58	EXECUTIVE HELICOPTERS SERIES	66,645	66,645
60	T-45 SERIES	173,433	173,433
61	POWER PLANT CHANGES	18,707	18,707
62	JPATS SERIES	21,330	21,330
64	COMMON ECM EQUIPMENT	91,553	91,553
65	COMMON AVIONICS CHANGES	161,376	161,376
66	COMMON DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM	8,926	8,926
67	ID SYSTEMS	3,011	3,011
68	P-8 SERIES	320,130	320,130
69	MAGTF EW FOR AVIATION	22,356	22,356
71	V-22 (TILT/ROTOR ACFT) OSPREY	319,145	319,145
72	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ)	439,493	439,493
73	F-35 STOVL SERIES	364,774	364,774
74	F-35 CV SERIES	180,533	180,533
75	QRC	24,893	24,893
76	MQ-4 SERIES	180,463	180,463
	AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
84	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	2,562,627	2,562,627
	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIP & FACILITIES		
85	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT	584,561	584,561
86	AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	112,513	112,513
87	WAR CONSUMABLES	45,153	45,153
88	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES	70,770	70,770
89	SPECIAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	130,993	130,993
	TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY	17,028,101	16,080,101
	WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY		
	MODIFICATION OF MISSILES		
2	TRIDENT II MODS	2,582,029	2,582,029
	STRATEGIC MISSILES		
6	TOMAHAWK	12,593	205,593
	TLAM supplier base stabilization—turbofans		[193,000]
	TACTICAL MISSILES		
7	AMRAAM	69,913	763,913
	AMRAAM: maximize procurement		[694,000]
8	SIDEWINDER	84,713	84,713
9	JOINT ADVANCE TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM)	301,858	301,858
10	STANDARD MISSILE	187,420	249,420
	SM-6 procurement—misaligned budget request (+11 AURs)		[62,000]
12	SMALL DIAMETER BOBOMBMB II	86,255	86,255
13	RAM	122,372	122,372
15	JOINT AIR GROUND MISSILE (JAGM)	74,152	74,152
17	AERIAL TARGETS	182,704	182,704
19	OTHER MISSILE SUPPORT	3,490	3,490
20	LRASM	243,217	401,217
	LRASM supplier base Navy production to 160 per year		[68,000]
	LRASM: procurement +20 AURs to 120		[90,000]
21	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	32,238	32,238

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22	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	3,059	3,059
	MODIFICATION OF MISSILES		
25	TOMAHAWK MODS	6,283	41,283
	TLAM procurement increase		[35,000]
26	ESSM	503,381	503,381
28	AARGM-ER	261,041	261,041
29	AARGM-ER	24,284	24,284
31	STANDARD MISSILES MODS	32,127	32,127
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES		
32	WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	127,222	527,222
	Navy munitions		[400,000]
	ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
36	ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	37,059	37,059
	TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP		
39	SSTD	4,789	4,789
40	MK-48 TORPEDO	7,081	7,081
42	ASW TARGETS	38,386	38,386
	MOD OF TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP		
43	MK-54 TORPEDO MODS	1,692	1,692
44	MK-48 TORPEDO ADCAP MODS	31,479	31,479
45	MARITIME MINES	0	75,000
	Enhanced Joint Direct Attack Missile (JDAM) (USN)		[75,000]
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
46	TORPEDO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	161,218	161,218
47	ASW RANGE SUPPORT	4,328	4,328
	DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION		
48	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	5,346	5,346
	GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS		
51	SMALL ARMS AND WEAPONS	9,987	9,987
	MODIFICATION OF GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS		
52	CIWS MODS	8,122	8,122
53	COAST GUARD WEAPONS	44,455	44,455
54	GUN MUNT MODS	83,969	83,969
55	LCS MODULE WEAPONS	2,200	2,200
56	AIRBORNE MINE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEMS	14,413	14,413
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
61	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	202,425	202,425
	TOTAL WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY	5,597,300	7,214,300
	PROCUREMENT OF AMMO, NAVY & MC		
	NAVY AMMUNITION		
1	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS	30,915	30,915
2	JDAM	61,119	61,119
3	AIRBORNE ROCKETS, ALL TYPES	87,797	87,797
4	MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION	17,645	17,645
5	PRACTICE BOMBS	45,049	45,049
6	CARTRIDGES & CART ACTUATED DEVICES	74,535	74,535
7	AIR EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES	98,437	98,437
8	JATOS	6,373	6,373
9	5 INCH/54 GUN AMMUNITION	24,864	24,864
10	INTERMEDIATE CALIBER GUN AMMUNITION	40,175	40,175
11	OTHER SHIP GUN AMMUNITION	43,763	43,763
12	SMALL ARMS & LANDING PARTY AMMO	49,493	49,493
13	PYROTECHNIC AND DEMOLITION	9,644	9,644
15	AMMUNITION LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	1,723	1,723
16	EXPEDITIONARY LOITERING MUNITIONS	0	64,000
	Expeditionary Loitering Munitions		[64,000]
	MARINE CORPS AMMUNITION		
18	MORTARS	141,135	141,135
19	DIRECT SUPPORT MUNITIONS	26,729	26,729
20	INFANTRY WEAPONS AMMUNITION	180,867	180,867
21	COMBAT SUPPORT MUNITIONS	12,936	12,936
22	AMMO MODERNIZATION	18,467	18,467
23	ARTILLERY MUNITIONS	147,473	147,473
24	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	15,891	15,891
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMO, NAVY & MC	1,135,030	1,199,030
	SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY		
	FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SHIPS		
1	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE	3,928,828	3,928,828
2	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE	5,063,766	5,063,766
	OTHER WARSHIPS		
5	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	1,046,700	1,046,700
6	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	612,038	612,038
7	CVN-81	1,622,935	1,622,935
8	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE	816,705	2,016,705
	Virginia class submarine		[1,200,000]
9	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE	3,126,816	3,126,816

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10	CVN REFUELING OVERHAULS	1,779,011	1,779,011
12	DDG 1000	52,358	52,358
13	DDG-51	10,773	6,335,173
	DDG-51		[5,400,000]
	Wage and quality of life enhancements for conventional surface shipbuilding, private ship repair, and public shipyards		[924,400]
14	DDG-51	0	1,350,000
	DDG-51 Advance Procurement		[900,000]
	Large Surface Combatant Shipyard Infrastructure and Industrial Base		[450,000]
	AUXILIARIES, CRAFT AND PRIOR YR PROGRAM COST		
31	TAO FLEET OILER	8,346	8,346
34	TAGOS SURTASS SHIPS	612,205	612,205
41	OUTFITTING	863,846	886,846
	Outfitting		[23,000]
43	SERVICE CRAFT	34,602	174,602
	YRBM procurement		[140,000]
48	AUXILIARY VESSELS (USED SEALIFT)	45,000	648,000
	Auxiliary Personnel Lighter		[78,000]
	Used Sealift Vessels for the Ready Reserve Force (RRF)		[525,000]
49	COMPLETION OF PY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS	1,214,295	1,691,295
	Completion of prior year shipbuilding—misaligned budget request		[477,000]
	TOTAL SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY	20,840,224	30,957,624
	OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY		
	SHIP PROPULSION EQUIPMENT		
1	SURFACE POWER EQUIPMENT	9,978	9,978
	GENERATORS		
2	SURFACE COMBATANT HM&E	62,004	71,004
	Mixed-Oxidant Electrolytic Disinfectant Generator		[9,000]
	NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT		
3	OTHER NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT	96,945	96,945
	OTHER SHIPBOARD EQUIPMENT		
4	SUB PERISCOPE, IMAGING AND SUPT EQUIP PROG	135,863	277,863
	Sub periscope, imaging and supt equip—misaligned budget request		[142,000]
5	DDG MOD	686,787	997,787
	DDG Mod		[311,000]
6	FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	36,488	36,488
7	COMMAND AND CONTROL SWITCHBOARD	2,417	2,417
8	LHA/LHD MIDLIFE	86,884	123,884
	LHA/LHD Midlife		[37,000]
9	LCC 19/20 EXTENDED SERVICE LIFE PROGRAM	19,276	19,276
10	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT	22,477	22,477
11	SUBMARINE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	383,062	383,062
12	VIRGINIA CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	52,039	52,039
13	LCS CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	2,551	2,551
14	SUBMARINE BATTERIES	28,169	28,169
15	LPD CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	101,042	126,042
	LPD Class Support Equipment		[25,000]
16	DDG 1000 CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	115,267	115,267
17	STRATEGIC PLATFORM SUPPORT EQUIP	38,039	38,039
19	DSSP EQUIPMENT	5,849	5,849
22	UNDERWATER EOD EQUIPMENT	22,355	22,355
23	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	11,691	86,691
	Misaligned budget request		[75,000]
24	CHEMICAL WARFARE DETECTORS	2,607	2,607
	REACTOR PLANT EQUIPMENT		
26	SHIP MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION	2,392,620	2,392,620
28	REACTOR COMPONENTS	399,603	474,603
	Navy budget request errata to restore funding for reactor plant components		[75,000]
	OCEAN ENGINEERING		
29	DIVING AND SALVAGE EQUIPMENT	7,842	7,842
	SMALL BOATS		
31	STANDARD BOATS	51,546	118,546
	40-foot Patrol Boat		[67,000]
	PRODUCTION FACILITIES EQUIPMENT		
32	OPERATING FORCES IPE	208,998	208,998
	OTHER SHIP SUPPORT		
33	LCS COMMON MISSION MODULES EQUIPMENT	38,880	38,880
34	LCS MCM MISSION MODULE	91,372	91,372
36	LCS SUW MISSION MODULES	3,790	3,790
37	LCS IN-SERVICE MODERNIZATION	203,442	203,442
38	SMALL & MEDIUM UUV	54,854	54,854
	LOGISTIC SUPPORT		
40	LSD MIDLIFE & MODERNIZATION	4,079	4,079
	SHIP SONARS		
43	AN/SQQ-89 SURF ASW COMBAT SYSTEM	144,425	144,425
44	SSN ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT	498,597	498,597
	ASW ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		

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46	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE SYSTEM	56,482	56,482
47	SSTD	14,915	14,915
48	FIXED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	352,312	352,312
49	SURTASS	31,169	31,169
	ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT		
50	AN/SLQ-32	461,380	461,380
	RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT		
51	SHIPBOARD IW EXPLOIT	379,908	379,908
52	MARITIME BATTLESPACE AWARENESS	13,008	13,008
	OTHER SHIP ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
53	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY	26,648	26,648
54	NAVAL TACTICAL COMMAND SUPPORT SYSTEM (NTCSS)	7,972	7,972
55	ATDLS	58,739	58,739
56	NAVY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NCCS)	3,489	3,489
57	MINESWEEPING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	16,426	22,426
	Dual-Modality Vehicle Mine Countermeasures		[6,000]
59	NAVSTAR GPS RECEIVERS (SPACE)	45,701	45,701
60	AMERICAN FORCES RADIO AND TV SERVICE	304	304
	AVIATION ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
62	ASHORE ATC EQUIPMENT	97,262	97,262
63	AFLOAT ATC EQUIPMENT	72,104	72,104
64	ID SYSTEMS	52,171	52,171
65	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM (.....	5,105	5,105
66	NAVAL MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS	60,058	60,058
	OTHER SHORE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT		
68	TACTICAL/MOBILE C4I SYSTEMS	64,901	64,901
69	INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE (ISR)	12,112	12,112
70	CANES	534,324	534,324
71	RADLAC	31,289	31,289
72	CANES-INTELL	46,281	46,281
73	GPETE	33,395	33,395
74	MASF	13,205	13,205
75	INTEG COMBAT SYSTEM TEST FACILITY	11,493	11,493
76	EMI CONTROL INSTRUMENTATION	3,687	3,687
78	IN-SERVICE RADARS AND SENSORS	249,656	249,656
	SHIPBOARD COMMUNICATIONS		
79	BATTLE FORCE TACTICAL NETWORK	106,583	106,583
80	SHIPBOARD TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS	20,900	20,900
81	SHIP COMMUNICATIONS AUTOMATION	162,075	162,075
82	COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS UNDER \$5M	11,138	11,138
	SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS		
83	SUBMARINE BROADCAST SUPPORT	113,115	113,115
84	SUBMARINE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	84,584	84,584
	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS		
85	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	62,943	62,943
86	NAVY MULTIBAND TERMINAL (NMT)	63,433	63,433
87	MOBILE ADVANCED EHF TERMINAL (MAT)	220,453	220,453
	SHORE COMMUNICATIONS		
88	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE)	3,389	3,389
	CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT		
89	INFO SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM (ISSP)	191,239	191,239
90	MIO INTEL EXPLOITATION TEAM	1,122	1,122
	CRYPTOLOGIC EQUIPMENT		
91	CRYPTOLOGIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	7,841	7,841
	OTHER ELECTRONIC SUPPORT		
109	COAST GUARD EQUIPMENT	61,512	61,512
	SONOBUOYS		
112	SONOBUOYS—ALL TYPES	249,908	249,908
	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
113	MINOTAUR	5,191	5,191
114	WEAPONS RANGE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	123,435	123,435
115	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	91,284	91,284
116	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG)	4,484	4,484
117	ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRCRAFT LAUNCH SYSTEM (EMALS)	16,294	16,294
118	METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT	13,806	13,806
119	AIRBORNE MCM	9,643	9,643
121	AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	111,334	111,334
122	UMCS-UNMAN CARRIER AVIATION(UCA)/MISSION CNTRL	189,553	189,553
	SHIP GUN SYSTEM EQUIPMENT		
125	SHIP GUN SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT	7,358	7,358
	SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT		
126	HARPOON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	209	209
127	SHIP MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	455,822	455,822
128	TOMAHAWK SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	107,709	107,709
	FBM SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
129	CPS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	67,264	67,264
130	STRATEGIC MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIP	491,179	491,179
	ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		

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131	SSN COMBAT CONTROL SYSTEM	102,954	102,954
132	ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	25,721	25,721
	OTHER ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
133	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL EQUIP	24,822	24,822
134	DIRECTED ENERGY SYSTEMS	2,976	2,976
135	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	3,635	3,635
	OTHER EXPENDABLE ORDNANCE		
136	ANTI-SHIP MISSIL DECOY SYSTEM	19,129	89,129
	ASCM decoy systems—misaligned budget request		[70,000]
137	SUBMARINE TRAINING DEVICE MODS	77,889	77,889
138	SURFACE TRAINING EQUIPMENT	186,085	186,085
	CIVIL ENGINEERING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
141	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES	3,825	3,825
142	GENERAL PURPOSE TRUCKS	5,489	5,489
143	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE EQUIP	102,592	102,592
144	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	27,675	27,675
145	TACTICAL VEHICLES	37,262	37,262
146	AMPHIBIOUS EQUIPMENT	38,073	38,073
147	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT	4,009	4,009
148	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	127,086	127,086
149	PHYSICAL SECURITY VEHICLES	1,297	1,297
	SUPPLY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
151	SUPPLY EQUIPMENT	38,838	38,838
152	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	6,203	6,203
153	SPECIAL PURPOSE SUPPLY SYSTEMS	643,618	643,618
	TRAINING DEVICES		
155	TRAINING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	3,480	3,480
156	TRAINING AND EDUCATION EQUIPMENT	75,048	75,048
	COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
157	COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	34,249	34,249
158	MEDICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	12,256	12,256
160	NAVAL MIP SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	8,810	8,810
161	OPERATING FORCES SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	16,567	16,567
162	C4ISR EQUIPMENT	36,945	36,945
163	ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	42,860	42,860
164	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	166,577	166,577
165	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	42,363	42,363
	OTHER		
170	NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISE SERVICE	185,755	185,755
171	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	5,446	19,986
	Information Security Cyber Security Chain Risk Management Program		[14,540]
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	41,991	41,991
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
176	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	585,865	585,865
	TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY	14,569,524	15,401,064
	PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS		
	TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES		
1	AAV7A1 PIP	21	21
2	AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICLES	790,789	790,789
3	LAV PIP	764	764
	ARTILLERY AND OTHER WEAPONS		
4	155MM LIGHTWEIGHT TOWED HOWITZER	3	3
5	ARTILLERY WEAPONS SYSTEM	221,897	221,897
6	WEAPONS AND COMBAT VEHICLES UNDER \$5 MILLION	13,401	13,401
	GUIDED MISSILES		
11	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	143,711	143,711
12	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	20,930	20,930
13	GROUND BASED AIR DEFENSE	620,220	620,220
14	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-JAVELIN	32,576	32,576
15	FAMILY ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS (FOAAWS)	107	107
16	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-TOW	2,173	2,173
17	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS)	61,490	61,490
	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS		
21	COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (C	68,589	68,589
	REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT		
22	REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT	61,264	61,264
	OTHER SUPPORT (TEL)		
23	MODIFICATION KITS	1,108	1,108
	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NON-TEL)		
24	ITEMS UNDER \$5 MILLION (COMM & ELEC)	202,679	202,679
25	AIR OPERATIONS C2 SYSTEMS	15,784	15,784
	RADAR + EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)		
27	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR)	79,542	190,742
	USMC (+2) G/ATOR Radar Systems		[111,200]
	INTELL/COMM EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)		
29	ELECTRO MAGNETIC SPECTRUM OPERATIONS (EMSO)	35,396	35,396

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
30	GCSS-MC	3,303	3,303
31	FIRE SUPPORT SYSTEM	116,304	116,304
32	INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	67,690	85,390
	Marine Littoral Regiment Organic Find, Fix, and Track (F2T)		[17,700]
34	UNMANNED AIR SYSTEMS (INTEL)	14,991	14,991
35	DCGS-MC	42,946	42,946
36	UAS PAYLOADS	12,232	12,232
	OTHER SUPPORT (NON-TEL)		
40	MARINE CORPS ENTERPRISE NETWORK (MCEN)	205,710	205,710
41	COMMON COMPUTER RESOURCES	21,064	21,064
42	COMMAND POST SYSTEMS	50,549	50,549
43	RADIO SYSTEMS	209,444	209,444
44	COMM SWITCHING & CONTROL SYSTEMS	100,712	100,712
45	COMM & ELEC INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	16,163	16,163
46	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	14,541	14,541
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,145	2,145
	ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES		
51	COMMERCIAL CARGO VEHICLES	24,699	24,699
	TACTICAL VEHICLES		
52	MOTOR TRANSPORT MODIFICATIONS	16,472	16,472
53	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE	81,893	249,893
	USMC JLTV procurement (+224)		[168,000]
	ENGINEER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT		
58	TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS	33,611	33,611
59	POWER EQUIPMENT ASSORTED	24,558	24,558
60	AMPHIBIOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	9,049	59,049
	ALPV procurement		[50,000]
61	EOD SYSTEMS	21,069	21,069
	MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT		
62	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	52,394	52,394
	GENERAL PROPERTY		
63	FIELD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	58,768	58,768
64	TRAINING DEVICES	63,133	63,133
65	FAMILY OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	33,644	33,644
66	ULTRA-LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (ULTV)	7,836	7,836
	OTHER SUPPORT		
67	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	35,920	35,920
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
70	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	40,828	40,828
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS	3,754,112	4,101,012
	AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE		
	STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE		
1	B-21 RAIDER	2,590,116	2,590,116
2	B-21 RAIDER	862,000	862,000
	TACTICAL FORCES		
3	F-35	3,555,503	4,545,000
	Procure 10x F-35As		[989,497]
4	F-35	531,241	531,241
8	LC-130	0	300,000
	LC-130		[300,000]
9	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT	17,985	35,970
	TACTICAL AIRLIFT		
12	KC-46A MDAP	2,799,633	2,799,633
	UPT TRAINERS		
17	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING T-7A	362,083	362,083
	HELICOPTERS		
19	MH-139A	4,478	4,478
20	COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER	107,500	107,500
	MISSION SUPPORT AIRCRAFT		
24	CIVIL AIR PATROL A/C	3,131	3,131
	OTHER AIRCRAFT		
26	TARGET DRONES	34,224	34,224
34	RQ-20B PUMA	11,437	11,437
	STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT		
36	B-2A	76,906	76,906
37	B-1B	73,893	73,893
38	B-52	223,827	223,827
39	LARGE AIRCRAFT INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES	35,165	35,165
	TACTICAL AIRCRAFT		
41	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT MODS	15,048	15,048
42	E-11 BACN/HAG	28,797	28,797
43	F-15	120,044	120,044
45	F-16 MODIFICATIONS	448,116	448,116
46	F-22A	977,526	977,526
47	F-35 MODIFICATIONS	380,337	380,337
48	F-15 EPAW	252,607	252,607

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
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50	KC-46A MDAP	19,344	19,344
	AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT		
51	C-5	34,939	34,939
52	C-17A	9,853	9,853
56	OSA-EA MODIFICATIONS	87,515	87,515
	TRAINER AIRCRAFT		
57	GLIDER MODS	159	159
58	T-6	247,814	247,814
59	T-1	137	152,137
	Common ASE		[152,000]
60	T-38	85,381	85,381
	OTHER AIRCRAFT		
68	C-130	144,041	144,041
70	C-135	124,368	124,368
73	CVR (CONNOR ULF RECEIVER) INC 2	79,859	79,859
74	RC-135	231,001	231,001
75	E-3	17,291	17,291
76	E-4	45,232	45,232
80	H-1	17,899	17,899
81	MH-139A MOD	4,992	4,992
82	H-60	1,749	1,749
83	HH60W MODIFICATIONS	9,150	9,150
85	HC/MC-130 MODIFICATIONS	365,086	365,086
86	OTHER AIRCRAFT	263,902	263,902
88	MQ-9 MODS	100,923	100,923
90	SENIOR LEADER C3 SYSTEM—AIRCRAFT	24,414	24,414
91	CV-22 MODS	78,713	78,713
	AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
94	INITIAL SPARES/REPAIR PARTS	973,535	973,535
	COMMON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
99	AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT SUPPORT EQUIP	156,776	156,776
	POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT		
103	B-2B	18,969	18,969
104	B-52	111	111
106	C-17A	2,672	2,672
111	F-15	5,112	5,112
114	F-16 POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT	18,402	18,402
116	HC/MC-130 POST PROD	17,986	17,986
117	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT	28,524	57,048
	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS		
122	INDUSTRIAL RESPONSIVENESS	19,998	19,998
	WAR CONSUMABLES		
123	WAR CONSUMABLES	26,323	26,323
	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES		
124	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES	940,190	940,190
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	16,006	222,006
	Acceleration of Air Force program		[206,000]
	TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE	17,776,472	19,423,969
	MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE		
	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT—BALLISTIC		
1	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC	35,116	35,116
2	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC	2,166	2,166
5	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON	192,409	192,409
6	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON	250,300	250,300
7	REPLAC EQUIP & WAR CONSUMABLES	12,436	12,436
8	ADVANCED PRECISION KILL WEAPON SYSTEM (APKWS) MISSILE	13,428	13,428
9	AGM-183A AIR-LAUNCHED RAPID RESPONSE WEAPON	387,055	669,055
11	JOINT AIR-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE	328,081	650,081
	Joint Air to Surface Stand-Off Missile (JASSM) (USAF)		[322,000]
13	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE	368,593	368,593
15	LRASM0	294,401	294,401
17	SIDEWINDER (AIM-9X)	100,352	100,352
18	AMRAAM	365,125	365,125
21	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB	41,510	191,510
	GLSDB procurement		[150,000]
22	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II	307,743	307,743
23	STAND-IN ATTACK WEAPON (SIAW)	185,324	185,324
	INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES		
24	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS/POL PREVENTION	917	917
	CLASS IV		
25	ICBM FUZE MOD	119,376	119,376
27	MM III MODIFICATIONS	14,604	14,604
29	AIR LAUNCH CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM)	41,393	41,393
	MISSILE SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS		
30	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (INITAL)	5,824	5,824
31	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (REPLEN)	108,249	358,249

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	Air Force munitions—misaligned budget request		[250,000]
	SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
33	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAMS	221,199	221,199
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	828,275	828,275
	TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE	4,223,876	5,227,876
	PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE		
	CARTRIDGES		
3	CARTRIDGES	126,077	126,077
	BOMBS		
5	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS	189,097	189,097
6	MASSIVE ORDNANCE PENETRATOR (MOP)	6,813	6,813
7	JOINT DIRECT ATTACK MUNITION	126,389	126,389
9	B61-12 TRAINER	7,668	7,668
	OTHER ITEMS		
10	CAD/PAD	58,454	58,454
11	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD)	7,297	7,297
12	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	636	636
14	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	2,955	2,955
15	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5,000,000	5,571	5,571
	FLARES		
17	EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES	101,540	101,540
	FUZES		
18	FUZES	125,721	125,721
	SMALL ARMS		
19	SMALL ARMS	26,260	26,260
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE	784,478	784,478
	PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE		
	SPACE PROCUREMENT, SF		
2	AF SATELLITE COMM SYSTEM	68,238	68,238
4	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS	2,027	2,027
6	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS)	64,996	64,996
7	FAMILY OF BEYOND LINE-OF-SIGHT TERMINALS	15,404	15,404
10	GENERAL INFORMATION TECH—SPACE	1,835	1,835
11	GPSIII FOLLOW ON	109,944	109,944
12	GPS III SPACE SEGMENT	29,274	29,274
13	GLOBAL POSITIONING (SPACE)	870	870
17	SPACEBORNE EQUIP (COMSEC)	84,044	84,044
18	MILSATCOM	36,447	36,447
20	SPECIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES	482,653	482,653
21	MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM	48,977	48,977
22	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH	1,466,963	1,466,963
24	PTES HUB	29,949	29,949
26	SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LAUNCH	648,446	648,446
27	SPACE DIGITAL INTEGRATED NETWORK (SDIN)	4,984	4,984
29	SPACE MODS	115,498	115,498
30	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM SPACE	64,321	64,321
31	WIDEBAND SATCOM OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	92,380	92,380
	SPARES		
32	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	938	938
	NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES		
33	USSF VEHICLES	5,000	5,000
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		
35	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT	20,449	20,449
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE	3,393,637	3,393,637
	OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE		
	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES		
2	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES	5,557	5,557
	CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES		
3	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLE	3,938	3,938
4	CAP VEHICLES	1,175	1,175
5	CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES	56,940	56,940
	SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES		
6	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE	62,202	62,202
7	SECURITY AND TACTICAL VEHICLES	129	129
8	SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES	68,242	68,242
	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT		
9	FIRE FIGHTING/CRASH RESCUE VEHICLES	58,416	58,416
	MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT		
10	MATERIALS HANDLING VEHICLES	18,552	18,552
	BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT		
11	RUNWAY SNOW REMOV AND CLEANING EQU	11,045	11,045
12	BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT VEHICLES	25,291	25,291
	COMM SECURITY EQUIPMENT(COMSEC)		
15	COMSEC EQUIPMENT	169,363	169,363

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS			
17	INTERNATIONAL INTEL TECH & ARCHITECTURES	5,833	5,833
18	INTELLIGENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT	5,273	5,273
19	INTELLIGENCE COMM EQUIPMENT	42,257	42,257
ELECTRONICS PROGRAMS			
20	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL & LANDING SYS	26,390	26,390
21	NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM	11,810	11,810
22	BATTLE CONTROL SYSTEM—FIXED	16,592	16,592
23	THEATER AIR CONTROL SYS IMPROVEMEN	27,650	27,650
24	3D EXPEDITIONARY LONG-RANGE RADAR	103,226	103,226
25	WEATHER OBSERVATION FORECAST	31,516	31,516
26	STRATEGIC COMMAND AND CONTROL	82,912	82,912
27	CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX	22,021	22,021
28	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS	18,722	18,722
31	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM	6,383	6,383
SPCL COMM-ELECTRONICS PROJECTS			
32	GENERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	172,085	172,085
34	AF GLOBAL COMMAND & CONTROL SYS	1,947	1,947
36	MOBILITY COMMAND AND CONTROL	11,648	11,648
37	AIR FORCE PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM	294,747	294,747
38	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES	231,987	231,987
39	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMM N	94,995	94,995
40	WIDE AREA SURVEILLANCE (WAS)	29,617	29,617
41	C3 COUNTERMEASURES	116,410	116,410
44	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTING & MGT SYS	698	698
46	THEATER BATTLE MGT C2 SYSTEM	442	442
47	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC)	22,785	22,785
AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS			
50	BASE INFORMATION TRANSP T INFRAST (BITI) WIRED	79,091	79,091
51	AFNET	282,907	282,907
52	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE)	5,930	5,930
53	USCENTCOM	14,919	14,919
54	USSTRATCOM	4,788	4,788
55	USSPACECOM	32,633	32,633
ORGANIZATION AND BASE			
56	TACTICAL C-E EQUIPMENT	143,829	143,829
59	RADIO EQUIPMENT	50,730	50,730
61	BASE COMM INFRASTRUCTURE	67,015	67,015
MODIFICATIONS			
62	COMM ELECT MODS	76,034	76,034
PERSONAL SAFETY & RESCUE EQUIP			
63	PERSONAL SAFETY AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT	81,782	81,782
DEPOT PLANT+MTRLS HANDLING EQ			
64	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT	13,711	13,711
65	MECHANIZED MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIP	21,143	21,143
BASE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT			
66	BASE PROCURED EQUIPMENT	90,654	90,654
67	ENGINEERING AND EOD EQUIPMENT	253,799	353,799
	Regional Base Cluster Prepositioning (RBCP)		[100,000]
68	MOBILITY EQUIPMENT	95,584	95,584
69	FUELS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FSE)	34,794	34,794
70	BASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	59,431	59,431
SPECIAL SUPPORT PROJECTS			
72	DARP RC135	30,136	30,136
73	DCGS-AF	87,044	87,044
77	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAM	1,178,397	1,178,397
CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS			
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	26,920,092	27,138,092
	Acceleration of Air Force program		[218,000]
SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS			
80	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS (CYBER)	1,075	1,075
81	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	20,330	20,330
	TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE	31,504,644	31,822,644
PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE			
MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DCSA			
38	MAJOR EQUIPMENT	2,230	2,230
MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DHRA			
59	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	3,797	3,797
MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DISA			
16	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY	6,254	6,254
17	TELEPORT PROGRAM	112,517	112,517
19	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	23,673	23,673
20	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM NETWORK	252,370	277,370
	Defense Information System Network (DISN)—Service Delivery Nodes		[25,000]
21	WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATION AGENCY	125,292	125,292
22	SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE	175,264	175,264
23	JOINT REGIONAL SECURITY STACKS (JRSS)	1,496	33,570

SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	Army Modernization—JRSS		[32,074]
24	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER	54,186	54,186
25	FOURTH ESTATE NETWORK OPTIMIZATION (4ENO)	75,386	75,386
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DLA		
37	MAJOR EQUIPMENT	79,251	79,251
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DMACT		
70	MAJOR EQUIPMENT	7,258	7,258
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DODEA		
68	AUTOMATION/EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT & LOGISTICS	0	5,000
	Blast Overpressure Analysis and Mitigation		[5,000]
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DPAA		
4	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DPAA	475	475
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY		
62	VEHICLES	911	911
63	OTHER MAJOR EQUIPMENT	12,023	12,023
65	DTRA CYBER ACTIVITIES	1,800	1,800
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY		
44	THAAD	523,125	673,125
	Maximize THAAD Talon production line (+12–16 AURs)—misaligned budget request ...		[150,000]
46	AEGIS BMD	0	400,000
	Maximize SM–3 IB production line		[400,000]
48	BMDS AN/TPY–2 RADARS	36,530	36,530
49	SM–3 ILAS	444,835	444,835
50	ARROW 3 UPPER TIER SYSTEMS	100,000	100,000
51	SHORT RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (SRBMD)	40,000	40,000
52	DEFENSE OF GUAM PROCUREMENT	11,351	11,351
56	IRON DOME	60,000	60,000
58	AEGIS BMD HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE	17,211	17,211
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD		
5	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD	164,900	164,900
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS		
42	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS	33,090	33,090
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS		
15	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS	403	403
	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, USCYBERCOM		
71	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	73,358	73,358
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,129,183	1,129,183
	AVIATION PROGRAMS		
91	ARMED OVERWATCH/TARGETING	156,606	156,606
95	ROTARY WING UPGRADES AND SUSTAINMENT	189,059	189,059
96	UNMANNED ISR	6,858	6,858
97	NON-STANDARD AVIATION	7,849	17,849
	Non-Standard Aviation—Sea Planes		[10,000]
98	U–28	2,031	2,031
99	MH–47 CHINOOK	156,934	156,934
100	CV–22 MODIFICATION	19,692	19,692
101	MQ–9 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE	12,890	12,890
102	PRECISION STRIKE PACKAGE	61,595	61,595
103	AC/MC–130J	236,312	236,312
	AMMUNITION PROGRAMS		
106	ORDNANCE ITEMS <\$5M	116,972	116,972
	OTHER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS		
107	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS	227,073	227,073
108	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	2,824	2,824
109	OTHER ITEMS <\$5M	95,685	95,685
110	COMBATANT CRAFT SYSTEMS	0	9,600
	Combatant Craft Assault		[9,600]
111	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	30,418	30,418
112	TACTICAL VEHICLES	54,100	54,100
113	WARRIOR SYSTEMS <\$5M	303,991	303,991
114	COMBAT MISSION REQUIREMENTS	4,985	4,985
116	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE	21,339	21,339
117	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS	352,100	352,100
	CBDP		
120	CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS	208,051	208,051
121	CB PROTECTION & HAZARD MITIGATION	213,330	213,330
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE	6,048,863	6,680,537
	TOTAL PROCUREMENT	152,876,684	171,048,115

TITLE XLII—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION.

SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
Line	Program Element	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, ARMY				
BASIC RESEARCH				
1	0601102A	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	237,678	237,678
2	0601103A	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	78,947	78,947
3	0601104A	UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTERS	69,391	69,391
4	0601121A	CYBER COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ALLIANCE	5,463	5,463
5	0601275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE BASIC RESEARCH	88,053	88,053
6	0601601A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING BASIC RESEARCH.	7,012	7,012
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	486,544	486,544
APPLIED RESEARCH				
7	0602002A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT-APPLIED RESEARCH.	9,455	9,455
8	0602134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT ADVANCED STUDIES	6,174	6,174
9	0602135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) APPLIED RESEARCH.	12,618	12,618
10	0602141A	LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY	97,157	107,157
		Advanced Materials and Manufacturing for Hypersonics (AMMH)		[10,000]
12	0602143A	SOLDIER LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY	72,670	110,670
		Army Pathfinder Airborne		[5,000]
		Decrease Soldier load and power burden		[8,000]
		Enhancing Energy Technologies in Cold Regions		[15,000]
		Pathfinder—Air Assault		[10,000]
13	0602144A	GROUND TECHNOLOGY	56,342	69,342
		Earth Sciences Polar Proving Ground & Training Program		[5,000]
		Engineered Roadway Repair Materials for Effective Maneuver of Military Assets.		[5,000]
		Geotechnical Intelligence and Terrain Analytics Network for Arctic Maneuverability.		[3,000]
14	0602145A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY	71,547	90,547
		Platform anti-idle and mobility technology		[15,000]
		Standardized Army Battery		[4,000]
15	0602146A	NETWORK C3I TECHNOLOGY	56,529	56,529
16	0602147A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES TECHNOLOGY	25,744	32,744
		Novel Printed Armament Components for Distributed Operations		[7,000]
17	0602148A	FUTURE VERTICLE LIFT TECHNOLOGY	20,420	20,420
18	0602150A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY	25,992	30,992
		Counter-UAS Testing and Research Center (CTRC)		[5,000]
19	0602180A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES.	13,745	13,745
21	0602182A	C3I APPLIED RESEARCH	22,317	22,317
22	0602183A	AIR PLATFORM APPLIED RESEARCH	53,305	63,305
		Shape-shifting Drones Powered by Mechanical Intelligence		[10,000]
23	0602184A	SOLDIER APPLIED RESEARCH	27,597	27,597
24	0602213A	C3I APPLIED CYBER	4,716	4,716
25	0602275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH	45,415	45,415
26	0602276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER APPLIED RESEARCH	17,102	17,102
27	0602345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS APPLIED RESEARCH.	18,408	18,408
28	0602386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—APPLIED RESEARCH	8,209	8,209
30	0602785A	MANPOWER/PERSONNEL/TRAINING TECHNOLOGY	17,191	17,191
31	0602787A	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY	143,293	143,293
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	34,599	34,599
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	860,545	962,545
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT				
32	0603002A	MEDICAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	1,860	1,860
33	0603007A	MANPOWER, PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	13,559	13,559
34	0603025A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEMONSTRATION	19,679	19,679
35	0603040A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING AD- VANCED TECHNOLOGIES.	20,487	32,487

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		Multi-Domain Kill Chain Automation		[12,000]
36	0603041A	ALL DOMAIN CONVERGENCE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	10,560	10,560
37	0603042A	C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	15,028	15,028
38	0603043A	AIR PLATFORM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	41,266	41,266
39	0603044A	SOLDIER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	18,143	18,143
40	0603116A	LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	13,232	13,232
42	0603118A	SOLDIER LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	95,186	100,186
		Aerial Delivery of Fire Suppression		[5,000]
43	0603119A	GROUND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	30,507	46,507
		Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory		[5,000]
		Fuel Cell Multi-Modular Use		[5,000]
		Improvements in Mobility Modeling		[6,000]
44	0603134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT SIMULATION	15,692	15,692
45	0603135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED-AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	7,773	7,773
46	0603275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	83,922	83,922
47	0603276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	15,254	15,254
48	0603345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	13,898	13,898
49	0603386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—ADVANCED RESEARCH	24,683	29,683
		NCSEB Recommendation—AI-Ready Biological Data		[5,000]
50	0603457A	C3I CYBER ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	3,329	3,329
51	0603461A	HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING MODERNIZATION PROGRAM	241,855	291,855
		High Performance Computing Modernization Program		[50,000]
52	0603462A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	141,301	148,301
		Acceleration of leap ahead systems for ground vehicles		[7,000]
53	0603463A	NETWORK C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	78,539	88,539
		Geophysical Littoral Autonomous Detection and Exploitation II (GLADE II)		[5,000]
		Network C3I Advanced Technology		[5,000]
54	0603464A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	162,236	162,236
55	0603465A	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	66,686	66,686
56	0603466A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	23,330	33,330
		Material Improvements for Electric Motors		[10,000]
58	0603920A	HUMANITARIAN DEMINING	9,349	9,349
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	72,837	72,837
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	1,240,191	1,355,191
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
60	0603305A	ARMY MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION	8,141	8,141
61	0603308A	ARMY SPACE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION	83,080	83,080
63	0603619A	LANDMINE WARFARE AND BARRIER—ADV DEV	41,516	41,516
64	0603639A	TANK AND MEDIUM CALIBER AMMUNITION	85,472	90,472
		Large caliber automated ammunition resupply		[5,000]
65	0603645A	ARMORED SYSTEM MODERNIZATION—ADV DEV	22,645	22,645
66	0603747A	SOLDIER SUPPORT AND SURVIVABILITY	4,033	4,033
67	0603766A	TACTICAL ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM—ADV DEV	107,525	107,525
68	0603774A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	5,153	5,153
69	0603779A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY—DEM/VAL	11,343	11,343
70	0603790A	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	5,031	5,031
72	0603804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ADV DEV	15,435	15,435
73	0603807A	MEDICAL SYSTEMS—ADV DEV	1,000	1,000
74	0603827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	41,856	41,856
75	0604017A	ROBOTICS DEVELOPMENT	35,082	35,082
76	0604019A	EXPANDED MISSION AREA MISSILE (EMAM)	178,137	178,137
78	0604035A	LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO) SATELLITE CAPABILITY	17,063	17,063
79	0604036A	MULTI-DOMAIN SENSING SYSTEM (MDSS) ADV DEV	239,813	239,813
80	0604037A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) ADV DEV	3,092	3,092
81	0604100A	ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES	9,865	9,865
85	0604114A	LOWER TIER AIR MISSILE DEFENSE (LTAMD) SENSOR	196,448	196,448
86	0604115A	TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES	267,619	277,619
		Short Pulse Laser Directed Energy Demonstration		[10,000]
87	0604117A	MANEUVER—SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE (M-SHORAD)	238,247	238,247
89	0604120A	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING (PNT) ..	8,686	8,686
90	0604121A	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT REFINING & PROTOTYPING	240,899	240,899
91	0604134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT DEMONSTRATION, PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT, AND TESTING	5,491	5,491
92	0604135A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE FIRES	231,401	231,401
93	0604182A	HYPERSONICS	25,000	38,000
		Emerging Hypersonic Capabilities (USA, USN)		[13,000]

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95	0604403A	FUTURE INTERCEPTOR	8,019	8,019
97	0604531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	45,281	45,281
99	0604541A	UNIFIED NETWORK TRANSPORT	29,191	29,191
100	0305251A	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES AND FORCE SUPPORT	5,605	5,605
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	203,746	203,746
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	2,420,915	2,448,915
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
101	0604201A	AIRCRAFT AVIONICS	2,696	2,696
102	0604270A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	9,153	9,153
103	0604601A	INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS	56,553	56,553
104	0604604A	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLES	18,503	18,503
105	0604611A	JAVELIN	9,810	9,810
106	0604622A	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES	47,064	47,064
110	0604645A	ARMORED SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION (ASM)—ENG DEV	16,593	16,593
111	0604710A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS—ENG DEV	351,274	351,274
112	0604713A	COMBAT FEEDING, CLOTHING, AND EQUIPMENT	5,654	5,654
113	0604715A	NON-SYSTEM TRAINING DEVICES—ENG DEV	19,063	19,063
114	0604741A	AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, CONTROL AND INTELLIGENCE—ENG DEV.	13,892	13,892
115	0604742A	CONSTRUCTIVE SIMULATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	7,790	7,790
116	0604746A	AUTOMATIC TEST EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT	9,512	9,512
117	0604760A	DISTRIBUTIVE INTERACTIVE SIMULATIONS (DIS)—ENG DEV.	7,724	7,724
118	0604798A	BRIGADE ANALYSIS, INTEGRATION AND EVALUATION	24,318	24,318
119	0604802A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS—ENG DEV	150,344	150,344
120	0604804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV	50,194	50,194
121	0604805A	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS—ENG DEV.	63,725	63,725
122	0604807A	MEDICAL MATERIEL/MEDICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV.	6,252	6,252
123	0604808A	LANDMINE WARFARE/BARRIER—ENG DEV	9,862	9,862
124	0604818A	ARMY TACTICAL COMMAND & CONTROL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE.	430,895	430,895
125	0604820A	RADAR DEVELOPMENT	53,226	53,226
127	0604827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—WARRIOR DEM/VAL	4,137	4,137
128	0604852A	SUITE OF SURVIVABILITY ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS—EMD.	76,903	76,903
129	0604854A	ARTILLERY SYSTEMS—EMD	80,862	80,862
130	0605013A	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	125,701	125,701
131	0605018A	INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM-ARMY (IPPS-A).	164,600	164,600
132	0605030A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK CENTER (JTNC)	20,954	20,954
133	0605031A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK (JTN)	41,696	41,696
134	0605035A	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCUM)	10,789	10,789
135	0605036A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD)	13,322	13,322
136	0605037A	EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND DETAINEE PROCESSING	4,619	4,619
137	0605038A	NUCLEAR BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE (NBCRV) SENSOR SUITE.	13,459	13,459
138	0605041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER TOOL DEVELOPMENT	3,611	3,611
139	0605042A	TACTICAL NETWORK RADIO SYSTEMS (LOW-TIER)	3,222	3,222
140	0605047A	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM	8,101	8,101
142	0605051A	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY DEVELOPMENT	44,182	52,182
		Advances in surface-to-air missile technologies		[8,000]
143	0605052A	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2—BLOCK 1	248,659	248,659
144	0605053A	GROUND ROBOTICS	227,038	227,038
145	0605054A	EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES	57,546	95,546
		Operationalize anti-idle ground vehicles		[38,000]
146	0605144A	NEXT GENERATION LOAD DEVICE—MEDIUM	24,492	24,492
147	0605148A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) EMD	44,273	44,273
152	0605224A	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE	34,844	39,844
		DeepFake and AI-synthesized Image Detection		[5,000]
154	0605232A	HYPERSONICS EMD	513,027	513,027
155	0605233A	ACCESSIONS INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT (AIE)	32,710	32,710
156	0605235A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE CAPABILITY	186,304	188,394
		Maritime Strike Tomahawk (MST) (USA, USN)		[2,090]
157	0605236A	INTEGRATED TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS	22,732	22,732
158	0605241A	FUTURE LONG RANGE ASSAULT AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT.	1,248,544	1,248,544
160	0605244A	JOINT REDUCED RANGE ROCKET (JRR)	28,893	28,893
163	0605457A	ARMY INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AIAMD) ..	146,056	146,056
164	0605531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS SYS DEV & DEMONSTRATION.	55,196	55,196
166	0605625A	MANNED GROUND VEHICLE	386,393	386,393
167	0605766A	NATIONAL CAPABILITIES INTEGRATION (MIP)	16,913	16,913
168	0605812A	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT PHASE (EMD).	2,664	2,664

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169	0605830A	AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	930	930
170	0303032A	TROJAN—RH12	3,920	3,920
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	117,428	117,428
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	5,378,817	5,431,907
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
173	0604256A	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT	74,767	74,767
174	0604258A	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	16,004	16,004
175	0604759A	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT	101,027	101,027
176	0605103A	RAND ARROYO CENTER	10,892	10,892
177	0605301A	ARMY KWAJALEIN ATOLL	379,283	832,058
		Cost to Complete, Family Housing Replacement Construction, Kwajalein Atoll.		[14,000]
		Facilities Sustainment for Kwajalein Operational Facilities		[8,775]
		Kwajalein Catchments / Solar		[20,000]
		Kwajalein Deferred Maintenance Backlog Reduction		[100,000]
		Kwajalein Palm Barracks Repair		[16,000]
		Kwajalein Redundant Cooling for Power Plants		[15,000]
		Kwajalein Repair Roi DAAF Aprons & Taxiways		[176,000]
		Kwajalein Repair Roi Dining Facility		[7,000]
		Kwajalein Repair Rotary and Fixed Wing Hangars		[40,000]
		Kwajalein Roi Water Distribution System Repair		[9,000]
		Kwajalein Sewer Lift Station Power Loop		[6,000]
		Kwajalein Vehicle Maintenance Facility Repair		[22,000]
		Kwajalein Water Distribution System Repair		[19,000]
178	0605326A	CONCEPTS EXPERIMENTATION PROGRAM	58,606	58,606
180	0605601A	ARMY TEST RANGES AND FACILITIES	425,108	425,108
181	0605602A	ARMY TECHNICAL TEST INSTRUMENTATION AND TARGETS.	69,328	69,328
182	0605604A	SURVIVABILITY/LETHALITY ANALYSIS	31,306	31,306
183	0605606A	AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION	1,887	1,887
184	0605706A	MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS	19,100	19,100
185	0605709A	EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN ITEMS	6,277	6,277
186	0605712A	SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL TESTING	63,637	63,637
187	0605716A	ARMY EVALUATION CENTER	62,343	62,343
188	0605718A	ARMY MODELING & SIM X-CMD COLLABORATION & INTEGRATION	11,825	11,825
189	0605801A	PROGRAMWIDE ACTIVITIES	54,172	54,172
190	0605803A	TECHNICAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES	26,592	26,592
191	0605805A	MUNITIONS STANDARDIZATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY.	44,465	44,465
192	0605857A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY MGMT SUPPORT	2,857	2,857
193	0605898A	ARMY DIRECT REPORT HEADQUARTERS—R&D - MHA	53,436	53,436
194	0606002A	RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE.	72,302	80,302
		Multi-level security modernization		[8,000]
195	0606003A	COUNTERINTEL AND HUMAN INTEL MODERNIZATION	5,660	5,660
196	0606118A	AIAMD SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & INTEGRATION	358,854	358,854
197	0606942A	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CYBER VULNERABILITIES.	6,354	6,354
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	1,956,082	2,416,857
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
199	0603778A	MLRS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	14,639	34,639
		GLSDB HIMARS integration work		[20,000]
200	0605024A	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	6,449	6,449
201	0607101A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT.	115	115
202	0607131A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.	13,687	13,687
203	0607136A	BLACKHAWK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	23,998	23,998
204	0607137A	CHINOOK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	10,859	10,859
208	0607145A	APACHE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT	44,371	44,371
209	0607148A	AN/TPQ-53 COUNTERFIRE TARGET ACQUISITION RADAR SYSTEM.	43,054	43,054
210	0607150A	INTEL CYBER DEVELOPMENT	13,129	13,129
215	0607663A	FAMILY OF BIOMETRICS	1,594	1,594
216	0607863A	PATRIOT PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT	183,763	183,763
217	0203728A	JOINT AUTOMATED DEEP OPERATION COORDINATION SYSTEM (JADOCS).	8,424	8,424
218	0203735A	COMBAT VEHICLE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS	744,085	744,085
219	0203743A	155MM SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER IMPROVEMENTS	107,826	107,826
220	0203752A	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	237	237
221	0203758A	DIGITIZATION	1,013	1,013
222	0203801A	MISSILE/AIR DEFENSE PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.	1,338	1,338
225	0205778A	GUIDED MULTIPLE-LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM (GMLRS)	33,307	33,307
230	0303140A	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	15,040	15,040

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232	0303142A	SATCOM GROUND ENVIRONMENT (SPACE)	35,720	35,720
235	0305179A	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS)	6,653	6,653
236	0305219A	MQ-1 GRAY EAGLE UAV	3,444	3,444
237	0708045A	END ITEM INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES	67,002	67,002
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	46,872	46,872
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	1,426,619	1,446,619
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS		
238	0608041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER—SOFTWARE PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT.	89,238	91,238
		Army Cyber/NETCOM – AI Enabled Network Visibility and Security Controls.		[2,000]
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.	89,238	91,238
		AGILE RDTE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT		
239	0609135A	COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) AGILE DEVELOPMENT.	143,618	143,618
240	0609277A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE DEVELOPMENT	127,081	127,081
241	0609278A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT ..	59,202	59,202
242	0609345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS AGILE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	187,473	187,473
243	0609346A	UAS LAUNCHED EFFECTS AGILE DEVELOPMENT	172,898	172,898
		SUBTOTAL AGILE RDTE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT	690,272	690,272
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, ARMY.	14,549,223	15,330,088
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, NAVY		
		BASIC RESEARCH		
1	0601103N	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	67,306	72,306
		Artificial Intelligence Maritime Maneuvering (AIMM) 2.0		[5,000]
2	0601153N	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	511,163	526,263
		NCSEB Recommendation—AI-Ready Biological Data		[5,000]
		Precision interferometer at Lowell Observatory		[10,100]
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	578,469	598,569
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
3	0602114N	POWER PROJECTION APPLIED RESEARCH	30,635	30,635
4	0602123N	FORCE PROTECTION APPLIED RESEARCH	125,699	149,699
		Advanced Circuit Breaker		[12,000]
		Battery vulnerability		[2,000]
		Multi-Material Flexible Automated Manufacturing		[5,000]
		Sea-Launched Aerial Drones		[5,000]
5	0602131M	MARINE CORPS LANDING FORCE TECHNOLOGY	45,697	52,697
		Unmanned Logistics Solutions		[7,000]
6	0602235N	COMMON PICTURE APPLIED RESEARCH	55,246	55,246
7	0602236N	WARFIGHTER SUSTAINMENT APPLIED RESEARCH	74,264	79,264
		On-Demand IV Fluids for Expeditionary Medicine		[5,000]
8	0602271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS APPLIED RESEARCH	79,929	84,929
		Future Radio Frequency Digital Array Technology Development and Demonstration.		[5,000]
9	0602435N	OCEAN WARFIGHTING ENVIRONMENT APPLIED RESEARCH.	81,270	81,270
10	0602651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS APPLIED RESEARCH	7,300	7,300
11	0602747N	UNDERSEA WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH	64,335	64,335
12	0602750N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH	279,815	279,815
13	0602782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH.	29,081	29,081
15	0602861N	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT—ONR FIELD ACTIVITIES.	81,423	81,423
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	954,694	995,694
		ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT		
16	0603123N	FORCE PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	43,527	43,527
17	0603271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ..	8,644	8,644
18	0603273N	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS.	121,618	121,618
19	0603640M	USMC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION (ATD) ..	309,711	322,711
		Autonomous Amphibious Robotic Vehicle Development and Integration.		[8,000]
		Low-Cost Tactical Hypersonic Long-Range Precision Fires		[5,000]
20	0603651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	6,561	6,561
21	0603673N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	455,851	455,851
22	0603680N	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	63,903	63,903

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23	0603729N	WARFIGHTER PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	7,653	7,653
24	0603758N	NAVY WARFIGHTING EXPERIMENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.	81,923	81,923
25	0603782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	2,075	2,075
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	1,101,466	1,114,466
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
27	0603128N	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM	28,388	28,388
29	0603207N	AIR/OCEAN TACTICAL APPLICATIONS	35,870	35,870
30	0603216N	AVIATION SURVIVABILITY	24,064	24,064
31	0603239N	NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES	8,603	8,603
32	0603254N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	18,904	18,904
33	0603261N	TACTICAL AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE	2,241	2,241
34	0603382N	ADVANCED COMBAT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY	2,083	0
		Excess to need		[-2,083]
35	0603502N	SURFACE AND SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTERMEASURES.	32,359	32,359
36	0603506N	SURFACE SHIP TORPEDO DEFENSE	11,832	11,832
37	0603512N	CARRIER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	8,361	8,361
38	0603525N	PILOT FISH	1,218,486	1,218,486
40	0603536N	RETRACT JUNIPER	206,429	206,429
41	0603542N	RADIOLOGICAL CONTROL	730	730
43	0603561N	ADVANCED SUBMARINE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	162,651	162,651
45	0603563N	SHIP CONCEPT ADVANCED DESIGN	59,218	59,218
46	0603564N	SHIP PRELIMINARY DESIGN & FEASIBILITY STUDIES	96,022	96,022
47	0603570N	ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS	383,831	449,831
		Advanced Nuclear Power Systems		[66,000]
48	0603573N	ADVANCED SURFACE MACHINERY SYSTEMS	101,136	101,136
49	0603576N	CHALK EAGLE	156,686	156,686
50	0603581N	LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP (LCS)	10,203	203
		Excess to Need		[-10,000]
51	0603582N	COMBAT SYSTEM INTEGRATION	19,643	19,643
52	0603595N	OHIO REPLACEMENT	273,265	283,265
		Rapid Realization of Composites for Wet Submarine Application		[10,000]
53	0603596N	LCS MISSION MODULES	39,258	29,258
		Mine Countermeasure (MCM) Mission Package		[-10,000]
54	0603597N	AUTOMATED TEST AND RE-TEST (ATRT)	9,862	9,862
55	0603598N	ATRT ENTERPRISE RAPID CAPABILITY	20,000	20,000
56	0603599N	FRIGATE DEVELOPMENT	84,199	84,199
57	0603609N	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS	10,877	10,877
58	0603635M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORT SYSTEM	278,261	278,261
59	0603654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT	43,657	43,657
60	0603713N	OCEAN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	9,647	9,647
61	0603721N	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	22,829	22,829
62	0603724N	NAVY ENERGY PROGRAM	46,577	69,577
		LOCNESS: derisking DEW/advanced sensors on DDGx		[11,000]
		Safety certification and USMC support for soldier/ground vehicle auxiliary power.		[12,000]
63	0603725N	FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT	10,925	10,925
64	0603734N	CHALK CORAL	414,282	414,282
65	0603739N	NAVY LOGISTIC PRODUCTIVITY	1,016	1,016
66	0603746N	RETRACT MAPLE	647,914	732,464
		Joint Warfighting Critical Munitions		[84,550]
67	0603748N	LINK PLUMERIA	376,672	876,672
		F/A-XX		[500,000]
68	0603751N	RETRACT ELM	106,810	106,810
69	0603764M	LINK EVERGREEN	529,550	529,550
70	0603790N	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	5,234	5,234
71	0603795N	LAND ATTACK TECHNOLOGY	1,056	1,056
72	0603851M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TESTING	9,832	9,832
73	0603860N	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEMS—DEM/VAL.	41,978	41,978
76	0604025M	RAPID DEFENSE EXPERIMENTATION RESERVE (RDER)	99	99
77	0604027N	DIGITAL WARFARE OFFICE	151,271	151,271
78	0604028N	SMALL AND MEDIUM UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLES	4,855	4,855
79	0604029N	UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE CORE TECHNOLOGIES	47,106	47,106
82	0604112N	GERALD R. FORD CLASS NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVN 78—80).	112,704	112,704
83	0604127N	SURFACE MINE COUNTERMEASURES	18,504	18,504
84	0604272N	TACTICAL AIR DIRECTIONAL INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (TADIRCM).	14,387	14,387
85	0604286N	NAVY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING	10,585	10,585
86	0604289M	NEXT GENERATION LOGISTICS	2,722	2,722
87	0604292N	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT (MARITIME STRIKE)	7,125	7,125
88	0604295M	MARINE AVIATION DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION	38,873	38,873

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89	0604320M	RAPID TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE	16,316	16,316
90	0604454N	LX (R)	26,709	26,709
91	0604536N	ADVANCED UNDERSEA PROTOTYPING	143,943	143,943
92	0604636N	COUNTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (C-UAS)	16,689	16,689
93	0604659N	PRECISION STRIKE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ...	110,072	235,072
		Emerging Hypersonic Capabilities (USA, USN)		[25,000]
		Navy MACE		[100,000]
94	0604707N	SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) ARCHITEC- TURE/ENGINEERING SUPPORT.	6,866	6,866
95	0604786N	OFFENSIVE ANTI-SURFACE WARFARE WEAPON DEVELOP- MENT.	225,773	285,773
		LRASM MADCAP C-3 development acceleration		[60,000]
97	0605513N	UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE ENABLING CAPABILITIES	3,712	3,712
98	0605514M	GROUND BASED ANTI-SHIP MISSILE	29,004	29,004
100	0605518N	CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE (CPS)	798,337	798,337
101	0105519N	NUCLEAR-ARMED SEA-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (SLCM- N) SUPPORT.	0	320,000
		Restoration of full funding for Nuclear-Armed Sea-Launched Cruise Missile.		[320,000]
102	0207147M	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT	58,000	58,000
103	0303260N	DEFENSE MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE	1,980	1,980
104	0303354N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT—MIP	3,864	3,864
105	0304240M	ADVANCED TACTICAL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM	2,822	2,822
106	0304270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT—MIP	1,278	1,278
107	0304797N	UNDERSEA ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / MACHINE LEARNING (AI/ML).	29,308	29,308
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOP- MENT AND PROTOTYPES.	7,454,345	8,620,812
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
108	0603208N	TRAINING SYSTEM AIRCRAFT	15,101	15,101
109	0604038N	MARITIME TARGETING CELL	147,802	147,802
111	0604212N	OTHER HELO DEVELOPMENT	987	987
113	0604215N	STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT	4,540	4,540
114	0604216N	MULTI-MISSION HELICOPTER UPGRADE DEVELOPMENT ...	64,838	64,838
116	0604230N	WARFARE SUPPORT SYSTEM	15,778	15,778
117	0604231N	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS	64,547	64,547
118	0604234N	ADVANCED HAWKEYE	350,324	350,324
119	0604245M	H-1 UPGRADES	62,240	62,240
120	0604261N	ACOUSTIC SEARCH SENSORS	52,549	52,549
121	0604262N	V-22	124,958	124,958
122	0604264N	AIR CREW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	44,297	44,297
123	0604269N	EA-18	184,921	184,921
124	0604270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	185,606	185,606
125	0604273M	EXECUTIVE HELO DEVELOPMENT	74,980	74,980
126	0604274N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ)	64,167	64,167
127	0604280N	JOINT TACTICAL RADIO SYSTEM—NAVY (JTRS-NAVY)	289,345	289,345
128	0604282N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) INCREMENT II	228,256	228,256
129	0604307N	SURFACE COMBATANT COMBAT SYSTEM ENGINEERING ...	432,981	432,981
130	0604329N	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB)	23,836	23,836
131	0604366N	STANDARD MISSILE IMPROVEMENTS	412,964	412,964
132	0604373N	AIRBORNE MCM	8,372	8,372
133	0604378N	NAVAL INTEGRATED FIRE CONTROL—COUNTER AIR SYS- TEMS ENGINEERING.	39,878	39,878
135	0604501N	ADVANCED ABOVE WATER SENSORS	67,881	67,881
136	0604503N	SUBMARINE SWFTS MODERNIZATION	204,158	204,158
137	0604504N	AIR CONTROL	23,930	23,930
138	0604512N	SHIPBOARD AVIATION SYSTEMS	33,704	33,704
139	0604516N	SHIP SURVIVABILITY	4,364	4,364
141	0604522N	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE RADAR (AMDR) SYSTEM	74,937	74,937
142	0604530N	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG)	32,037	32,037
143	0604558N	NEW DESIGN SSN	247,293	247,293
145	0604567N	SHIP CONTRACT DESIGN/ LIVE FIRE T&E	28,400	28,400
146	0604574N	NAVY TACTICAL COMPUTER RESOURCES	3,552	3,552
147	0604601N	MINE DEVELOPMENT	130	79,430
		Enhanced Joint Direct Attack Missile (JDAM) (USN)		[50,000]
		Quickstrike Extended Range (QS-ER) (USN)		[29,300]
148	0604610N	LIGHTWEIGHT TORPEDO DEVELOPMENT	12,565	12,565
149	0604654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT ...	8,740	8,740
150	0604657M	USMC GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS— ENG DEV.	17,377	17,377
151	0604703N	PERSONNEL, TRAINING, SIMULATION, AND HUMAN FAC- TORS.	6,703	6,703
152	0604727N	JOINT STANDOFF WEAPON SYSTEMS	895	895
153	0604755N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (DETECT & CONTROL)	167,711	167,711
154	0604756N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: HARD KILL)	145,007	145,007
155	0604757N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: SOFT KILL/EW)	232,368	232,368
156	0604761N	INTELLIGENCE ENGINEERING	7,023	7,023

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157	0604771N	MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT	7,629	7,629
158	0604777N	NAVIGATION/ID SYSTEM	3,724	3,724
159	0604850N	SSN(X)	365,987	365,987
160	0605013M	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	16,000	16,000
161	0605013N	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	192,784	192,784
162	0605024N	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	3,428	3,428
163	0605180N	TACAMO MODERNIZATION	1,243,978	1,243,978
164	0605212M	CH-53K RDTE	135,432	135,432
165	0605215N	MISSION PLANNING	120,255	120,255
166	0605217N	COMMON AVIONICS	67,944	67,944
167	0605220N	SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR (SSC)	7,267	7,267
168	0605285N	NEXT GENERATION FIGHTER	74,320	74,320
170	0605414N	UNMANNED CARRIER AVIATION (UCA)	305,487	305,487
171	0605450M	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE (JAGM)	59,077	59,077
172	0605500N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME AIRCRAFT (MMA)	41,129	41,129
173	0605504N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME (MMA) INCREMENT III	103,397	103,397
174	0605516N	LONG RANGE FIRES	138,443	138,443
175	0605611M	MARINE CORPS ASSAULT VEHICLES SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	44,644	44,644
176	0605813M	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	6,984	6,984
177	0204202N	DESTROYERS GUIDED MISSILE (DDG-1000)	58,817	58,817
178	0301377N	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW).	16,906	16,906
179	0302315N	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT	23,818	23,818
183	0304785N	ISR & INFO OPERATIONS	170,567	170,567
185	0306250M	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	11,936	11,936
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	7,431,995	7,511,295
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
186	0604256N	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT	25,133	25,133
187	0604258N	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	14,191	24,191
		Secure power: high value target protection		[10,000]
188	0604759N	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT	61,946	61,946
189	0605152N	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—NAVY	3,596	3,596
190	0605154N	CENTER FOR NAVAL ANALYSES	31,695	31,695
193	0605853N	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ..	133,538	133,538
194	0605856N	STRATEGIC TECHNICAL SUPPORT	3,709	3,709
195	0605863N	RDT&E SHIP AND AIRCRAFT SUPPORT	151,479	151,479
196	0605864N	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT	463,725	463,725
197	0605865N	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CAPABILITY	30,880	30,880
198	0605866N	NAVY SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) SUPPORT	22,563	22,563
199	0605867N	SEW SURVEILLANCE/RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT	7,325	7,325
200	0605873M	MARINE CORPS PROGRAM WIDE SUPPORT	28,816	28,816
201	0605898N	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D	42,751	42,751
202	0606295M	MARINE AVIATION DEVELOPMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.	4,732	4,732
203	0606355N	WARFARE INNOVATION MANAGEMENT	37,551	37,551
204	0305327N	INSIDER THREAT	2,653	2,653
205	0902498N	MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS (DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES).	2,041	2,041
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	1,068,324	1,078,324
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
208	0604840M	F-35 C2D2	494,034	494,034
209	0604840N	F-35 C2D2	475,710	475,710
210	0605520M	MARINE CORPS AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS	56,140	56,140
211	0607658N	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY (CEC)	136,436	136,436
212	0101221N	STRATEGIC SUB & WEAPONS SYSTEM SUPPORT	807,099	807,099
213	0101224N	SSBN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	63,252	68,252
		Strategic Weapon System shipboard navigation system modernization		[5,000]
214	0101226N	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	56,401	56,401
215	0101402N	NAVY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS	52,404	52,404
216	0204136N	F/A-18 SQUADRONS	369,863	369,863
218	0204229N	TOMAHAWK AND TOMAHAWK MISSION PLANNING CENTER (TMPC).	151,177	151,177
219	0204311N	INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM	71,800	71,800
220	0204313N	SHIP-TOWED ARRAY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS	1,990	1,990
222	0204460M	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR)	32,045	32,045
223	0204571N	CONSOLIDATED TRAINING SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	199,067	199,067
224	0204575N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) READINESS SUPPORT	115,834	115,834
225	0205601N	ANTI-RADIATION MISSILE IMPROVEMENT	33,659	33,659
227	0205632N	MK-48 ADCAP	84,338	84,338
228	0205633N	AVIATION IMPROVEMENTS	127,421	137,321
		Autonomous airfield FOD sweeping systems		[9,900]
229	0205675N	OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS	209,200	209,200
230	0206313M	MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	125,488	134,488

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		Hydrogen Fuel Cell for small-UAS		[5,000]
		Integrated Contested Logistics Communications		[4,000]
231	0206335M	COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (CAC2S).	17,813	17,813
232	0206623M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS.	70,139	70,139
233	0206624M	MARINE CORPS COMBAT SERVICES SUPPORT	20,419	20,419
234	0206625M	USMC INTELLIGENCE/ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS	34,289	34,289
236	0207161N	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES	34,650	34,650
237	0207163N	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM).	26,286	26,286
238	0208043N	PLANNING AND DECISION AID SYSTEM (PDAS)	3,572	3,572
242	0303138N	AFLOAT NETWORKS	70,742	70,742
243	0303140N	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	64,147	64,147
244	0305192N	MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (MIP) ACTIVITIES	3,311	3,311
247	0305208M	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	61,238	61,238
248	0305220N	MQ-4C TRITON	14,421	14,421
250	0305232M	RQ-11 UAV	1,063	1,063
252	0305241N	MULTI-INTELLIGENCE SENSOR DEVELOPMENT	41,414	41,414
253	0305242M	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) PAYLOADS (MIP)	9,157	9,157
255	0305421N	MQ-4C TRITON MODERNIZATION	361,943	361,943
256	0307577N	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD)	803	803
257	0308601N	MODELING AND SIMULATION SUPPORT	12,389	12,389
258	702207N	DEPOT MAINTENANCE (NON-IF)	23,372	23,372
259	0708730N	MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (MARITECH)	3,600	3,600
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,554,769	2,578,769
		Acceleration of Navy program		[24,000]
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	7,092,895	7,140,795
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS		
260	0608013N	RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	13,341	13,341
261	0608231N	MARITIME TACTICAL COMMAND AND CONTROL (MTC2)—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	12,520	12,520
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS	25,861	25,861
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, NAVY.	25,708,049	27,085,816
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, AF BASIC RESEARCH		
1	0601102F	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	302,716	302,716
2	0601103F	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	94,121	94,121
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	396,837	396,837
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
3	0602020F	FUTURE AF CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH	78,214	78,214
4	0602022F	UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED RESEARCH CENTER (UARC)—TACTICAL AUTONOMY.	6,294	6,294
5	0602102F	MATERIALS	147,422	167,422
		Advanced materials science for manufacturing research		[10,000]
		Metals Affordability Initiative		[5,000]
		NCSEB Recommendation—AI-Ready Biological Data		[5,000]
7	0602202F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS APPLIED RESEARCH	133,928	133,928
8	0602203F	AEROSPACE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES	321,059	321,059
9	0602204F	AEROSPACE SENSORS	199,120	199,120
11	0602298F	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT— MAJOR HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES.	10,813	10,813
12	0602336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS TECH EXPLORATION	4,969	4,969
13	0602602F	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS	125,102	125,102
14	0602605F	DIRECTED ENERGY TECHNOLOGY	92,331	92,331
15	0602788F	DOMINANT INFORMATION SCIENCES AND METHODS	187,036	217,036
		Agile, Assured, and Autonomous Battle Management Network and Readiness Accelerator (3A-BMN).		
		Dependable AI for National Security		[15,000]
		Distributed Quantum Networking Testbed and Quantum Cloud Computing Environment.		[10,000]
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	1,306,288	1,356,288
		ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT		
16	0603032F	FUTURE AF INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY DEMOS	268,754	268,754
17	0603112F	ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR WEAPON SYSTEMS	31,021	31,021
18	0603199F	SUSTAINMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T)	12,915	12,915
19	0603203F	ADVANCED AEROSPACE SENSORS	69,652	69,652
20	0603211F	AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY DEV/DEMO	102,125	102,125
23	0603273F	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS.	128,407	148,407

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		S&T for Nuclear Reentry Systems—Resonating Fiber Optic Gyroscopes.		[20,000]
25	0603456F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	19,790	19,790
26	0603601F	CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY	99,263	99,263
27	0603605F	ADVANCED WAEPONS TECHNOLOGY	4,434	4,434
28	0603680F	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	38,891	42,891
		Additive Manufacturing for Engineer Components		[4,000]
29	0603788F	BATTLESPACE KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	30,812	30,812
30	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D	28,316	28,316
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	834,380	858,380
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
32	0603260F	INTELLIGENCE ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	3,901	3,901
33	0603742F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY	25,172	25,172
34	0603790F	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	4,595	4,595
35	0603851F	INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE—DEM/VAL	90,096	90,096
36	0604001F	NC3 ADVANCED CONCEPTS	15,910	15,910
37	0604003F	ADVANCED BATTLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ABMS)	1,040,475	1,040,475
39	0604005F	NC3 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPING	67,081	67,081
40	0604007F	E-7	199,676	899,676
		E-7 continued development and procurement		[700,000]
41	0604009F	AFWERX	18,499	18,499
42	0604010F	NEXT GENERATION ADAPTIVE PROPULSION	330,270	330,270
43	0604015F	LONG RANGE STRIKE—BOMBER	2,347,225	2,347,225
47	0604183F	HYPERSONICS PROTOTYPING—HYPERSONIC ATTACK CRUISE MISSILE (HACM).	802,810	802,810
49	0604257F	ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND SENSORS AND SENSORS	40,779	40,779
52	0604317F	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER	3,558	3,558
53	0604327F	HARD AND DEEPLY BURIED TARGET DEFEAT SYSTEM (HDBTDS) PROGRAM.	144,143	144,143
54	0604336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS PROTOTYPING	56,926	56,926
55	0604414F	CYBER RESILIENCY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS-ACS	46,148	46,148
56	0604609F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS & CONCEPT MATURATION	22,754	22,754
57	0604668F	JOINT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JTMS) ...	129,626	129,626
58	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D	4,996	4,996
59	0604858F	TECH TRANSITION PROGRAM	134,833	155,833
		Blended Wing Body—Next Generation Aircraft		[21,000]
60	0604860F	OPERATIONAL ENERGY AND INSTALLATION RESILIENCE	49,460	115,460
		Operational energy program increase		[56,000]
		XR (AR/VR) plus mission execution tools		[10,000]
61	0605057F	NEXT GENERATION AIR-REFUELING SYSTEM	12,960	12,960
63	0606004F	NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT	1,097	6,097
		Wing-level additive manufacturing		[5,000]
64	0606005F	DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OFFICE	15,997	30,997
		Adaptive Threat Modeling Lab		[15,000]
65	0207110F	F-47	0	500,000
		F-47—misaligned budget request		[500,000]
66	0207147F	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT	111,365	789,365
		CCA—misaligned budget request		[678,000]
67	0207179F	AUTONOMOUS COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS	62,019	62,019
68	0207420F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION	1,713	1,713
71	0207455F	THREE DIMENSIONAL LONG-RANGE RADAR (3DELRR)	17,344	17,344
72	0207522F	AIRBASE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (ABADS)	15,785	15,785
73	0207606F	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT (JSE)	260,667	260,667
74	0208030F	WAR RESERVE MATERIEL—AMMUNITION	9,865	9,865
75	0303010F	AF ISR DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE	24,817	24,817
76	0305236F	COMMON DATA LINK EXECUTIVE AGENT (CDL EA)	32,511	32,511
77	0305601F	MISSION PARTNER ENVIRONMENTS	14,956	14,956
78	0701200F	ENTERPRISE SELECT CLASS II	1,000	1,000
79	0708051F	RAPID SUSTAINMENT MODERNIZATION (RSM)	32,666	101,666
		B-21 Additive Manufacturing		[40,000]
		Engine wash, data analysis, mission execution excellence program		[29,000]
80	0808736F	SPECIAL VICTIM ACCOUNTABILITY AND INVESTIGATION ...	1,997	1,997
81	0808737F	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION	5,167	5,167
82	0901410F	CONTRACTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM	29,277	29,277
83	1206415F	U.S. SPACE COMMAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT.	36,913	36,913
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	6,267,049	8,321,049
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
84	0604200F	FUTURE ADVANCED WEAPON ANALYSIS & PROGRAMS	36,125	36,125
85	0604201F	PNT RESILIENCY, MODS, AND IMPROVEMENTS	125,663	125,663
86	0604222F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORT	79,312	79,312

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87	0604270F	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT	17,013	17,013
88	0604281F	TACTICAL DATA NETWORKS ENTERPRISE	77,170	77,170
89	0604287F	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	10,589	10,589
90	0604288F	SURVIVABLE AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (SAOC)	1,826,328	1,826,328
91	0604602F	ARMAMENT/ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT	7,253	7,253
92	0604604F	SUBMUNITIONS	3,502	3,502
93	0604617F	AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT	23,474	23,474
94	0604706F	LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS	20,542	20,542
95	0604735F	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES	139,499	139,499
96	0604932F	LONG RANGE STANDOFF WEAPON	606,955	755,955
		Conventional Variant Advance Planning		[8,000]
		Long Range Standoff Weapon Acceleration		[141,000]
97	0604933F	ICBM FUZE MODERNIZATION	3,252	3,252
100	0605056F	OPEN ARCHITECTURE MANAGEMENT	44,150	44,150
101	0605223F	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING	172,378	172,378
103	0605238F	GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT EMD	2,647,563	4,647,563
		Restoration of full funding for Sentinel ICBM program EMD		[2,000,000]
104	0605296F	MICROELECTRONICS SECURE ENCLAVE	104,990	104,990
106	0207039F	COGNITIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE	44,267	44,267
107	0207110F	F-47	2,579,362	2,579,362
109	0207279F	ISOLATED PERSONNEL SURVIVABILITY AND RECOVERY ...	99,248	99,248
110	0207328F	STAND IN ATTACK WEAPON	255,336	255,336
111	0207407F	ELECTROMAGNETIC BATTLE MANAGEMENT (EMBM)	20,439	20,439
112	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING	12,898	12,898
114	0303008F	SATURN	4,985	4,985
117	0305155F	THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPON STORAGE & SECURITY SYS- TEM	19,875	19,875
120	0401221F	KC-46A TANKER SQUADRONS	145,434	145,434
121	0401319F	VC-25B	602,318	602,318
122	0701212F	AUTOMATED TEST SYSTEMS	30,341	30,341
123	0804772F	TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS	5,067	5,067
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEM- ONSTRATION.	9,765,328	11,914,328
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
125	0604256F	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT	41,125	41,125
126	0604759F	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT	156,915	156,915
127	0605101F	RAND PROJECT AIR FORCE	32,405	32,405
129	0605712F	INITIAL OPERATIONAL TEST & EVALUATION	13,872	13,872
130	0605807F	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT	1,098,871	1,098,871
133	0605829F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CYBER, NETWORK, & BUS SYS	435,918	435,918
134	0605831F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CAPABILITY INTEGRATION	1,153,165	1,153,165
136	0605833F	ACQ WORKFORCE- NUCLEAR SYSTEMS	368,881	368,881
137	0605898F	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D	5,960	5,960
138	0605976F	FACILITIES RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT.	217,761	217,761
139	0605978F	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT—TEST AND EVALUATION SUP- PORT.	91,969	91,969
140	0606017F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND MATURATION	28,157	28,157
141	0606398F	MANAGEMENT HQ—T&E	7,417	7,417
142	0208201F	OFFENSIVE SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (SUAS).	4,985	4,985
143	0303255F	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION, AND COMPUTERS (C4)—STRATCOM	15,662	65,662
		C4 STRATCOM		[20,000]
		NC3 network sensor demonstration		[15,000]
		NC3 REACH		[15,000]
144	0308602F	ENTEPRISE INFORMATION SERVICES (EIS)	101,779	101,779
145	0702806F	ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	22,670	22,670
146	0804776F	ADVANCED DISTRIBUTED LEARNING	1,698	1,698
148	1001004F	INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES	4,430	4,430
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	3,803,640	3,853,640
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
149	0604233F	SPECIALIZED UNDERGRADUATE FLIGHT TRAINING	66,200	66,200
150	0604283F	BATTLE MGMT COM & CTRL SENSOR DEVELOPMENT	17,353	17,353
153	0604840F	F-35 C2D2	1,182,094	1,182,094
154	0605018F	AF INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM (AF-IPPS)	64,050	64,050
155	0605024F	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE AGENCY	62,965	62,965
157	0605229F	HH-60W	43,579	43,579
158	0605278F	HC/MC-130 RECAP RDT&E	50,845	50,845
159	0606018F	NC3 INTEGRATION	40,066	40,066
160	0101113F	B-52 SQUADRONS	931,164	931,164
161	0101122F	AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM)	555	555
162	0101126F	B-1B SQUADRONS	116,589	116,589
163	0101127F	B-2 SQUADRONS	12,519	12,519
164	0101213F	MINUTEMAN SQUADRONS	106,032	106,032
165	0101316F	WORLDWIDE JOINT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION	24,081	24,081

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166	0101318F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—GLOBAL STRIKE	6,928	6,928
167	0101328F	ICBM REENTRY VEHICLES	259,605	259,605
169	0102110F	MH-139A	5,982	5,982
170	0102326F	REGION/SECTOR OPERATION CONTROL CENTER MOD-ERNIZATION PROGRAM.	726	726
171	0102417F	OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR	132,097	132,097
172	0202834F	VEHICLES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT—GENERAL	744	744
173	0205219F	MQ-9 UAV	26,689	26,689
174	0205671F	JOINT COUNTER RCIED ELECTRONIC WARFARE	3,424	3,424
176	0207133F	F-16 SQUADRONS	216,638	366,638
		F-16 Open Systems Environment/BLOS Systems		[75,000]
		IVEWS development for F-16		[75,000]
177	0207134F	F-15E SQUADRONS	233,018	413,018
		F-15 Global Lighting/Eagle Tether		[180,000]
178	0207136F	MANNED DESTRUCTIVE SUPPRESSION	17,680	17,680
179	0207138F	F-22A SQUADRONS	852,332	852,332
180	0207142F	F-35 SQUADRONS	48,446	48,446
181	0207146F	F-15EX	78,345	78,345
182	0207161F	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES	86,549	86,549
183	0207163F	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM).	51,242	51,242
184	0207172F	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM)	425,029	425,029
186	0207238F	E-11A	15,244	15,244
188	0207247F	AF TENCAP	52,492	52,492
189	0207249F	PRECISION ATTACK SYSTEMS PROCUREMENT	13,613	13,613
191	0207268F	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	52,734	52,734
192	0207325F	JOINT-TO-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE (JASSM)	232,252	237,252
		Joint Air to Surface Stand-Off Missile (JASSM) (USAF)		[5,000]
193	0207327F	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB)	24,810	24,810
194	0207410F	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC)	113,086	113,086
195	0207412F	CONTROL AND REPORTING CENTER (CRC)	17,569	17,569
198	0207431F	COMBAT AIR INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM ACTIVITIES	33,601	33,601
199	0207438F	THEATER BATTLE MANAGEMENT (TBM) C4I	6,787	6,787
200	0207439F	ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE INT REPROG (EWIR)	60,072	60,072
202	0207452F	DCAPES	8,507	8,507
203	0207457F	AIR FORCE SPECIAL WARFARE (SPECWAR)	27,526	27,526
204	0207521F	AIR FORCE CALIBRATION PROGRAMS	2,273	2,273
206	0207590F	SEEK EAGLE	33,707	33,707
208	0207611F	READINESS DECISION SUPPORT ENTERPRISE	8,880	8,880
209	0207697F	DISTRIBUTED TRAINING AND EXERCISES	4,399	4,399
210	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING	8,096	8,096
211	0208006F	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS	138,745	138,745
212	0208007F	TACTICAL DECEPTION	13,711	13,711
213	0208087F	DISTRIBUTED CYBER WARFARE OPERATIONS	31,197	31,197
214	0208088F	AF DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	95,034	95,034
218	0208288F	INTEL DATA APPLICATIONS	1,012	1,012
219	0301025F	GEOBASE	999	999
220	0301113F	CYBER SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT	14,749	14,749
226	0301377F	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW).	1,117	1,117
228	0301401F	AF MULTI-DOMAIN NON-TRADITIONAL ISR BATTLESPACE AWARENESS.	2,987	2,987
229	0302015F	E-4B NATIONAL AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (NAOC)	54,457	54,457
230	0302315F	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT	7,006	7,006
232	0303089F	CYBERSPACE AND DODIN OPERATIONS	10,080	10,080
233	0303131F	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN).	99,599	99,599
234	0303133F	HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO SYSTEMS	19,955	19,955
235	0303140F	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	98,414	98,414
236	0303248F	ALL DOMAIN COMMON PLATFORM	76,642	76,642
237	0303260F	JOINT MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE	356	356
238	0304100F	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM (SMPEs).	75,164	75,164
239	0304109F	THRESHER	105	105
242	0304260F	AIRBORNE SIGINT ENTERPRISE	90,650	90,650
243	0304310F	COMMERCIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS	4,127	4,127
247	0305020F	CCMD INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,547	1,547
248	0305022F	ISR MODERNIZATION & AUTOMATION DVMT (IMAD)	22,237	22,237
249	0305099F	GLOBAL AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (GATM)	4,257	4,257
250	0305103F	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE	310	310
251	0305111F	WEATHER SERVICE	30,509	30,509
252	0305114F	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, APPROACH, AND LANDING SYS-TEM (ATCALs).	17,259	17,259
253	0305116F	AERIAL TARGETS	5,081	5,081
256	0305128F	SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES	8,964	8,964
257	0305146F	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES	6,524	6,524
258	0305158F	TACTICAL TERMINAL	1,099	1,099
259	0305179F	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS)	19,085	19,085

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261	0305206F	AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS	25,432	25,432
262	0305207F	MANNED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS	16,643	16,643
263	0305208F	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEM	79,033	79,033
265	0305221F	NETWORK-CENTRIC COLLABORATIVE TARGETING	12,019	12,019
266	0305238F	NATO AGS	816	816
267	0305240F	ISR TRANSPORT AND PROCESSING	32,578	32,578
268	0305249F	AF JWICS ENTERPRISE	21,097	21,097
269	0305600F	INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURES.	18,946	18,946
270	0305836F	C2IMERA	13,867	13,867
272	0305903F	MOBILE COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTERS (MCCCS)	3,988	3,988
273	0305984F	PERSONNEL RECOVERY COMMAND & CTRL (PRC2)	2,891	2,891
274	0307577F	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD)	3,000	3,000
276	0401119F	C-5 AIRLIFT SQUADRONS (IF)	33,713	33,713
277	0401130F	C-17 AIRCRAFT (IF)	76,514	101,514
		C-17 blade coatings		[17,000]
		C-17 winglet procurement		[8,000]
278	0401132F	C-130J PROGRAM	31,354	101,354
		LC-130 Non-recurring engineering		[70,000]
279	0401134F	LARGE AIRCRAFT IR COUNTERMEASURES (LAIRCM)	52,928	52,928
280	0401218F	KC-135S	0	35,000
	0401218F	KC-135 drag reduction		[35,000]
281	0401318F	CV-22	653	653
283	0708610F	LOGISTICS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (LOGIT)	18,581	18,581
284	0801380F	AF LVC OPERATIONAL TRAINING (LVC-OT)	33,898	33,898
285	0804743F	OTHER FLIGHT TRAINING	2,371	2,371
286	0901202F	JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY AGENCY	2,080	2,080
287	0901218F	CIVILIAN COMPENSATION PROGRAM	4,355	4,355
288	0901220F	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	2,766	2,766
289	0901226F	AIR FORCE STUDIES AND ANALYSIS AGENCY	14,761	14,761
290	0901538F	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	3,982	3,982
291	0901554F	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACNTNG MGT SYS (DEAMS)	38,942	38,942
292	1201921F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—SPACE ACTIVITIES	335	335
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	22,264,031	22,398,031
		Acceleration of Air Force program		[121,000]
		Advanced Sensors Application Program		[13,000]
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	29,643,766	30,242,766
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, AF.	52,017,288	56,943,288
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, SF		
		BASIC RESEARCH		
1	0601102SF	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES	22,270	22,270
2	0601103SF	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES	14,569	14,569
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	36,839	36,839
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
4	1206601SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY	245,497	253,497
		Space Modeling, Simulation, & Analysis Hub		[8,000]
5	1206616SF	SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO	2,591	3,591
		Service Support to SPACECOM Activities		[1,000]
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	248,088	257,088
		ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT		
6	1206310SF	SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.	459,989	459,989
7	1206616SF	SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO	128,588	129,588
		Rocket Cargo program		[–7,000]
		Space Advanced Technology Development/Demo		[8,000]
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	588,577	589,577
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
8	0604002SF	SPACE FORCE WEATHER SERVICES RESEARCH	857	857
9	1203010SF	SPACE FORCE IT, DATA ANALYTICS, DIGITAL SOLUTIONS	88,606	88,606
10	1203164SF	NAVSTAR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (USER EQUIPMENT) (SPACE).	175,304	175,304
11	1203622SF	SPACE WARFIGHTING ANALYSIS	125,982	125,982
12	1203710SF	EO/IR WEATHER SYSTEMS	77,135	77,135
13	1203955SF	SPACE ACCESS, MOBILITY & LOGISTICS (SAML)	14,478	14,478
14	1206410SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPING	1,307,970	1,584,970
		SDA Tranche 3 Transport Layer		[277,000]
15	1206427SF	SPACE SYSTEMS PROTOTYPE TRANSITIONS (SSPT)	67,246	67,246
16	1206438SF	SPACE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY	60,106	60,106
17	1206458SF	TECH TRANSITION (SPACE)	326,144	326,144

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18	1206730SF	SPACE SECURITY AND DEFENSE PROGRAM	45,200	45,200
19	1206760SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL ENTERPRISE SERVICE (PTES)	114,430	114,430
20	1206761SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL SERVICE (PTS)	571,921	571,921
21	1206855SF	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS)	1,229,929	1,229,929
22	1206857SF	SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE	9,664	9,664
23	1206862SF	TACTICALLY RESPONSIVE SPACE	33,282	93,282
		Tactically Responsive Space		[60,000]
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	4,248,254	4,585,254
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION				
25	1203269SF	GPS III FOLLOW-ON (GPS IIIF)	179,249	179,249
26	1206421SF	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS	31,298	31,298
27	1206422SF	WEATHER SYSTEM FOLLOW-ON	38,501	38,501
28	1206425SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS SYSTEM	992	992
29	1206431SF	ADVANCED EHF MILSATCOM (SPACE)	13,825	13,825
31	1206433SF	WIDEBAND GLOBAL SATCOM (SPACE)	29,609	29,609
32	1206440SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GROUND	358,330	358,330
33	1206442SF	NEXT GENERATION OPIR	189,621	189,621
34	1206443SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GEO	432,073	432,073
36	1206445SF	COMMERCIAL SATCOM (COMSATCOM) INTEGRATION	132,060	132,060
37	1206446SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO).	1,757,354	1,757,354
38	1206447SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT (MEO).	686,348	686,348
39	1206771SF	COMMERCIAL SERVICES	36,628	36,628
40	1206853SF	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)—EMD.	6,595	6,595
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	3,892,483	3,892,483
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT				
44	1206392SF	ACQ WORKFORCE—SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS	269,162	269,162
45	1206398SF	SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER—MHA	15,356	15,356
46	1206399SF	SSC ENTERPRISE ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION	110,598	110,598
47	1206759SF	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT—SPACE	189,083	189,083
48	1206860SF	ROCKET SYSTEMS LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)	19,857	19,857
49	1206864SF	SPACE TEST PROGRAM (STP)	28,787	28,787
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	632,843	632,843
OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT				
51	1201212SF	SERVICE-WIDE SUPPORT (NOT OTHERWISE ACCOUNTED FOR).	18,451	18,451
52	1203001SF	FAMILY OF ADVANCED BLOS TERMINALS (FAB-T)	303	303
53	1203040SF	DCO-SPACE	102,439	102,439
54	1203109SF	NARROWBAND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS	421,847	421,847
55	1203110SF	SATELLITE CONTROL NETWORK (SPACE)	93,780	93,780
56	1203154SF	LONG RANGE KILL CHAINS	1,916	1,916
57	1203155SF	GROUND MOVING TARGET INDICATOR (GMTI)	1,063,384	1,063,384
58	1203173SF	SPACE AND MISSILE TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER	22,128	22,128
59	1203174SF	SPACE INNOVATION, INTEGRATION AND RAPID TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	82,399	82,399
60	1203182SF	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM (SPACE)	54,996	54,996
61	1203330SF	SPACE SUPERIORITY ISR	24,411	24,411
62	1203609SF	PLEO SATCOM (MILNET)	277,407	277,407
63	1203873SF	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE RADARS	0	22,000
		PARCS radar upgrades		[22,000]
64	1203906SF	NCMC—ITW/AA SYSTEM	25,839	25,839
66	1203913SF	NUDET DETECTION SYSTEM (SPACE)	96,836	96,836
67	1203940SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS OPERATIONS	182,377	182,377
68	1206423SF	GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM III—OPERATIONAL CONTROL SEGMENT.	190,484	190,484
73	1206772SF	RAPID RESILIENT COMMAND AND CONTROL (R2C2)	106,220	106,220
75	1208053SF	JOINT TACTICAL GROUND SYSTEM	6,698	6,698
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,866,499	2,866,499
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	5,638,414	5,660,414
SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS				
76	1208248SF	SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS/PLANNING/TASKING SW	200,968	200,968
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.	200,968	200,968
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, SF.	15,486,466	15,855,466
		RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, DW		
		BASIC RESEARCH		

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1	0601000BR	DTRA BASIC RESEARCH	15,643	15,643
3	0601108D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH INITIATIVES	16,817	16,817
4	0601110D8Z	BASIC RESEARCH INITIATIVES	82,264	112,264
		Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research		[30,000]
6	0601120D8Z	NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM	146,010	146,010
7	0601122E	EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES	360,456	360,456
8	0601228D8Z	HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES/MINORITY INSTITUTIONS. Efficient AI Linguistics Algorithmic Development to Support National Security.	99,610	109,610 [10,000]
9	0601384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM	36,582	36,582
		SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH	757,382	797,382
		APPLIED RESEARCH		
10	0602000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY	19,734	19,734
11	0602023E	ACCESS AND AWARENESS	100,791	100,791
12	0602024E	WARFIGHTING PERFORMANCE	278,121	278,121
13	0602025E	MAKING, MAINTAINING, SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS	1,347,049	1,347,049
14	0602026E	EFFECTS	20,275	20,275
16	0602128D8Z	PROMOTION AND PROTECTION STRATEGIES	3,166	3,166
17	0602230D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION	46,261	46,261
18	0602234D8Z	LINCOLN LABORATORY RESEARCH PROGRAM	11,479	41,479
		Lincoln Laboratory Research Program		[30,000]
19	0602251D8Z	APPLIED RESEARCH FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF S&T PRIORITIES.	53,983	53,983
21	0602384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM	230,751	230,751
22	0602668D8Z	CYBER SECURITY RESEARCH	17,988	50,988
		University Consortium for Cybersecurity		[20,000]
		Pacific Intelligence and Innovation Initiative (P3I)		[13,000]
28	0602718BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION APPLIED RESEARCH.	161,495	161,495
29	0602751D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI) APPLIED RESEARCH.	8,883	8,883
30	0602890D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH	48,738	48,738
31	0602891D8Z	FSRM MODELLING	994	994
32	1160401BB	SOF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	50,026	61,226
		Comprehensive Protective Cold Weather Layering System		[11,200]
		SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH	2,399,734	2,473,934
		ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT		
33	0603000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	50,663	50,663
35	0603055D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT	168,253	183,253
		Power generation		[15,000]
37	0603122D8Z	COMBATING TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	81,513	96,513
		U.S.-Israel Joint R&D on emerging technologies		[15,000]
38	0603133D8Z	FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING	27,958	37,958
		Foreign Comparative Testing program		[10,000]
39	0603142D8Z	MISSION ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION (ME&I)	99,534	99,534
40	0603160BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	393,469	393,469
42	0603176C	ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT Directed energy technology maturation	21,625	38,625 [17,000]
43	0603180C	ADVANCED RESEARCH	42,093	42,093
44	0603183D8Z	JOINT HYPERSONIC TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT &TRANSITION.	50,998	50,998
45	0603225D8Z	JOINT DOD-DOE MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	35,505	35,505
48	0603288D8Z	ANALYTIC ASSESSMENTS	41,010	41,010
49	0603289D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE ANALYSIS AND CONCEPTS	57,457	57,457
50	0603330D8Z	QUANTUM APPLICATION	59,521	59,521
51	0603342D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT (DIU)	0	5,000
		DIU OnRamp Hub		[5,000]
52	0603375D8Z	TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION	19,654	29,654
		Auxiliary equipment		[10,000]
53	0603379D8Z	ADVANCED TECHNICAL INTEGRATION	19,991	19,991
54	0603384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	247,043	247,043
55	0603467E	DARPA ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	1,643,465	1,643,465
56	0603468E	ADVANCED COMPLEX SYSTEMS	350,695	350,695
57	0603469E	ADVANCED ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES	335,647	335,647
59	0603618D8Z	JOINT ELECTRONIC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	20,575	20,575
60	0603662D8Z	NETWORKED COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES	19,937	19,937
62	0603680D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE MANUFACTURING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM. Critical Minerals RDT&E Increase	409,493	584,493 [15,000]
		Advanced manufacturing		[150,000]
		Biotechnology Manufacturing		[5,000]
		Robotics Enhancements for Armaments Manufacturing		[5,000]

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63	0603680S	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	50,610	55,610
		DLA Critical Materials		[5,000]
64	0603712S	GENERIC LOGISTICS R&D TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS.	19,640	19,640
65	0603716D8Z	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM	58,092	58,092
66	0603720S	MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT.	135,016	135,016
67	0603727D8Z	JOINT WARFIGHTING PROGRAM	945	945
70	0603766E	NETWORK-CENTRIC WARFARE TECHNOLOGY	0	14,000
		Air Combat Evolution (ACE)—autonomous air-to-air cruise missile and drone defense.		[14,000]
72	0603781D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE	12,972	12,972
73	0603838D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION ACCELERATION (DIA)	211,027	211,027
74	0603924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	114,577	124,577
		Ultra-Short Pulsed Laser (USPL) Weapons Lethality		[10,000]
75	0603941D8Z	TEST & EVALUATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	1,095,772	1,105,772
		Reusable Hypersonic Test Bed Integration & Testing		[10,000]
76	0603945D8Z	INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION INITIATIVES	173,048	178,048
		Critical Minerals for Energy Storage Solutions		[5,000]
78	0604055D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT	0	17,000
		Micro-Reactor Program Advancement		[5,000]
		TRISO fuel development		[12,000]
80	1160402BB	SOF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	152,282	152,282
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	6,220,080	6,528,080
		ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES		
81	0603161D8Z	NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT RDT&E ADC&P.	55,465	103,465
		Nuclear Advanced Concept Development & Prototypes		[48,000]
82	0603600D8Z	WALKOFF	152,449	152,449
83	0603851D8Z	ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.	123,981	123,981
84	0603881C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT.	508,898	508,898
85	0603882C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SEGMENT.	825,919	825,919
86	0603884BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—DEM/VAL.	272,940	272,940
87	0603884C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSORS	197,641	197,641
88	0603890C	BMD ENABLING PROGRAMS	646,039	646,039
89	0603891C	SPECIAL PROGRAMS—MDA	498,630	562,630
		AMD/LTRI		[55,000]
		C2BMC-G		[9,000]
90	0603892C	AEGIS BMD	588,440	588,440
91	0603896C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL, BATTLE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS (C2BMC).	634,183	636,183
		Fiber Festoon Cable sustainment		[2,000]
92	0603898C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE JOINT WARFIGHTER SUPPORT.	45,758	47,758
		DEEP SENTRY		[2,000]
93	0603904C	MISSILE DEFENSE INTEGRATION & OPERATIONS CENTER (MDIOC).	55,097	55,097
94	0603906C	REGARDING TRENCH	29,608	29,608
95	0603907C	SEA BASED X-BAND RADAR (SBX)	166,813	166,813
96	0603913C	ISRAELI COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS	300,000	300,000
97	0603914C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST	463,079	463,079
98	0603915C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TARGETS	514,904	559,904
		Advanced reactive target simulation development		[5,000]
		Affordable air-breathing hypersonic flight vehicle		[10,000]
		High Mach Airbreathing Targets		[20,000]
		Sea-based launch for missile defense targets		[10,000]
99	0603923D8Z	COALITION WARFARE	10,090	10,090
100	0604011D8Z	NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G).	41,815	41,815
101	0604016D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CORROSION PROGRAM	2,545	8,545
		Corrosion Control Research		[6,000]
102	0604102C	GUAM DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT	128,485	244,485
		AGS integration of AN/TPY-6 TAUs		[116,000]
105	0604125D8Z	ADVANCED MANUFACTURING COMPONENTS AND PROTOTYPES.	45,513	45,513
106	0604181C	HYPERSONIC DEFENSE	200,627	200,627
107	0604250D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES	749,452	768,452
		EUCOM: Defense of undersea infrastructure		[9,000]
		Project Pele		[10,000]
108	0604294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS	512,151	512,151
109	0604331D8Z	RAPID PROTOTYPING PROGRAM	235,292	235,292

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112	0604400D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) UNMANNED SYSTEM COMMON DEVELOPMENT.	2,142	2,142
113	0604551BR	CATAPULT INFORMATION SYSTEM	4,161	4,161
114	0604555D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY PROTOTYPING—NON S&T	55,005	55,005
117	0604682D8Z	SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC ANALYSIS	2,776	2,776
119	0604791D8Z	MULTI-DOMAIN JOINT OPERATIONS (MDJO)	20,343	20,343
120	0604797D8Z	JOINT ENERGETIC TRANSITION OFFICE	3,000	3,000
121	0604826J	JOINT C5 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY ASSESSMENTS.	25,889	25,889
122	0604873C	LONG RANGE DISCRIMINATION RADAR (LRDR)	60,443	60,443
123	0604874C	IMPROVED HOMELAND DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS	1,582,414	1,582,414
124	0604876C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT TEST.	37,784	37,784
125	0604878C	AEGIS BMD TEST	153,618	153,618
126	0604879C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSOR TEST	68,699	84,699
		Sensor Ground Testing		[16,000]
127	0604880C	LAND-BASED SM-3 (LBSM3)	24,555	42,555
		Evaluation of CONUS, Hawaii, Alaska emplacements		[8,000]
		Guam SM-3 software integration		[10,000]
128	0604887C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE SEGMENT TEST.	38,325	38,325
129	0604924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPE.	5,589	5,589
130	0202057C	SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	1,806	1,806
131	0208059JCY	CYBERCOM ACTIVITIES	30,212	30,212
133	0208086JCY	CYBER TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (CTE)	124,971	124,971
135	0305103C	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE	2,131	2,131
136	0305245D8Z	INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND INNOVATION INVESTMENTS.	43,596	48,596
		Geospatial Workforce Development Program		[5,000]
139	1206895C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM SPACE PROGRAMS	97,061	97,061
		SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.	10,390,334	10,731,334
		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION		
141	0604123D8Z	CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CDAO)—DEM/VAL ACTIVITIES.	9,196	9,196
142	0604133D8Z	ALPHA-1 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES	441,821	441,821
143	0604161D8Z	NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT RDT&E SDD.	12,874	12,874
144	0604384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—EMD ...	255,630	255,630
145	0604771D8Z	JOINT TACTICAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (JTIDS).	10,527	10,527
146	0605000BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	14,931	14,931
147	0605013BL	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	1,283	1,283
148	0605021SE	HOMELAND PERSONNEL SECURITY INITIATIVE	9,137	9,137
149	0605022D8Z	DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY PROGRAM	6,780	6,780
150	0605027D8Z	OUS(D) IT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES	9,765	9,765
151	0605080S	DEFENSE AGENCY INITIATIVES (DAI)—FINANCIAL SYSTEM.	31,714	31,714
152	0605141BR	MISSION ASSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MARMS).	9,573	9,573
153	0605210D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT CAPABILITIES.	9,366	9,366
154	0605294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS	143,475	143,475
155	0605649D8Z	ACQUISITION INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY (AI2).	13,556	13,556
156	0605755D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	3,307	3,307
157	0605772D8Z	NUCLEAR COMMAND, CONTROL, & COMMUNICATIONS	3,158	3,158
159	0305282K	JOINT FIRES NETWORK (JFN)	10,000	10,000
160	0305304D8Z	REAL PROPERTY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	6,473	6,473
161	0305310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	12,107	12,107
		SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	1,014,673	1,014,673
		MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
163	0603829J	JOINT CAPABILITY EXPERIMENTATION	13,822	13,822
164	0604122D8Z	JADC2 DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIMENTATION ACTIVITIES.	297,801	297,801
165	0604774D8Z	DEFENSE READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (DRRS)	8,552	8,552
166	0604875D8Z	JOINT SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT	8,627	8,627
167	0604940D8Z	CENTRAL TEST AND EVALUATION INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT (CTEIP).	542,773	542,773
168	0604942D8Z	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS	1,275	1,275
170	0605001E	MISSION SUPPORT	115,673	115,673
171	0605100D8Z	JOINT MISSION ENVIRONMENT TEST CAPABILITY (JMETC)	210,878	210,878

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172	0605126J	JOINT INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANIZATION (JIAMDO).	78,057	78,057
174	0605142D8Z	SYSTEMS ENGINEERING	23,405	23,405
175	0605151D8Z	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—OSD	5,301	5,301
176	0605161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS-PHYSICAL SECURITY	12,549	22,549
		Nuclear Matters Management Support		[10,000]
177	0605170D8Z	SUPPORT TO NETWORKS AND INFORMATION INTEGRATION.	15,597	15,597
178	0605200D8Z	GENERAL SUPPORT TO OUSD(INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY).	3,468	3,468
179	0605384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM	67,263	67,263
186	0605711D8Z	CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS	11,781	11,781
187	0605790D8Z	SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR)/ SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (STTR) ADMINISTRATION.	5,411	5,411
188	0605797D8Z	MAINTAINING TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE	29,675	34,675
		NSCEB recommendation—AlxBio Sandbox		[5,000]
189	0605798D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS	45,134	45,134
190	0605801KA	DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC)	60,209	60,209
191	0605803SE	R&D IN SUPPORT OF DOD ENLISTMENT, TESTING AND EVALUATION.	30,778	30,778
192	0605804D8Z	DEVELOPMENT TEST AND EVALUATION	37,381	37,381
193	0605898E	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D	13,623	13,623
194	0605998KA	MANAGEMENT HQ—DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC).	3,466	3,466
195	0606005D8Z	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	18,594	18,594
196	0606100D8Z	BUDGET AND PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS	13,084	13,084
197	0606114D8Z	ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP (AWG) SUPPORT	5,229	5,229
199	0606225D8Z	ODNA TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE ANALYSIS	3,461	3,461
200	0606300D8Z	DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD	6,563	6,563
201	0606301D8Z	AVIATION SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES	1,702	1,702
202	0606771D8Z	CYBER RESILIENCY AND CYBERSECURITY POLICY	14,220	14,220
203	0606774D8Z	DEFENSE CIVILIAN TRAINING CORPS	8,752	8,752
204	0606775D8Z	JOINT PRODUCTION ACCELERATOR CELL (JPAC)	5,493	5,493
205	0606829D8Z	SUSTAINMENT TRANSITION CAPABILITIES	30,000	30,000
206	0606853BR	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ..	14,841	24,841
		Critical Infrastructure Defense Analysis Center (CIDAC)		[10,000]
207	0203345D8Z	DEFENSE OPERATIONS SECURITY INITIATIVE (DOSI)	2,493	2,493
208	0204571J	JOINT STAFF ANALYTICAL SUPPORT	8,070	8,070
209	0208045K	C4I INTEROPERABILITY	70,893	70,893
210	0303169D8Z	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAPID ACQUISITION	4,355	4,355
211	0305172K	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS	5,447	5,447
213	0305208K	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	2,887	2,887
214	0305248J	JOINT STAFF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DATA OFFICER (OCDO) ACTIVITIES.	14,500	14,500
215	0804768J	COCOM EXERCISE ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING TRANSFORMATION (CE2T2)—NON-MHA.	91,952	91,952
216	0808709SE	DEFENSE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (DEOMI).	388	388
217	0808737SE	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION	5,744	5,744
218	0901598C	MANAGEMENT HQ—MDA	28,719	28,719
219	0903235K	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER (JSP)	1,283	1,283
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	31,148	31,148
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	2,032,317	2,057,317
		OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT		
220	0604011D8Z	NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G).	22,439	22,439
223	0607162D8Z	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ELIMINATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT.	2,360	2,360
224	0607210D8Z	INDUSTRIAL BASE ANALYSIS AND SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT.	273,379	294,379
		Corrosion Resistant Magnesium Coating for Aircraft		[17,000]
		Rare Earth Magnet Manufacturing		[4,000]
225	0607310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION MODERNIZATION	12,704	12,704
226	0607327T	GLOBAL THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (G-TSCMIS).	6,173	6,173
227	0607384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE (OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT).	79,118	79,118
228	0607757D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.	2,945	2,945
229	0208085JCY	ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS	88,522	88,522
230	0208097JCY	CYBER COMMAND AND CONTROL (CYBER C2)	85,833	85,833
231	0208099JCY	DATA AND UNIFIED PLATFORM (D&UP)	83,039	83,039
235	0302019K	DEFENSE INFO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING AND INTEGRATION.	16,162	16,162
236	0302609V	COUNTERING THREATS AUTOMATED PLATFORM	5,030	5,030
237	0303126K	LONG-HAUL COMMUNICATIONS—DCS	40,293	40,293

SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
Line	Program Element	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
238	0303131K	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN).	5,113	5,113
240	0303140D8Z	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	25,347	40,347
		National Narrative Intelligence Research Center		[15,000]
242	0303140K	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM	23,224	23,224
243	0303153K	DEFENSE SPECTRUM ORGANIZATION	20,174	20,174
244	0303171K	JOINT PLANNING AND EXECUTION SERVICES	6,242	6,242
246	0303430V	FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.	22,700	22,700
252	0305104D8Z	DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE (DIB) CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE.	10,840	10,840
257	0305146V	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES	1,800	1,800
258	0305172D8Z	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS	22,548	22,548
260	0305186D8Z	POLICY R&D PROGRAMS	6,043	6,043
262	0305199D8Z	NET CENTRICITY	17,114	17,114
264	0305208BB	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS	5,656	5,656
270	0305387D8Z	HOMELAND DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM	1,771	1,771
279	0306250JCY	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT	473,399	473,399
280	0307609V	NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (NISS)	34,710	34,710
283	0708012K	LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES	2,876	2,876
284	0708012S	PACIFIC DISASTER CENTERS	2,000	4,000
		Pacific Disaster Centers		[2,000]
285	0708047S	DEFENSE PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM	3,020	3,020
289	1160403BB	AVIATION SYSTEMS	119,699	134,699
		Vertical Take Off and Landing Optionally Piloted Vehicle (VTOL-OPV).		[15,000]
290	1160405BB	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	102,732	105,732
		Ultra-lightweight Group 1 Small UAS		[3,000]
291	1160408BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS	234,653	234,653
292	1160431BB	WARRIOR SYSTEMS	279,639	284,639
		Blast Overpressure Analysis and Mitigation		[5,000]
293	1160432BB	SPECIAL PROGRAMS	550	550
294	1160434BB	UNMANNED ISR	2,281	2,281
295	1160480BB	SOF TACTICAL VEHICLES	9,213	9,213
296	1160483BB	MARITIME SYSTEMS	120,475	120,475
297	1160490BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE	21,752	21,752
298	1203610K	TELEPORT PROGRAM	24,319	24,319
999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	8,276,313	8,276,313
		SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	10,594,200	10,655,200
		SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS		
299	0608140D8Z	ENTERPRISE PLATFORMS AND CAPABILITIES—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	402,783	402,783
300	0608648D8Z	ACQUISITION VISIBILITY—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM	17,549	17,549
301	0608776D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT FIELDING	48,413	198,413
		Attributable autonomous systems		[150,000]
302	0303150K	GLOBAL COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM	44,474	44,474
		SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS	513,219	663,219
		TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, DW.	33,921,939	34,921,139
		OPERATIONAL TEST & EVAL, DEFENSE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT		
1	0605118OTE	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION	133,542	133,542
2	0605131OTE	LIVE FIRE TEST AND EVALUATION	108,109	108,109
3	0605814OTE	OPERATIONAL TEST ACTIVITIES AND ANALYSES	76,492	76,492
		SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT	318,143	318,143
		TOTAL OPERATIONAL TEST & EVAL, DEFENSE	318,143	318,143
		TOTAL RDT&E	142,001,108	150,453,940

1 TITLE XLIII—OPERATION AND

2 MAINTENANCE

3 SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	MANEUVER UNITS	4,671,407	4,671,407
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	221,578	221,578
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	927,219	927,219
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	2,220,746	2,320,746
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[100,000]
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	1,333,769	1,333,769
060	AVIATION ASSETS	1,829,054	1,829,054
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	7,497,735	7,599,735
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[102,000]
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	583,196	583,196
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	152,404	152,404
100	MEDICAL READINESS	844,140	844,140
110	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	10,694,915	10,694,915
120	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	6,159,744	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-6,159,744]
130	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	263,147	263,147
140	ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES	392,457	392,457
150	RESET	111,688	111,688
160	US AFRICA COMMAND	413,046	414,046
	AFRICOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees		[1,000]
170	US EUROPEAN COMMAND	385,744	586,744
	EUCOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees		[1,000]
	Experimentation for EUCOM Eastern Flank Defense Line		[150,000]
	Unmanned systems for EUCOM		[50,000]
180	US SOUTHERN COMMAND	224,971	225,971
	SOUTHCOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees		[1,000]
190	US FORCES KOREA	77,049	77,049
200	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ...	331,467	331,467
210	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY	550,089	553,089
	Human-Artificial Intelligence teaming		[3,000]
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	39,885,565	34,133,821
	MOBILIZATION		
220	STRATEGIC MOBILITY	134,892	134,892
230	ARMY PREPOSITIONED STOCKS	330,812	362,212
	Army Prepositioned Stocks		[31,400]
240	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS	3,162	3,162
	SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION	468,866	500,266
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
250	OFFICER ACQUISITION	172,424	172,424
260	RECRUIT TRAINING	78,929	78,929
270	ONE STATION UNIT TRAINING	88,033	88,033
280	SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS	508,982	508,982
290	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	988,901	988,901
300	FLIGHT TRAINING	1,398,974	1,398,974
310	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	202,738	202,738
320	TRAINING SUPPORT	596,528	596,528
330	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	747,712	747,712
340	EXAMINING	177,666	177,666
350	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	181,211	181,211
360	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	227,476	227,476
370	JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS	190,668	212,668
	Fully fund Army JROTC		[22,000]
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	5,560,242	5,582,242
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
390	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	1,306,690	1,306,690

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
400	CENTRAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES	740,581	740,581
410	LOGISTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES	588,151	588,151
420	AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT	344,948	344,948
430	ADMINISTRATION	408,825	408,825
440	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	2,171,607	2,256,487
	Army Data Platform 1.0 (VANTAGE)/Army Data Platform 2.0 ...		[74,880]
	Army Data Platform 2.0		[10,000]
450	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	313,323	313,323
460	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT	853,139	853,139
470	OTHER SERVICE SUPPORT	2,078,411	2,078,411
480	ARMY CLAIMS ACTIVITIES	223,611	223,611
490	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	294,705	294,705
500	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS	618,471	618,471
510	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT	36,510	36,510
520	INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS	664,510	664,510
530	MISC. SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS	31,387	31,387
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	2,385,523	2,385,523
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	13,060,392	13,145,272
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-812,335
	Unobligated balances		[-812,335]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-812,335
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY	58,975,065	52,549,266
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY RES		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	14,651	14,651
020	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	703,286	703,286
030	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	146,794	146,794
040	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	685,541	685,541
050	AVIATION ASSETS	55,155	55,155
060	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	438,508	438,508
070	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	23,783	23,783
080	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	40,426	40,426
090	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	557,465	557,465
100	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	504,922	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-504,922]
110	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	20,531	20,531
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ..	2,174	2,174
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY	19,041	19,041
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	3,212,277	2,707,355
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
140	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	14,629	14,629
150	ADMINISTRATION	16,798	16,798
160	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	6,432	6,432
170	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	7,186	7,186
180	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT	56,856	56,856
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	101,901	101,901
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-10,222
	Unobligated balances		[-10,222]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-10,222
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY RES	3,314,178	2,799,034
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	MANEUVER UNITS	911,525	911,525
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	210,737	210,737
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	879,111	879,111
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	88,001	88,001
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	350,261	350,261
060	AVIATION ASSETS	1,128,195	1,128,195
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	810,263	810,263

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	34,354	34,354
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	179,622	179,622
100	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	1,246,273	1,246,273
110	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	1,275,984	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-1,275,984]
120	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	1,203,158	1,203,158
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ..	5,136	5,136
140	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY	24,096	24,096
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	8,346,716	7,070,732
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
150	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	6,460	6,460
160	ADMINISTRATION	45,919	45,919
170	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	9,373	9,373
190	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT	261,622	261,622
200	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	3,891	3,891
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	327,265	327,265
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-246,699
	Unobligated balances		[-246,699]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-246,699
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG	8,673,981	7,151,298
	COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP		
	COUNTER ISIS TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)		
010	IRAQ	212,516	212,516
020	SYRIA	130,000	130,000
030	LEBANON	15,000	15,000
	SUBTOTAL COUNTER ISIS TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)	357,516	357,516
	TOTAL COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP	357,516	357,516
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY OPERATING FORCES		
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS	7,720,210	7,720,210
020	FLEET AIR TRAINING	2,925,791	2,925,791
050	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT	1,447,480	1,447,480
060	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE	1,661,933	1,661,933
080	AVIATION LOGISTICS	2,147,907	2,147,907
090	MISSION AND OTHER SHIP OPERATIONS	5,350,073	5,350,073
100	SHIP OPERATIONS SUPPORT & TRAINING	1,719,580	1,719,580
110	SHIP DEPOT MAINTENANCE	13,803,188	13,803,188
120	SHIP DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT	2,760,878	2,760,878
130	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC WAR- FARE	1,830,993	1,830,993
140	MEDICAL READINESS	604,287	604,287
150	SPACE SYSTEMS AND SURVEILLANCE	453,847	453,847
160	WARFARE TACTICS	1,000,516	1,000,516
170	OPERATIONAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY	454,803	454,803
180	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES	2,291,340	2,442,570
	AFRICOM: Safeguarding U.S. Operations in Somalia		[53,500]
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[97,730]
190	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT	62,495	62,495
200	COMBATANT COMMANDERS CORE OPERATIONS	105,914	127,634
	Critical Joint Manpower		[16,720]
	INDOPACOM's Community Engagement Initiative		[5,000]
210	COMBATANT COMMANDERS DIRECT MISSION SUPPORT	386,657	647,157
	AI-Enabled Planning & Wargaming (Thunderforge)		[18,000]
	Critical Joint Manpower		[29,390]
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[30,780]
	INDOPACOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees		[1,000]
	Joint Sustainment Decision Tool (JSDT)		[42,000]
	Prepositioned Material in Support of SOF		[43,000]

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	Resilient TS-SCI Warfighting Architecture		[58,300]
	Robust, Resilient Mission Platform (R2MP)		[10,100]
	SOF Air and Maritime Low-Vis Infrastructure		[27,930]
220	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	634,746	634,746
230	FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE	1,837,670	1,837,670
240	WEAPONS MAINTENANCE	1,601,768	1,601,768
250	OTHER WEAPON SYSTEMS SUPPORT	839,619	839,619
260	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION	2,185,422	2,185,422
270	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION	3,991,438	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-3,991,438]
280	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	6,166,266	6,210,266
	Barber's Point—sec. 2856 of FY24 NDAA		[9,000]
	Red Hill long-term monitoring, research, and remediation		[35,000]
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	63,984,821	60,470,833
	MOBILIZATION		
290	SHIP PREPOSITIONING AND SURGE	388,627	388,627
300	READY RESERVE FORCE	785,052	785,052
310	SHIP ACTIVATIONS/INACTIVATIONS	583,296	583,296
330	COAST GUARD SUPPORT	22,192	22,192
	SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION	1,779,167	1,779,167
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
340	OFFICER ACQUISITION	202,397	202,397
350	RECRUIT TRAINING	16,945	16,945
360	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS	164,348	164,348
370	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	1,026,076	1,026,076
380	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	272,964	272,964
390	TRAINING SUPPORT	463,572	463,572
400	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	303,177	303,177
410	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	914	914
420	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	65,819	65,819
430	JUNIOR ROTC	25,334	61,334
	Fully fund Navy JROTC		[36,000]
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	2,541,546	2,577,546
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
440	ADMINISTRATION	1,357,428	1,357,428
450	CIVILIAN MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	239,918	239,918
460	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	690,712	690,712
490	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT	61,046	61,046
500	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	289,748	289,748
520	PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT	543,911	543,911
530	ACQUISITION, LOGISTICS, AND OVERSIGHT	853,340	853,340
540	INVESTIGATIVE AND SECURITY SERVICES	1,007,078	1,007,078
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	731,405	731,405
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	5,774,586	5,774,586
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-540,421
	Unobligated balances		[-540,421]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-540,421
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY	74,080,120	70,061,711
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS OPERATING FORCES		
010	OPERATIONAL FORCES	1,950,784	2,054,684
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[103,900]
020	FIELD LOGISTICS	1,981,840	1,981,840
030	DEPOT MAINTENANCE	236	236
040	MARITIME PREPOSITIONING	175,091	175,091
050	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	349,082	349,082
060	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	2,079,890	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-2,079,890]
070	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	2,834,721	2,834,721
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	9,371,644	7,395,654
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
080	RECRUIT TRAINING	26,350	26,350
090	OFFICER ACQUISITION	1,282	1,282
100	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	119,526	119,526
110	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	58,696	58,696
120	TRAINING SUPPORT	538,812	538,812
130	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	237,004	237,004
140	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	27,500	27,500
150	JUNIOR ROTC	30,808	30,808
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	1,039,978	1,039,978
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
180	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	87,509	87,509
190	ADMINISTRATION	431,282	431,282
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	73,788	73,788
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	592,579	592,579
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-89,275
	Unobligated balances		[-89,275]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-89,275
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS	11,004,201	8,938,936
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY RES OPERATING FORCES		
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS	759,843	759,843
030	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT	9,972	9,972
040	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE	204,603	204,603
060	AVIATION LOGISTICS	24,469	24,469
070	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS	19,698	19,698
080	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES	186,946	186,946
090	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	294	294
100	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION	33,414	33,414
110	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION	58,213	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-58,213]
120	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	118,361	118,361
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	1,415,813	1,357,600
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
130	ADMINISTRATION	2,539	2,539
140	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	22,185	22,185
150	ACQUISITION AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	1,517	1,517
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	26,241	26,241
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-19,763
	Unobligated balances		[-19,763]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-19,763
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY RES	1,442,054	1,364,078
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, MC RESERVE OPERATING FORCES		
010	OPERATING FORCES	117,987	117,987
020	DEPOT MAINTENANCE	22,686	22,686
030	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION	48,519	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-48,519]
040	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	123,079	123,079
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	312,271	263,752
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
050	ADMINISTRATION	49,774	49,774
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	49,774	49,774
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-12,267
	Unobligated balances		[-12,267]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-12,267

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, MC RE-SERVE	362,045	301,259
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE OPERATING FORCES		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES	1,425,125	1,711,125
	DAF campaigning and exercises		[150,000]
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[136,000]
020	COMBAT ENHANCEMENT FORCES	2,753,789	2,773,789
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[20,000]
030	AIR OPERATIONS TRAINING (OJT, MAINTAIN SKILLS)	1,701,493	1,706,493
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[5,000]
040	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	4,676,962	4,676,962
050	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	3,093,331	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-3,093,331]
060	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	245,874	245,874
070	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP- PORT	9,283,958	9,305,458
	FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning		[21,500]
080	FLYING HOUR PROGRAM	6,772,468	7,675,468
	FY26 F-15 retirement prohibition		[400,000]
	FY26 F-22 retirement prohibition		[200,000]
	FY26 reversal of accelerated A-10 divestment plan		[303,000]
090	BASE SUPPORT	11,328,614	11,328,614
100	GLOBAL C3I AND EARLY WARNING	1,239,641	1,239,641
110	OTHER COMBAT OPS SPT PROGRAMS	1,896,441	1,896,441
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	858,321	858,321
140	MEDICAL READINESS	554,180	554,180
150	US NORTHCOM/NORAD	266,248	266,248
160	US STRATCOM	593,503	593,503
170	US CENTCOM	350,566	1,351,566
	CENTCOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees		[1,000]
	CENTCOM: replenishment of munitions and readiness for Oper- ations ROUGH RIDER and MIDNIGHT HAMMER		[1,000,000]
180	US SOCOM	28,018	28,018
190	US TRANSCOM	703	703
200	CENTCOM CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	928	1,928
	Cooperation with the Kingdom of Jordan		[1,000]
210	USSPACECOM	369,658	369,658
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,805,672	1,805,672
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	49,245,493	48,389,662
	MOBILIZATION		
220	AIRLIFT OPERATIONS	3,391,672	3,391,672
230	MOBILIZATION PREPAREDNESS	279,205	279,205
	SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION	3,670,877	3,670,877
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
240	OFFICER ACQUISITION	250,380	250,380
250	RECRUIT TRAINING	29,335	29,335
260	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)	131,342	131,342
270	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING	522,068	528,068
	Local cyber training supplementals		[6,000]
280	FLIGHT TRAINING	1,065,465	1,065,465
290	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	284,442	284,442
300	TRAINING SUPPORT	181,966	181,966
310	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	256,687	256,687
320	EXAMINING	6,990	6,990
330	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION	224,340	224,340
340	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING	360,260	360,260
350	JUNIOR ROTC	0	80,000
	Fully fund AF JROTC		[80,000]
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	3,313,275	3,399,275
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
360	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS	1,155,659	1,155,659
370	TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES	158,965	158,965
380	ADMINISTRATION	1,221,364	1,221,364
390	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	45,228	45,228

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
410	OTHER SERVICEWIDE ACTIVITIES	1,712,600	1,712,600
420	CIVIL AIR PATROL	32,394	32,394
430	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT	48,741	48,741
450	INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT	89,341	89,341
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	1,735,598	1,735,598
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	6,199,890	6,199,890
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-1,020,189
	Unobligated balances		[-1,020,189]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-1,020,189
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE	62,429,535	60,639,515
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE OPERATING FORCES		
010	GLOBAL C3I & EARLY WARNING	846,856	846,856
020	SPACE LAUNCH OPERATIONS	397,822	397,822
030	SPACE OPERATIONS	983,784	983,784
040	EDUCATION & TRAINING	302,939	302,939
060	DEPOT MAINTENANCE	67,126	67,126
070	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	557,175	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-557,175]
080	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	1,495,242	1,495,242
090	SPACE OPERATIONS -BOS	233,546	233,546
100	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	141,512	141,512
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	641,519	641,519
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	5,667,521	5,110,346
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
110	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS	35,889	35,889
120	ADMINISTRATION	184,753	184,753
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	220,642	220,642
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-218,077
	Unobligated balances		[-218,077]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-218,077
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE	5,888,163	5,112,911
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AF RESERVE OPERATING FORCES		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES	2,010,793	2,010,793
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	214,701	214,701
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	702,575	702,575
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION	188,802	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-188,802]
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP- PORT	493,324	493,324
060	BASE SUPPORT	585,430	585,430
070	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	2,484	2,484
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	4,198,109	4,009,307
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
080	ADMINISTRATION	98,418	98,418
090	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	10,618	10,618
100	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERS MGMT (ARPC)	14,951	14,951
120	AUDIOVISUAL	521	521
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	124,508	124,508
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-224,891
	Unobligated balances		[-224,891]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-224,891

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AF RE-SERVE	4,322,617	3,908,924
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	2,501,226	2,501,226
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	627,680	627,680
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1,024,171	1,024,171
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD-ERNIZATION	549,496	0
	Transferred to Division B		[-549,496]
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP-PORT	1,258,081	1,258,081
060	BASE SUPPORT	1,110,875	1,110,875
070	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	16,134	16,134
080	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	112,205	112,205
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	7,199,868	6,650,372
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
090	ADMINISTRATION	82,280	82,280
100	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	50,451	50,451
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	132,731	132,731
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-5,861
	Unobligated balances		[-5,861]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	-5,861
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG	7,332,599	6,777,242
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE		
	OPERATING FORCES		
010	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF	414,097	414,097
020	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—JTEEP	1,026,502	1,082,462
	Program increase		[55,960]
030	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—CYBER	9,086	9,086
040	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—MISO	209,442	251,242
	AFRICOM: MISO		[14,000]
	INDOPACOM Information Operations (MISO)		[27,800]
050	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND COMBAT DEVELOP-MENT ACTIVITIES	2,136,165	2,136,165
060	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MAINTENANCE	1,273,409	1,273,409
070	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MANAGEMENT/OPER-ATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	181,122	181,122
080	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND THEATER FORCES	3,409,285	3,479,285
	Blast Overpressure Analysis and Mitigation		[5,000]
	Prepositioned Material in Support of SOF		[65,000]
090	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CYBERSPACE ACTIVI-TIES	77,241	77,241
100	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND INTELLIGENCE	1,187,600	1,187,600
110	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OPERATIONAL SUP-PORT	1,579,137	1,579,137
120	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	1,300,384	1,310,384
	IOM capabilities		[10,000]
130	USCYBERCOM HEADQUARTERS	314,284	314,284
	SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES	13,117,754	13,295,514
	TRAINING AND RECRUITING		
140	DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY	173,265	173,265
150	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF	124,869	124,869
160	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND/PROFESSIONAL DE-VELOPMENT EDUCATION	28,697	28,697
	SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING	326,831	326,831
	ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES		
170	CIVIL MILITARY PROGRAMS	126,637	126,637
180	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY—CYBER	3,844	3,844
190	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY	632,959	632,959
200	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY	1,441,456	1,441,456

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
210	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY—CYBER ..	43,434	43,434
220	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY	1,168,366	1,168,366
240	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY—CYBER	11,120	11,120
250	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY—CYBER	46,621	46,621
260	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY	932,144	967,144
	DLNSEO Restoration		[20,000]
	Flagship Language Program for Chinese & Arabic		[15,000]
290	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY	3,042,559	3,047,559
	Defense Information System Network (DISN)—Service Delivery Nodes		[5,000]
300	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY—CYBER	559,426	559,426
310	DEFENSE LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY	164,770	164,770
320	DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	401,513	401,513
330	DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY	226,665	226,665
340	DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE	171,339	190,339
	Reverse cuts to Defense POW/MIA office (DPAA)		[19,000]
350	DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY	2,864,252	3,570,252
	Irregular Warfare Center of Excellence		[6,000]
	ISCP—EUCOM		[200,000]
	Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative		[500,000]
360	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ...	40,052	40,052
370	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY	708,214	708,214
390	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY—CYBER	71,925	71,925
400	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY	3,600,175	3,680,175
	Impact Aid		[50,000]
	Impact Aid for children with severe disabilities		[30,000]
410	MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY	720,365	720,365
420	OFFICE OF THE LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY CO- OPERATION	159,534	159,534
460	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—CYBER	98,034	134,934
	Cyber Service Academy Scholarship Program		[22,900]
	Cybersecurity of the DIB		[6,000]
	Small business cybersecurity certification increase		[8,000]
470	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE	2,093,717	2,238,117
	2026 NDS Commission funding		[5,000]
	Afghanistan War Commission		[11,400]
	Anomalous Health Incidents Cross-Functional Team		[13,000]
	Bien Hoa dioxin remediation		[30,000]
	Defense Community Infrastructure Program		[50,000]
	Defense Operational Resilience International Cooperation		[15,000]
	Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI)		[20,000]
530	WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES	411,182	411,182
999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	22,750,830	22,750,830
	SUBTOTAL ADMIN & SRVWD ACTIVITIES	42,491,133	43,517,433
	UNDISTRIBUTED		
998	UNDISTRIBUTED	0	–935,000
	Unobligated balances		[–935,000]
	SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	0	–935,000
	TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DE- FENSE-WIDE	55,935,718	56,204,778
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS		
	UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES		
010	US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES, DE- FENSE	21,243	21,243
	SUBTOTAL UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES	21,243	21,243
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	21,243	21,243
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS		
	OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID		
010	OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER AND CIVIC AID ...	100,793	100,793

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
	SUBTOTAL OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DIS- ASTER, AND CIVIC AID	100,793	100,793
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	100,793	100,793
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT		
010	COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION	282,830	282,830
	SUBTOTAL COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT	282,830	282,830
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	282,830	282,830
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT		
010	ACQ WORKFORCE DEV FD	45,346	45,346
	SUBTOTAL ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOP- MENT	45,346	45,346
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	45,346	45,346
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY		
050	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY	148,070	148,070
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY	148,070	148,070
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	148,070	148,070
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE		
080	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE	8,885	8,885
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DE- FENSE	8,885	8,885
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	8,885	8,885
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE		
070	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE	342,149	342,149
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DE- FENSE	342,149	342,149
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	342,149	342,149
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE		
060	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY	357,949	357,949
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DE- FENSE	357,949	357,949
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	357,949	357,949
	MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES		
090	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FORMERLY USED SITES	235,156	235,156
	SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES	235,156	235,156
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS	235,156	235,156
	TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	295,660,213	277,708,889

TITLE XLIV—MILITARY PERSONNEL

SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL.

SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL (In Thousands of Dollars)		
Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
MILITARY PERSONNEL		
MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS		
MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS	181,803,437	181,063,437
Unobligated balances		[−740,000]
SUBTOTAL MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS	181,803,437	181,063,437
MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS		
MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	12,850,165	12,850,165
SUBTOTAL MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	12,850,165	12,850,165
TOTAL MILITARY PERSONNEL	194,653,602	193,913,602

TITLE XLV—OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
WORKING CAPITAL FUND			
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY			
010	INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS	20,589	520,589
	Spares and readiness		[500,000]
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY	20,589	520,589
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY			
010	NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTERS	381,600	381,600
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY	381,600	381,600
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE			
020	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	90,262	90,262
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE	90,262	90,262
NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND			
010	DEFENSE STOCKPILE	5,700	5,700
	SUBTOTAL NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND	5,700	5,700
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE			
020	ENERGY MANAGEMENT—DEF	1,272	1,272
030	SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT—DEFENSE	10,697	10,697
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE	1,272	1,272
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE	10,697	10,697
WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA			
010	WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA	1,527,817	1,527,817
	SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA	1,527,817	1,527,817
	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND	2,037,937	2,537,937

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
CHEM AGENTS & MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION OPERATION & MAINTENANCE			
1	CHEM DEMILITARIZATION—O&M	3,243	3,243
	SUBTOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	3,243	3,243
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION			
3	CHEM DEMILITARIZATION -RDT&E	210,039	210,039
	SUBTOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION	210,039	210,039
	TOTAL CHEM AGENTS & MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION	213,282	213,282
DRUG INTERDICTION & CTR-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEF DRUG INTRDCTN			
010	COUNTER-NARCOTICS SUPPORT	398,424	398,424
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	254,460	254,460
	SUBTOTAL DRUG INTRDCTN	652,884	652,884
DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM			
020	DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM	134,938	134,938
	SUBTOTAL DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM	134,938	134,938
NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM			
030	NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM	110,125	295,125
	National Guard Counter-Drug Program		[185,000]
	SUBTOTAL NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PRO- GRAM	110,125	295,125
NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS			
040	NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS	6,354	6,354
	SUBTOTAL NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS	6,354	6,354
	TOTAL DRUG INTERDICTION & CTR-DRUG ACTIVI- TIES, DEF	904,301	1,089,301
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL			
010	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	494,865	514,036
	Office of the Inspector General		[19,171]
020	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	2,030	2,030
030	RDT&E	4,625	4,625
040	PROCUREMENT	1,079	1,079
	SUBTOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	496,895	516,066
	SUBTOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	4,625	4,625
	SUBTOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	1,079	1,079
	TOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	502,599	521,770
DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM OPERATION & MAINTENANCE			
010	IN-HOUSE CARE	10,731,135	11,021,135
	Fully fund military medical treatment facilities		[290,000]
020	PRIVATE SECTOR CARE	21,023,765	21,023,765
030	CONSOLIDATED HEALTH SUPPORT	2,116,278	2,116,278
040	INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	2,271,798	2,321,798
	Fully fund Defense Health Agency information management systems		[50,000]
050	MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES	303,898	303,898
060	EDUCATION AND TRAINING	371,426	371,426
070	BASE OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS	2,356,290	2,356,290
	SUBTOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	39,174,590	39,514,590
RDT&E			
080	R&D RESEARCH	41,660	41,660
090	R&D EXPLORATRY DEVELOPMENT	183,398	183,398
100	R&D ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	333,072	333,072
110	R&D DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION	178,983	178,983
120	R&D ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT	117,190	117,190
130	R&D MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT	99,338	99,338

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
140	R&D CAPABILITIES ENHANCEMENT	19,071	19,071
	SUBTOTAL RDT&E	972,712	972,712
	PROCUREMENT		
150	PROC INITIAL OUTFITTING	24,597	24,597
160	PROC REPLACEMENT & MODERNIZATION	222,445	222,445
170	PROC JOINT OPERATIONAL MEDICINE INFORMATION SYS- TEM	30,732	30,732
180	PROC MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM—DESKTOP TO DATACENTER	77,047	77,047
	SUBTOTAL PROCUREMENT	354,821	354,821
	TOTAL DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM	40,502,123	40,842,123
	TOTAL OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS	44,160,242	45,204,413

1 TITLE XLVI—MILITARY

2 CONSTRUCTION

3 SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.

SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
Account	State/Country and Installation	Project Title	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION				
ARMY				
Army	Alabama Redstone Arsenal	COST TO COMPLETE—PROPULSION SYSTEMS BUILDING	55,000	55,000
Army	Alaska Fort Wainwright	BARRACKS	208,000	63,000
Army	Fort Wainwright	DINING FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	8,000
Army	Arizona Fort Huachuca	FLIGHT CONTROL TOWER (DESIGN)	0	2,000
Army	Yuma Proving Ground	POLE LINE ROAD (DESIGN)	0	990
Army	Florida Eglin Air Force Base	BARRACKS	91,000	50,000
Army	Naval Air Station Key West	COMMAND & CONTROL FACILITY (INC)	50,000	50,000
Army	Georgia Fort Benning	CAMP MERRILL BARRACKS (DESIGN)	0	3,800
Army	Fort Gillem	EVIDENCE STORAGE BUILDING	166,000	45,000
Army	Fort Gordon	CYBER FACULTY OPERATIONS AND AUDITORIUM FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	6,100
Army	Germany U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	92,000	92,000
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	KNOWN DISTANCE RANGE	9,800	9,800
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	LIVE FIRE EXERCISE SHOOTHOUSE	13,200	13,200
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	39,000	39,000
Army	Guam Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM, ELAMD, PHASE 2 (INC)	33,000	33,000
Army	Hawaii Pohakuloa Training Area	AIRFIELD OPERATIONS BUILDING	0	20,000
Army	Schofield Barracks	MCA WILDLAND FIRE STATION (DE- SIGN)	0	2,100
Army	Illinois Rock Island Arsenal	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	50,000
Army	Rock Island Arsenal	FORGING EQUIPMENT ANNEX (DE- SIGN)	0	5,000
Army	Indiana Crane Army Ammuni- tion Plant	PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTION FACILITY	161,000	72,000

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	Kansas			
Army	Fort Riley	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER	0	26,000
Army	Fort Riley	AUTOMATED INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE	13,200	13,200
Army	Fort Riley	BARRACKS (DESIGN)	0	16,000
	Kentucky			
Army	Fort Campbell	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER	0	45,000
Army	Fort Campbell	BARRACKS	112,000	40,000
Army	Fort Campbell	FLIGHT CONTROL TOWER	0	55,000
	Maryland			
Army	Aberdeen Proving Ground	APPLIED SCIENCE CENTER, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND (DESIGN)	0	8,000
	New York			
Army	Fort Drum	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION (DESIGN)	0	9,824
Army	Fort Drum	ORTC TRANSIENT TRAINING BARRACKS (DESIGN)	0	8,655
Army	Fort Drum	RANGE 41C, AUTOMATED RECORD FIRE PLUS RANGE (DESIGN)	0	2,500
Army	Fort Hamilton	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	31,000	31,000
Army	Watervliet Arsenal	ELECTRICAL SWITCHING STATION	29,000	29,000
	North Carolina			
Army	Fort Bragg	AUTOMATED INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE	19,000	19,000
Army	Fort Bragg	COST TO COMPLETE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	24,000	24,000
	Oklahoma			
Army	McAlester Army Ammunition Plant	COST TO COMPLETE—AMMUNITION DEMOLITION SHOP	55,000	55,000
	Pennsylvania			
Army	Letterkenny Army Depot	DEFENSE ACCESS ROADS	7,500	7,500
Army	Letterkenny Army Depot	GUIDED MISSILE MAINTENANCE BUILDING	84,000	84,000
Army	Tolyhanna Army Depot	RADAR TEST RANGE EXPANSION	68,000	68,000
	Republic of the Marshall Islands			
Army	U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein	AIRFIELD APRON & TAXIWAY REPAIR	0	161,000
	South Carolina			
Army	Fort Jackson	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	51,000	51,000
	Texas			
Army	Corpus Christi Army Depot	COST TO COMPLETE—POWERTRAIN FACILITY (ENGINE ASSEMBLY)	60,000	60,000
Army	Red River Army Depot	COST TO COMPLETE—COMPONENT REBUILD SHOP	93,000	48,000
	Washington			
Army	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	COMMAND & CONTROL FACILITY	128,000	55,000
	Worldwide Unspecified Locations			
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	287,557	287,557
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (\$6,159,744 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	6,459,744
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOST NATION SUPPORT	46,031	46,031
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PDI: INDOPACOM MINOR CONSTRUCTION PILOT	68,453	68,453
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	79,218	79,218
Subtotal Military Construction, Army			2,173,959	8,477,672
NAVY & MARINE CORPS				
	Arizona			
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Yuma	UDP TRANSIENT BARRACKS (DESIGN)	0	6,700
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Yuma	WATER TREATMENT PLANT (DESIGN)	0	26,100
	Australia			
Navy & Marine Corps	Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin	PDI: AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON (INC)	190,630	190,630
	Bahrain			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Support Activity Bahrain	COST TO COMPLETE—FLEET MAINTENANCE FACILITY & TOC	42,000	42,000
	California			
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	COMMUNICATION CENTER (AREA 52)	18,480	18,480

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Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATION	0	43,800
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton	MESS HALL & ARMORY (AREA 43)	108,740	22,740
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Lemoore	STRIKE FIGHTER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE PACIFIC (INC)	55,542	55,542
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Coronado	FORD CLASS CVN INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, PIER LIMA	103,000	24,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Coronado	UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING	0	199,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base San Diego	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	86,820	86,820
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base San Diego	RECONNGURABLE CYBER LABORATORY	0	68,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Ventura County	COMMUNITY & AIRFIELD AREA FLOOD PROTECTION	0	104,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu	COST TO COMPLETE—MQ-25 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	71,200	71,200
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Support Activity Monterey	NAVAL INNOVATION CENTER (INC)	30,000	30,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Connecticut Naval Submarine Base New London	WEAPONS MAGAZINE & ORDNANCE OPERATIONS FACILITY	30,000	30,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Submarine Base New London	SUBMARINE PIER 8 REPLACEMENT	0	225,000
Navy & Marine Corps	District of Columbia Marine Barracks Washington (8th Street & I)	BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS & SUPPORT FACILITY (INC)	65,900	65,900
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Research Laboratory	BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCE & SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY LABORATORY	0	157,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Djibouti Camp Lemmonier	ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT (INC)	51,600	51,600
Navy & Marine Corps	Florida Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	COST TO COMPLETE—ENGINEERING TEST FACILITY	15,600	15,600
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Pensacola	CONSOLIDATED "A" SCHOOL DORMITORY	0	164,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Whiting Field	ADVANCED HELICOPTER TRAINING SYSTEM HANGAR (INC)	98,505	98,505
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Whiting Field	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN)	0	3,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Georgia Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	TRIDENT REFIT FACILITY EXPANSION—COLUMBIA (INC)	119,030	119,030
Navy & Marine Corps	Guam Joint Region Marianas	BLK V VA CLASS OPERATIONAL STORAGE FACILITY	0	103,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	NEX COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE	0	62,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Andersen Air Force Base	PDI: JOINT CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (INC)	181,124	121,124
Navy & Marine Corps	Andersen Air Force Base	PDI: WATER WELLS	70,070	70,070
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: COST TO COMPLETE—X-RAY WHARF BERTH	31,000	31,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: JOINT COMMUNICATION UPGRADE (INC)	158,600	83,600
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: MISSILE INTEGRATION TEST FACILITY (INC)	87,270	87,270
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Guam	PDI: INNER APRA HARBOR RESILIENCY	105,950	105,950
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Guam North Finegayan Telecommunications Site	PDI: ARTILLERY BATTERY FACILITIES (INC)	64,774	64,774
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Guam North Finegayan Telecommunications Site	PDI: RECYCLE CENTER	61,010	61,010
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	POLARIS POINT ECP UPGRADE	0	35,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	POLARIS POINT ECP UPGRADE	0	587,020
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	SATELLITE FIRE STATION	0	23,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	SUBMARINE MAINTENANCE FACILITY PHASES 1–3	0	537,100
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE & ACCESS ROAD	0	32,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Hawaii Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	DDG-1000 SHIP SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES	83,000	83,000

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Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	DRY DOCK 3 REPLACEMENT (INC)	553,720	492,720
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	WATER TREATMENT PLANT (INC)	141,650	141,650
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION MOD-ERNIZATION	0	94,250
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	MAIN GATE ENTRY REPLACEMENT	0	49,260
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY COM-PLIANCE UPGRADE (INC)	108,350	37,350
Navy & Marine Corps	Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands	PDI: AIRFIELD PAVEMENT UPGRADES	235,730	65,730
	Japan			
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler	PDI: SCHOOL AGE CARE CENTERS	58,000	58,000
	Maine			
Navy & Marine Corps	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	MULTI-MISSION DRYDOCK #1 EXTEN-SION (INC)	220,793	220,793
Navy & Marine Corps	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	POWER RELIABILITY & WATER RESIL-IENCE UPGRADES (INC)	227,769	227,769
	Maryland			
Navy & Marine Corps	National Maritime In-telligence Center	FOREIGN MATERIALS EXPLOITATION LAB	114,000	73,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Support Facility Indian Head	CONT AINED BURN FACILITY	0	65,000
Navy & Marine Corps	US Naval Academy An-napolis	STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILI-TIES	0	86,000
	Nevada			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Fallon	RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX IMPROVE-MENTS	47,000	47,000
	North Carolina			
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Sta-tion Cherry Point	F-35 AIRCRAFT SUSTAINMENT CTR (INC)	200,000	40,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Sta-tion Cherry Point	FLIGHTLINE UTILITIES MODERNIZA-TION, PHASE 2 (DESIGN)	0	15,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE SHEL-TERS	0	48,280
	Pennsylvania			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg	MACHINERY CONTROL DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	88,000
	Rhode Island			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	CONSOLIDATED RDT&E SYSTEMS FA-CILITY	0	40,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	NEXT GENERATION SECURE SUB-MARINE PLATFORM FACILITY	0	73,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	NEXT GENERATION TORPEDO INTE-GRATION LAB	0	37,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	SUBMARINE PAYLOAD INTEGRATION LABORATORY	0	40,000
	South Carolina			
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Base Charleston	NUCLEAR POWER TRAINING FACILITY SIMULATION EXPANSION (INC)	65,400	65,400
	Virginia			
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story	COST TO COMPLETE—CHILD DEVEL-OPMENT CENTER	12,360	12,360
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Quantico	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	63,560	63,560
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	COST TO COMPLETE—CHILD DEVEL-OPMENT CENTER	11,700	11,700
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES (INC)	93,307	93,307
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	MQ-25 AIRCRAFT LAYDOWN FACILI-TIES	20,430	20,430
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	PPV UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IN-VESTMENT	380,000	380,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	WEAPONS MAGAZINES (INC)	71,758	71,758
Navy & Marine Corps	Norfolk Naval Shipyard	DRY DOCK 3 MODERNIZATION (INC)	188,576	188,576
	Washington			
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	EA-18G GROWLER MAINTENANCE FA-CILITY	0	75,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	TRIDENT REFIT FACILITY WARE-HOUSE	245,700	95,700

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Navy & Marine Corps	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard	COST TO COMPLETE—CVN 78 AIRCRAFT CARRIER ELECTRICAL UPGRADES	48,800	48,800
Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DATA PROCESSING FACILITY	57,190	57,190
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	562,423	562,423
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (NAVY) (\$3,991,438 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	4,191,438
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (MARINE CORPS) (\$2,079,890 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	2,179,890
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM	162,855	162,855
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	JOINT MARITIME FACILITY	72,430	72,430
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	119,331	119,331
Subtotal Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps			6,012,677	14,517,515
AIR FORCE				
	Alaska			
Air Force	Eielson Air Force Base	COAL THAW SHED ADDITION (DESIGN)	0	1,750
Air Force	Eielson Air Force Base	CONSOLIDATED MUNITIONS COMPLEX (DESIGN)	0	13,200
Air Force	Eielson Air Force Base	JOINT PACIFIC ALASKA RANGE COMPLEX OPERATIONS FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	8,040
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	JOINT INTEGRATED TEST & TRAINING CENTER (INC)	152,000	82,000
	Arizona			
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS FACILITY	49,000	49,000
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	MC-130J HANGAR/AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT	125,000	50,000
Air Force	Luke Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	45,000
	California			
Air Force	Travis Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	60,000	60,000
Air Force	Diego Garcia			
Air Force	Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia	OPERATIONS SUPPORT FACILITY	29,000	29,000
	Florida			
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	INSTALL WASTE WATER "FORCE" MAIN, ICBM ROAD	11,400	11,400
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	INSTALL WATER MAIN, ICBM ROAD	10,400	10,400
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	PHILLIPS PARKWAY HAUL ROUTE	28,000	28,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	350TH SPECTRUM WARFARE WING (DESIGN)	0	3,300
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER WITH LAND ACQUISITION	41,000	41,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	F-35A ADAL SQUADRON OPERATIONS	23,000	23,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	F-35A DEVELOPMENTAL TEST 2-BAY MX HANGAR	52,000	52,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	F-35A DEVELOPMENTAL TEST 2-BAY TEST HANGAR	50,000	50,000
Air Force	Hurlburt Field	361 ISRG MISSION OPERATIONS FACILITY	0	66,000
Air Force	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR 2	30,000	30,000
Air Force	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR 3	33,000	33,000
Air Force	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE	11,000	11,000
Air Force	Tyndall Air Force Base	FIRE/CRASH RESCUE STATION	0	48,000
	Georgia			
Air Force	Moody Air Force Base	23RD SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON OPS FACILITY	0	35,000
Air Force	Moody Air Force Base	MILITARY WORKING DOG KENNEL	0	14,500
Air Force	Robins Air Force Base	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER	28,000	28,000
	Germany			

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Air Force	Ramstein Air Base	35 POINT INDOOR FIRING RANGE	44,000	44,000
Air Force	Ramstein Air Base	AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION COM- POUND	29,000	0
Air Force	Greenland Pituffik Space Base	RUNWAY APPROACH LANDING SYSTEM	32,000	32,000
Air Force	Hawaii Joint Base Pearl Har- bor-Hickam	COMBINED OPERATIONS CENTER (DE- SIGN)	0	5,000
Air Force	Japan Kadena Air Base	PDI: THEATER A/C CORROSION CON- TROL CENTER (INC)	66,350	66,350
Air Force	Louisiana Barksdale Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DE- SIGN)	0	2,200
Air Force	Barksdale Air Force Base	WEAPONS GENERATION FACILITIES DORMITORY	116,000	18,000
Air Force	Maryland Joint Base Anacostia- Bolling	LARGE VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION	0	50,000
Air Force	Massachusetts Hanscom Air Force Base	FIRE STATION	55,000	55,000
Air Force	Mississippi Columbus Air Force Base	WATER TANK STORAGE	0	14,200
Air Force	Missouri Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 ADAL WEAPONS RELEASE SYS- TEM STORAGE	13,600	13,600
Air Force	Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 RADIO FREQUENCY HANGAR	114,000	20,000
Air Force	Montana Malmstrom Air Force Base	WEAPONS STORAGE & MAINTENANCE FACILITY (INC)	60,000	60,000
Air Force	Nebraska Offutt Air Force Base	SAOC BEDDOWN—1-BAY HANGAR (DE- SIGN)	0	1,900
Air Force	Offutt Air Force Base	SAOC BEDDOWN—2-BAY HANGAR (DE- SIGN)	0	16,000
Air Force	Offutt Air Force Base	SAOC BEDDOWN—SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	7,350
Air Force	New Hampshire Pease Air Force Base	JOINT USE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN)	0	3,613
Air Force	New Jersey Joint Base McGuire- Dix-Lakehurst	WELL NO. 5	0	11,500
Air Force	Joint Base McGuire- Dix-Lakehurst	WELL NO. 6	0	11,500
Air Force	New Mexico Cannon Air Force Base	192 BED DORMITORY (DESIGN)	0	9,000
Air Force	Cannon Air Force Base	DEPLOYMENT PROCESSING CENTER	0	79,000
Air Force	Cannon Air Force Base	DORMITORY	90,000	10,000
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	58 SOW/PJ/CRO PIPELINE DORM	0	91,000
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER SIMU- LATOR	0	33,000
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	EXPLOSIVE OPERATIONS BUILDING	0	26,000
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	JOINT NAVIGATION WARFARE CENTER HEADQUARTERS (DESIGN)	0	6,200
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE HEADQUARTERS	83,000	83,000
Air Force	North Carolina Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	54,000
Air Force	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING AND MAIN- TENANCE COMPLEX	0	41,000
Air Force	Norway Royal Norwegian Air Force Base Rygge	QUICK REACTION AIRCRAFT HANGAR	72,000	72,000
Air Force	Ohio Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	AI SUPERCOMPUTING CENTER (DE- SIGN)	0	2,800
Air Force	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	HUMAN PERFORMANCE CENTER LAB	0	45,000
Air Force	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	RUNWAY (DESIGN)	0	15,000
	Oklahoma			

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Air Force	Tinker Air Force Base	BOMBER	AGILE	COMMON	HANGAR	127,000	15,000
Air Force	Tinker Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER				54,000	54,000
Air Force	Tinker Air Force Base	E-7 SQUAD OPERATIONS CENTER				0	108,000
Air Force	South Dakota Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 ADD FLIGHT SIMULATOR 2				63,000	63,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 ALERT FACILITY				71,000	71,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHELTERS				75,000	75,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHELTERS				88,000	88,000
Air Force	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 W. ALERT APRON & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHELTERS				81,000	81,000
Air Force	Tennessee Arnold Air Force Base	INSTALLATION ACP GATE 2 UPGRADE				0	17,500
Air Force	Texas Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 LOW OBSERVABLE CORROSION HANGAR AND THE MISSION PLANNING FACILITY (DESIGN)				0	24,700
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 MISSION PLANNING FACILITY				78,000	78,000
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 UTILITIES & SITE IMPROVEMENTS				12,800	12,800
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	GATE REPAIRS (DESIGN)				0	4,500
Air Force	Goodfellow Air Force Base	PIPELINE STUDENT DORMITORY				112,000	23,000
Air Force	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	BMT CLASSROOMS/DINING FACILITY 4 (INC)				79,000	29,000
Air Force	United Kingdom Royal Air Force Feltwell	RADR STORAGE FACILITY				20,000	20,000
Air Force	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	SURETY: COMMAND POST				104,000	10,000
Air Force	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	SURETY: DEFENDER OPERATIONS COMPOUND				149,000	10,000
Air Force	Utah Hill Air Force Base	F-35 MAINTENANCE FACILITY, PHASE 1 (INC)				22,000	22,000
Air Force	Hill Air Force Base	T-7A DEPOT MAINTENANCE COMPLEX (INC)				178,000	123,000
Air Force	Virginia Joint Base Langley-Eustis	FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCK				0	49,000
Air Force	Langley Air Force Base	192ND WING HEADQUARTERS (DESIGN)				0	3,200
Air Force	Washington Fairchild Air Force Base	ALTERATION AIRCRAFT PARTS WAREHOUSE (DESIGN)				0	2,500
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN				573,223	573,223
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (AIR FORCE) (\$3,093,331 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)				0	3,643,331
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (SPACE FORCE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)				0	557,175
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM				123,800	123,800
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION				72,900	72,900
Air Force	Wyoming F.E. Warren Air Force Base	GBSD UTILITY CORRIDOR (INC)				130,000	130,000
Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force						3,721,473	7,906,432
DEFENSE-WIDE							
Defense-Wide	Alabama DLA Distribution Center Anniston	GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE				32,000	32,000
Defense-Wide	California Armed Forces Reserve Center Mountain View	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID				0	20,600

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Defense-Wide	Naval Base Coronado	SOF SEAL TEAM SEVENTEEN OPERATIONS FACILITY	0	75,900
Defense-Wide	Travis Air Force Base	MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ADDITION	49,980	49,980
Defense-Wide	Travis Air Force Base	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	25,120
	Cuba			
Defense-Wide	Naval Station Guantanamo Bay	HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT (INC 3)	35,794	35,794
	Florida			
Defense-Wide	Homestead Air Reserve Base	SOF CLIMATE CONTROLLED TACTICAL STORAGE WAREHOUSE	0	33,000
Defense-Wide	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	POWER GENERATION & ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE	0	30,500
	Georgia			
Defense-Wide	Fort Benning	DEXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	127,375	22,375
	Germany			
Defense-Wide	Rhine Ordnance Barracks	MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT (INC 12)	99,167	99,167
Defense-Wide	U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	73,000
Defense-Wide	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	SOF HUMAN PERFORMANCE TRAINING CENTER	16,700	16,700
	Guam			
Defense-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM, COMMAND CENTER (INC)	183,900	88,900
Defense-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM, ELAMD, PHASE 1 (INC)	61,903	61,903
Defense-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	POWER RESILIENCY UPGRADES	0	53,000
Defense-Wide	Naval Base Guam	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	63,010
	Japan			
Defense-Wide	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	10,000
	Maryland			
Defense-Wide	Fort Meade	NSAW EAST CAMPUS BUILDING #5 (INC 2)	455,000	395,000
Defense-Wide	Fort Meade	NSAW VENONA WIDENING	26,600	26,600
Defense-Wide	Walter Reed National Military Medical Center	MEDCEN ADDITION/ALTERATION (INC 9)	70,000	70,000
	Massachusetts			
Defense-Wide	Cape Cod Space Force Station	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	10,000
	New Mexico			
Defense-Wide	White Sands Missile Range	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	38,500
	North Carolina			
Defense-Wide	Fort Bragg	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	80,000
Defense-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF MISSION COMMAND CENTER	130,000	32,000
Defense-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF OPERATIONAL AMMUNITION	0	65,000
Defense-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF OPERATIONAL AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT	80,000	80,000
Defense-Wide	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	SOF COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT/MOTOR TRANSPORT EXPANSION	0	34,000
Defense-Wide	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	SOF MARINE RAIDER BATTALION OPS FACILITY (INC)	90,000	90,000
	Pennsylvania			
Defense-Wide	DLA Distribution Center Susquehanna	GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE	90,000	90,000
Defense-Wide	Harrisburg Air National Guard Base	SOF SIMULATOR FACILITY (MC-130J)	13,400	13,400
	Puerto Rico			
Defense-Wide	Punta Borinquen	RAMEY UNIT SCHOOL REPLACEMENT	155,000	41,000
	Texas			
Defense-Wide	Camp Swift	SMART WATER GRID	0	19,800
Defense-Wide	Fort Hood	CENTRAL ENERGY PLANT	0	34,500
Defense-Wide	NSA Texas	NSA/CSS TEXAS CRYPTOLOGIC CENTER (INC)	500,000	147,327
	United Kingdom			
Defense-Wide	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT, PHASE 2 (INC)	322,200	47,200
Defense-Wide	Royal Air Force Mildenhall	SOF MRSP & PARTS STORAGE	45,000	45,000
	Utah			
Defense-Wide	Camp Williams	POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID	0	28,500
	Virginia			
Defense-Wide	Pentagon	OPERATIONS FACILITY	34,000	34,000
	Washington			
Defense-Wide	Fairchild Air Force Base	HYDRANT SYSTEM AREA C	85,000	85,000

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Defense-Wide	Manchester Tank Farm	BULK STORAGE TANKS, PHASE 3	71,000	71,000
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN (DEFENSE-WIDE)	26,571	26,571
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (DHA)	29,077	29,077
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (DLA)	30,900	30,900
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (ERCIP)	38,669	38,669
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (MDA)	21,360	21,360
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (NSA)	14,842	14,842
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (SOCOM)	32,731	32,731
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (TJS)	2,000	2,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (WHS)	14,851	14,851
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ENERGY RESILIENCE & CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM	684,330	0
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	EXERCISE RELATED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	4,727	4,727
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM	77,000	77,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (DEFENSE-WIDE)	3,000	3,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (DLA)	3,084	3,084
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (MDA)	4,140	4,140
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (NSA)	6,000	6,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (SOCOM)	25,000	25,000
Subtotal Military Construction, Defense-Wide			3,792,301	2,702,728
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD				
Army National Guard	Arizona Camp Navajo	BRIDGE (DESIGN)	0	4,000
Army National Guard	Guam Joint Forces Headquarters—Guam	READINESS CENTER ADDITION	55,000	55,000
Army National Guard	Illinois General Richard L. Jones National Guard Readiness Center	READINESS CENTER ALTERATION (DESIGN)	0	5,000
Army National Guard	Marseilles Training Center	RANGE CONTROL (DESIGN)	0	3,050
Army National Guard	Peoria Armory	READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	8,000
Army National Guard	Indiana Shelbyville Armory	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION/ALTERATION	0	55,000
Army National Guard	Iowa Waterloo Armory	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	13,800	13,800
Army National Guard	Kentucky Jackson Field	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP (DESIGN)	0	1,850
Army National Guard	Michigan Camp Grayling	ALL-DOMAIN WARFIGHTING TRAINING COMPLEX (DESIGN)	0	4,400
Army National Guard	Mississippi Camp Shelby	ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY AND READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	11,600
Army National Guard	Meridian Readiness Center and Army Aviation Support Facility	ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	2,200
Army National Guard	Nevada Henderson Armory	ARMORY EXPANSION (DESIGN)	0	2,371
Army National Guard	New Hampshire Plymouth Training Center	READINESS CENTER	26,000	26,000
	New Mexico			

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Army National Guard	Santa Fe Training Center	SOLDIER PERFORMANCE READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	4,250	
Army National Guard	New York Albany	READINESS CENTER	0	90,000	
Army National Guard	North Carolina Salisbury Training Center	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION/ALTERATION	0	69,000	
Army National Guard	North Dakota Jamestown Armory	ARMORY (DESIGN)	0	5,200	
Army National Guard	Oregon Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman	AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN (MPMG) RANGE	0	16,000	
Army National Guard	South Dakota Watertown Training Center	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	28,000	28,000	
Army National Guard	Tennessee Smyrna Training Site	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	4,000	
Army National Guard	Vermont Swanton Armory	READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	4,000	
Army National Guard	Virginia Army Aviation Support Facility Sandston	COST TO COMPLETE—AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	15,500	15,500	
Army National Guard	Washington Fairchild Air Force Base	DINING FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	1,800	
Army National Guard	Wisconsin Black River Falls	READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	2,000	
Army National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN	13,580	13,580	
Army National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	1,275,984	
Army National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	0	39,000	
Subtotal Military Construction, Army National Guard			151,880	1,760,585	
ARMY RESERVE					
Army Reserve	Alabama Maxwell Gunter	AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY	0	28,000	
Army Reserve	Alaska Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	MAINTENANCE FACILITY	0	46,000	
Army Reserve	Illinois Fort Sheridan	AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY	0	36,000	
Army Reserve	Pennsylvania New Castle Army Reserve Center	AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY/VMS/LAND	30,000	30,000	
Army Reserve	Texas Conroe Army Reserve Center	ROTARY-WING LANDING PAD & TAXI-WAY	0	12,000	
Army Reserve	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN	6,013	6,013	
Army Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	504,922	
Army Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	6,226	6,226	
Subtotal Military Construction, Army Reserve			42,239	669,161	
NAVY RESERVE & MARINE CORPS RESERVE					
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Maine Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	PARKING CONSOLIDATION (DESIGN)	0	1,020	
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Texas Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth	AIRCRAFT HANGAR MODERNIZATION	0	106,870	
	Worldwide Unspecified				

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Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	2,255	2,255
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (MARINE CORPS RESERVE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	48,519
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (NAVY RESERVE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	58,213
Subtotal Military Construction, Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve			2,255	216,877
AIR NATIONAL GUARD				
	Alaska			
Air National Guard	Eielson Air Force Base	BCE PAVEMENTS & GROUNDS FACILITY	0	16,000
Air National Guard	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	BASE SUPPLY COMPLEX	46,000	46,000
	Georgia			
Air National Guard	Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center	C130J CORROSION CONTROL FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	1,130
Air National Guard	Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center	TROOP CAMP (DESIGN)	0	3,800
Air National Guard	Savannah Hilton Head International Airport	C-130J CORROSION CONTROL FACILITY	0	11,400
Air National Guard	Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport	DINING HALL & SERVICES TRAIN FACILITY	27,000	27,000
	Illinois			
Air National Guard	Scott Air Force Base	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	6,000
	Indiana			
Air National Guard	Fort Wayne International Airport	F16 MISSION TRAINING FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	18,000
	Iowa			
Air National Guard	Sioux Gateway Airport	ADAL AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON	0	45,000
Air National Guard	Sioux Gateway Airport	EXTEND RUNWAY 13-31	0	47,000
Air National Guard	Sioux Gateway Airport	REPAIR RUNWAY 13-31	0	45,000
Air National Guard	Sioux Gateway Airport	WARM-UP / HOLDING PAD	0	11,000
	Maine			
Air National Guard	Bangor Air National Guard Base	MENG 101ST ARW AMXS/AGE FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	2,500
	Maryland			
Air National Guard	Warfield Air National Guard Base	ENGINE SOUND SUPPRESSOR EQUIPMENT (DESIGN)	0	1,000
	Massachusetts			
Air National Guard	Otis Air National Guard Base	DINING FACILITY / EMEDS	31,000	31,000
	Michigan			
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	BRAVO RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT (DESIGN)	0	2,400
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (DESIGN)	0	9,000
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	TAXIWAY ALPHA RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT (DESIGN)	0	2,800
	Mississippi			
Air National Guard	Key Field Air National Guard Base	BASE SUPPLY WAREHOUSE	19,000	19,000
Air National Guard	Key Field Air National Guard Base	CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	6,700
	Nevada			
Air National Guard	Reno-Tahoe International Airport	ENGINE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	3,200
Air National Guard	Reno-Tahoe International Airport	FUEL CELL HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	5,400
	New Hampshire			
Air National Guard	Pease Air National Guard Base	SMALL ARMS RANGE	0	16,000
	New Jersey			
Air National Guard	Atlantic City International Airport	MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION PHASE 1	0	68,000
	Oregon			
Air National Guard	Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base	ACADEMIC TRAINING CENTER (DESIGN)	0	8,000
Air National Guard	Klamath Falls Airport	F-35 FTU ACADEMIC TRAINING CENTER	0	80,000

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Air National Guard	Portland International Airport	ADAL COMMUNICATIONS ANNEX	16,500	16,500
	Utah			
Air National Guard	Salt Lake City International Airport	FUEL CELL CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR	0	73,000
Air National Guard	Salt Lake City International Airport	MAINT HANGAR & SHOPS	0	72,000
	West Virginia			
Air National Guard	Melaughlin Air National Guard Base	SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	3,300
	Wisconsin			
Air National Guard	Volk Air National Guard Base	ADAL ACS COMPLEX	0	8,400
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Air National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	24,146	24,146
Air National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	549,496
Air National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	25,000	25,000
Subtotal Military Construction, Air National Guard			188,646	1,304,172
AIR FORCE RESERVE				
	Delaware			
Air Force Reserve	Dover Air Force Base	512TH OPERATIONS GROUP FACILITY	42,000	0
	New York			
Air Force Reserve	Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station	COMBINED OPERATIONS FACILITY	0	54,000
	South Carolina			
Air Force Reserve	Joint Base Charleston Air Reserve Base	MEDICAL FACILITY ADDITION 307BW	0	33,000
	Texas			
Air Force Reserve	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	C5M AGE MAINTENANCE FACILITY	18,000	18,000
	Virginia			
Air Force Reserve	Joint Base Langley-Eustis	TARGETING ISR CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS DATA FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	15,000
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Air Force Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	270	270
Air Force Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	188,802
Air Force Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	188	188
Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force Reserve			60,458	309,260
NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
NATO	NATO Security Investment Program	NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	481,832	531,832
Subtotal NATO Security Investment Program			481,832	531,832
INDOPACIFIC COMBATANT COMMAND				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
MILCON, INDOPACOM	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM	0	150,000
Subtotal INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM			0	150,000
TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION			16,627,720	38,546,234
FAMILY HOUSING				
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY				
	Belgium			
Fam Hsg Con, Army	Chievres Air Base	FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION (100 UNITS)	145,042	45,042
	Germany			
Fam Hsg Con, Army	U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria	FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION (27 UNITS)	50,692	50,692
	Worldwide Unspecified			

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Fam Hsg Con, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	32,824	32,824
Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Army			228,558	128,558
FAMILY HOUSING O&M, ARMY				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	16,254	16,254
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	41,089	41,089
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASED HOUSING	116,275	116,275
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	110,941	110,941
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT	41,450	41,450
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	319	319
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	8,096	8,096
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	43,994	43,994
Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Army			378,418	378,418
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY & MARINE CORPS				
	Guam			
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	COST TO COMPLETE—REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 4 (68 UNITS)	19,384	19,384
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	COST TO COMPLETE—REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 7 (46 UNITS)	18,000	18,000
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 9 (136 UNITS) (INC)	63,378	63,378
	Japan			
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	REPAIR WHOLE HOUSE BUILDING 1255 (6 UNITS)	11,230	11,230
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	3,806	3,806
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN (DPRI/GUAM)	2,799	2,799
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	NAVY SOUTHEAST MHPI (2ND RE-STRUCTURE) (100 UNITS)	57,000	57,000
Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Navy & Marine Corps			177,597	177,597
FAMILY HOUSING O&M, NAVY & MARINE CORPS				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	16,820	16,820
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	57,061	57,061
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING	68,426	68,426
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	112,019	112,019
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT	56,956	56,956
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	435	435
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	17,424	17,424
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	44,967	44,967
Subtotal Family Housing Operation & Maintenance, Navy & Marine Corps.			374,108	374,108
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE				
	Colorado			
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Buckley Air Force Base	MHPI RESTRUCTURE (351 UNITS)	12,000	12,000

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Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Hawaii Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	MHIPI RESTRUCTURE (460 UNITS)	147,555	147,555
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Japan Kadena Air Base	FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS, KADENA TOWER 4511 (68 UNITS)	34,100	34,100
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Yokota Air Base	FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS, PAIP 9, PHASE 3 (34 UNITS)	44,000	44,000
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	36,575	36,575
Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Air Force			274,230	274,230
FAMILY HOUSING O&M, AIR FORCE				
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	31,275	31,275
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	38,987	38,987
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING	5,436	5,436
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	142,572	142,572
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT	54,581	54,581
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	1,475	1,475
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	12,701	12,701
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	72,738	72,738
Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Air Force			359,765	359,765
FAMILY HOUSING O&M, DEFENSE-WIDE				
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS (DIA)	553	553
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS (NSA)	93	93
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING (DIA)	33,911	33,911
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING (NSA)	14,320	14,320
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE (NSA)	37	37
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES (DIA)	4,445	4,445
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES (NSA)	15	15
Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Defense-Wide			53,374	53,374
FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND				
Family Housing Improvement Fund	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—FHIF	8,315	8,315
Subtotal Family Housing Improvement Fund			8,315	8,315
UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND				
Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—UHIF	497	497
Subtotal Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund			497	497
TOTAL FAMILY HOUSING			1,854,862	1,754,862
DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE				
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, ARMY				
Worldwide Unspecified				

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BRAC, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	171,870	171,870
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Army			171,870	171,870
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, NAVY				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
BRAC, Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	112,791	112,791
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Navy			112,791	112,791
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, AIR FORCE				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
BRAC, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	124,196	124,196
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Air Force			124,196	124,196
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, DEFENSE-WIDE				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
BRAC, Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	1,304	1,304
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Defense-Wide			1,304	1,304
TOTAL DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE			410,161	410,161
TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, FAMILY HOUSING, AND BRAC			18,892,743	40,711,257

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SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized	
Discretionary Summary by Appropriation			
Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies			
Appropriation Summary:			
Energy Programs			
Nuclear Energy	160,000	160,000	
Atomic Energy Defense Activities			
National Nuclear Security Administration:			
Weapons Activities	20,074,400	21,831,587	
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation	2,284,600	2,238,653	
Naval Reactors	2,346,000	2,247,000	
Federal Salaries and Expenses	555,000	555,000	
Total, National Nuclear Security Administration	25,260,000	26,872,240	
Defense Environmental Cleanup	6,956,000	6,961,000	
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D	278,000	0	
Other Defense Activities	1,182,000	1,182,000	
Total, Atomic Energy Defense Activities	33,676,000	35,015,250	

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Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
Total, Discretionary Funding	33,836,000	35,175,250
Nuclear Energy		
Safeguards and security	160,000	160,000
Total, Nuclear Energy	160,000	160,000
National Nuclear Security Administration		
Weapons Activities		
Stockpile management		
Stockpile major modernization		
B61-12 Life Extension Program	16,000	16,000
W80-4 Life extension program	1,259,048	1,259,048
SLCM-N Warhead	0	186,000
Restoration of full funding for Nuclear-Armed Sea-Launched Cruise Missile Warhead		(186,000)
W87-1 Modification Program	649,096	770,283
Restoration of management reserve for program stabilization		(121,187)
W93	806,797	781,797
Program decrease		(-25,000)
B61-13	49,357	49,357
Subtotal, Stockpile major modernization	2,780,298	3,062,485
Stockpile sustainment	1,720,200	1,620,200
Program decrease		(-100,000)
Weapons dismantlement and disposition	82,367	87,367
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(-20,000)
Harvesting dismantlement for stockpile modernization		(25,000)
Production operations	1,020,243	1,020,243
Nuclear enterprise assurance	117,193	98,193
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(-19,000)
Total, Stockpile management	5,720,301	5,888,488
Production Modernization		
Primary Capability Modernization		
Plutonium Modernization		
Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization		
Los Alamos Pit Production	982,263	982,263
21-D-512 Plutonium Pit Production Project, LANL	509,316	509,316
15-D-302 TA-55 Reinvestments Project, Phase 3, LANL	7,942	7,942
07-D-220-04 Transuranic Liquid Waste Facility, LANL	5,865	5,865
Subtotal, Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization	1,505,386	1,505,386
Savannah River Plutonium Modernization		
Savannah River Pit Production	75,486	75,486
21-D-511 Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility, SRS	1,130,000	1,130,000
Subtotal, Savannah River Plutonium Modernization	1,205,486	1,205,486
Enterprise Plutonium Support	122,094	122,094
Total, Plutonium Modernization	2,832,966	2,832,966
High Explosives & Energetics		
High Explosives & Energetics	132,023	156,023
Realignment of improperly applied rec- onciliation funds		(24,000)
21-D-510 HE Synthesis, Formulation, and Production, PX	0	125,000
Project Continuation		(125,000)
PFAS Binder Mitigation and Future Alternatives		(60,000)
Subtotal, High Explosives & Energetics	132,023	341,023
Total, Primary Capability Modernization	2,964,989	3,173,989
Secondary Capability Modernization		
Secondary Capability Modernization	770,186	1,052,186
Depleted uranium risk reduction		(145,000)
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(137,000)
18-D-690 Lithium Processing Facility, Y-12	0	150,000
Project Continuation		(150,000)
06-D-141 Uranium Processing Facility, Y-12	0	830,000

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Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(830,000)
Total, Secondary Capability Modernization	770,186	2,032,186
Tritium and Defense Fuels Program		
Tritium and Defense Fuels Program	568,384	568,384
18-D-650 Tritium Finishing Facility, SRS	0	35,000
Program increase		(35,000)
Total, Tritium and Domestic Uranium Enrichment	568,384	603,384
Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization		
Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization	221,588	190,588
Program decrease		(-31,000)
26-D-511 MESA Photolithography Capability (MPC), SNL ...	40,000	40,000
26-D-510 Product Realization Infrastructure for Stockpile Modernization (PRISM), LLNL	15,000	15,000
Total, Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization	276,588	245,588
Capability Based Investments	177,996	153,996
Program decrease		(-24,000)
Warhead Assembly Modernization	34,336	34,336
Total, Production Modernization	4,792,479	6,243,479
Stockpile research, technology, and engineering		
Assessment Science		
Assessment Science	980,959	992,959
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(-97,000)
Plutonium aging and mitigation; high explosives evaluation and alternate pathways development		(109,000)
26-D-512 LANSCE Modernization Project (LAMP), LANL	20,000	20,000
Total, Assessment Science	1,000,959	1,012,959
Engineering and integrated assessments		
Engineering and Integrated Assessments	399,777	473,777
Establishment of Rapid Capabilities Develop- ment Office		(12,000)
Phase 1 study support		(36,000)
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds		(26,000)
26-D-513 Combined Radiation Environments for Survivability Testing, SNL	52,248	52,248
Total, Engineering and Integrated Assessments	452,025	526,025
Inertial Confinement Fusion		
Inertial Confinement Fusion	699,206	724,206
Enhanced facility sustainment		(25,000)
26-D-514 NIF Enhanced Fusion Yield Capability, LLNL	26,000	26,000
Total, Inertial Confinement Fusion	725,206	750,206
Advanced simulation and computing	865,995	865,995
Weapons technology and manufacturing maturation	276,279	276,279
Total, Stockpile research, technology, and engineering	3,320,464	3,431,464
Academic Programs	94,000	94,000
Infrastructure and operations		
Operating		
Operations of facilities	1,722,000	1,642,000
Program decrease		(-80,000)
Safety and Environmental Operations	194,360	194,360
Maintenance and Repair of Facilities	920,000	1,061,000
Program decrease		(-50,000)
Deferred maintenance buy-down		(191,000)
Recapitalization	741,179	935,000
Program decrease		(-31,179)
Deferred maintenance buy-down		(225,000)
Total, Operating	3,577,539	3,832,360
Total, Infrastructure and operations	3,577,539	3,832,360
Secure transportation asset		
Operations and equipment	299,541	269,541
Program decrease		(-30,000)
Program direction	149,244	149,244
Total, Secure transportation asset	448,785	418,785
Defense nuclear security		

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Operations and maintenance	1,245,418	1,200,418
Program decrease		(-45,000)
Construction:		
Total, Defense nuclear security	1,245,418	1,200,418
Information Technology and Cybersecurity	811,208	658,387
Program decrease		(-152,821)
Legacy Contractor Pensions and Settlement Payments	64,206	64,206
Total, Weapons Activities	20,074,400	21,831,587
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Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation		
Material Management and Minimization		
Reactor conversion and uranium supply	63,383	63,383
Nuclear material removal and elimination	61,000	38,000
Program decrease		(-23,000)
Plutonium disposition	150,686	150,686
Total, Material Management and Minimization	275,069	252,069
Global Material Security		
International nuclear security	62,865	62,865
Radiological security	186,406	186,406
Nuclear smuggling detection and deterrence	140,601	140,601
Total, Global Material Security	389,872	389,872
Nonproliferation and Arms Control	221,008	221,008
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation R&D		
Proliferation detection	269,376	269,376
Nonproliferation stewardship program	149,383	124,383
Program decrease		(-25,000)
Nuclear detonation detection	307,435	309,488
Restoral of orbital sensors	0	(2,053)
Forensics R&D	20,460	20,460
Nonproliferation fuels development	0	0
Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation R&D	746,654	723,707
Nonproliferation Construction:		
U.S. Construction		
18-D-150 Surplus Plutonium Disposition Project, SRS	50,000	50,000
Total, Nonproliferation Construction	50,000	50,000
Legacy contractor pensions	20,993	20,993
Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program		
Emergency Management	33,122	33,122
Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation	596,878	596,878
Total, Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program	630,000	630,000
Subtotal, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation	2,333,596	2,287,649
Adjustments		
Use of prior year balances	-39,574	-39,574
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances	-9,422	-9,422
Total, Adjustments	-48,996	-48,996
Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation	2,284,600	2,238,653
Naval Reactors		
Naval reactors development	884,579	884,579
Columbia-Class reactor systems development	35,300	35,300
Naval reactors operations and infrastructure	703,581	703,581
Program direction	61,540	61,540
Construction:		
14-D-901 Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project, NRF	526,000	427,000
Program decrease		(-99,000)
25-D-530 Naval Examination Acquisition Project	60,000	60,000
26-D-530 East Side Office Building	75,000	75,000
Total, Naval Reactors Construction	661,000	562,000
Total, Naval Reactors	2,346,000	2,247,000

Federal Salaries and Expenses

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Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
Program direction	555,000	555,000
Total, Federal Salaries and Expenses	555,000	555,000
TOTAL, National Nuclear Security Administration	25,260,000	26,872,240
Defense Environmental Cleanup		
Closure sites administration	500	500
Richland		
River corridor and other cleanup operations	68,562	68,562
Central plateau remediation	754,259	754,259
Richland community and regulatory support	10,700	10,700
22-D-402 L-897 200 Area Water Treatment Facility	4,000	4,000
Total, Richland	837,521	837,521
Office of River Protection:		
Waste Treatment Immobilization Plant Commissioning	390,415	390,415
Tank Farm Activities	923,212	923,212
Construction:		
23-D-403 Hanford 200 West Area Tank Farms Risk Manage- ment Project	108,200	108,200
15-D-409 Low Activity Waste Pretreatment System	78,600	78,600
01-D-416: Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, RL ...	600,000	600,000
Subtotal, Construction	786,800	786,800
Total, Office of River Protection	2,100,427	2,100,427
Idaho National Laboratory:		
Idaho cleanup and waste disposition	452,242	452,242
Idaho community and regulatory support	3,779	3,779
Construction:		
22-D-403 Idaho Spent Nuclear Fuel Staging Facility	2,000	2,000
22-D-402 Calcine Construction	2,000	2,000
Subtotal, Construction	4,000	4,000
Total, Idaho National Laboratory	460,021	460,021
NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites		
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	1,955	1,955
Separations Processing Research Unit	950	950
Nevada	64,835	64,835
Sandia National Laboratory	1,030	1,030
Los Alamos National Laboratory	278,288	278,288
Los Alamos Excess Facilities D&D	1,693	1,693
Total, NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites	348,751	348,751
Oak Ridge Reservation:		
OR Nuclear Facility D&D	346,562	346,562
U233 Disposition Program	63,000	63,000
OR cleanup and waste disposition	75,000	75,000
Construction:		
14-D-403 Outfall 200 Mercury Treatment Facility	34,885	34,885
17-D-401 On-site Waste Disposal Facility	15,050	15,050
Subtotal, Construction	49,935	49,935
OR reservation community & regulatory support	5,900	5,900
OR technology development and deployment	3,300	3,300
Total, Oak Ridge Reservation	543,697	543,697
Savannah River Site:		
Savannah River risk management operations	396,394	396,394
Savannah River community and regulatory support	5,317	10,317
Payment in lieu of taxes		(5,000)
Savannah River National Laboratory O&M	90,719	90,719
Construction:		
20-D-401 Saltstone Disposal Unit #10, 11, 12	52,500	52,500
19-D-701: SR Security Systems Replacement	708	708
Subtotal, Construction	53,208	53,208
Radioactive liquid tank waste stabilization and disposition	1,066,000	1,066,000
Total, Savannah River Site	1,611,638	1,616,638
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant		
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant	413,424	413,414
Construction:		

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Program	FY 2026 Request	Senate Authorized
21-D-401: Hoisting Capability Project	2,000	2,000
Total, Construction	2,000	2,000
Total, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant	415,424	415,424
Program direction	312,818	312,818
Program support	20,320	20,320
Safeguards and Security—Defense Environmental Cleanup	288,871	288,871
Technology development and deployment	16,012	16,012
Subtotal, Defense Environmental Cleanup	6,956,000	6,961,000
TOTAL, Defense Environmental Cleanup	6,956,000	6,961,000
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D	278,000	0
Program Reduction		(-278,000)
Other Defense Activities		
Environment, health, safety and security		
Environment, health, safety and security mission support	141,908	141,908
Program direction	90,555	90,555
Total, Environment, health, safety and security	232,463	232,463
Office of Enterprise Assessments		
Enterprise assessments	30,022	30,022
Program direction	59,132	59,132
Total, Office of Enterprise Assessments	89,154	89,154
Specialized security activities	441,000	441,000
Legacy Management		
Legacy Management Activities—Defense	177,716	177,716
Program Direction	22,542	22,542
Total, Legacy Management	200,258	200,258
Defense-Related Administrative Support	214,626	214,626
Office of Hearings and Appeals	4,499	4,499
Subtotal, Other Defense Activities	1,182,000	1,182,000
Total, Other Defense Activities	1,182,000	1,182,000

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To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 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.

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